

## ■ Education

### ■ University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bachelor of Arts in journalism and mass communication with a minor in chemistry; graduation with honors May 2005

- Academic Honors: William C. Whitaker Academic Scholarship, Dean's List, National Dean's List, selected to National Society of Collegiate Scholars and Gamma Sigma Alpha Scholastic Society
- Research: honors thesis, independent study in public policy, research assistant for Brookings Institution project

### ■ University of Missouri - St. Louis

Master of Education in education administration; graduation with honors and administrator certification expected May 2009

- Academic Honors: selected to Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi; School Leaders Licensure Assessment passing score for all participating states
- Research: GIS analysis of per-pupil-expenditure compared to school district median income; school district legal-expense variance; efficacy of suspension types as a function of recidivism

## ■ Work Experience

### ■ St. Louis Public Schools

August 2006 to present

Eighth grade science and science team leader (2007-present)  
Ninth grade science (2006-07)

- School Leadership
  - member of principal's leadership team
  - co-authored school improvement plan for state accreditation review
  - supervised and mentored a student-teacher and student interns
  - developed and implemented block scheduling for school
  - designed and led whole-staff and group professional development
  - digital classroom initiative for technology adoption
- District Leadership
  - proposed and coordinated a pilot of the NWEA test as an alternative, standardized achievement assessment (2008-09)
  - textbook selection for Earth and environmental sciences (2007)
- Grants
  - independently secured more than \$3,900 for classroom projects
  - implemented after school program in partnership with federal Upward Bound program (2007)
- Honors
  - Amgen Fellow for National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) (2008-09)
  - Pettus Foundation Award of Excellence for Teaching (2008)
  - NSTA national-conference session presider (2008)
  - Pfizer Outstanding St. Louis Science Teacher finalist (2007)

■ **Teach For America**

**June 2006 to present**

Learning Team Leader (2008-present)

Corps Member (2006-2008)

- one of 2,500 from an applicant pool of 19,000 selected to the national teacher-corps dedicated to teaching in under-resourced public schools
  - design instructional-support sessions for St. Louis science teachers
  - plan and execute workshops for state-wide trainings
- Regional Leadership
- developed corps-member giving campaign that met national giving target
  - customized regional instructional materials used by all teachers
  - founding participant of local alumni club, edAction St. Louis
- National Leadership
- advisory panel for intranet redesign providing resources to entire corps of teachers and alumni
  - review-team member for internal resource exchange

■ **Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education**

**Jan 2008 to June 2008**

Consultant

- one of five teachers selected from across state to serve as head grader and trainer for state-wide standardized science test
- trained and managed two teams of teacher-graders during live scoring
- reviewed and revised grading rubrics used for statewide scoring
- worked directly with test company and secure testing information

■ **TeachFor.Us**

**July 2006 to present**

Site Creator and Manager

- established and maintain the independent blog-community for Teach For America teachers
- support more than 200 bloggers
- cultivated an official partnership with Teach For America (2008)

■ **Alpha Epsilon Pi Fraternity and Educational Foundation**

**July 2005 to May 2006**

Special Assistant to the Executive Director

- second-in-command at one of the largest U.S. fraternities
- proposed and researched data-management upgrades which created an integrated flow of information across multiple platforms and services
- developed risk-management responses and educational sanctions in coordination with university officials
- designed and implemented programs for leadership training and alcohol education serving more than 6,000 students on 134 college campuses
- planned six time-coordinated leadership retreats across the U.S. drawing a record number of attendees

■ **Community Involvement**

**Genesis Home** - facilitated structured tutoring system in a homeless shelter (2004)

**UNC Admissions Office** - developed and contributed to online projects seen by hundreds of thousands of prospective students (2003-05)

**Journalism Jumpstart** - helped middle school students produce a newspaper (2004-05)

**Other interests** - kickball league, SCUBA, rock climbing, and sky diving