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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Graduate School of Education

Ed. D. Urban Superintendents Program 2016

Ed.M. Education Policy and Management 2008

Ed.M. School Leadership 2007

University of Michigan

M.A. Master of Arts with Teaching Certification 2000

B.S. Natural Resources and Environment 1996

INTERESTS AND SPECIALIZATION

Leadership, adult development, education, research

CURRENT POSITION

Rebecca Grant Zarret Coaching & Retreats

Denver and Foxton, CO

2023-present

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Instructor, Qualitative Research Methods

University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO

2018-2023

Educator • Consultant • Coach

Denver, CO

2016-2023

Director of School Turnaround and School Improvement Initiatives

Denver Public Schools, Denver, CO

2009-2016

Special Assistant to the Superintendent

Austin Independent School District, Austin, TX

2009

Executive Intern to the Superintendent

Fort Worth Independent School District, Fort Worth, TX

2008-2009

Principal Intern

Maria Baldwin School, Cambridge Public Schools, Cambridge, MA

2006-2007

Consultant, Principal Intern

University Preparatory Academy, Detroit, MI

2005-2006, 2009

Project Manager/Research Assistant

University of Michigan, School of Education, Ann Arbor, MI

2005-2006

7/8 Grade Science Teacher

East Side Community High School, New York City Dept. of Ed, New York, NY

2002-2004

7/8 Grade Teacher

Ann Arbor Open School at Mack, Ann Arbor Public Schools, Ann Arbor, MI

2000-2002

9/10 Grade Science Student Teacher

Community High School, Ann Arbor Public Schools, Ann Arbor, MI

1999-2000

Teacher-Naturalist

Point Bonita Outdoor Center & California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA

1999

Teacher-Naturalist

Mendocino Woodlands Residential Outdoor Science School, Mendocino, CA

1997-1999

Community Coordinator

The AmeriCorps Watershed Project, Ukiah Unified School District, Ukiah, CA

1996-1998

CERTIFICATION

Colorado Professional Principal License: K-12

Level 1 Executive Coaching Certification

Registered Yoga Teacher; Certified Mindful Outdoor Guide/Nature and Forest Therapy

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

Board Member, Luminary Learning Network (2021-present)

Board Member, Ekar Farm and Community Gardens (2021-present)

Board Member and Chair, Education Committee, Colorado Outward Bound School (2019-present)

Board Member and Chair, Grantmaking Committee Denver Public Schools Foundation (2018-present)

Board Member (Board President for two terms), Washington Park Early Learning Center (2016-2019)

Panelist, Colorado State Review Panel (2016-2019)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Leadership Denver, Class of 2024

University of Colorado Denver Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Development Grant

2018

Dissertation Completion Stipend, Harvard Graduate School of Education

2015

Harvard Graduate School of Education Data Collection Travel Grant

2014

Harvard Graduate School of Education Grant

2008-2012

Phi Delta Kappa Emerging Leader / Member 2011-2019

2011

Urban Superintendents Program Grant, Harvard Graduate School of Education

2008

John E. Stevens Fellowship, Harvard Graduate School of Education

2007

Urban Environment Teaching Award, Community Environmental Center, New York City

2004

Gates Leadership Scholarship, Outward Bound

2003

School of Education Masters Fellowship, University of Michigan

1999

PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

- "Experiences of Early Career Business Professionals Who Transition to Education Administration Through The Broad Residency" published dissertation (2016)
- "Making Your UIP Come Alive: Tips for Implementation" presented in collaboration with Colorado Department of Education at Colorado Association of School Executives Winter Leadership Conference, Westminster, CO (2013)
- "Lessons Learned from the Colorado School Turnaround Efforts" presented in collaboration with Colorado Department of Education at Colorado Association of School Executives Winter Leadership Conference, Westminster, CO (2011)
- "Reflective Teaching Practice: Assessing Students in Non-Formal Settings" presented at the Student Research Conference, Harvard Graduate School of Education (2007)
- "How Am I Doing? Assessing Students in Non-Formal Learning Settings" presented at the Sharing Our Success Conference in Urban Math and Science Teaching, New York University (2007)
- "Addressing Content-Area Goals Through Online Character Play" presented at the Michigan Association of Computer Users in Learning (MACUL) Conference (2006)
- "Science Libraries in the Classroom" published in Green Teacher Magazine, Spring, 2004
- "Creating a School Garden: The Basics" published in Pathways, New York State Outdoor Education Association, Fall, 2003

SELECT PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

- Mindful Outdoor Guide certification, Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health (2021)
- Equity Certificate Program, University of Colorado Denver / Anschutz Medical Campus (2021)
- Northwestern University Executive Learning and Organizational Change Coaching Certificate (2019-2020)
- Co-Active Coaching Fundamentals, Denver, CO (2019)
- Impact Through Skilled Facilitation, Public Education Business Coalition, Denver, CO (2018)
- Strategy in Action Program in Professional Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education (2012)
- Teaching Fellow for "Redesigning High Schools" Program in Professional Education, Harvard GSE (2011)
- Social and Behavioral Research Course, Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (2010, refresher 2014)
- Cognitive Coaching, Public Education and Business Coalition, Denver, CO (2010, 2012)
- Strengths-Based Leadership Full-Day Private Session, Gallup Institute, Omaha, NE (2010)
- Yoga teacher certification 300-hours, Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health (2005)
- Independent study at New York University, Steinhardt School of Education on reflective field research (2005)
- Independent study at Teachers College, Columbia University on video editing (2005)
- Earth Science Japanese Lesson Study Cohort, New York City Board of Education Science Department (2004)
- Coordinating teacher for NYU pre-service teacher (2004)
- Coordinating teacher for Teachers College, Columbia University pre-service teacher (2003)
- Outward Bound Educator's Course (2003)
- Next Generation Yoga for Kids Teacher Certification (2002)
- Coordinating teacher for University of Michigan MAC Program pre-service teacher (1999-2000)
- Course instructor: NRE 306. University of Michigan, School of Natural Resources and Environment (1995)
- National Outdoor Leadership School Alaska Wilderness Course (1994)

UNIQUE CONFERENCES

- Social Enterprise Conference, Harvard Business School, Cambridge, MA (2008)
- GreenThumb GrowTogether Conference, New York City (2004)
- Bioneers Conference, San Francisco and Detroit (1998, 2005)
- A Garden in Every School Conference, Berkeley, CA (1997)

ADDITIONAL PERSONAL

- Exploring and adventuring with my family, spending time in nature, collecting, traveling, seeing live music