

Curriculum Vitae

Kimberly Ann Blevins

Education

Master's Plus. 15 graduate hours in English from Missouri State University, Springfield and Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph. 2009-2015.

M.A. Education , Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Missouri. May 2016.

Teaching Certificate, Secondary ELA. Missouri State University, Springfield. May 2002.

B.S. Marketing, minor in Management. Missouri State University, Springfield. May 1983.

Education Experience

Summit Ridge Academy, Lee's Summit School District. August 2017-Current.

Classes: English 10-12, Creative Writing.

- Trauma-Informed Care.
- Project-Based Learning.
- Alternative school setting.

Willard High School, Willard, Missouri. 2013-2017

- Classes: Dual-Credit English IV, Creative Writing, English III, English I Honors, English I.
- Enhanced project-based learning for seniors in English IV by expanding to a year-long endeavor through research that include primary sources, "soft" skills practice, creating and working an action plan to help the world in some way culminating in a TED-style talk to the community.
 - Created curriculum for the Creative Writing classes that build on precepts gleaned from the National Writing Project and successful writers.
 - Served on Principal Advisory Committee, 2015-16.
 - Created peer to peer Writing Center.

Ozarks Technical Community College, Springfield, Missouri. January 2014-May 15.

Classes taught: Composition I, Composition II

Taught the basics of writing different types of research papers. Used writing to build community in the classroom as research shows this helps community college students excel and continue their post-high school education. Utilized writing workshop.

Mt. Vernon High School, Mt. Vernon, Missouri. 2008-2013.

Classes taught: English II, Journalism.

-Led a high school staff of 10-12 students to create a monthly school newspaper, a quarterly school magazine, a journalism website and a bi-weekly school news video.

Mt. Vernon Middle School. Mt. Vernon, Missouri. 2004-2008

Classes taught: Eighth grade Language Arts, Journalism

Marionville Middle School, Marionville, Missouri. 2002-2004.

Classes taught: seventh language arts, seventh grade Civics, seventh-eighth speech, seventh-eighth reading.

Other Work Experience

Editor/Writer, Springfield Lifestyle magazine, April - October 2013.

Chose editorial content. Assigned freelance writers and photographers. Collected all editorial content and edited. Sent articles, photos, cover artwork, captions, etc. to regional office for layout. Did final edit. Coordinated payment to freelancers. Attended promotional events as editor.

blevins & co. communications, 1990-2000

Owned a public relations and freelance writing business. Clients included Mercy Hospital, Midwest Sports Medicine Center, *Springfield Parent* magazine, *The Mirror* diocesan newspaper, and many others.

Teacher Assistant, Aurora Schools, 1993.

Teacher Assistant/Preschool teacher, Marionville Schools. 1995-96.

Communications Assistant, Baird, Kurtz & Dobson, CPAs. 1989-90.

Communications Assistant, freelance. Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce. 1988.

Marketing Director, Acqua-Mist Disaster Restoration, 1987-88.

Published Writer

"The Externship." Something Better Magazine. Missouri National Education Association. Print. Summer 2017. 8-9.

"Lessons from the other side: the teacher becomes student." *School & Community Magazine*, Missouri State Teachers Association. Print. Spring 2016, 20-23.

"Summer bucket lists: plan for joy!" *School & Community Magazine*, Missouri State Teachers Association. Print. Summer 2015, 14-17.

"Institute of play: fun & games in the classroom enhance education." *School & Community Magazine*, Missouri State Teachers Association. Print. Winter 2015, 10-13.

"Teachers' Hierarchy of Needs." *School & Community Magazine*, Missouri State Teachers Association. Print. Summer 2014, 40-41.

"Top 10 Things to Finish the Year with Joy." *School & Community Magazine*, Missouri State Teachers Association. Print. Spring 2014, 10-13.

"The Giver Lesson Plan: Teaching Problem Solving." *Talks with Teachers*. Brian Sztabnik. Web. 25 November 2013.

"Altruism affect academics: Service learning in the classroom." *School & Community Magazine*, Missouri State Teachers Association. Print. Summer 2013, 16-19.

"When things go bump in your mind: recurring dreams partner with stress." *School & Community Magazine*, Missouri State Teachers Association. Print. Fall 2012. 28-29.

"Business spotlight: Fields of Vino." Springfield Business Journal. Print. 02 July 2012.

"When a Student Says No to College." *Teaching Tolerance - Diversity, Equity and Justice*, Southern Poverty Law Center, 26 April 2012.

"National project puts the love back into writing." *School & Community Magazine*, Missouri State Teachers Association. Print. Spring 2012, 30-32.

"Encouraging Giving and Connections." *Teaching Tolerance - Diversity, Equity and Justice*, Southern Poverty Law Center, 21 December 2011.

"Tour Brings American History To Life." *Teaching Tolerance - Diversity, Equity and Justice*, Southern Poverty Law Center, 27 October 2011.

"A Journey by 'Shoe' May Help Grow Hearts." *Teaching Tolerance - Diversity, Equity and Justice*, Southern Poverty Law Center, 21 July 2011.

"The Broken Skateboard Museum." *Great Educators 2011*, H. Blau (Ed.). DogEar Publishing. 2-5. Print. 2011.

"Experiencing the cacophonies of fear: Gaining empathy for my students." *School & Community Magazine*, Missouri State Teachers Association. Print. Spring 2010, 28-29.

Awards

Twenty Most Influential Women in the Ozarks awarded by the Springfield Business Journal. Springfield, Missouri. 2012.

Missouri Secondary Teacher of the Year. Missouri State Teachers Association. 2011.

Southwest Missouri Teacher of the Year. Missouri State Teachers Association. 2011.

Honorable Mention. "A Journey of Love to Healing." *The Mirror* newspaper. 1992.

Organizations

NATIONAL WRITING PROJECT

Greater Kansas City Writing Project

Summer Writing Camp Committee, Current.

Judge, Scholastic Writing Contest, January 2018.

Work Day, December 2017.

Ozarks Writing Project

Professional Development Coordinator. 2010-2013.

Created local Dinner and a Demo monthly programs that featured a local teacher sharing a successful classroom idea. Coordinated all event details including garnering speakers, marketing to Ozarks' educators, taking reservations, working with The Library Center for room and food, introducing speaker, collecting evaluations for speaker, etc.

Leadership Council, 2010-2011.

Met monthly to plan for Ozarks Writing Project. Sent to Washington D.C. to attend national conference and lobby for National Writing Project in March 2009 and 2010.

Prairie Lands Writing Retreat, Conception, Missouri. 2010-2013, 2015.

State Planning Retreat, Columbia, Missouri. 2009-2011.

National Professional Writing Retreat, Austin, Texas. July 2010.

Digital Storytelling, Missouri State University. July 2009.

Summer Institute, Missouri State University. June 2009.

Teaching American History grant

Led by College of the Ozarks and Southwest Center for Educational Services. Selected teachers studied various time periods of history in-depth through lecture, books, and online resources culminating in a visit to the locations using knowledge to create unit and lesson plans as a state resource.

Civil Rights, Freedom Bus Tour. 2011.

The Ozarks, 2010.

Gilded Age, New York City. 2009

Missouri State Teachers Association

Reading Circle state committee member, 2012-13.

Mt. Vernon district: President 2009-10, Vice-President 2008-09, Publicity 2006-08.

Won classroom grant of \$500 for video cameras.

Presentations

"Brain-Based Classroom Design." STAR Summit, Ozark, Missouri. November 2016.

"Spoken Words Have Power." Write to Learn, Missouri ELA Conference. Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. February 2016.

"Making It Real: When the Classroom Stops Being Lame and Starts Being Real." Writing & Thinking Conference, Ozarks Writing Project, Missouri State University. October 2015.

"Commonplace Books." Writing & Thinking Conference, Ozarks Writing Project, Missouri State University. March 2015.

"Cross-Curricular Writing." STAR Summit, Ozark, Missouri. November 2014.

"Strengthening Your Core: Creativity and the Common Core." All-day pre-conference session. Write to Learn, Missouri ELA Conference. Lake of the Ozarks. 2013.

"Twitter, Fan Fiction & Literature." Write to Learn, Missouri ELA Conference. Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. February 2012.

"The Advertising Game." Write to Learn, Missouri ELA Conference. Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. February 2012.

"Melding Creativity, Critical Thinking & Community in the Commonplace Book." Write to Learn, Missouri ELA Conference. Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. February 2011.

"The Shoes Project." Write to Learn, Missouri ELA Conference. Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri. February 2010.

"Digital Storytelling." Missouri Heritage Days, Missouri State University. September 2009.