

Cory Merchant

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Education & Certifications

Bachelor of Science in Art Education

SUNY New Paltz in New Paltz, NY. Awarded in December 2007.

Master of Arts in Digital Media

CUNY Lehman in Bronx, NY. Study is ongoing.

Provisional Certification

NY State Teacher Certification Art, Initial (K-12)

Employment Experience

Ceramics Teacher

Washingtonville Central School District in Washingtonville, NY

Dec 2009 – Jun 2010

- Taught three sections of Ceramics during a half year leave replacement.
- Organized and maintained an extensive collection of glazes and underglazes, purchased new supplies and prepared the order for the following year.
- Maintained two kilns with a constant firing schedule to accommodate all student artwork.
- Prepared student work for exhibit in hallway display cases and at the district-wide art show.
- Communicated with parents through email, telephone and in person through Committee on Special Education (CSE) meetings and parent-teacher conferences.
- Used Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) to provide the best differentiated learning environment.
- Attended all monthly department meetings, faculty and budget meetings held during the year.
- Responsible for all attendance and grades.

Permanent Substitute Teacher

Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY

Sept 2008 – Dec 2009

- Taught all subjects, middle and high school, in teacher absence.
- Utilized SmartBoard and other presentation technology in implementing lesson plans.
- Experienced general education, inclusion, and self-contained classroom environments.
- Employed a highly flexible approach to manage classes of academically, developmentally, and culturally diverse students.

Arts and Crafts Curriculum Leader

Purchase Day Camp in Purchase, NY

Summer 2009 – Present

- Responsible for lesson-planning and ordering supplies for a day camp summer arts and crafts program.
- Instruct campers of ages five to twelve, bringing creative and non-traditional age appropriate art projects to their daily schedule.
- Supervise and direct two assistants in order to prepare all supplies and materials.
- Coordinate with two other arts and crafts supervisors to manage art supplies and administer projects.

Student Teaching Experience

Mamaroneck High School

Mamaroneck Union Free School District in Mamaroneck, NY

Fall 2007

- Taught three sections of Advanced Drawing & Painting, one section of Advanced Placement Studio Art, and one section of Senior Art Experience.
- Designed and implemented a two week Photoshop lesson plan including a multimedia motivational dialogue to a diverse group of twenty students in the tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades.
- Used contemporary and historical artists, as well as examples from popular culture, to further instruction.
- Responsible for all attendance and grades.

Peekskill Central School District

Peekskill Central School District in Peekskill, NY

Winter 2007

- Taught all third and fourth grade Studio Art classes, using differentiated instruction to accommodate students of different abilities and learning capacities.
- Crafted several lesson plans that introduced students to multiple art mediums and mixed media.
- Traveled between the elementary and middle school to teach one section of eighth grade Studio Art.
- Instructed self-contained and mainstream environments.
- Responsible for all attendance and grades.

Related Experience

Teacher's Aide

Hastings-on-Hudson Union Free School District in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY

Sept 2010 – Jun 2011

- Assist librarian in daily activities in a shared middle and high school library.
- Supervise students of grades five through twelve to maintain a safe and productive environment for learning and study.
- Aid students in finding pertinent information using the available literature, journals and databases.
- Coordinate with all academic departments in order to provide efficient information for their curriculum.

Digital Photography and Photoshop Teacher

Scarsdale Adult School in Scarsdale, NY

April 2011 – May 2011

- Instructed a group of adults in the introductory skills of using Adobe Photoshop, and how the software relates to digital photography.
- Created an individualized curriculum for learners of various expertise, from beginning to the intermediate Photoshop users.
- Utilized SmartBoard technology to demonstrate skills.

Studio & Technology Skills

- Comprehensive background in traditional studio skills (*drawing, painting, printmaking, ceramics*)
- Proficient with both vector and bitmap imaging programs (*Adobe Photoshop, Illustrator*)
- Adept at working with video and audio editing software (*FinalCut Pro, iMovie, Sony Vegas, Sony ACID, Cakewalk, SONAR, GarageBand, Adobe Premier*)
- Experienced in Macromedia Dreamweaver and Flash web authoring software, in addition to knowledge of several programming languages (*HTML5, CSS*)
- Currently pursuing a Master's degree in digital 3d modeling and animation (*Cinema 4D, Maya*)

Affiliations

Active Member

New York State Art Teacher's Association (NYSATA)

NYSATA Volunteer

- Organized, catalogued and displayed teacher artwork at the Faculty Art Show, during the NYSATA Annual Conference in Rye, New York in 2009.

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