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SUMMARY

Accomplished communications facilitator, teaching artist, substitute teacher, and road manager. Co-developed and led communications workshops and drama workshops for educational institutions and for organizations working with clients’ personal and professional development.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE **1993-present**

- Substitute Teacher - Alameda Unified School District (2016 – Present); San Leandro Unified School District (2016 – Present); San Lorenzo Unified School District (2018 - Present) with emphasis on Elementary Mainstream, ESL any level, Special Needs any level and French.
- Substitute Teacher – Ecole Bilingue de Berkeley (2018-2019)
- Various drama workshops on communication skills for ESL students in France, Belgium and Switzerland (1993-2010)
- Various drama workshops done in different facilities for refugees, asylum seekers, newly released convicts, prisoners, psychiatric patients.
- Private Tutor – French (2010-2012)
- Sacramento County Probation Department - 6-week Residency with B Street Theatre 2015

BUSINESSES/ADULT COACHING **2019- present**

- Voice coach for Sure Voices – Voice coaching for a virtual world (2020 – Present)
- Facilitator with Exec/Comm, NYC - Teaching Business Communications Skills to clients in various industries (2019 – Present)

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS, CAMPS AND INTERACTIVE THEATRE **1998-present**

- Sacramento Parks and Recreation – Designed and Led 2-week Theatre Camps for 9-12 year olds (2014-2020);
- SF Arts Education Alliance – Two 2-week Zoom Theater Camps (June-July 2020)
- San Francisco Shakespeare Festival - Summer camps; Midnight Shakespeare Residencies, “Shakespeare For All Program” for community members in the Central Valley. (2013 – 2018)
- California Shakespeare Theater, Orinda – Text & History Classes 4 & 2-week Conservatory (2016)
Acting & History Classes 2-week Conservatory (2014)
- B Street Theatre, Sacramento – Playwriting Workshops (for literacy components in classrooms) & After-School Residencies, Playwriting Workshops for ELD Classes & Refugees (2012-2018)
- Renaissance International School, Piedmont – Intro to Shakespeare Summer Camp (2018)
- Francophone School, Oakland – French after-school program TK-3 (Jan-May 2016)
- Berkeley Playhouse – Musical Theatre camps for Grades 2-5 (2014)
- UC Davis Arts Bridge – After-School programs in Sacramento City Unified School District on Social Justice. (2013)
- 17 years extensive experience in schools in French-speaking Europe leading drama workshops used for ESL learners, Character Counts programs, Class Leader training & on Internet Safety.

SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN AND ADULTS **2003-2005**

- Co-developed drama workshops for children on self-esteem and team building (France)
- Co-developed workshops with adults on Human Rights Awareness themes and on Sexuality (France)

TEACHER & YOUTH LEADER TRAINING WORKSHOPS **1999-2009**

- Workshops exploring communication skills/ training in how to use drama techniques in their teaching style. Collaborated with school counsellors and school nurses bringing drama into Health Awareness, Citizenship and Suicide Prevention. Co-led a training day for counsellors working with special needs adults. (France, Switzerland)
- Workshops for youth leaders teaching basic drama techniques and story-telling. (France, Switzerland)

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts*, London - PG Diploma in Acting (*Member NCDT; Mountview President: Dame Judy Dench)
- Manchester University, UK - Bachelor of Arts in Drama
- Participated in 2 of the Kennedy Center’s Artists as Educators Seminar Laying a Foundation: Defining Arts Integration.