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Education

- The University of Kansas: Ph.D. in Social and Cultural Studies in Education
(August 2014)
Dissertation: Shifting Identities in South Kansas City: Hickman
Mills School District's Transformation from Suburban to Urban
Doctoral adviser: Dr. John Rury
Major Area: Foundations of Education
Minor Areas: History, Sociology
- The University of Kansas: M.S. in Foundations of Education (December 2008)
Master's Thesis: Sumner High School, A History
- Brigham Young University: B.A. in History Teaching/Secondary Education (April 2002)

Teaching and Research Experience

- Fall 2014-present Assistant Professor, Wichita State University. Curriculum &
Instruction, History/Government Education. Chair,
Middle/Secondary History/Government Program.
- Fall 2013 Graduate Research Assistant, Spencer Foundation Grant School
District Study, Garden City, Kansas. Study of impact of diversity
on teaching staff and their practices.
- Summer 2013 Research Assistant on KSDE/Common Core Grant Project.
- Fall 2012-Spring 2013 Graduate Teaching Assistant, ELPS 250: Course title (instructor
of record), School of Education, University of Kansas.

Fall 2011-Spring 2012	Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. John Rury as part of Spencer Foundation grant studying history of growth of suburban/metropolitan school districts surrounding Kansas City, both in Kansas and Missouri.
Fall 2011-Fall 2012	Graduate Teaching Assistant, ELPS 250: Course title (instructor of record), School of Education, University of Kansas.
Fall 2008-Spring 2011	Graduate Teaching Assistant, ELPS 200: Course title (instructor of record), School of Education, University of Kansas.
2004-2008	World History and Spanish teacher, sophomore and freshman class advisor, and advisor to KAY club. USD 338 Valley Falls, Valley Falls, Kansas.
2003-2004	Spanish teacher and assistant Forensics coach. Muscatine High School, Muscatine, Iowa.
2002-2003	History and Spanish teacher, faculty sponsor of school drama club and film club. A University for Children, Springville, Utah.

Curriculum Experience

Fall 2012	Co-wrote new CORE curricula standards and course elements for successful application of ELPS 250 to KU CORE.
Fall 2011	Assisted in creating the course, ELPS 250: School and Society. Wrote syllabus, organized curriculum, chose reading material.
Fall 2008	Assisted in re-writing curricula and choosing materials for ELPS 200: Making Connections Between Schools and Community.

Scholarships and Awards

Fall 2011, Spring 2012	Mary Oyster O'Guin Scholarship, School of Education Merit Scholarship Graduate Award, University of Kansas.
Fall 2009, Spring 2010	Mary Oyster O'Guin Scholarship, School of Education Merit Scholarship Graduate Award, University of Kansas.

August 2008

School of Education Merit Scholarship Graduate Award,
University of Kansas.

Publications

Aaron Rife, "Creating Success from the Midst of Adversity: Sumner High School and Community Identity." *Journal of Philosophy and History of Education* 60 (2010): 251256.

Papers and Presentations

Paper: "Read My Lips! Schools and Taxes in South Kansas City; 1950-2000." To be presented at AERA, April 2014.

Paper: "Demography and the Economics of Race in 'Suburban' Kansas City." AERA, San Francisco, April-May 2013.

Paper: "Ivory Towers and Trenches: Teacher Preparation and Occupational Socialization." Society of Philosophy and History of Education (SOPHE), St. Louis, September 2012.

Paper: "Achievement Culture among Sumner High: Identity and Adversity." AERA, Vancouver, April 2012.

Paper: "Sumner High School, Black Leadership and Community Identity." History of Education Society (HES), Boston, November 2010.

Paper: "The Bud Had a Bitter Taste, but Sweet Indeed is the Flower: Sumner High School and Community Identity," Society of Philosophy and History of Education (SOPHE), St. Louis, September 2009.

Professional Affiliations

American Educational Research Association
History of Education Society
Society of Philosophy and History of Education
National Council for the Social Studies