

Education Biography:

I've been an employee (and former student trustee) of the Upper Canada District School Board throughout my professional career. I began teaching Secondary English, Geography and Civics classes in 2005 at Tagwi Secondary School.

Following certification in Special Education, I worked at General Vanier Intermediate School from 2006-2008 as a Learning Resource Teacher overseeing the Student Support Unit program.

In 2008-2009 I attained guidance counselling specialist certification and moved to the TR Leger School's adult high school education program in Akwesasne First Nation, and held the primary contact role as both classroom teacher and guidance counsellor.

Upon earning certification in instrumental music, I returned to Tagwi Secondary School from 2009-2011 where I became the Program Leader for the Arts and Humanities. I taught grades 9-12 music (instrumental and guitar) and held office in the guidance department.

In September of 2011, I became a Program Resource Teacher for the board's Teaching for Learning (T4L) department. In this role, I coordinated implementation of Aboriginal Education programming throughout our board's 88 schools, and aided in the development of programming and pedagogy policies set out by the board.

I am currently a System Vice Principal of the T4L department. My primary focus is aimed at strategic planning and implementation of professional development practices designed to support teaching and learning throughout the system. I also continue to work in Aboriginal Education programming, the Arts and Literacy. From a pedagogical standpoint, my work focuses on inquiry-based instruction, design thinking processes, and critical literacy and social justice approaches to instruction.