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RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

English Language Arts Professor – Cartagena International School, Pontezuela, Bolivar, Colombia, August 2023 – June 2023

- Teaching English as a Second Language to 5th, 6th, and 11th grade students

Peace Corps Volunteer - Polonuevo, Atlántico, Colombia, April 2023 – August 2023

Trained in Spanish language, TEFL and Community Economic Development; lived with a host family in Polonuevo, Atlántico; Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Tutor.

**Florida State College at Jacksonville, Jacksonville, Florida
ESOL Program Instructor December 2019 - December 2020**

- Focused on reading, writing, speaking, listening, vocabulary, grammar, and conversation with the goal of preparing students to use English for everyday life.

**J.E.B. Stuart Middle School, Jacksonville, Florida
English Language Arts Teacher, July 2002 - July 2003**

- Deepened students' understanding of the English language through the study of literature and grammar.
- Designed and utilized lesson plans incorporating reading, writing, speaking and listening skills.
- Created student-centered learning environment.
- Managed class of 25 students aged 12 to 13-years-old.

**Duval County Public Schools, Jacksonville. Florida, Substitute Teacher
August 2001 – June 2002**

- Created lesson plans for students aged 6 to 13-years-old.
- Maintained effective classroom management strategies and applied advanced teaching capabilities in all subject areas.
- Managed classes of 25-30 students.
- Assessed students' understanding and learning both formally and informally.

Alimacani Elementary School Jacksonville, Florida**Paraprofessional, August 2000 - June 2001**

- Assisted teacher with conducting lessons, managing the classroom and developing materials for Special Needs students aged 8 to 12-years-old.
- Tracked students' progress during the school year and created reports to let parents understand what their children were learning.
- Empowered students through programs designed to enhance their academic and social achievements.
- Monitored the classroom and minimized distractions and disruptions.

Global Volunteers, A. Manzoni Scuola Media Cisternino, Italy**Teacher's Assistant, March - April 2000**

- Assisted English Language Professor in English Language classes for 11 to 13-year-old students.
- Composed intermediate grammar, reading, writing and speaking lesson plans.
- Practiced conversational English using topics associated with North American culture, current affairs and history.
- Engaged students in games and diverse interactive activities.

ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**Public Information Officer, Florida Department of Transportation, District 2 Jacksonville, Florida, March 2015 - January 2018; March 2020 - April 2023**

- Responded to media and citizen inquiries regarding road and infrastructure construction projects.
- Attended weekly construction progress update meetings; visited sites; wrote and published news releases.
- Planned and coordinated public meetings for upcoming and current projects.

Community Outreach Consultant, Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4 Jacksonville, Florida, January 2018 - March 2020

- Planned and coordinated public meetings with local municipalities, neighborhood organizations and stakeholders affected by environmentally contaminated (Superfund) neighborhood sites.
- Traveled to Superfund cleanup sites throughout eight states in the southern USA.
- Researched, composed and copy-edited Community Involvement Plans.

**Public Affairs Officer, Office of Mayor Alvin Brown, Jacksonville, Florida,
February 2012 - March 2015**

- Responded to media and citizen inquiries for various City of Jacksonville departments.
- Composed press releases and articles for placement in local publications, reports and newsletters.
- Scheduled interviews with media and interacted with constituency on behalf of mayor.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

International TEFL Academy, Chicago, Illinois, November 2019

TEFL/TESOL Certificate

- **150 hours of coursework**
- **20 hours of practicum (adult, college and elementary students)**

University of North Florida (UNF), Jacksonville, Florida

B.A. Communications; Art History Minor, December 1991

Master Level classes in Elementary Education,
UNF & Jacksonville University, 2000-2003

Study Abroad, Madrid, Spain, Summer 1994

SKILLS

Spanish level B1; Proficient with Microsoft Office, Word, Excel and PowerPoint; copy writing and editing; public speaking.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

Jacksonville Zoological Gardens – Docent; First Coast No More Homeless Pets-Trap Neuter Return Volunteer; Animal Care and Protective Services-Community Outreach; Museum of Contemporary Art Jacksonville-Docent; Jewish Community Alliance Food Bank Volunteer.