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Professional Experience

School for Advanced Studies, Kendall Campus, High School 2024-present

Current position: **Social Sciences Teacher**

- Teach AP U.S. Government and Politics, United States History and Macroeconomics to grade 11 and 12 students

The Miami Herald, South Florida Newspaper 2009-2011, 2012-2025

Primary position: **Online producer**, 2012-2025

- Make editorial decisions regarding the daily layout of The Miami Herald's sports and news website
- Edit stories for online presentation

Secondary position: **Copy Editor**, 2009-2011

- Proofread articles, create headlines, and write photo captions under deadline pressure

MAST Academy, High School 2021-2024

Last position: **Social Sciences Teacher**

- Taught AP U.S. Government and Politics and Economics (Honors and AP Macroeconomics) to grade 12 students
- Rated highly effective in all years of teaching
- *Beacon* newspaper advisor
- *Miami Historic Preservation Club* and *Interact* club sponsor
- Voter Education and Registration Point of Contact

Miami Arts Studio 6-12 @ Zelda Glazer, High School 2019-2021

Last position: **Social Sciences Teacher**

- Taught U.S. Government (Honors and AP) and Economics (Honors and AP) to grade 12 students
- Previously taught World History (honors) to grade 9, U.S. History (honors) to grade 11
- "When We All Vote" Voter Education and Registration Point of Contact, Fall 2020

AcadeMir Charter School Middle, Middle School 2013-2019

Last position: **Social Sciences Teacher**

- Taught social sciences courses to students grade 6 through 8
- Courses taught include World History, Civics, U.S. History and Broadcast Journalism

Education

Gettysburg College, Gettysburg, PA. Master of Arts in American History, 2023

- Part of the **Gettysburg College-Gilder Lehrman Institute K-12 Educators program**
- Joined **Phi Alpha Theta** National History Honor Society, February 2023

University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL. Bachelor of Science, 2009

- Major in ***Economics*** and ***Communication / Broadcast Journalism***
- Minor in ***History***

Publication

Tequesta, the scholarly journal of HistoryMiami Museum *(2024)*

- "A Failed Election: The 1997 City of Miami Mayoral Race, and the Warnings it Offered"
- Reviews and contextualizes Miami's 1997 mayoral election, which a Florida appeals court threw out in 1998.

In Context, the peer-reviewed journal of the Florida Council for History Education *(October 2021)*

- "Rethinking How We Teach History in the Shadow of January 6, 2021"
- Summarizes challenges in educating Reconstruction-era history, advocates for a modified thematic approach
- Cited in Zinn Education Project report: *Erasing the Black Freedom Struggle: How State Standards Fail to Teach the Truth About Reconstruction*.

Honors and Awards

Teacher-Scholar of the Constitution, James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation *(2022)*

- Selected by the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation as Florida's representative to the Graduate Fellowship program. Founded by an Act of Congress in 1986, the James Madison Memorial Fellowship Foundation supports the graduate study of American history by aspiring and experienced secondary school teachers of American history, American government, and civics. Completed JMMFF Summer Institute 2023.

Dr. Tom & Betty Lawrence American History Teacher Award, Sons of the American Revolution, Florida *(2023, 2024)*

- The award recognizes educators who distinguish themselves in teaching the history of the American Revolution. Entrants are selected by members of the Sons of the American Revolution at the local chapter level before entering the state competition. National runner-up in 2024.

Charles C. Harper Economic Educator of the Year, Florida Council on Economic Education *(2024)*

- The award is presented to one outstanding K-12 educator that is seen as an advocate for economic and personal finance education and who seamlessly integrates it into their coursework.

Teacher Advisory Council, National Constitution Center *(2021-2025)*

- Selected to support the Center, share best practices for teaching constitutional and civic topics and advise the Center on programs and resources that would best support classroom instruction on constitutional fundamentals.

Award of Excellence, American Association for State and Local History *(2024)*

- The award is the most prestigious recognition for achievement in the preservation and interpretation of state and local history. Recognition was given to podcast project, *This Day in Miami History*.

Hampton Dunn Digital Media Award, Florida Historical Society *(2023)*

- The award recognizes outstanding digital media projects expanding knowledge of Florida history. Recognition was given to podcast project, *This Day in Miami History*.

Council of Educators, Retro Report *(2022)*

- One of 20 selected from a nationwide pool to serve on the inaugural Council, guiding Retro Report's lesson plan creation and strategic implementation.

Professional Development and Activities

Case Method Institute for Education and Democracy - Harvard Business School (2020-present)

- Participant in virtual case with Prof. David Moss, Ph.D., Paul Whiton Cherington Professor, Harvard Business School
- Led trial run of Case Method learning at Miami Arts Studio during Spring 2021, continues at MAST Academy
- Actively providing feedback and data to CMI
- Part of initial cohort of Mentor Teachers, helping others who want to use CMI materials in the classroom
- Part of group that piloted case, "The Rise, Fall, and Rebirth of Athenian Democracy," at Harvard Business School in July 2024.

This Day in Miami History (2021-present)

- Host and produces *This Day in Miami History*, a podcast dedicated to the history of Miami-Dade County.

National Society Sons of the American Revolution (2019-present)

- Vice President, Youth Awards Chairperson and America 250 SAR Committee Chairperson, Miami Chapter
- Regular guest speaker on matters related to the American Revolution and American government

Miami-Dade County Public Schools Textbook Adoption – Advanced Placement U.S. Government & Politics Committee (2023)

- One of five teachers selected to help MDCPS – the third-largest district in America – select appropriate texts and resources.

George Washington Teacher Institute at Mount Vernon – George Washington and the Founding of the U.S. Government (2021)

- Digital Summer Institute hosted by George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Focused on exploring controversies, challenges, and opportunities of inventing a nation and the American presidency
- Relied on diverse primary sources, including artwork, place, and documents