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Education

PhD, Philosophy and Education, Columbia University, 2009

MA, MPhil, Philosophy and Education, Teachers College, Columbia University, 2003

BA, Philosophy, cum laude, Brigham Young University, 1998

Work Experience

Newlane University, Co-Founder, Education Director 2015 - Present

Designed and developed online degree offerings (An Associate of Arts in General Studies, and a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy) and curriculum. Co-designed platform, instructional framework, and assessment process. Led successful Kickstarter campaign, international accreditation application (2020) and state registration application for three years. Leading US national accreditation application. Hired and trained subject matter experts. Newlane has students in 15+ different countries and six different continents.

Olive Us, Film Producer, 2011 - 2015

Conceived and produced short-form video series with hundreds of thousands of views. Olive Us won the Iris Award for best video series in 2014.

K12.com, Director, Specialized Curriculum Strands, 2007 - 2013

Designed and developed foreign language curriculum for online delivery. Aligned language courses to conventional standards and benchmarks. Researched competitive landscape for online curriculum, and made recommendations to executive leadership. Evaluated curriculum across multiple disciplines, including specialized partnerships with AP and IB offerings for online integration. Trained teachers to optimize synchronous online sessions.

Teaching

SUNY New Paltz, Lecturer, 2007-2009, New Paltz, NY

Course: Social and Philosophical Foundations of Education

Teachers College, Columbia University, Adjunct Faculty, Fall 2007, New York, NY

Course: School and Society

College of New Rochelle, Adjunct Faculty, 2004-2007, New Rochelle, NY

Courses: Ways of Knowing in the Liberal Arts; Philosophy of Education

Service

Board Member, Treasurer, Haiti Partners (elected Sept. 2017; re-elected 2020). Oversee \$1M+ budget.

Board Member, Mormon Transhumanist Association (elected May 2017; re-elected 2020).

Languages:

French, Modern Greek