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## EDUCATION

- Bachelor of Science in Communication Arts and Literature** December 2015  
St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN  
• GPA 3.91/4.0 (Summa Cum Laude)
- Master of Fine Arts – Creative Writing** August 2011  
Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN
- Graduate Certificate – Publishing** December 2009  
Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN
- Bachelor of Arts in English – Writing Emphasis** May 2008  
Minnesota State University Moorhead, Moorhead, MN  
• GPA 3.49/4.0 (Cum Laude)
- Associate in Arts – General** December 2005  
Central Lakes College, Brainerd, MN

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Substitute Teacher/Paraprofessional**, Pre-k – 12<sup>th</sup> grades January 2016 – Present  
Independent school districts of Little Falls, Pierz, and Royalton, MN  
• Implemented appropriate classroom management practices for various age groups.  
• Improved ability to adapt to unforeseen and untimely impediments to instruction.
- Student Teacher**, 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Grade English August 2015 – December 2015  
Royalton High School/Middle School, Royalton, MN  
• Developed classroom management skills to create a structured learning environment.  
• Adapted and implemented lesson plans that provided for a variety of learning styles.  
• Modified instruction and assessment as necessary to scaffold learning appropriately.
- Field Experience**, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Reading March 2015 – May 2015  
Little Falls Community Middle School, Little Falls, MN  
• Revised and taught a book unit on Gary Paulsen's "The Monument," incorporating multiple tactile activities.  
• Reinforced grade-level vocabulary acquisition through the use of memorization techniques.  
• Conducted roundtable discussions to foster critical thinking on various academic topics.

## EMPLOYMENT

- Library Assistant**, Great River Regional Library, Little Falls, MN September 2015 – Present  
• Scheduled, advertised, and led activities including writing workshops and reading challenges for differing age-groups.  
• Encouraged patron multiliteracy through the suggested use of both technology and print resources.  
• Updated in-house library items frequently to enhance appeal of the local collection.
- Machine Operator Trainer**, IWCO Direct, Little Falls, MN July 2011 – September 2015  
• Instructed incoming and existing employees on handling procedures for insertion and commingle machinery.  
• Designed and administered testing materials, and revised training manuals for current policies and procedures.  
• Documented daily progress and behavioral aspects of trainees to ascertain weaknesses and strengths.
- Resident Assistant**, Housing and Residential Life Moorhead, MN August 2006 – August 2007  
• Arranged events to help residents feel welcome in their new environment, and to persuade them to be aware and accepting of other cultures and orientations around them.  
• Promoted and enforced school policies within the residence halls.  
• Collaborated on a programming committee that created monthly bulletins focused on promoting campus events.

## ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Freelance Editor**, Red Dashboard LLC, [www.reddashboard.com](http://www.reddashboard.com)
- **Freelance Writer and Cartoonist**, The Advocate, Moorhead, MN
- **Guest Presenter**, Great River Regional Library, Little Falls Branch
- **Volunteer**, Dr. James Carlson Library, Fargo, ND
- **Volunteer**, Great River Arts Center “Arts in the Park,” Little Falls, MN
- **Nursery Attendant**, Little Falls Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Little Falls, MN
- Authored multiple poetry and prose pieces through various online and print publishers.
- Authored and acted in multiple college-level readers theater productions.
- Received an honorable mention in the Brainerd Writers Alliance 2008 short fiction contest, Brainerd, MN
- **Recipient** of the Charles and Carol Vick Communication Studies Scholarship (SCSU)