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EDUCATION

1980-1981 University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin

Post-Masters study in Curriculum and Instruction

Teaching Assistant responsible for supervision and evaluation of history student teachers

1976-1977 The University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Master of Arts in Teaching History

1974-1976 Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois

Bachelor of Arts - Major: History

Minors: Theatre, Political Science

Graduated Summa Cum Laude

Member Alpha Chi Honor Society

1972-1974 Spoon River Junior College, Canton, Illinois

Member Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2022-U.S. Route 66 Centennial Commission

Commission, Responsible for helping plan the national celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Route 66

2016-Present: Route 66 Road Ahead Partnership – Atlanta, Illinois

Board Chairman, Responsible for setting the strategic direction and carrying out the ongoing administration of this national organization focused on the preservation, promotion, and economic development of Route 66.

2014-Present: Logan County Economic Development Partnership – Atlanta, Illinois

Executive Director, Responsible for development and implementation of a strategic plan to enhance Logan County's economic base by: retaining & sustaining existing businesses, attracting new businesses, improving workforce development programs, and increasing the capacity of local communities to engage in their own economic development

2008-2016: Teleologic Learning Company, LLC, Atlanta, Illinois

Chief Executive Officer, Responsible for strategic, financial, and administrative operations of LLC that designs, develops, and produces online learning products; Responsible for instructional design of specific products and oversight of instructional design of all company products

1993-2008: The Laurasian Institution, Atlanta, Illinois

Senior Partner & Chief Operating Officer

Responsible for all operational, financial, and administrative aspects of not-for-profit educational foundation focusing on the design and administration of international and cross-cultural educational programs

1987-1993: Olympia Community Unit School District #16, Stanford, Illinois

Principal

Responsible for providing instructional leadership for ECE-6 grade faculty and building management of facility housing approximately 250 students; Serve as District Coordinator for in-house professional development programs and as Facilitator for District-wide Strategic Planning initiatives

1982-1987: Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois

Associate Director of Admissions

Responsible for developing and administering programs to counsel students in the transition process from secondary to higher education

1977-1982: Stockton Community Unit School District #16, Stockton, Illinois

Teacher

Responsible for teaching Social Studies, U.S. History, Drama on the middle and high school levels

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Rt. 66 Road Ahead Partnership - Chairman

Illinois Rt. 66 National Scenic Byway Program Board, Director, Past Chairman

Heartland Community College-Lincoln Advisory Board, Member

Illinois Rt. 66 Association, Member

Atlanta Betterment Fund, Treasurer

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