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EXPERIENCE

HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH TEACHER, 9/99-Present

Herricks High School

New Hyde Park, NY

Teach Language Arts, Regents Assisted, Creative Writing, Responding to Literature, and Writing Methods classes. Facilitate/Advise Poetry Club and co-advise the GSA. Organize ninth-grade Poetry Celebration and several student showcases, trips, publications, and speaker series.

WRITING WORKSHOP TEACHER/FACILITATOR, 8/98 - Present

Huntington Youth Bureau/ Poets and Writers

Huntington, NY

Work with teens from the community on developing writing skills through creative writing with a focus on publication and public speaking.

CREATIVE WRITING INSTRUCTOR, 9/03 - Present

Harriet Eisman Community School

Long Beach, NY

Conduct creative writing classes/workshops for students in a democratic environment.

EVENT COORDINATOR/CARETAKER/TOUR GUIDE, 5/96 – 8/01

Walt Whitman Birthplace State Historic Site

Huntington Station, NY

Planned and hosted literary events. Co-founded and coordinated The Body Electric- a monthly experimental art collective for the community. Gave tours for visiting public and groups from various organizations.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER, 8/97 - 9/99

The Brooklyn School For Global Studies

Brooklyn, NY

Taught Writing Workshop, Humanities, Mathematics, and Special Education. Students in workshop created anthologies and put on readings of their work annually. Created a middle school writing workshop curriculum correlated to the New York State New Performance Standards in Language Arts. Served as a mentor for prospective teachers involved in internships through universities. Served on various committees dealing with student life. Set up after school homework help and intramural basketball programs.

EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT/WORKSHOP FACILITATOR, ongoing

The Armenian Diocese Cathedral

New York, NY

Work with teachers and students alike in the writing process and its implications in the secondary education classroom.

EDUCATION

- **Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing (Poetry)** Goddard College 7/03
- **Provisional Certification in Secondary Ed. (7-12)** Queens College 6/97
- **Bachelor of Arts in English** Hofstra University Hempstead, NY 12/95