

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Masters of Science, Health Education, University of Utah. Chairpersons: Dr. Dan Girdano and Dr. Jerry Braza. Conferred: March 1985.

Bachelors of Science, Health Education, Texas A&M University. Conferred May 1980, cum laude.

EMPLOYMENT

2013-Present: Lecturer, Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Teaching: RPTS 311 Planning and Implementation of Events and Programs (classroom and on-line sections), RPTS 320 Event Management and Operations, Coordinator, Professional Event Management Certificate

May 2016: Co-Instructor RPTS 300 Field Studies in Urban Parks and Public Spaces. Led a group of 12 students to Austin, Houston and New York City to examine issues related to the planning, design and use of urban public spaces.

2009-2013: Instructional Assistant Professor, Health and Kinesiology, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. Teaching: Environmental Health, Safety, Community Health, Coordinator of Community Health Internship Program, Placement, and Supervision. Various committee responsibilities and student advising.

Dec. /Jan. 2012-2013 (Wintermester): Co-Instructor for RENR 400: Sustaining Human Societies and the Natural Environment: Study Abroad in New Zealand. Led a group of 21 Texas A&M students around the South Island of New Zealand for a 9 day study.

Fall 2010/Spring 2011: Assisted in the development of Theory in Health Education, Masters On-line course.

Dec. /Jan. 2010-2011 (Wintermester): Co-Instructor for RENR 400: Sustaining Human Societies and the Natural Environment: Study Abroad in New Zealand. Led a group of 14 Texas A&M students around the South Island of New Zealand for a 2 week study.

Summer 2010 (Maymester): Co-Instructor for RENR 400: Sustaining Human Societies and the Natural Environment: Study Abroad in New Zealand. Led a group of 17 Texas A&M students around the South Island of New Zealand for a 4 week study.

2003-2009: Teacher/Coach, A&M Consolidated High School, College Station I.S.D., College Station, TX 77840. Courses taught: Health, Communication Applications and Tennis. Head Tennis Coach (2007-2009), responsible for Freshmen, Junior Varsity and Varsity teams with fall and spring seasons. Department Head for Health and Physical Education Department- responsibilities included: developing and managing departmental budget, observing and evaluating departmental faculty members, membership on the school leadership team, developing and introducing new components to the health and physical education curriculum.

Co-coordinator for implementation of state-mandated physical fitness testing (Fitnessgram) at A&M Consolidated High School. These duties included: educating parents, faculty and students of testing procedures, recruiting and training volunteers to assist with testing, designing, implementing, coordinating test day procedures and reporting scores to state officials for 2700 students.

Co-coordinator for implementation of the DEAD (Drinking and Driving Ends All Dreams) program at A&M Consolidated High School. This was an alcohol education program presented once every four years in conjunction with the City of College Station. Involved coordination with College Station police, firefighters, and the Texas State Department of Corrections. The program took 8-10 months to plan and was well supported by community partners. This event involved the entire student body, faculty, staff and community members.

District Champions in 12 5A Team Tennis 2004-2009. Regional Qualifiers advanced to Quarter Finals and Semi Finals each year.

District Champions in 12 5A Individual Tennis 2005-2009. Regional Qualifiers advanced to Quarter Finals and Semi Finals each year. 2009 State Qualifier in Girls Singles.

2000-2003: Lecturer (75%), Health Education, Texas A&M University. College Station, TX. Course Responsibilities: Secondary School Health Methodology. Supervision Responsibilities: Community Health Interns and Health Student Teachers; Coordinator for Student Teaching for Health & Kinesiology students (2003).

1999-2000: Lecturer (50%), Kinesiology, Texas A&M University. College Station, TX. Course Responsibility: Health and Fitness.

1996-1999: Lecturer, Health Education, Texas A&M University. College Station, TX. Courses taught: Human Sexuality, Introduction to the Discipline, Comprehensive School Health, Elementary School Health, Secondary School Health Methodology, Environmental Health.

1992: Assisted with graduate research project on a part-time basis. Clemson University. Clemson, South Carolina.

1988-1990: Lecturer, Health Education, Texas A&M University. College Station, TX. Courses taught: Healthy Lifestyles, Human Sexuality, Health Education Methodology, Consumer Health.

1985-1987: Teacher/Coach, A&M Consolidated Junior High School. College Station, TX. Health Education and Life Science teacher and Head Basketball Coach for girls, Head Tennis Coach, Assistant Coach for Volleyball.

1985-Spring/Summer: Seasonal Park Ranger, Dead Horse Point State Park, Moab UT. Responsibilities included: Interpretive walks, visitor education programs, maintenance, visitor information and relations.

1983-1984: Graduate Teaching Assistant, Health Education, University of Utah. Salt Lake City, UT. Responsibilities included: Teaching two, 3 hour upper level Health Education classes each quarter. Courses taught: Human Reproduction, Human Sexuality, Medical Terminology.

1980-1983: Teacher/Coach, A&M Consolidated High School. College Station, TX. Courses taught: Environmental Science, Biology, Advanced Biology, Health Education, Athletics. Coached: Girls' Basketball and Track (Assistant). Responsibilities also included: Student Council sponsor, Class Sponsor (head).

SERVICE

University

Advisor for the Student Event Planners Association, Texas A&M University: 2013-present

Member of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences: 2013-Present

Member of Interview Team for the Agricultural and Natural Resources Policy Internship Program: 3 semesters 2014-2016

Member of the Aggie Green Fund Advisory Board: 2011- 2017

Advisor for Student Red Cross Club: 2011-2013

Faculty committee member for undergraduate service group, Health Ambassadors 2012-2013

Assessment Coordinator for Community Health Option: 2011-2013

Member of Undergraduate Committee for Health Education: 2009-2013

Member of A-1 Teaching Review Committee 2009-2010

Member of Assessment Team for School Health Program Evaluation 2009-2010

Guest speaker on various health topics for student organizations (on-going)

Social Committee; Health Division

Council for Teacher Education

Brazos Valley Teacher Education Council

Student Development; Health Division

Community

City of College Station Parks Board Chair: August 2014-December 2016

City of College Station Parks Board Member: August 2012-14

Health For All Clinic: Committee member for annual fundraiser, "Dancing for the Health of It" 2010-2012

Mayor's Council on Physical Fitness, City of College Station: 2010-2011

Healthy Living Lecture Series: Texas A&M University Student Rec Center

- "You are Your Own Life Coach" October 27, 2010

- "Aggies Go Green for a Healthy Lifestyle" March 2012

College Station I.S.D.:

School Health Advisory Council: chairperson 2012-2015

School Health Advisory Council: vice chairperson 2011-2012

School Health Advisory Council, chairperson 2009-2010

Member of School Health Advisory Council 2004-2009

Volunteer in Public Schools (VIPS) A&M Consolidated High School-2002-2011

PTO Board Member for Elementary and High School levels 1997-2005

CIP(Campus Improvement Plan) Committee South Knoll Elementary 2000-2002

CIP Committee member A&M Consolidated High School 2003-2005

Physical Education Committee Member 1999-2001

Redistricting Committee Member 1999

Member of a special task force put together to evaluate each campus for programs dealing with safe and drug free schools 1999

Community Representative to a workshop sponsored by the Texas Commission On Alcohol and Drug Abuse 1999

College Station Education Foundation Board Member 1999-2004

HONORS AND AWARDS

Professor of Excellence, awarded by Pi Beta Phi Sorority, Texas A&M University
November 5, 2012

Teacher of the Year in Health Education, Dept. of Health and Kinesiology, Texas A&M
2011

Selected by "Hall of Fame" senior student as an Honored Educator, A&M Consolidated
High School 2009.

Tennis Coach of the Year for District 12 5A 2007-2008

Star Educator, College Station I.S.D. Education Foundation 2004-2009

Teacher of the Year, Department of Health and Kinesiology, Texas A&M University
May 2001

Fish Camp Namesake 1999, Texas A&M University

CERTIFICATIONS/WORKSHOPS/TRAINING

Certified Festival and Event Associate: Graduate of the International Festival and Events Association and National Recreation and Parks Association Event Management School - January 2015

Student Counseling Service Texas A&M University: QPR for Suicide Prevention – 2011 - 2012

Texas Open Meetings Act training course - August 9, 2012

Child Life 101 Workshop, Cook Children's Medical Center - July 11, 2012

University Writing Center Workshop for instructors of writing (W) courses - Dec. 2011

