

KATHERINE D. LEBRÓN

SUMMARY

Innovative and multi-faceted anti-bias educator with over 5 years of teaching, mentorship and culturally relevant curriculum writing experience in fast-paced learning environments servicing diverse students and families. Proven ability to combine vision, creativity and strong management skills to promote a healthy, inclusive learning environment.

SKILLS

Areas of expertise:

- Culturally Relevant Teaching
- Curriculum Design/Writing
- Mentorship
- School Culture Development
- Instructional Coaching
- Restorative Justice Practices
- Public Speaking
- Professional Development
- Event Management

Languages:

- Spanish (fluent)
- Portuguese (advanced)

Technical:

- Microsoft Office (expert)
- Google Drive (expert)
- Social Media Platforms (expert in Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat)
- Blogging/Website platforms (proficient in Squarespace and Weebly)
- Projector/Smartboard (proficient)
- Adobe photoshop (proficient)
- HTML/CSS (novice)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

KIPP WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NEW YORK, NY 7/2012 – 6/2017

SOCIAL ACTION TEACHER AND SCHOOL CULTURE COACH (1 YEAR)

Designed and implemented rigorous, culturally relevant curriculum for 300+ students (grades 1-3) centering on identity formation and social justice issues that align with common core standards and affirm students' diverse identities. Used creative techniques to coach 60 staff members in improving their instructional practice pertaining to cultural relevancy, restorative practices and relationship building.

Key contributions:

- Spearheaded launch of school's restorative justice initiative. Led working group of 5 staff and facilitated 50+ proactive and responsive circles with students and staff in response to student conflicts and needs.
- Designed and facilitated school-based and regional professional development on school and classroom culture, restorative practices, family engagement and culturally relevant curriculum for staff and administration.
- Co-planned and executed school-wide programming and events aligned with school values and social justice themes.

FOUNDING DANCE INSTRUCTOR AND SCHOOL VALUES CO-PLANNER (3 YEARS)

Developed and implemented culturally relevant Dance curriculum aligned with NYC Blueprint standards for 475+ students grades K-4. Co-planned and produced daily, weekly and monthly school-culture related programming.

Key contributions:

DANCE TEACHER

- Managed and tracked annual classroom and performance budget of \$7,000.
- Aided in development of first Regional Arts Showcase for KIPP NYC for 700+ students, families and staff.
- Planned and led 2nd and 3rd grade after school "girls' clubs" focused on gender equality and womxn's rights

SCHOOL VALUES CO-PLANNER

- Co-planned and led daily grade-wide morning programs, school value programs, weekly whole-school school festivals and other school culture-related programming (including celebrations of Latinx Heritage Month, Black History Month, Womxn's Herstory Month, etc.)

LEAD KINDERGARTEN TEACHER AND FIELD LESSON COORDINATOR (1 YEAR)

Co-taught 26 students in ICT classroom. Co-planned grade-wide "Math in Focus" centered curriculum. Developed unit plans, lessons and assessments aligned with NYS Common Core standards. Successfully implemented behavior plans designed by Mental Health Specialist. Organized 8 academically aligned field lessons for 200+ students, staff and chaperones.



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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

HYDE SQUARE TASK FORCE, BOSTON, MA

6/2010 – 8/2011

SUCCESS BOSTON TRANSITIONAL COACH

Helped recruit and enroll 50 college-bound youth from underserved communities and low-achieving academic backgrounds to enroll in college readiness summer program.

Key contributions:

- Aided in the development and implementation of a six-week “college readiness” summer program curriculum.
- Co-coordinated and planned summer activities, workshops, and events related to college readiness for all participants.
- Supervised and mentored 10 college freshmen throughout their first year (all of whom maintained a 3.0 GPA and re-enrolled for the following semester)
- Submitted monthly progress reports to the College and Careers Program Coordinator and inputted weekly student data into Salesforce.

VOLUNTEER AND LEADERSHIP

SMITH COLLEGE, NORTHAMPTON, MA

5/2017 - PRESENT

PRESIDENT OF SMITH COLLEGE CLASS OF 2012

- Oversee class cabinet and all matters pertaining to alumnae programming and events

KIPP THROUGH COLLEGE, NEW YORK, NY

3/2016 – PRESENT

COLLEGE MENTOR

- Mentor and support four young women throughout their first year in college, providing support with academics, college readiness, financial status, and socio-emotional resources.

KIPP WASHINGTON HEIGHTS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, NEW YORK, NY

9/2014 – 6/2016

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE FOUNDER AND FACILITATOR

- Founded committee of 8 staff to discuss social justice issues within and outside of school, developed and presented five professional development workshops for 45+ teachers and administration, and helped implement culturally-relevant pedagogy in K-3 classrooms.

EDUCATION AND HONORS

HUNTER COLLEGE, NEW YORK, NY

8/2014

M.S.Ed. Early Childhood Education and Special Education (Birth – 2nd grade)

SMITH COLLEGE, NORTHAMPTON, MA

5/2012

Bachelor of Arts

Majors: Theatre; Portuguese and Brazilian Studies

Honors:

- Hyde Square Task Force “Emerging Leader Award” (2013)
- Janey Scholars Program Scholarship (2008-2014)
- Shapiro Family College Scholarship (2008-2012)



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