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## Education

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Master of Arts, Education — University of California, Santa Cruz (2005)  
Bachelor of Arts, Literature — University of California, Santa Cruz (2004)

Completion of general education requirements — American River College (2001-2002)  
Lower-division undergraduate coursework — Syracuse University (Fall 2000)

## Awards and honors

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**Teen Ink Educator of the Year** — Teen Ink Magazine, June 2011 (selected via student essay submission)  
**Dorothy Wright Outstanding Teaching Award** — San Jose State University, May 2011  
**Rising Star Award** — Journalism Education Association, April 2011  
**Teacher of the Year** — Fremont Union High School District and Santa Clara County Office of Education, May 2010  
**Excellence in Education Award** — The Goldin Foundation for Excellence in Education, May 2010  
**Educator of the Year, High School Division** — California Journalism Education Coalition, April 2010  
**Teacher of the Year** — Monta Vista High School, May 2007  
**ASNE High School Journalism Institute Fellowship** — American Society of News Editors, June 2006

## Teaching experience

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English and Journalism Teacher  
Monta Vista High School

August 2005-present

- Courses taught: American Literature, Sheltered American Literature, American Studies, Advancement via Individual Determination, Writing for Publication, Journalism
- New course development for American Studies and Writing for Publication
- Advise nationally-recognized student news publication <http://elestoque.org>
- Completed additional professional development in expository reading and writing, academic language production, AVID, Pre-Advanced Placement strategies

Student Teacher, English  
North Monterey County High School

November 2004-May 2005

- Course taught: English III, SDAIE
- Fulfilled responsibilities of classroom teacher including: daily lesson planning and teaching, contacting and meeting families at school events, grading and providing students with individual help as needed

Student Teacher, English  
Branciforte Middle School

September-November 2004

- Course taught: 7th grade Core course (combined Language Arts and Social Studies) designated Academic Assistance, designed to serve the needs of academically low achieving students
- Developed lesson plans for and taught weekly poetry lessons of varying lengths using poetry as a method of teaching core grammar skills

Online Mentor and Lead Mentor  
UC College Preparatory Initiative

September 2002-March 2004

- Supervised 14 other Cybermentors, organized weekly meetings held in the virtual classroom, demonstrated virtual classroom software
- Mentored high school Advanced Placement English students taking the course online
- Tutored using e-mail and a virtual classroom and organized weekly sessions, individual appointments with students

## Short courses and workshops

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Instructor, <i>Newsroom by the Bay</i> Stanford University	July 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taught digital storytelling and multimedia journalism to student attendees</li><li>• Oversaw production of content for small-group websites</li></ul>
Faculty Advisor, <i>The Washington Journalism and Media Conference</i> George Mason University	July 2011 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Led students through learning activities related to speakers and experiences organized by the conference</li><li>• Oversaw production of content for conference blog</li></ul>
Instructor, <i>Digital RENOVation</i> University of Nevada, Reno	June 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Taught digital storytelling and multimedia journalism to student attendees</li><li>• Oversaw production of multimedia projects for workshop website</li></ul>
Instructor, <i>City of Cupertino College Essay Workshop</i> Fremont Union High School District	June 2010 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed and taught a 4-day course in creative nonfiction specifically designed for upcoming seniors working on their personal statements for college applications</li></ul>

## Presentations and research

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### **“Look again: Finding fresh and original stories on your campus”**

2007 JEA Northern California state convention  
2008 JEA/NSPA St. Louis national convention  
2011 JEA Northern California state convention

### **“10 things I wish someone had told me my first year”**

2009 JEA Northern California advisers workshop

### **“Doing multimedia on a shoestring budget”**

2009 JEA Northern California state convention

### **“A crash course in interactive graphics”**

2009 JEA Northern California state convention  
2010 JEA/NSPA Portland national convention

### **“Don’t cut that class!”**

2010 JEA/NSPA Kansas City national convention  
2011 JEA/NSPA Anaheim national convention  
\*co-presented with school principal and associate superintendent

### **“Stemming the assault on scholastic journalism”**

2010 JEA/NSPA Kansas City national convention  
2011 JEA/NSPA Anaheim national convention  
\*co-presented with Scholastic Journalism Institute colleagues

### **“Incredible Embeddables”**

2011 JEA/NSPA Anaheim national convention

### **“Found Sound: An audio excursion”**

2011 JEA Northern California state convention

### **Student Journalism 2.0: A Creative Commons study**

Participation throughout the 2009-2010 school year

## Organizations and affiliations

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Journalism Education Association, member  
2010-2011 Member of digital media committee and contributor to [jeadigitalmedia.org](http://jeadigitalmedia.org)

JEA Northern California, President Elect  
2007 Presented and judged at state convention  
2008 & 2011 Redesigned organization website  
2009 Presented at advisers workshop  
2009 & 2011 Organized registration, presented  
2009-2011 Co-coordinated annual contest  
2010 Co-organized, taught at summer workshop

The Scholastic Journalism Institute, fellow  
2010 Attended summer institute with five colleagues and selected “saving scholastic journalism from cuts” as our focus  
2010-2011 Presented with administrators at convention

Online News Association, member

## Professional references

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