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### EDUCATION

University of Illinois, M.S., Library and Information Sciences, 2005  
Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, M.A., Classics, 2002  
College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Massachusetts, B.A, Classics, 1995

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Director of Library and Information Services, Saint Sebastian School, 2003-**

- Coordinate with Assistant Headmaster / Dean of Studies on new faculty and student orientation, scheduling of space and equipment for faculty and students, Advisor Program, faculty evaluations, academic assemblies, course selections, Baccalaureate and Commencement activities, opening of school, honor roll, monthly faculty meetings, and semester exams
- Associate Supervisor for all standardized testing (ISEE, SSAT, PSAT, SAT, AP), including preparation, distribution, proctoring, and reporting
- Acting Director of Academic Support (Spring/Summer 2014 and Summer 2016), overseeing student IEPs and College Board / ACT accommodations
- Appointed to Teaching Committee, National Honor Society selection committee, NEASC reaccreditation committee, and Cum Laude Society
- Provide instruction and support to faculty, students, parents in classroom setting and one-on-one (including troubleshooting personal devices)
- Present to trustees and parent groups on technology resources and on the reaccreditation process, including results of parent and student surveys
- Coordinate with department chairs on various professional development opportunities, e.g. all-faculty participation at the 2015 NAIS conference
- Create manuals and train faculty, staff and students on Finalsite (LMS), FirstClass (email), Admin Plus (SIS), gradebooks, Windows OS and Office
- Provide support to 200+ library, computer lab and classroom desktops, and faculty laptops running Microsoft Windows, Office and Adobe
- Assist faculty with determining suitable resources for their students
- Manage Administrator's Plus for attendance, scheduling and transcripts
- Implemented and manage teacher gradebooks for grade reporting
- Implemented and manage online scheduling for parent conferences
- Implemented and manage school website for online access to courses, bookstore and reports, accessible by faculty, students, and parents
- Oversee library / technology staff, and technology purchasing needs

#### **Faculty, Saint Sebastian School, 1998-**

- Teacher in the following courses:
  - Latin (Introductory through Third-Year)
  - Ancient History
  - Scriptural Studies
  - Computer Science

### **Teacher and Media Specialist, Westford Academy, 1997-1998**

- Taught Introductory and Second-Year Latin courses, while assisting in library and computer lab management

### **Distribution Supervisor, Malden Mills, 1995-1998**

- Supervised warehousing and shipping/receiving workforce
- Coordinated inventorying and delivering goods to customers
- Managed daily data collecting and reporting for internal/external uses

### **PRESENTATIONS/ CONFERENCES**

- ♦ Classical Association of New England, "Along the Watchtower: Guilt, Grief, Gods, and Ghosts", Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, MA, 2011
- ♦ American Classical League, "Sword of Damocles: Classical References in JFK's Speeches", Loyola Marymount College, Los Angeles, CA, 2009
- ♦ Classical Association of New England, "Sword of Damocles: Classical References in JFK's Speeches", UMass, Boston, MA, 2009
- ♦ Liberty Fund Colloquium, "Plutarch", Pasadena, CA, 2006
- ♦ Liberty Fund Colloquium, "Thucydides", Pasadena, CA, 2005
- ♦ Lectures on Marathon and the Areopagus, American School of Classical Studies in Athens, July/August 2002 [Poggioli Award recipient]

### **PUBLICATIONS/ PROJECTS**

- ♦ Classical Outlook, *Thucydides, Pericles and the Idea of Athens in the Peloponnesian War*, by Martha Taylor [Book review], 2011
- ♦ New England Classical Journal, *Pericles: A Sourcebook and Reader*, by Stephen V. Tracy [Book review], 2010
- ♦ "Distant Voices. Different Voices", International Boys Schools Coalition Action Research Project, 2008-2009
- ♦ Website Manager, Greater Boston Cooperative Library Association, 2011-
- ♦ Website Manager, Debating Association of New England Independent Schools (DANEIS), 2004-
- ♦ "The Heart of the Matter: Gods, Grief and Freedom in Aeschylus' *Oresteia*." Classical Technology Systems, Inc., 1995

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- ♦ Classical Association of New England, President, 2013-2014
- ♦ Classical Association of New England, Executive Committee, 2010-2015
- ♦ Classical Association of New England, Finance Committee, 2005-2012
- ♦ Trustee, Innovation Academy Charter School, 2014-2016
- ♦ NEASC Self-Study Chair, St. Sebastian School, 2012-2014
- ♦ NEASC Visiting Committee, Oak Meadow School, Brattleboro, VT, 2016
- ♦ NEASC Visiting Committee, Cotting School, Lexington, MA, 2009
- ♦ NEASC Visiting Committee, Cushing Academy, Ashburnham, MA, 2006
- ♦ NEASC Visiting Committee, St. Joseph's School, Pittsfield, MA, 2004
- ♦ NEASC Visiting Committee, Washington Academy, East Machias, ME, 2001
- ♦ Summer Session II, American School of Classical Studies in Athens, 2002
- ♦ Member, American Classical League, 1993-
- ♦ Member, Classical Association of New England, 1993-

### **SPECIAL INTERESTS**

Ancient Greek/ Roman History and Linguistics, Computer-Assisted Instructional Materials, Technology and Education, Youth and Media, Information Technology