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EDUCATION

- Doctor of Philosophy** in Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment 2017
Walden University
Dissertation Thesis: Marine Science Summer Enrichment Camp's Impact on Ocean Literacy for Middle School Students
- Master of Education** in Early Childhood Education 2007
Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Georgia
- Bachelor of Science** in Cultural Anthropology with minor in Biology 2001
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
- Associate of Arts** in Biology 2000
Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson, Kansas

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Education Expert-Interim** 2017- Present
Dr. Dionne Hoskins-Brown, NOAA LMRCSC, Savannah State University

As the education expert for NOAA LMRCSC at Savannah State University, I am responsible for tracking and assessing the Living Marine Resource Cooperative Science Center fellows from University of Maryland Eastern Shore and the 6 partner institutions. Tracking the fellows includes identifying students in need of interventions to complete fellowship requirements, articulating fellowship requirements as well as working as an intermediary between the center administration and partner institutions to enable students to complete their fellowship. In addition to tasks with LMRCSC, I assist in coordination community events of the Department of Marine and Environmental Sciences. The events include but are not limited to the National Ocean Science Bowl regional competition, SSU Coast Camp program and community outreach events and activities. These tasks require good networking skills and event coordinating between university structure and community needs.

Marine Science Outreach Coordinator

2013 - 2017

Dr. Dionne Hoskins-Brown, NOAA LMRCSC, Savannah State University

My duties required contact with the K-12 and public audience. I developed and implemented a 4-week summer camp focused on the Ocean Literacy principles. I actively recruited children, age 7-18, to participate in the summer camp. Over the 3 years I supervised the camp, we grew from 80 campers to 125 campers. I organized and recruited volunteers for the Southern Stingray Bowl, a regional competition for the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB). The regional bowl is open to high school students from South Carolina and Georgia. I recruited and trained over 60 volunteers to help with this activity. I have given campus tours to a number of visiting students and ambassadors to the Savannah State University (SSU) campus. I supported the 2014 and 2015 American Lego League competition hosted by SSU as a field manager. I also participated in the running and organization of the Regional Science and Engineering Fair competition at Savannah State University as the Judges Coordinator.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Science Teacher, Bluffton Middle School

2010-2013

Pat Freda, Bluffton, South Carolina

I taught science at a 7th grade level. While aligning curriculum to state standards, I differentiated among achievement levels. I helped to begin the new science department in Bluffton, SC. I had the privilege of working in the department for three school years. I helped to coordinate field trips, hands on laboratory investigations, and exploratory learning. I worked with ESOL students as well as coordinating the school-wide Science Fair (2011-2013). My duties with ESOL students included but were not limited to modifications to enable the ESOL students to be academically successful. I hold the required SIOP certification to work with the ESOL students in Science. As Science Fair coordinator, I organized our school-wide digital science fair. I also acted as liaison between Bluffton Middle School and the Sea Island Regional Science Fair to align the science fair with regional expectations and prepare students for regional competition.

Camp Counselor, SSU Coast Camp
Gregory Hunter, Savannah, Georgia

2009 -2012

I was a camp counselor at Savannah State University Marine Science Camp. My duties included the safety and education of the inner city children participating in this camp. I help in the management of 30+ students, grades 6-8. In the last two summers I have had the privilege and responsibility of leading the grades 9-12 camp. Through this camp I have learned about marine science and made various contacts with local organization. For this organization I have worked with other counselors to develop the Ocean Celebration program as well as the YouTube channel to advertise the camp's activities.

Teacher, Saint Michaels Catholic School
Holly Lanford, Tybee Island, Georgia

2007-2010

I was the educator responsible for the technology, art, and science courses at St. Michael's. My duties included but were not limited to creating lesson plans, maintaining the computer lab, science lab and art equipment. The lessons were created according the Savannah Diocese and Georgia State Standards. I was responsible for the development of the marine science curriculum for the entire school. I taught PreK – 8th grade at St. Michaels for art and technology and 5th - 8th science. I gained experience working with Windows and Linux operating systems in our computer lab. I coordinated outreach activities with a local public school and City of Savannah's Earth Day Festival. I was also responsible for organizing and coordinating Jump Rope for Heart and the Field Day at our school. I was the coordinator and liaison of the school-wide science fair. Winning students were taken to the Savannah Ogeechee Science and Engineering Fair for regional competition.

Program Assistant, Sunset Zoo
Rachel Soash, Manhattan, Kansas

2001-2003

I worked with zoo guests with live animals and tour programs. These duties required a working knowledge of the zoo and zoo protocols, good oral communication skills, experience to properly handle and transport a variety of education animals and necessary problems solving skills. I have developed curriculum for programs for the zoo. During the summer month I helped supervise the summer camps. Students in camps experienced week long themes with a variety of science based learning projects that utilized their imaginations, writing skills, math and ingenuity. Equipment I worked with included all zoo vehicles including a large passenger van and golf cart.

PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

<i>Effective Job Interview Skills</i> (workshop) NOAA EPP/MSI 9 th Biennial Education and Science Forum, Howard University, Washington, DC.	2018
<i>Hands-on-Science</i> (professional development) Savannah Diocese Teacher Institute Training, Augusta, GA Problem based learning in the science classroom.	2010
<i>United Streaming and Smart Technology</i> (presentation) Teacher pre-service training at St. Michael's Catholic School, Tybee Island, GA	2010
<i>Animal Myths</i> (presentation) Safari Adventure Days, Sunset Zoo, Manhattan, KS	2003

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Science Teacher Association Member	2010 - 2017
Georgia Association of Marine Educators Member	2017-Present
National Marine Educators Association Member	2015 – Present

CERTIFICATIONS

Georgia Educator Certificate Early Childhood Education (PreK-5) Middle Grades Science (4-8)	Certified-686563
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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member of Board of Directors, Wilderness Southeast Savannah, GA	2018 – Present
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As a volunteer member of the board of directors, I receive information regarding the progress of the Wilderness Southeast eco-tour company. Wilderness Southeast is a 45-year-old, eco-tour company with a focus on immersion excursions in the local ecology. My duties include identifying fundraising sources to keep the cost of the tours accessible to the general public.

Parent Volunteer, Girl Scouts of Historic GA Savannah, GA 2012 – Present

I collaborate with the leaders of Troop 30593 to help bring relevant programming to girls in 2nd to 9th grade. In this volunteer position, I guide girls through scout activities designed for their grade level. In addition to my duties to the troop, I have created and implemented programming for girls in the service unit and girl scout council. These programs are received by a diverse group of girls.

Committee Member/Fundraising Chair, Coastal Empire Council, BSA Savannah, GA

2015-Present

As a committee member, I have been a den leader for Wolf Cub Scouts, 2nd grade. I have also been the merit badge instructor for Troop 1 for the Environmental Science merit badge, Eagle required. I coordinate the fundraising efforts of the Troop 1 Unit to minimize the costs of scouting to families and their scouts.

Advisor, Coastal Empire Council, BSA Savannah, GA 2017-Present

I facilitate programming in a scout led program, overseeing 4-8 girls and boys ages 14-21. The Venture Crew program facilitates leadership training and advanced outdoor skills for youth. I also measure their progress toward rank requirements and coordinate required training.

Rules Judge, Southern Stingray Bowl Savannah State University 2012 & 2013

My responsibilities include overseeing the procedure in the competition rooms, issuing official warnings and maintaining competition integrity during each round of competition.

Docent, Sunset Zoo Manhattan, KS 2000 -2003

My responsibilities included but not limited to working with the public in a variety of tasks. I led tour groups, helped with birthday parties, handled animals for guest WonderSpots, handled animals for Animal Ambassador programs and cared for the education animals.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Georgia Marine Educators Conference St. Simons Island, GA	2017
American Educational Research Association Conference Washington, DC	2016
COSEE Ocean Awareness Day Savannah State University, Savannah GA	2010
Loose in the Lab Conference Atlanta, GA	2009
Coastal Issues, Ecology, and Habitat Workshop Dr. Kenneth Sajwan, Savannah State University	2008
Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics (PRISM) Georgia Southern University, Atlanta, GA	2006
Week of the Young Child Conference Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah GA	2006

HONORS AND AWARDS

Camp Counselor of the Year (14-18) SSU Coast Camp	2012
Camp Counselor of the Year (11-13) SSU Coast Camp	2011
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Publications Co-Chair, Sunset Zoo	2003