

MOLLY UPPENKAMP

CIVIC EDUCATOR AND EXPERIENCED SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER

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EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

Massachusetts Teacher License

- History 9-12: Professional License

Tufts University ♦ Medford, MA

- *Master of Arts in American History*, May 2011
- Thesis on Mid-century American Counterculture, study in Twentieth Century American Politics

Boston University ♦ Boston, MA

- *Bachelor of Arts in History*, Magna cum laude, May 2008
- *Bachelor of Science in Social Studies Education*, Cum laude, May 2008
- BU Oxford Honors Program, Oxford, United Kingdom, Fall 2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Norwood High School ♦ Norwood, MA

Social Studies Teacher, September 2008 – present

- Instructing Senior students in constitutional principles and civic engagement, including participation in the “We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution” state competition and field study projects in collaboration with local government agencies
- Promoting civic engagement and awareness in the NHS student body, including organizing voter registration drives, facilitating Norwood’s annual Town Government Day partnership between the school and town hall, and developing citizenship lessons for the advisory program
- Creating and revising curriculum for senior elective course in Civics
- Instructing Junior students in United States History II Advanced Placement, Honors, College Prep and Standard levels
- Collaborating with other teachers in developing interdisciplinary activities and projects and in modifying and teaching curriculum to students with learning disabilities and special needs
- Advising student Debate Club, including facilitating weekly meetings during which students debate current political and social issues
- Participating in professional development activities focused on developing and implementing DDMs, curriculum development, incorporating technology, and school-wide re-accreditation

Center for Talented Youth Civic Leadership Institute ♦ Berkeley, CA

Instructor, July – August 2011 and 2012

- Taught curriculum on social justice and service learning to two classes of 15 gifted students from around the world in summers of 2011 and 2012
- Led students in service project field experiences and facilitated reflections relating service experiences in soup kitchens, youth centers, women’s shelters, and HIV/AIDS activist groups to the classroom curriculum
- Collaborated with instructional staff to develop new lessons, incorporating technology and emphasizing student-centered learning
- Developed and taught a seminar on activism and counterculture movements in the Bay Area

North Quincy High School ♦ Quincy, MA

Student Teacher, January – May, 2008

- Planned lessons for and instructed two advanced 9th grade World History classes and a standard level 11th grade United States History class

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

Goldin Foundation for Excellence in Education ♦ Holliston, MA

Award for Excellence in Education for The Education Cooperative (TEC), April 2013

- One of six educators selected for award honoring dedication to the growth of young people and demonstrated evidence of a successful educational project
- Presented at panel honoring award recipients and highlighting achievements in education
- Serve on foundation’s Advisory Board to select and honor new recipients since 2013

**RELATED
EXPERIENCE**

We the People – The Citizen and the Constitution ♦ Boston, MA

Volunteer Competition Judge, January 2009 – January 2012

- Judged teams of students at competition testing knowledge and application of constitutional principles
- Collaborated with professionals in education, law, and public policy to develop judging criteria and rubrics

Boston University Experiential Education ♦ Boston, MA

Program Facilitator, June 2006 – September 2011

- Led team-building programs for groups of adolescents and adults
- Facilitated individual and group development through a GPS-based urban adventure program and various group games, ice breakers and challenge activities

Boston University Community Service Center ♦ Boston, MA

First Year Student Outreach Program Coordinator, March – September 2007

- Developed and implemented educational and service learning activities for 600 incoming first-year students

Boston University Office of Orientation ♦ Boston, MA

College of Arts and Sciences Student Advisor, March – September 2006

- Welcomed over 4000 incoming students and their families to BU by providing academic advising, registration assistance and acclimation to college life

Boston University Community Service Center ♦ Boston, MA

Program Volunteer, 2004 – 2007

- Student Food Rescue volunteer, June 2006 – December 2007
- Alternative Spring Breaks Volunteer, 2006, 2007
- Afterschool Program Tutor, September 2004 – May 2006

**SKILLS AND
ASSETS**

Interests and Expertise

- Twentieth-century American History, especially counterculture movements, political reforms from the Progressive Era through the Cold War, the New Deal, and the Vietnam War
- Trained teacher for the *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* program, run by the Center for Civic Education, focusing on constitutional law and development and their applications to current American society
- Leadership development and team-building
- Public speaking, including individual and collaborative presentations

Special Education

- Developing curriculum and co-teaching a Modern World History course for students in the TASC program for those with emotional and behavioral difficulties preventing their success in a mainstream classroom; course will serve as a pilot to model in other core subject areas in future years
- Teach inclusion History class, modifying and delivering curriculum instruction for students with learning disabilities and Individual Education Plans in a mainstream classroom, in collaboration with Special Education teachers and in-class aides
- Completed Special Education in Adolescence course and have understanding of inclusion principles and curriculum accommodations and modifications

Technology and Computers

- Instructional technology: SmartBoard and EnoBoard
- Website development: Weebly and GoogleSites
- Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher
- Proficient with Macintosh and Windows operating systems
- Social Networking