

Professional Experience**New School of San Francisco****San Francisco, CA***Grade Level Chair – Third Grade**2019-Present**TK-6 Multiple Subject Clear Credential-California*

Focus: responsive classroom management, arts integration, and inquiry-based, student-centered teaching and learning. Coach, mentor, coordinate G3 teacher team.

Institute for Humane Education**Antioch University – Education Department***Adjunct Instructor**2014-Present*

Wrote, designed, and continue to teach two online courses: *Creative Activism*, a course on creativity as a bridge from despair to action for social justice activists. *Just, Good Food*, a course on the connections between global food systems and human, animal, and environmental social justice issues.

Evansdale Elementary School**DeKalb County School District***T-5 Certified Classroom Teacher, Grade 1**2016-2019**Gifted and ESOL Endorsed*

Taught all subjects in first grade classroom at Title I school. Served on STEM Certification Committee. Designed first grade Social Studies curriculum based on district standards. Served on PBIS Certification Committee. Designed *ACTivism*, a social justice theater club.

Dresden Elementary School*Pre-service Teacher, Grade 1**2015-2016***Kennesaw State University***Instructor**Fall 2014*

Taught three sections of “Be the Change” in the First Year and Transitions Studies Department. Responsible for course planning, lecture, assessment, and grading.

YES! Magazine

Bainbridge Island, WA

*Education Outreach Fellow**Fall 2013*

Wrote and edited articles, curriculum, and resources for the *YES! For Teachers* monthly Education Newsletter. Managed the *YES! For Teachers* social media accounts.

Atlanta Botanical Garden

Atlanta, Georgia

*Summer Camp Instructor**2012, 2013***Kate’s Club**

Atlanta, Georgia

*Program Director**2011- 2012*

Directed Kate’s Club programs including summer camp, support services, educational outreach, and advocacy. Developed K-12 curriculum on grief, loss, and kindness for use in school settings.

Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta**Aflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service**

Atlanta, Georgia

*Board Certified Pediatric Chaplain**2007- 2011*

Provided interfaith spiritual and emotional support to patients, families, and staff. Coordinated Remembrance Services for Camp Sunshine.

Education

DCSD Gifted Endorsement Program Gifted Endorsed/Certification add-on (PreK-12)	<i>May 2018</i>
College of Education and Human Development Georgia State University PhD Coursework	<i>Spring 2017</i>
Urban Accelerated Certification College of Education and Human Development Georgia State University GaPSC Elementary Certification (PreK-5) ESOL Endorsed (PreK-12)	<i>May 15 - May 2016</i>
Valparaiso University/ Institute for Humane Education M.Ed.	<i>June 2012 - May 2014</i>
Institute for Human-Animal Connection, University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work Certificate in Animals and Human Health <i>May 2011</i>	<i>Sept 2010 -</i>
Westchester Medical Center Valhalla, New York Clinical Pastoral Education Specialty in Pediatric Oncology	<i>Sept 2000 - May 2002</i>
School of the Universal Worship Albany, NY World Religions	<i>1994-1997</i>
University of Wisconsin - Madison Undergraduate Major: Creative Writing	<i>1980-1984</i>

Credentials

Multiple Subject Clear Credential/ELA1 California Commission on Teacher Credentialing	<i>2019-2024</i>
Georgia Professional Standards Commission T-5 Elementary Certification ESOL and Gifted Endorsed	<i>2015-2024</i>

Additional Training

Red Rover Readers Red Rover Reader Certified	<i>2018</i>
Mindful Schools Mindful Educator Essentials Training	<i>2016</i>
Georgia Center for Nonprofits/ Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta Program Evaluation and Research, Grant Writing, Media and Outreach	

Presentations

Supporting Students and Families Through Loss and Grief Zoom-based Professional Development Sessions Bay Area Schools	2020-present
Ethical Schools Podcast Grief and Loss: Supporting students, families and teachers in a pandemic	2020
Teachers for Social Justice-San Francisco Creative Activism Workshop	2019
Dekalb Educators Annual Conference Arts Integration in the Classroom	2018
Association of Professional Humane Educators National Conference Creative Activism	2018
Atlanta Humane Society Speaker Series Humane Education Through a Child's Eyes	2018
Alternative Education Resource Organization Creative Activism in the Classroom	2015
National Alliance for Grieving Children <i>The Kindness Tree</i> poster presentation	2012
Association of Professional Chaplains National Conferences The Kaleidoscope: Awakening in Times of Crisis Workshop on Love and Service Workshop on Sufism/Sufi poets Workshop on Bereavement in World Religions Workshop on Children and Grief	2010 2006 2005 2003 2002
Georgia Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Annual Conference Toward a Greater Understanding	2007, 2008
MEPI (Montessori Educational Programs International) National Conference Children's Perspectives on Grief and Loss	2005

Professional Affiliations

Pi Lambda Theta Member	2015-Present
Association of Professional Humane Educators Member	2012-Present
Poetry Society of America Member	2011- <i>Present</i>

Peer-Reviewed Book Chapter

Southall, A.B., and **Trapanese, C.** 2018. Culturally relevant classroom libraries: Including all students in powerful social studies. In L. Wilcox (Ed.), *It's being done in social studies: Race, class, gender and sexuality in the Pre/K-12 Curriculum*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Other Publications**YES! for Teachers**

"I Say Yes to Respect!" 2018

Elephant Journal

"Children's Literature in Times of Resistance" 2017

YES! Magazine Online

"Shutdown EPA Workers Clean Up River Anyway" 2013

(picked up by **Nation of Change, and Christian Science Monitor**)

"3 Elephants Head from Zoo to 80-acre Sanctuary" 2013

Greater Good Science Center Education Newsletter,

"Sonnet for a New Educational Paradigm" 2013

Volunteer Service**SFSPCA Humane Education Department**

Summer Camp Volunteer Teacher 2019

Great Pyrenees Rescue of Atlanta

Photographer, Children's Parade coordinator 2013-2017

Truly Living Well, Wheat Street Garden

Education Volunteer 2013

Georgia Center for Humane Education

Education Volunteer 2012-2017

Stride Ahead Therapeutic Riding Center

Lesson Volunteer 2009-2012

Skills

Writing. Curriculum design. Professional Development design/facilitation. Creativity. Grief and loss support. Community Outreach.

Other Interests

Theater. Poetry. Photography. Human-animal connection. Hiking. Wildlife watching. Kayaking.