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## Experience

Missouri History Museum - St Louis, MO USA [January 2016 - September 2016]

*Youth and Family Program Educator*

Responsible for facilitating and informative engaging experiences for family programs year round. The events are designed to allow families to interact with each other while learning and enjoying themselves in the museum. Reader at the Storytelling program for the youngest visitors and their families by using traditional contemporary storybooks and props. Facilitating hands-on crafts project in the 45-min storytelling session. Leading a 90-min tour for the Girl Scout and Cub Scout Program. Helping and facilitating family programs like: Parent & Me, Make and Take Workshops, Summer Family Fun Series, Early Childhood Group Visits, Youth and Families Special Events.

Downtown Children Center - St Louis, MO USA [September 2016 - February 2017]

*Lead Teacher*

Responsible for the monthly planning and implementation of the classroom play-based curriculum. Actively developed and maintained positive staff and parent relationship.

Primrose School at the Galleria - Houston, TX USA [September 2014 - November 2015]

Private Preschool

*Lead Teacher*

Responsible for the daily planning and implementation of the Primrose Balanced Learning curriculum and connection with children. Ensured that children were actively engaged in a safe, organized, and stimulating learning environment. Actively developed and maintained positive parent relationships. Received assistance in the classroom by an assistant as required by student enrollment.

Owner/Founder at My Zesty Paper [December 2014 - Present]

*Creative Maker*

[www.myzestypaper.com](http://www.myzestypaper.com)

Bespoke cards made for any occasion from recycled handmade paper, with nic-nacs and accents sourced locally and organically. My Zesty Paper is also a mobile project-based teaching tool. Created to provide a safe and unique experience among children, staff meeting and/or private parties, repurposing and recycling paper that goes beyond the cliché.

Russian Hill School - San Francisco, CA USA [March 2010 - December 2012]

Preschool & Kindergarten

*Multicultural Curriculum Specialist/Head Teacher Assistant*

Utilized latest research findings to develop, implement, organize, and lead activities designed to promote physical, mental and social development, such as games, arts and crafts, music, storytelling, and field trips. Observed and evaluated children's performance, behavior, social development, and physical health. Compared with norms for age and gender, and developed procedures to ensure progression within determined range of variation. Met with parents and guardians to discuss their children's progress and needs, determined their priorities for their children, and suggested ways that they can promote learning and development. Reported all activities directly to the Head Teacher and indirectly to the School Director.

Santa Barbara City College - Santa Barbara, CA USA [January 2008 - October 2009]

Continuing Education

*Teacher Assistant*

Instruction in the English language to multilevel adult classroom, non-native English speakers with varied academic, vocational and personal goals. Provided guidance and leadership for advanced students. Managed day-to-day operation of all students' levels and facilitated learning using creative tools.

Bright Start Child Development Center [January 2009 - February 2009]

A Reggio-Inspired Education, Santa Barbara, CA USA

*Teacher Assistant*

Oversight of planned activities together with lead teacher. Weekly write up of classroom newsletter.

## Experience

Mama Mimi's - Santa Barbara, CA USA [April 2008 - August 2008]

Creative Arts Preschool

*Teacher Assistant*

Oversight of planned activities throughout school day.

EurAupair, CA USA [January 2008 - December 2008]

Intercultural Child Care Programs

*Community Counselor*

Conduct orientation and maintaining monthly contact with host family and au pair. Planning, organizing social and recreational meetings and activities with the au pair in the assigned area. Supporting and guiding host family and au pair throughout their exchange year.

Portuguese Tutor – Santa Barbara, CA USA [September 2006 - December 2007]

*Instructor*

Provided individual tutoring to students interested in improving academic achievement and/or personal goals. Meeting with them on a weekly basis to clarify learning problems and work on study skills. Other assistance included: discussing previous materials, text, learning styles, and formulating ideas to practice target language.

EurAupair - Intercultural Child Care Programs, CA USA [July 2005 - January 2008]

*Aupair*

Live in childcare provider.

Escola Cecam - Valentim Gentil, SP BR [June 2004 - December 2004]

*Portuguese teacher*

Taught Portuguese to grades 5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>.

Gui's School - Votuporanga, SP BR [January 2004 - December 2004]

*English teacher*

Taught English for interested groups and individuals. Prepared lesson materials, bulletin board displays, equipment, and demonstrations. Presented subject matter to students under the direction and guidance of school director. Enforced administration policies, operated and maintain audiovisual equipment. Organized and supervised games and other activities to promote learning development. Typed, filed, and duplicated materials. Observed students' performance, and record relevant data to assess progress.

Fisk - Votuporanga, SP BR [February 2002 - December 2002]  
 Teaching Center and Language School  
*English Teacher*  
 Taught *Playground* materials (a series of activities developed for children in literacy learning stage).

UNIFEV Centro Universitário de Votuporanga, SP BR [March 2002 – December 2003]  
*Library Student Assistant Internship*  
 Assisted students and teachers in location of print and non-print resources. Checked books and materials in and out to students and teachers using the computerized circulation system. Maintained records of over dues, lost books, and fines. Monitored student use of the library. Shelve print and non-print materials. Directed student assistants in assigned duties. Mended damaged books. Assisted teachers and students in the operation of equipment and database and performed other related duties as required.

## Education

Antioch University Santa Barbara, CA USA [2009]  
*Masters of Arts in Education*  
*with an emphasis in Social Justice and Leadership*  
 [Thesis Title] Counseling Services for International Students: Perceptions of Brazilian Student's Experiences in American Universities

University of California Santa Barbara, CA USA [2007]  
*Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages*  
 [TESOL] Professional Certificate

UNIFEV Centro Universitário de Votuporanga, SP BR [2004]  
*B.A. Language Arts in Portuguese and English*

Early Childhood Education Teaching Credential, SP BR [2001]  
*Prof. João Batista Budim Filho*

## Presentations

American Educational Research Association [2010]  
*Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado*  
 [Presentation Title] Counseling Services for International Students: Perceptions of Brazilian Student's Experiences in American Universities.

California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages [2009]  
*(CATESOL) Annual Conference in Pasadena, CA*  
 [Graduate Student Forum/Presentation Title] Building Cross-Cultural Bridges with Brazilian Students through Counseling Interventions.

Santa Barbara High School [2009]  
*SBCC Continuing Ed/ ESL*  
 [Speech theme] Learning English at your own pace – strategies that worked.

California Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages [2008]  
*(CATESOL) [Regional] Los Padres Conference in Santa Barbara, CA*  
 [Paper Presentation Title] Building Cross-Cultural Bridges with Brazilian Students through Counseling Interventions.

Volunteering	Lá vem a história! <i>Storyteller &amp; Activities in Portuguese</i> Prague, CZ	[2017 to present]
	Prague   Girl Gone International <i>Community Manager</i> Prague, CZ	[2017 to present]
	Viva Brasil STL <i>Community Member</i> Saint Louis, MO	[2016/17]
	Houston's Community Hostelling Fund at HI Houston <i>Committee Member</i>	[2015]
	Houston   Girl Gone International <i>Community Manager</i>	[2013/15]
	Travel Massive   Houston <i>Chapter Leader</i>	[2014/15]
	Museum of Fine Arts Houston (MFAH) <i>Docent Apprentice</i>	[2014]
	Bayou City Art Festival <i>Houston, TX</i>	[2013]
	International Institute St Louis <i>Festival of Nations, MO</i>	[2013]
	Cultural Festival <i>Art Fair St Louis, MO</i>	[2013]
	St. Nicholas Preschool & Day Care <i>St Louis, MO</i>	[2013]
	St. Judas Thaddeus Kindergarten <i>Karlsruhe, Germany</i>	[2012]
	UCSB Education Abroad Program <i>Santa Barbra, CA</i>	[2007]