Education and Credentials

M.Ed. with Honors, St. Lawrence University, New York **B.A.**, Art, Photography/Drawing and Painting, San Francisco State University, California

National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT)-Early Adolescence to Young Adulthood Art Clear California State Teaching Credential, Single-Subject Art, K-12 Clear Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development (CLAD) Certificate

Visual Arts Educational Experience

2007-2012 Teacher, West Adams Preparatory HS, LAUSD

2002-2007 Teacher, Muir Middle School, LAUSD

- •Collaborate with visual and performing arts colleagues to deliver a rich, comprehensive art program to Grades 9-12 students
- •Communicate with parents and school stakeholders
- •Teaching philosophy is founded in educating the whole child
- •Taught a variety of 2D and 3D art classes (Honors Art History, Drawing, Painting, Design, Intro to Art, Design Crafts, Sculpture)
- •Developed and coordinated community programs and event

2001 Teacher, Ghana International School, Accra, Ghana, W. Africa

2001-2002 Certified Substitute Teacher Capistrano Unified School District, Orange County

Professional Memberships

The National Scholars Honor Society, U.S.A

Awards and Grants

- •Los Angeles County Office of Education Teacher of the Year Award, LAUSD, Los Angeles
- •FEDCO Grant Recipient, The California Foundation
- •Donors Choose, Grant Recipient, Strike a Pose, Yoga in the Classroom, and Living in a Digital World projects
- •Grant Recipient, Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising, FIDM Los Angeles
- Grant Recipient, Field Trip Grant and Teachers Talk! Contest, FIDM Los Angeles
- •Teacher Innovation Grant, MLA Partner Schools, Los Angeles
- •Recipient of an Instructional Technology Outreach Mini-Grant, Los Angeles Office of Education and California Technology Assistance Project

•Bravo Award Honorable Mention Winner, Visual Arts Specialist Teacher, Music Center, Education Division, Los Angeles, CA

Leadership Experience

West Adams Prep High School

- •Lead Teacher and Instructional Cabinet Member School of Media, Film, Art,
- Project Innovator/Leader
 West Adams Prep Labyrinth
- •Community Partnership Coordinator, with local elementary schools. Local District, LAUSD i.e Read Across America 2010
- •Faculty Member, Library Leadership Team
- •Support Provider Beginning Teachers Support and Assessment Program, State of California

John Muir Middle School

- •Computer Using Educators- Student Showcase Presenter Student Team Leader, CTAP-LACOE
- •Curriculum Group Member, Media Arts, LAUSD Elected Member, Shared Decision Making
- •Department Chairperson, Art Department,
- •Member, G.S.A.T., Academic English Mastery Program school site leadership
- •Site Lead Teacher/Coordinator UCLA Arts Bridge Program, Los Angeles, CA
- •Professional Development Presenter Salary Point Class Project Leader, LAUSD Living Values: Educational Program
- •Teacher Trainer Educational Technology Orange County Office of Education

•Education Outreach Consultant Richard F. Brush Art Gallery St. Lawrence University, New York

•Leadership Member Local District Arts Team, Arts Education Branch, LAUSD

•Guest Presenter, Parent Conference, Institute for Standards, Curricula, and Assessments (ISCA) Manual Arts High School

PUBLICATIONS

Contributing Author, Shimshon-Santo, Amy, Editor. (2010). Arts = Education: Connecting Learning Communities in Los Angeles. Irvine: CLAT Publications in association with UC Press.

Author, Evaluation and Assessment in Middle-Level Art Education – Applications of Constructivist Theory, Journal for the Practical Application of Constructivist Theory in Education, St. Lawrence University, New York

Other Experience

- Artist/Educator-in-Residence, St. Lawrence University Department of Education
- •Living Values Education Program Professional Development
- -Mentor/coach/trainer/presenter for school site serving students, faculty, staff, and community see http://www.livingvalues.net
- •Featured Teacher and Segment Producer on television program "Homework Hotline" on KLCS DTV
- -Broadcast on a local public station, KLCS reaching 20,000 viewers daily and will be shown 2–3 times in the season and archived for video-streaming in hundreds LAUSD classrooms
- •Founder-World Wide Weavers, an international arts philanthropic project to promote the arts and create economic sustainability for fine artists, craftspeople, and musicians http://www.worldwideweavers.com
- •Digital Multi-Media Fellow, LACOE, American Film Institute, Los Angeles, CA
- -Participated in intensive institute to learn to integrate technology into the classroom
- -Mentor and coach to peers in integrating technology into the classroom

•Muir Art Club Coordinator – after-school program that coordinates campus-wide-beautification projects collaborating with local artists and community arts organizations

•Guest Presenter

Academic English Mastery Program (AEMP) Conference

- -Developed and facilitated a hands-on workshop for peer educators using culturally relevant pedagogy and presented to a "sold-out" crowd
- •Volunteer Community Service, Living Values Education Program
- -Participated in KTLA Kids Day LA events and "Lotus Festival" events, City of Los Angeles

Travel Experience

Mexico, France, Spain, Guatemala, Ghana, Canada, England, India, Thailand, Brazil, Argentina, Italy, Thailand, many of the 50 states of the USA. Travel focused on charitable work, education and community service projects.