

# KARI A. CAMFER

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## CAREER OBJECTIVE

To gain employment as a middle or high school teacher in the field of English/Language Arts in the Minneapolis or St. Paul school districts. Offering comprehensive knowledge and passion for English literature and writing skills, dedicated worker, and willing to help in student affairs outside of the classroom.

## EDUCATION

**St. Norbert College**, De Pere, WI

Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, May 2008 (GPA 3.5/4.00)

Certification: Early Adolescence/ Adolescence (Secondary Education)

**Goldsmith's College**, London, England, Fall 2007

- Study abroad program with emphasis in British Literature as well as English language studies
- Developed a global awareness of surrounding European countries' cultures, languages, and traditions
- Gained academic independence skills and developed a deeper appreciation for English literature and composition

## RELEVANT ENGLISH COURSEWORK

American Short Story, Literary Theory and Writing, Shakespeare's Drama, Adolescent Literature, Contemporary Ethnic Fiction, Harlem Renaissance,

## RELEVANT EDUCATION COURSEWORK

Reading and Language Arts across Content Areas, Instructional Technology, Teaching Children with Disabilities, Adolescent Psychology and Methods in Middle School, Addressing Adolescent's Non-Academic Needs

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Student Teacher, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts**, Washington Middle School, Green Bay, WI April 2008- June 2008

- ELL Reading & Writing
- ELL Geography
- Reading & Writing

**Student Teacher, 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts**, Southwest High School, Green Bay, WI January 2008- March 2008

- Helped organize a Masquerade Ball for the Romeo and Juliet Unit for Language Arts 9
- Assist students in the writing process of short stories, articulating each of the short story components: characterization, plot, setting, tone, dialogue, suspense, leads

**Junior Field Experience Teacher, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade**, Parkview Middle School, Green Bay, WI January 2007- April 2007

- Led a small group of students in Literature Circles over a period of 8 weeks
- Integrated vocabulary, reading comprehension, and writing exercises for each novel
- Team taught a classroom of students for two weeks on the Middle East
- Assisted students in creating PowerPoint presentations on different aspects of life in the Middle East
- Designed and implemented a game for students to review overall information on Middle Eastern traditions and practices
- Created multiple rubrics to ensure maximum comprehension through mostly active student learning processes

**Sophomore Block Teacher, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts**, Washington Middle School

March 2006- May 2006

- Led students in reading *The Call of Wild*
- Created a variety of supplemental activities that connected the student's lives to the story
- Implemented an introductory Webquest on the Alaskan Dog Sledding circuit
- Tutored individual students with grammar and language use throughout the quarter
- Actively engaged students in dialogue regarding writing and its powerful uses in the world
- Worked with students on a poetry collage project that furthered growth in poetic technique and use of nouns, verbs, adjectives, pronouns, and adverbs

**ADDITIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Barnes & Noble Booksellers**, Blaine, MN & Green Bay, WI, 2003 - Present

- Give expertise on reading selections and helped locate items of interest
- Prepare a variety of beverages and food items
- Assist all Barnes & Noble customers with cheerful attitude

**First Year Experience Mentor**, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, 2005 - 2007

- Assist new students in their transition to college during both summer and fall orientation sessions
- Coordinate Week of Welcome with fellow FYE Mentors
- Support new students at St. Norbert College with a strong foundation for the upcoming years of their college experiences.

**Campus Ministry Intern**, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, 2006 - 2007

- Plan campus-wide events and retreats for the students of St. Norbert College
- Organize faith-based groups which meet weekly to discuss different issues that are going on around the campus and students' lives
- Collaborate with different organizations on campus to promote opportunities to put faith into action in the community as well as at St. Norbert College

**Habitat for Humanity Intern**, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI, 2005

- Contacted volunteers and coordinating schedule for the De Pere Build III, the St. Norbert College student-led built that took place the fall of 2005.
- Sent updates for the St. Norbert College Habitat Chapter via the website and email list serves
- Sent and organized thank you notes to the family, build leaders, major donors and sponsors
- Created a digital videodisk for volunteers and coordinated details for the De Pere Build III house dedication celebration

**LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**St. Norbert College Habitat for Humanity**

- Vice President (2006-2007)
- Secretary (2005-2006)

**St. Norbert College Department of Leadership Service and Involvement**

- Emerging Leaders Apprentice Coach Spring 2007
- 100 Men Who Cook Personal Relations Chair Spring 2007
- Emerging Leaders Project Co-Leader Fall 2005
- Emerging Leaders Program August 2004 – May 2005

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

- Board of Trustees Scholarship
- Father Gries Scholarship
- Rath Scholarship
- National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) Award
- Deans List
- Norbertine Leadership and Service Award

**VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

- 100 Men Who Cook Benefit Dinner
- Turning Responsibility into Powerful Service (TRIPS) Participant
- Shack-a-thon Project Co-Leader & Participant
- Tutoring at West De Pere Middle School
- Habitat for Humanity (HFH)
- Students of Wisconsin Educator's Association (SWEA)

**REFERENCES**

Electronic Portfolio, Credential File, and References Available Upon Request