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SUMMARY Experienced instructor with over fourteen years of outstanding performance in communication, academia, management, and sales. Accomplishments strongly enhanced by diverse experience as college educator, director and fitness instructor of a physical fitness center, and litigation specialist for prestigious attorneys located within Charlotte and Atlanta. Excellent communication skills and proven track record of surpassing goals in education, community programs, and motivating students with quality instruction.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN ACADEMIA

Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama **01/2016-present**
Adjunct Public Safety Telecommunications Instructor

- Experience in teaching Interpersonal Communications and Technical Writing
- Plan and tailor instruction for online classroom
- Design course curriculum
- Appraise, review, and grade student assignments

Gadsden State Community College, Anniston, Alabama **01/2014-present**
English and Speech Instructor

Adjunct English and Speech Instructor **2006-2013**

- Experience in teaching English Composition I & II, Developmental English, Technical English, American Literature, and Fundamentals of Oral Communication
- Plan and tailor instruction for traditional and on-line settings
- Prepare course materials, objectives, and syllabi
- Design course curriculum
- Implement innovative strategies to accommodate diverse needs of students
- Employ current technological standards and classroom technologies
- Teach traditional and online American Literature, English Composition I & II, and Fundamentals of Oral Communication using interactive student methods
- Appraise and review individual student performances
- Serve as the faculty sponsor for the college's first Drama Club
- Serve as faculty adviser for the Skills USA prepared speech team

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama **08/2013-12/2013**
Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Create lesson plans, class activities, and lectures for Public Speaking 101
- Lecture on current material while providing theoretical framework and realistic examples
- Appraise, review, and grade student assignments and presentations
- Advise students on presentations, research, and delivery
- Employ technology in each lecture utilizing classroom technologies

EDUCATION

**Master of Arts in Communication Management
University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, Alabama
August 2014**

- 3.92 Grade Point Average
- Current projects for future publication:
- “The Good Ol’ Girl: Creation of a Modern Southern Social Type” (2014, Ind. Study)
- "An Overview of the Obstacles to Online Learning" (2008, CM 601),
- "Public Health Campaign for Strength Training and Senior Citizens" (2013, CM 618),

**Master of Arts in English
Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama
May 2006**

- Member of Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, and The Pinnacle Honor Societies
- Who’s Who in America’s Colleges and Universities
- 3.6 Grade Point Average

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

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| “The Good Ol’ Girl: Creation of a Modern Southern Social Type”
Alabama Communication Association Conference, Tuscaloosa, Alabama | 2015 |
| "Yoga as a Stress Reducer at the Work Place"
OHG Wellness for presentation at City of Albertville, Albertville, Alabama | 2009 |
| "Yoga as a Stress Reducer at the Work Place"
OHG Wellness for presentation at Parker Hannafin, Jacksonville, Alabama | 2008 |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICE

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| Skills USA Speech Team Adviser
Gadsden State Community College, Anniston, Alabama | 2016 |
| SACS Accreditation Writing Committee
Gadsden State Community College, Anniston, Alabama | 2016 |
| English Instructor Hiring Committee
Gadsden State Community College, Anniston, Alabama | 2015 |
| Hospitality Committee
Gadsden State Community College, Anniston, Alabama | 2014-16 |
| Drama Club Sponsor
Gadsden State Community College, Anniston, Alabama | 2014-present |
| “Power Point Made Easy” Professional Development presentation
Gadsden State Community College, Anniston, Alabama | 2014 |

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Gold's Gym/Club Fitness, Jacksonville, Alabama **2004 to 2008**

Club Manager, Group Fitness Instructor, Personal Trainer

- Directed all operations of a fitness center with over 1,200 members
- Responsible for recruitment, training, and management of a staff of 25 employees
- Created and implemented numerous sales promotions, fitness endorsements, and new group fitness programs and launch parties
- Increased sales and profitability through promotion in community programs
- Plan and present group fitness classes to diverse audiences considering specific needs of audience members

Orlando & Kopelman, P. C. (Attorney at Law), Atlanta, Georgia **2001 to 2003**

Case Manager

- Worked directly with Senior Partners in mass tort litigation against major pharmaceutical companies
- Represented firm at various conferences and seminars throughout the U.S.
- Extensive communication with over 3,000 litigants and third party co-counsels

Bush & Powers, P. A. (Attorney at Law), Charlotte, North Carolina **1999 to 2001**

Lead Paralegal to Senior Partners

- Extensive writing of pleadings, subpoenas, and legal correspondence under intense time limitations
- Widespread scheduling and communication with judges, attorneys, and clients
- Prepared for trial and depositions with notes, summaries, and exhibits

REFERENCES

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