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| PROFESSIONAL  EXPERIENCE | 2017 - present New Daydream Films  I sold one script to New Daydream Films. I spent the last months working on other writing projects with the hope that the films from my screenplays soon would be made and that residuals quickly would pour in. Shoot dates have been delayed. Residuals are not pouring in; therefore, I am now looking for a job.  2014 - 2017 Arroyo Pacific Academy Arcadia, CA  English Teacher   * Taught freshmen and sophomore English. * Taught various levels of English as a Second Language. * Taught SAT Prep. * Advised and mentored students. * Created a Conversational English Club. * Helped create Computer Game Club.   2004 - 2014 La Salle High School Pasadena, CA  English Teacher   * Taught sophomores (British Literature), juniors (American Literature), and seniors (a variety of offerings). * Created and implemented a women and literature course for seniors that it filled many gaps in the curriculum. * Created and implemented independent study offerings. * Helped start and taught Camp College, a summer course that helped juniors prepare their application packets for college. * Tutored students who participated in the Rotary Speech Contest (students have done very well). * Started and served as the moderator for the mock trial team, which has won many awards. * Helped implement and taught an on-campus SAT prep course. * Implemented AP Language and Composition course. * Implemented and ran a Special Project/Scholars Theses program.   2001- 2004 The Harrisburg Academy Wormleysburg, PA  English Teacher; Chair, English Department   * Taught English 9, English 10, a speech class for seniors, and AP Language and Composition for juniors, and World Religions. * Served on the Curriculum Committee. * Tended to departmental matters. * Served on the Strategic Planning Committee.   1999- 2001 The Ross School East Hampton, NY  English Teacher   * Created and taught curriculum for 11th English. * Team taught combined 11th English and history class. * Taught and tutored ESL students. * Taught a few elective courses.   1997 - 1999 Telegroup, Inc Fairfield, IA  Manager of Customer Relations and Mailing   * Ran and supervised projects around the world. * Coordinated the creation and distribution of inserts and mailings for Domestic and International Customer Service. * Represented Customer Service on many teams charged with implementing new programs. * Troubleshot and resolved day-to-day and long-term problems. * Served as traffic cop for a variety of information.   1992 – 1997 MSAE (an experimental day school) Fairfield, IA  Middle School English and History Teacher   * Taught an English course, which covered reading, writing, and critical thinking skills. * Taught U.S. history course. * Mentored new teachers.   1986 – 1992 Green Fields Country Day School Tucson, AZ  English Teacher   * Taught 9th and 10th graders the basics of writing and reading. * Served as an advisor to the school literary magazine and the newspaper   (both publications won many awards).  1983 – 1986 St. Stephen’s School for Boys Alexandria, VA  English Teacher   * Taught 8th grade reading. * Taught 9th grade composition and reading course.   1983 MUM (an experimental college) Fairfield, IA   * Taught the MUM version of English 101 at their Washington DC campus   1981 – 1983 University of Maryland College Park, MD  Graduate Assistant, English Department   * Taught writing course for undergraduate pre-nursing students. * Served as a teaching assistant for Introduction to Film as Literature. * Taught freshman composition.   1980 – 1981 Commonwealth Christian School Fairfax, VA   * Taught English, Science, and PE to 7 and 8   1979 – 1980 Divine Redeemer Elementary Charlotte, SC   * Taught English Language Arts to 6,7, and 8 |
| PUBLICATIONS AND AWARDS | *She’ll Be Home For Christmas,* a novel, was published in February 2020. Early reviews are excellent. [https://www.amazon.com/Shell-Home-Christmas-Steve-Bensinger-ebook/dp/B084KKFZHN/ref=sr\_1\_1?keywords=She%27ll+Be+Home+for+Christmas&qid=1581276879&s=digital-text&sr=1-1](https://www.amazon.com/Shell-Home-Christmas-Steve-Bensinger-ebook/dp/B084KKFZHN/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=She'll+Be+Home+for+Christmas&qid=1581276879&s=digital-text&sr=1-1) is a link to the book on Amazon.  *Tips for Teaching ESL* was published in April, 2017.  *Tips for Teaching High School English* was published in 2010. It has earned excellent reviews and is selling well as an e-book on Amazon.com.  “The Aristotle, McDonald’s, *Star Trek* Connection,” an article on a teaching technique, was published in the Spring 1984 *Momentum*, a journal for educators. |
| EDUCATION | M.A. English from the University of Maryland   * Nominated to Phi Beta Kappa. * Served as a graduate assistant.   B.A. English from the University of Maryland   * Dean’s List sophomore to senior year * Largely put myself through college via the G.I. Bill and a job as a security guard for empty buildings and crowded concerts. * History minor |
| MILITARY SERVICE | U.S Army 1971-1974   * Instructor, Camp Campbell Survival School * Squad leader, Experimental Air Mobile Anti-Tank Unit * Instructor, Ranger Department, Ft. Benning, Georgia * Graduate of Ranger, Jump, Jumpmaster schools as well as infantry AIT and basic training. |
| TECHNOLOGY SKILLS | Always have gotten along well with tech. Have been using SMART Boards and iPads for years. Also am familiar with Word and various software packages. |
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