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Professional Experience

Educational Consultant

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Present

Providing educational consulting to organizations in need of coaching, facilitated professional learning, learner-focused curricular programming, instructional design, and strategic planning.

Vice Principal (Elementary)

Sept 2014 - July 2019

[Upper Grand District School Board](http://www.ugdsb.on.ca)

Working collaboratively with the Principal to build community, ensure implementation of curriculum and Ministry guidelines, and maintain an equitable and inclusive learning environment for approximately 450 students and 30 teachers.

Additional Qualifications Course Instructor

2011 - present

[Wilfrid Laurier University](http://www.wilfridlaurier.ca)

Teaching in-service educators AQ courses in a variety of formats - Face-to-face, hybrid and online:

Integration of Information and Computer Technology in Instruction: Part 1

Integration of Information and Computer Technology in Instruction: Part 2

Integration of Information and Computer Technology in Instruction: Specialist

Community and Curriculum Leader

Sept 2017 - present

[CodeToLearn.ca](http://www.codetolearn.ca)

This grant project is Federally funded from Can Code To Learn and serves Canadian youth, educators and community members to provide MicroWorlds EX and JR software, books, micro:bits and professional learning in order to support computational thinking, programming and digital literacy skills.

Education Officer (secondment from UGDSB)

April 2015 - June 2018

Ontario Ministry of Education

- supporting the creation and facilitation of the \$10 million dollar Innovation in Learning Fund for all 72 school districts in Ontario
- fostering deeper learning for Ontario's two million students through an emphasis on authentic and experiential learning, global competencies, and technology enabled learning and teaching
- supporting the Minister of Education's mandate to focus on the whole child to foster achievement, equity and well-being for all students
- driving pedagogical shifts afforded by technology, including deeper learning, digital citizenship education and digital literacy
- building capacity in using design thinking as a problem solving methodology with school districts through the Edu Design Lab

Co-Founder Minds On Media

2009 - present

[Minds on Media](http://www.minds-on-media.ca)

Profile

I use my professional knowledge and understanding of the learning sciences, pedagogy, curriculum, assessment, and technology to design engaging, inclusive, and global learning environments in which to foster achievement, well-being, equity and global competencies.

I provide short-term and long-term professional learning for teachers, both virtual and f2f. For a list of presentations, workshops and conference organization please see my blog at <http://brendasherry.com>

Passions/Skills

- Fostering equitable and inclusive environments
- Constructivism/constructionism
- Project-based learning
- Coding and Computational Thinking
- Social media and Media Literacy
- Differentiated instruction
- Appreciative Inquiry
- Evoacative Coaching
- Building online community
- Action research

References

Dr. Julie Mueller

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Bruce Alexander

This constructivist model of educator professional learning fosters learning about effective technology enabled pedagogy through learner-driven collaborative and connected learning.

Field Experience Officer, Wilfrid Laurier University

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OTF Connects /Conference Organizer Sept 2011 - present

Ontario Teachers' Federation

Co-ordinated OTF conferences about Critical Thinking , 21st Century Teaching and Learning, and Pedagogy B4 Technology provided leadership in the design of OTF Connects by selecting and building capacity in teacher facilitators to effectively conduct online learning sessions through webinars.

Ontario Software Acquisition Program Advisory Committee (OSAPAC) June 2014 - August 2016

Ontario Ministry of Education

Leading Digital Citizenship writing teams of Ontario educators and advising on digital resources and applications for procurement for Ontario school districts.

Community Leader, Connected Coach Mar 2011 - May 2014

Powerful Learning Practice

Co-facilitated year-long, face-to-face and virtual professional learning for teachers through Action Research around topics related to becoming connected 21st Century learners and teachers. Served as co-leader of the Canada/New England Community and a Connected Coach with communities of educators in Australia and El Paso, Texas.

Teaching and Instructional Coaching Sept 1990 - Aug 2014

Upper Grand District School Board

Instructional Coach (2006-2014)

Working with teachers and students (K - 10) to integrate effective use of information and computer technology into classroom programs. Duties involved job-embedded coaching in the use of effective teaching strategies with assistive technology, Web 2.0 tools, software and hardware, creating online PD opportunities, co-facilitating a tech coaching program for Elementary teachers and teacher librarians, teaching digital and media literacy, and project based learning.

Sept 1990 - 2006

- Classroom Teacher Grades 1,2,1/2,4
- Designate principal - Jean Little PS
- Special Education Pr/Jr LD
- Reading Recovery™ (Grade 1)
- Special Education: Resource and Self-Contained (Grades 4-8)
- Special Education Coordinator Westwood PS

Primary Teacher/Special Education Sept 1987 - June 1990

Toronto District School Board/Etobicoke Board of Education

Grades 1 and 1/2 - Parkdale Public School - Toronto
Section 16 - Valta Treatment Centre - Etobicoke

Education

Memberships

- Ontario Principals' Council (OPC)
- Ontario College of Teachers (OCT)
- The Educational Computing Organization of Ontario (ECOO)
- International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)
- International Education and Resource Network (I*EARN)
- www.earn-canada.org

Publications

Diving Deeply: Networks or Communities?, Voices From the Learning Revolution Blog, April 2013.

Teddy Bears Go Blogging, Learning and Leading With Technology, Dec./Jan. 2006-07, Vol. 34, No. 4, pg. 36-37.

Awards

YMCA/YWCA of Guelph - Women of Distinction Award (Information Technology) 2014

Everyday Hero Award for Exemplary Service - Upper Grand DSB 2013

Making IT Happen Award - International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) 2012

Additional Learning

AQ Principal's Qualification - Part 2 (2014)

AQ Principal's Qualification - Part 1 (2013)

Teaching Online Course - Powerful Learning Practice (2011)

Connected Coaching Online Course - Powerful Learning Practice (2011)

AQ Intermediate Division - Dramatic Arts (2009)

Smart Exemplary Educator Certification (2008)

Master of Education
University of Toronto, OISE/UT
Master of Education in Curriculum, Teaching and Learning with a focus on educational technology.

May 2005 - Jun 2008

Reading Recovery Certification (1996)
AQ Primary Division - Part 1 (1989)
AQ Special Education - Part 1 (Learning Disabilities) (1987)

Bachelor of Education
University of Toronto
Primary/Junior

Jan 1987 - May 1989

Bachelor of Arts, Honours
York University
Psychology

Jan 1982 - Apr 1986