



ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

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A Northern Wisconsin “local”, my high school alma mater is merely 60 miles away. I grew up here with my seven siblings on the same dairy farm that my father’s Dutch-immigrant parents settled in the 1920’s (via the factories of Chicago and immigration station at Ellis Island). The passion I have for education runs deep, as my mother’s Scandinavian-immigrant family settled Northern Wisconsin in the logging camps of the 1890’s, donating the lumber and land upon which to build one of the first public one-room schoolhouses in the area.

After high school graduation, I re-located to Southern Wisconsin for a decade to study and instruct, only to happily return to the beautiful Northwoods. Before I returned to Northern Wisconsin, in 2004, where I have taught English and Social Studies for several years (primarily at Phillips and Ladysmith public high schools), I graduated from the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh with a Bachelor of Science in English (American Literature emphasis), and an American history minor (Industrial Era/Labor Movement emphasis). Later, I received my Masters of Arts in Secondary Education (English Language Arts and Social Studies emphases) from the Saint Mary’s University of Minnesota.

Early in my career, I taught high school English at Lourdes Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin for the Unified Catholic School District of Oshkosh. During my employment at Lourdes Academy, I received the Rudoy Award for Teaching Excellence from the Oshkosh Area Community Foundation.

In my professional life, I have traveled to Yakima, Washington, to interact and instruct migrant workers and their children, as well as to San Juan, Puerto Rico, to study culture and education. Always a fan



of international experiences, I participated in a teacher-exchange program between Hessen, Germany, and Wisconsin teachers sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. My local experience with international students began at the Ladysmith public high school in 2012 when I began working with the North Cedar Academy population. I served as a Local Coordinator and host family for several years with the Council for International Educational Exchange (CIEE) and traveled extensively with that organization.

I am so happy to be returning to North Cedar Academy to instruct English Language Arts, Public Speaking, Literature in Film, American Literature: Poetry, and co-advising Drama in the evenings with fellow English Instructor, Mr. Chris Shearouse. Early in NCA’s existence, I instructed English Language Arts and English as a Second Language part-time.