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**Library Media Specialist**  
**Information and Communications Literacy Instructor (ICL/IT)**  
**Social Studies Teacher**  
**Gifted and Talented Program Coordinator**  
**Online Learning Specialist**  
**Curriculum Developer**

## Skill Set

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**Library Media Specialist (K-12):** Teacher-Librarian skills: collection development, reference, cataloging, reader's advisory and environment enhancement for creatively promoting a culture for reading and inquiry. Teaching expertise for media-enhanced instruction across ability levels and learning styles. Curriculum design leadership for information literacy standards integration. Database management.

**Gifted and Talented Education Services (GATE) Coordination:** Administration skills to manage GATE Team of specialists collaborating with classroom teachers to develop and deliver differentiated curriculum. Screening of students for GATE: criteria development, implementation and placement. Integration of library services and resources, curricular and extra-curricular opportunities in order to achieve whole school enrichment. Project-based learning coordination.

**Web Resource development/Distance Learning Coordination/ One-to-one Laptop:** Use Mambo and FrontPage to design Library web pages that house curriculum-aligned sites, databases, videos, slide shows, interactive drills and other information literacy lesson material. WebQuest authoring. Management of Moodle and Blackboard online classrooms. Design and implementation of distance learning activities. Experience and insight providing professional development and strategic planning to support One-to-One Laptop Program.

**Digital Media Production:** Educational videos for promoting information literacy and other curricular goals using Pinnacle Studio 9, Camtasia, PhotoStory; Web Site creation using FrontPage, Moodle, Expression Web, Dreamworks and Publisher. Software programs Fireworks, Irfanview, Snag-it, Snipping Tool, Paint and Dazzle for still images; Microsoft Office programs such as Excel, PowerPoint, and Draw.

**Curriculum Design and Implementation:** Applying McTighe's "Backwards Design" approach to implement cross-curricular goals and differentiation. Implementation of US National Standards of Social Studies, Information Literacy Standards, 6+1 Traits Writing resources, Big 6 Research Process, Habits of Mind, De Bono's Six Hats Thinking, and Brain-based Learning models.

**Social Studies Teaching:** Grades 7-12. US History, World Cultures, Western Civilization, Model United Nations, Government and Advanced Placement US History.

**Community-building and Faculty Sponsorship:** Administration of community activities for adults and students: Student Council, Literary Magazine, Newspaper, MUN, Ecology Club, Literature Circle Club, Political Discussion Group and service projects.

## Education

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**Longwood College,** Farmville, VA (May 2002). M.Ed. Program: Certified as Library Media Specialist.

**Teachers College, Columbia University,** New York NY (1988). Masters in Teaching of Social Studies.

**Cornell University,** Ithaca NY (1986). B.A. Double-major: Government and Soviet Studies.

Additional Coursework: *Giftedness: Raising the Potential, Dimensions of Learning/ Habits of Mind, Cognitive Coaching, Future Problem Solving. A regular attendee of EARCOS and NESAs conferences.*

## Professional Contributions

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*Publications:* "All Aboard: Technology Integration and Curriculum Development" in ISTE's **Learning and Leading with Technology**, Dec./Jan. 2008. "Using Images to Focus Attention, Evoke Emotions, and Enrich Learning" in **Multi-Media & Internet @ Schools**, Sept./Oct., 2005. Articles for **The International Educator** (on curriculum development and Developing Virtual School during SARS.) "Community Counts," monthly column in **Just Kid'n**, Charlottesville, VA. *Memberships:* National Association for the Gifted and Talented and American Library Association. Awarded HKIS's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary Award for Providing Leadership in Service Learning.

## Experience

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**Taipei American School** (2007 - present). *Head Middle School Library Media Specialist.* Adopted and implemented a K-12 Research Model using Big6. To support our 1:1 Laptop initiative, provide professional development workshops and resource acquisition support to integrate use of Web 2.0 and other technology tools for learning based on curricular needs. Through extensive collaboration efforts, developed and taught information literacy lessons integrated with language arts, social studies, Mandarin, Life Skills and science units. Authored curriculum-related Webquests. Using softwares Camtasia and Photostory, created a large number of internet-based instructional videos for online access and reinforcement of research skills. Library collection development focused on grade 6-8 unit support as well as supporting the needs and interests of ESL learners at the MS level. Conducted parent information sessions on library resource use and cyber-safety to promote the school's professional image and enhance our partnerships for learning. Completed last stages of library renovation. Provided online and workshop support to US citizens for voter registration as well as school-wide Mock Election.

**References from TAS:** Glenn Wolfe, Head of K-12 Library [wolfeg@tas.edu.tw](mailto:wolfeg@tas.edu.tw). Cathy Funk, (retired principal) [wm.funk@gmail.com](mailto:wm.funk@gmail.com) Michelle Hiteman, (principal beginning Aug. 2008) [hitemanm@tas.edu.tw](mailto:hitemanm@tas.edu.tw). Dr. Candace Aiani at [aianic@tas.edu.tw](mailto:aianic@tas.edu.tw). TAS phone: 886-2-2873-9900.

**Hong Kong International School** (2002 - 2007). *Library Media Specialist:* Transitioned the library from fixed to flexible library schedule. Taught information literacy lessons. Spearheaded curriculum development projects. Webmaster for library web site housing curriculum-aligned resources, information literacy lesson materials, and 2 online classrooms. Managed *Scholastic Reading Counts* database. Developed online units for "Virtual School" during SARS crisis.

*Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator:* Administered team of subject specialists and counselors. Transitioned HKIS's service delivery to a "whole school" program. Transformed screening criteria. Developed online, after school and Saturday activity programs to meet domain-specific needs of students. Developed project-based learning activities such as: school newspaper, Student Council Constitution Amendment project, literary magazine, Literature Circles, Ecology Club, Young Inventors, Beads for Needs service learning project, morning video broadcasts, and geography games Web site and videos. Trained in Future Problem Solving. Managed GATE web site. *Sponsor:* Student Council.

**References from HKIS:** Gary Woodford, Associate Principal [gwoodford@hkis.edu.hk](mailto:gwoodford@hkis.edu.hk) ; Dr. Bruce Kelsh, Principal [bkesh@hkis.edu.hk](mailto:bkesh@hkis.edu.hk). All at (852)2812-5304 in Hong Kong. Dr. Rob Beck, Director of Student Services, American School in Johannesburg Phone: 27 11 464 1505 or [rbeck@aisj-jhb.com](mailto:rbeck@aisj-jhb.com)

**Parents of Preschoolers in Charlottesville** (1999 - 2002). *Founder and webmaster* for non-profit, community-building organization of 300 local families. Compiled resources and newsletter, designed and implemented activities such as field trips and other learning activities for children, parenting book talks, and monthly blood drive.

**American International School-Riyadh** *Riyadh, Saudi Arabia* (1993 - 1997). *Teacher:* World History Reading. *Sponsor:* MS Student Council. Ref: Dr. Jim Liebrecht-Previously Principal. [jllebrecht2005@yahoo.com](mailto:jllebrecht2005@yahoo.com) (828) 891-3606 in USA. Dr. Jack Davis-Previously Director. [davisusdk@hotmail.com](mailto:davisusdk@hotmail.com) +33 (0)1 41 12 82 65 in Paris.

**International School of Aberdeen** Aberdeen, Scotland (1991 - 1993). *Teacher:* AP American History, American History, World History, Government, MUN. *Advisor:* Student Store, 9th Grade Student Council, MUN. *Department Chairperson.* Ref: Steve Sibley-Previously Principal. [sibleys@ebv.org.ve](mailto:sibleys@ebv.org.ve) 58 261 794 0000 in Venezuela. Everett Gould-Previously Head of School. [eggouldaisj@hotmail.com](mailto:eggouldaisj@hotmail.com) (253) 857-7954 in USA.

**American International School Cyprus** Nicosia, Cyprus (1990 - 1991). *Teacher:* 20<sup>th</sup> Century World History, Western Civilization, Global Studies, Economics, Model United Nations. *Sponsor:* HS Student Council, MUN Delegation trip to The Hague MUN, Boarding School. Ref: Mark Ulfers- Previously Head of School.  
[Mark\\_ulfers@fis.edu](mailto:Mark_ulfers@fis.edu) +49 (0) 6171-2020 in Germany.

**New Jersey Public Schools: East Dover School** Dover, NJ (1989 - 1990). *Teacher:* 8th grade American History, 8th grade Current Events. *Sponsor:* MS Student Council. **Glen Rock Junior and Senior High School** Glen Rock, NJ (1989). *Teacher:* 7th grade World History. *Coach:* Softball.

### **Interests and Community Involvement:**

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Served community as the liaison with US Federal Government for voter registration activities. Webmaster for Phi Delta Kappa in Taiwan. Community League Baseball coach. Enjoy writing, ecology, children's emotional development, volleyball, literature, service-learning, world religions, and community building. Coordinate a children's literature circle club and a Dungeons and Dragons club. Served as Assistant Clerk and webmaster, Hong Kong Monthly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers.) Assist in Friends' information sharing in Taipei. Lead "Tawk Politics," a faculty discussion group.