**Summary**

Passionate and dedicated educator with a strong background in social sciences and a commitment to civic engagement. Currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Social Sciences with a concentration in Teacher Education to gain advanced skills in curriculum development, historical inquiry, and culturally responsive teaching. Proven ability to create engaging, student-centered learning experiences and to mentor students in developing their critical thinking skills. Seeking a high school teaching position to inspire the next generation of global citizens.

**Education**

**Master of Arts in Social Sciences with a Concentration in Teacher Education** | Expected May 2026

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* *Relevant Coursework:* Historical Inquiry, Advanced Political Science, Curriculum and Assessment in Social Sciences, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Methods for Teaching Social Studies

**Bachelor of Arts in History** | May 2024

University of Illinois at Chicago | Chicago, IL

* *Relevant Coursework:* U.S. History, World History, Political History, Research Methods

**Experience**

**Social Studies Teacher** | August 2024 – Present

Park Forest-Chicago Heights High School | Park Forest, IL

* Taught U.S. History and civics to a diverse group of students, focusing on primary source analysis and historical thinking skills.
* Developed and implemented standards-based curriculum, resulting in a 10% increase in average student project scores.
* Collaborated with department colleagues to align curriculum and share best teaching practices.
* Utilized formative and summative assessments to track student progress and inform instructional adjustments.

**Student Teacher** | January 2024 – May 2024

Park Forest-Chicago Heights High School | Park Forest, IL

* Collaborated with a veteran teacher to plan and deliver engaging lessons for a high school civics class.
* Implemented a project-based learning unit that required students to research and present on a current local issue.
* Graded assignments and provided detailed, constructive feedback to students.

**Research Assistant** | August 2023 – December 2023

University of Illinois Department of History | Chicago, IL

* Supported a faculty research project by collecting and organizing historical data from archival sources.
* Conducted literature reviews and assisted with the editing of a research paper on 20th-century urban history.

**Projects**

**M.A. Capstone Project: Developing a Curriculum Unit on Modern Global Conflicts** | May 2026

Governors State University | University Park, IL

* Designed a comprehensive three-week, standards-aligned unit for a high school world history class on modern global conflicts.
* Created a series of primary source analysis activities and a debate to help students understand multiple perspectives.

**Undergraduate Research Project: The Impact of the Civil Rights Movement in Chicago** | November 2023

University of Illinois at Chicago | Chicago, IL

* Researched the local history of the Civil Rights Movement in Chicago, focusing on grassroots organizing and community action.
* Wrote an academic paper detailing the findings, which was presented at an undergraduate research conference.

**Awards & Certificates**

* **Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL)** with High School Social Science Endorsement: Expected May 2026
* **Dean's List:** University of Illinois at Chicago (Fall 2022, Spring 2023)

**Volunteer Work**

**Youth Civic Engagement Program Mentor** | September 2023 – Present

Local Non-Profit Organization | University Park, IL

* Mentored high school students on topics of civic responsibility, government structure, and local politics.
* Organized mock legislative sessions and debates to help students understand the policymaking process.

**Community History Project Volunteer** | January 2023 – May 2023

Chicago History Museum | Chicago, IL

* Assisted with the digitization and cataloging of historical documents and photographs.
* Provided tours and informational support for museum visitors during special events.

**Skills**

* **Pedagogical:** Lesson Planning, Classroom Management, Differentiated Instruction, Inquiry-Based Learning, Standardized Test Preparation
* **Research & Analysis:** Historical Research, Primary Source Analysis, Data Collection, Statistical Analysis (SPSS)
* **Software:** Learning Management Systems (LMS), Google Workspace for Education, Microsoft Office Suite, Archival Databases
* **Interpersonal:** Student Mentorship, Parent-Teacher Communication, Public Speaking, Problem-Solving