

# Amanda Allen Dennison

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## EDUCATION

### **Michigan State University**

*Anticipated Master of Arts in Education*

- Double Concentration in Literacy and Special Education

East Lansing, MI  
*January 2011-August 2012*

### **University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill**

*Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education K-6*

- Focus in Language Arts and Literature

Chapel Hill, NC  
*August 2001- May 2005*

### **Asheboro High School**

*Distinguished and Honored Graduate*

Asheboro, NC  
*August 1997- May 2001*

## LICENSURE

### **Elementary Education K-6**

*Issued by the State of North Carolina*

*May 2005*

### **English as a Second Language**

*Issued by the State of North Carolina*

*May 2008*

## EXPERIENCE

### **Hong Kong International School**

*Substitute Teacher*

- Substitute taught in grades K-2, including a maternity leave in Grade 2

Hong Kong SAR  
*Miscellaneous Dates between August 2011-June 2012*

### **Private Tutor**

*Tutor to Pre-School Aged Children*

- Planned and implemented developmentally appropriate educational activities in literacy and math

Hong Kong SAR  
*October 2011- Present*

### **Hong Kong International School**

*Reception 2 (Kindergarten) Teacher*

- Provided a holistic education to nurture students' cognitive, social-emotional, physical, and spiritual development
- Received a grant to write curriculum for the kindergarten reading program
- Taught an international population of up to 18 kindergarteners

Hong Kong SAR  
*August 2008-June 2010*

### **Creekside Elementary School**

*Kindergarten Teacher*

- Created and delivered a balanced, integrated, differentiated and developmentally appropriate curriculum
- Taught a diverse population of up to 26 kindergarteners who spoke various native languages
- Taught in an ESL and special needs inclusion classroom

Durham, NC  
*August 2005-June 2008*

### **Durham Public Schools**

*Curriculum Writer*

- Wrote curriculum for district teachers to use which integrated technology standards with core subjects

Durham, NC  
*June 2007*

### **Glenwood Elementary School**

*Reading Recovery Long-Term Substitute Teacher*

- Taught reading to students performing below grade level, grades K-3

Chapel Hill, NC  
*April-June 2005*

## **Cameron Park Elementary School**

*Student Teacher*

Hillsborough, NC  
*August 2004- May 2005*

- Wrote and independently taught integrated units based on 4MAT model of learning, grade K

## **University Child Care**

*Teacher Assistant*

Chapel Hill, NC  
*May- August 2004*

- Co-taught a class of eight 22 to 28-month-olds at an accredited child care center

## **LEADERSHIP**

### **HKIS New Teacher Mentor**

*2009-2010*

- Provided guidance and support to two new teachers throughout their first year at HKIS

### **HKIS Associate Principal Search Committee**

*2008-2009*

- Participated in the interviewing and selection of a new Associate Principal

### **Creekside Elementary Site-Based Decision Making Committee**

*2007-2008*

- Represented interests of Creekside faculty on school's shared decision making committee

### **Creekside Elementary Positive Behavior Support Committee**

*2006-2008*

- Facilitated creation and implementation of school-wide Positive Behavior Support system
- Served as committee chairperson

### **UNC Elementary Education Decision Making Committee**

*2004- 2005*

- Represented the interests of students in the Elementary Education Program at UNC-CH
- Participated in the formation of Elementary Education program curriculum

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **Reading and Writing Workshop Professional Development**

*2008- 2010*

- Ongoing one-on-one and group training in the implementation of Reading and Writing Workshop
- Emphasis on the continuum of child development in reading and writing
- Led by renowned literacy consultants Matt Glover, Carrie Ekey, and Maggie Moon

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Southeast Asian Technology Conference**

*October 2009*

### **Columbia University Teachers College Writing Institute**

*July 2008*

## **HONORS**

### **North Carolina Teaching Fellows Scholarship Program**

*July 2001- May 2005*

- Recipient of a full scholarship to UNC-CH, the most competitive university in the program
- Participated in classes, practicums, and enrichment extending beyond the normal education curriculum

### **Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education**

*References available upon request:*

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