

Deborah J. Kaiser

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**Regarded for the ability to engage students in the story of history by using content knowledge, decision-making skills, critical thinking skills, problem-solving skills, historical thinking strategies and collaboration while connecting it to the present and making it relevant to their lives.**

## Education

**MASTER OF ARTS IN AMERICAN HISTORY AND GOVERNMENT | DECEMBER 2020 | ASHLAND UNIVERSITY**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE SOCIAL SCIENCE EDUCATION | MAY 1991 | UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA**

**ELEMENTARY EDUCATION | 1993-1995 | UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

- Completed Elementary Education classes to complete Florida State Certification in Elementary Education 1-6

## Certifications and Endorsements

**FLORIDA EDUCATORS CERTIFICATIONS: SOCIAL SCIENCE, 6-12; ELEMENTARY, 1-6.**

## Experience

**TEACHER | SARASOTA COUNTY SCHOOLS | 1991-PRESENT**

- Sarasota Middle School 1995-Present
  - Teacher of Social Studies in the fields of World History (Ancient Civilizations), World Geography, United States History, and Civics. Grade levels sixth through eighth, including both single grade, multi-aged classrooms and special needs students.
  - Special Activities include leading students in a school-wide Civil War Camp day; faculty advisor for the Student Council, faculty advisor for History Bowl, participating in school, county and state levels of National History Day both as an advisor to students and a judge at the county and state level.
  - Mentor Teacher, 2017-2023
  - Concurrent Teacher, teaching both the online learner and face to face learners in the same classroom at the same time, 2020-2021
- McIntosh Middle School 1994-1995
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher
- Substitute Teacher 1991-1994
  - Substitute positions included daily classroom positions, long term positions including Exceptional Student Education (special needs), and Social Studies Classrooms
  - Laurel Middle School 1993-1994, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade United States History, long term substitute

## **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA | 2004-2018**

- Manatee District Training Team 2006-2018
  - Teacher led trainings to introduce and prepare new adult leaders work with children at various age levels in the scouting program.
- Merit Badge Counselor 2008-2018
  - Merit Badge Counselor for Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Community, and American Heritage merit badges.
- Troop Committee Chairperson 2008-2013
  - Supports leaders in carrying out the Boy Scout program, by recruiting leaders, budgeting and managing troop finances, logistical support and guiding the troop yearly program planning.
  - Troop Committee Member, 2013-2015, continued to support troop functions including mentoring new chairperson.

## **FLORIDA COUNCIL FOR HISTORY EDUCATION | 2021-PRESENT**

- Board Member
  - Supports council with membership, grant writing and website creation

## **Skills & Abilities**

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- Participated in a variety of content specific coursework, seminars, conferences, and workshops with institutions such as The DBQ Project, The DBQ Project-Online, Ashbrook Center, Trial Lawyers Section of the Florida Bar, Gilder Lehrman Institute, The Florida Joint Center for Citizenship, and the Florida Council for History Education.
- Participated in a variety of pedagogical coursework and workshops on topics such as Restorative Strategies, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learners, Doug Fisher-Gradual Release of Responsibility, Literacy in the Content Area, Special Populations of Gifted Learners and technology courses to use in the TechActive classroom (Blackboard, LanSchool, Microsoft products, Zoom, Nearpod)
- A transcript of professional development is available upon request.

### **PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- Presenter: Using Primary Sources in an American History Class to Close the Achievement Gap of the Lower Quartile, SOURCES Annual Conference, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL (January 2020)
- From Overheads to Online Learning: How Far Teaching Has Come. Florida Council for History Education *In Context*, May /June 2020 Volume 3, Issue 3

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- National Council for History Education
- National Council for Social Studies
- Florida Council for History Education

### **RELATED WORK EXPERIENCES**

- Mentor Teacher, 2017-2023
- Created lesson plans for Advanced Eight Grade United States History for a Blackboard Preview Course to be used by Sarasota County Teachers including virtual lessons, July 2020

- Professional Learning Community 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Civics Leader, 2019-2020, 2022-2023
- Professional Learning Community 7<sup>th</sup> Grade U. S. History Leader, 2018-2019, 2021-2022
- Member of the School Safety and Security Committee, Sarasota Middle School, 2018-Present
- Member of the Professional Development Committee for Sarasota Middle School 2020-Present
- Member of the Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports Committee 2020-Present
- Co-Chair Teacher Activity Committee, Sarasota Middle School, 2010-2016
- Member of the Teacher Activity Committee, Sarasota Middle School 2017-Present
- Team Leader, Sarasota Middle School, 2000-2004, 2007-2010
- Co-Chair Safe and Orderly Committee, Sarasota Middle School, 1996-2001
- Co-Chair Shared Decision-Making Team, Sarasota Middle School, 1995-1997
- Facilitated a professional development, Using Blackboard/OneNote in a Tech Active Classroom, May 2018
- Member of the Sarasota County Social Studies textbook adoption committee for middle schools, 2018-2019
- U. S. History Common Unit Assessment writing committee member, 2019
- Student Council Teacher advisor, 2012-2014
- History Bowl Teacher co-advisor, 2021-2022

## **AWARDS**

- Awarded Outstanding Teacher of American History, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sara DeSoto Chapter, 2021
- Nominated Gilder Lehrman Institute National History Teacher of the Year in 2018 and 2019
- Nominated Teacher of the Year at Sarasota Middle School in 2006-2007 and 2018-2019
- Awarded The 2018 Buchwald Summer Fellowship in American History and Government at the Ashland University, Ohio
- Awarded a Gilder Lehrman Teacher Summer Seminar in 2017 and 2018