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PROFILE

As an assistant policy researcher at RAND and a Ph.D. student at the Pardee RAND Graduate School, my goal is to research, design, and implement policies that will address community needs, educational equity, social-economic and racial disparities, culturally responsive pedagogy, and early childhood education. Prior to Pardee RAND, I have worked in elementary and secondary schools as an educator within the Los Angeles Unified School District and the Bellevue Unified School District.

EDUCATION

Pardee RAND Graduate School, Santa Monica, CA Ph.D. Policy Analysis, Expected June 2025

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA M.Ed Urban Education, June 2019

University of California, Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA
B.S. Microbiology, Immunology, Molecular Genetics & Minor in Education, Dec 2016

EXPERIENCE

ELEMENTARY TEACHER, LAUSD; LOS ANGELES, CA – AUG 2018 - JUN 2021

The 93rd Street STEAM Academy magnet program has a STEAM-focus to teach 21st century skills so that students can become informed global citizens and change-makers. Through building a caring classroom community that values empathy and respect, I taught in interdisciplinary ways to address the social inequities of race, gender, class, and other underrepresented groups. I used cognitively guided instruction (CGI) math workshop, book club, project based learning (PBL), and writer's workshop that centers around students.

STUDENT TEACHER, LAUSD; LOS ANGELES, CA – AUG 2017 - JUN 2018

Co-taught in two elementary schools: 3rd grade in Melrose STEM Elementary School and 2nd grade in New Open World Academy. Managed classes of 20+ students each having students with IEPs. Both schools are located in urban neighborhoods within LAUSD. Experience with CGI math training, implementing NGSS within the curriculum, carrying out PBL with a focus in STEM, and teaching CCSS for ELA and math.

CAL SERVES STEM TUTOR, AMERICORPS; SANTA ROSA, CA – JAN 2017 - JUN 2017

Tutored middle school and high school students in science and math. Mentored small groups of middle school students to build social-emotional learning, community, and self.

TUTOR, ABACUS ENRICHMENT; LOS ANGELES, CA – SEPT 2017 - PRESENT

Tutoring elementary, middle, and high school students in a wide range of subjects and standardized tests including Geometry, Algebra, Pre-calculus, elementary math, physics, chemistry, biology, ISEE, and ACT.

PUBLICATIONS

Lee, S., Wottrich, S., & Bonavida, B. (2017). Crosstalks between Raf-kinase inhibitor protein and cancer stem cell transcription factors (Oct4, KLF4, Sox2, Nanog). *Tumor Biology*, 39(4), 1010428317692253.

SKILLS

- Strong literary and analytical skills
- Skilled in Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel
- Languages: English (native), Korean (fluent), Spanish (basic)

DISTINCTIONS AND AWARDS

Certificate of High Achievement for Asian Pacific Health Corps