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Education

Ed. D – Distance Education Regent University	December 2016
M. Ed. – Instructional Technology American Intercontinental University	December 2005
B A – Interpersonal and Group Communications Trinity International University	June 2003

Professional Experience

Instructional Connections, LLC
Dallas, TX

Chief Academic Officer

2018 – Current

As Chief Academic Officer acts as the liaison between Instructional Connections (IC) and partner institutions, building rapport with faculty ensuring that the academic support needs of the institutions are met. As grant administrator, overseeing small research grant projects with partner institutions. Ensures that all administrative and financial aspects of the project, as well as institutional risks are properly addressed and in alignment with IC's policies and procedures to allow for appropriate stewardship of project resources. Conduct ongoing academic research which surrounds the coaching model with partner universities. Participates in the research project design and implementation phase of research projects.

University of Arkansas System eVersity
Little Rock, AR

Director, Online Learning

2014 – 2018

Managed and coordinated course builds and delivery of over 100 different courses across five program areas. Supervised the work of a team of instructional designers as well as various contracted vendors and partners. Ensured that all courses were of the highest quality and consistent with the rigor of courses throughout the university system. Oversaw all accreditation requirements for online courses. Partnered with administration, faculty, and vendors. Implemented various distance learning initiatives.

Strategic Focus:

- Planning, Direction, Execution and Coordination
- Faculty Support/Student Support
- Accreditation
- Evaluation, Assessment and Reporting

Continued

University of Texas at Arlington
Arlington, TX

Manager, Academic Partnerships

2008 - 2014

Oversaw logistics and implementation of accelerated distance education programs with contracted partners for the Division of Digital Teaching and Learning. Interacted with professors in the creation of online course materials, scheduling, and the coordination of various logistical issues to ensure the development and deployment strategy established for the project is carried through to completion.

Manager, Instructional Design

2006 - 2008

Collaborated with various faculty to design online courses across departments/programs (courses designed in Science, Nursing, Sociology, Psychology, Education, etc.). Promoted to Manager of Instructional Design after 10 months of being hired as an Instructional Designer. Oversaw the units instructional design work and provided leadership for designers.

Publications

Contributing Author

Summer 2018

Title: Creating Online Learning Experiences: A Brief Guide to Online Courses, from Small and Private to Massive and Open. PressBooks. Link: <https://uta.pressbooks.pub/onlinelearning/>

Papers/Proceedings

Summer 2017

Proceedings of the 10th International Conference on Educational Data Mining, Wuhan China

Title: Predicting Student Retention from Behavior in an Online Orientation Course

Authors: Shimin Kai, Juan Miguel L. Andres, Luc Paquette, Ryan S. Baker, Kati Molnar, Harriet Watkins, Michael Moore

Dissertation

December 2016

Title: Finding the reflective learner online: Developing a richer model of reflection in a large-scale internet class.

Current Presentations

Conference on Meaningful Living and Learning in a Digital World

February 2019

Savannah GA

Title: More than meets the eye: Enhancing the learning experience through mentoring and coaching

Texas Distance Learning Association Conference

March 2019

Galveston TX

Title: Virtual Nurturing: Making Student Connections and Supporting Faculty with Coaching

United States Distance Learning Association Conference May 2019
Nashville, TN

Title: The Bass Line: Supporting Faculty with Academic Coaches

Distance Learning Association Conference June 2019
Jekyll Island, GA

Title: Providing Solutions with Embedded Academic Coaches: Support for both faculty and students!

Affiliations/Memberships

Association for the Study of Higher Education	2019 - Current
Online Learning Consortium	2016 - Current
United States Distance Learning Association	2015 - Current
Texas Distance Learning Association	2018 - Current
Golden Key International Honour Society	
▪ Advisor	2006 - 2018
▪ Member, Council of Advisors	2008 - 2012
▪ Chair, Council of Advisors	2012 - 2013

Boards

Golden Key International Honour Society	2013 - 2018
▪ Member, Board of Directors	
▪ President, International Leadership Council	
The Culture Catalyst	2018 - Current
▪ Member, Board of Directors	
▪ Board Secretary	

Professional Development

▪ Advanced Leadership Development in Higher Education	2013
▪ Seven Steps to Leading High Achieving Teams	2009
▪ Management Essentials	2008
▪ Organizational Leadership and Decision Making	2008
▪ Leadership Miami Graduate	1998