

Tina Bean Dennis

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- A dynamic teacher who fosters a highly inclusive, interactive, and interdisciplinary environment where a vibrant community of learners is engaged and eager to reach their full learning potential.

EDUCATION and CONFERENCES:

- ◆ Study Group Conference Participant: Reggio Emilia, Italy, Attended 4 days in March 2016 (30 hours)
- ◆ Columbia College Chicago Chicago, Illinois
Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, Early Childhood Education
* IL-Type 4 Professional Educator License: Birth through 3rd Grade
* Special Education: Learning Behavior Specialist I (LBS1), CPR certified
- ◆ Wheaton College, Conservatory of Music Wheaton, Illinois
Bachelor of Music, Music Composition
Elected student representative junior and senior year; attended all faculty meetings as a voice from the conservatory student body; coordinated telephone interviews for the recruitment of college students; completed various courses in Communications.
- ◆ Mattoon High School Mattoon, Illinois
Diploma, Graduated with honors

CLINICAL, STUDENT TEACHING / TEACHING EXPERIENCES:

- ◆ Indian Trail Elementary School: Downers Grove, Illinois. Summer 2018: I served as an Extended School Year Teacher for the preschool program. Through creative lessons, I ignited student interest, communicated with parents, and prepared progress reports to address student goals.
- ◆ Henry Puffer Elementary School: Downers Grove, Illinois. 2017-18: I served as a one on one Aid / Instructional Assistant (AM) in a Downers Grove, District 58 preschool. Also, I performed substitute teaching duties in Districts 58, as well as 62, 63, and CUSD201.
- ◆ J.T. Manning Elementary School: Westmont, Illinois. 2016-2017: I completed 560 hours of Primary Student Teaching and 125 hours of Practicum hours in a 1st grade classroom with children ages six to seven. To address learning standards, I designed and implemented creative lessons extending learning beyond various curricula such as; The ELA "Daily 5 Café", Collaborative Classroom's "Making Meaning", Michael Heggerty's Phonemic Awareness, and Jump and Wills', "Math Workshop". I designed interdisciplinary lessons to meet NGSS standards and "Second Step's" Social Emotional Learning goals.
- ◆ Indian Boundary YMCA Preschool: Downers Grove, Illinois. 2015-2016 I completed 225 hours of Pre-primary Student Teaching/50 hours of observations in a pre-K classroom with children ages 3 through 5.
- ◆ Easter Seals Gilchrist-Marcham: Chicago, Illinois. I completed 25 hours of observations in infant/toddler classrooms.

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- Special Education Experiences: I completed a total of 10 hours of Observation for Special Education Experiences at:
- ◆ Chicago Lighthouse: Chicago, Illinois
 - ◆ Easter Seals- Therapeutic School and Center for Autism Research: Chicago, Illinois
 - ◆ Henry Puffer Elementary School (Preschool Inclusion classroom): Downers Grove, Illinois

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- ◆ Districts 58, 62, 63, and CUSD201: Western Suburbs
Substitute Teacher
 - ◆ Was an adaptable resource, implementing a teacher's lesson plan for the day. Conveyed a detailed summary of the day's events.
- ◆ Henry Puffer Elementary School: Downers Grove, Illinois
Instructional Aid
 - ◆ Served as a one-on-one aid for a child with special needs- eager to assist with goals, leading whole-group music each week
- ◆ Indian Boundary YMCA Preschool: Downers Grove, Illinois
Preschool Teacher Assistant
 - ◆ Inspired young minds by helping the lead teacher with various activities and centers throughout the course of the day. Attended to special needs of assigned students.
- ◆ Music Together of Naperville Woodridge/Naperville, Illinois
Music Together Teacher:

◆ **National Opinion Research Center (NORC):**

University of Chicago and Downers Grove, Illinois

Production Manager-contract employee

- ◆ Create revitalized materials to enhance training for interviewers along with adding new participatory software.

Freelance Consultant- Project Planning and Management

- ◆ Provide consultation to NORC on systems redesign and improvement for Survey Production Center computer programs.

Survey Production Center Director

- ◆ Oversee coordinators, supervisors, and interviewers at NORC's Downers Grove survey production facility.
- ◆ Allocate resources to effectively complete large and small projects, and data collection activities.
- ◆ Develop operational strategies and implement plans for improvement.

Telephone Center Coordinator

- ◆ Coordinate large environmental research projects.
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◆ **Abt Associates, Inc**

Chicago, Illinois

Quality Control Coordinator

- ◆ Assess existing quality control measures, develop new quality assurance programs, and act as a liaison with technical staff to recommend system enhancements

Survey Support Specialist

- ◆ Write reports. Assist with all aspects of a project.

Supervisor

- ◆ Assist interviewers in collecting data.
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◆ **Columbia College Chicago**

Chicago, Illinois

Instructor: Recording Studio Management Class

- ◆ Within the field of Arts and Entertainment, I taught students the practical skills needed for Recording Studio Management, introducing them to new technology, audio library organization, client interaction and management skills.
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◆ **Studio 300 / TMK-Elias**

Chicago, Illinois

Studio Manager

- ◆ Prepare client estimates for studio use and production services, hire engineers and technicians when needed, maintain audio reel library, possess basic studio equipment knowledge to begin sessions, coordinate college student internships, and create musical arrangements for specified clients.
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CURRENT & FORMER VOLUNTEER and PART-TIME WORK RESPONSIBILITIES:

Downers Grove, Illinois

- ◆ Girl Scout Co-Leader Troop #51237 for several years
 - ◆ Playground Supervisor at Henry Puffer Elementary School
 - ◆ PTA Chairperson of the K – 6th “Around the World” Field Day
 - ◆ PTA Chairperson of all 18 Room Party Planners
 - ◆ PTA Scholarship Committee & Boxtops Chairperson
 - ◆ West Suburban Humane Society Volunteer
 - ◆ Nanny of three children ages; two, six, and ten (Mamaroneck, New York)
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HONORS & AWARDS:

- ◆ Girl Scout council's “New Found Treasure” award for an adult who hits the ground running to make a positive impact.

ELECTRONIC PORTFOLIO:

- ◆ <http://talent.colum.edu/profile/3fc82> Video Introduction of Tina B. Dennis: https://youtu.be/X_itEhuQKfY

REFERENCES:

- ◆ Nancy Hildreth, Lead Teacher/Supervisor in my classroom, Henry Puffer Elementary School, (630) 269-7688
- ◆ Cheryl Prescott, Retired Teacher, co-worker in my classroom, Henry Puffer Elementary School, (630) 640-3188
- ◆ Tracy Mullane, First Grade Mentor Teacher, J. T. Manning Elementary School, Westmont, IL, tmullane@cusd201.org, (630) 468-8050, or (630) 759-7224
- ◆ Katie Paciga, Associate Professor, Columbia College Chicago, (708) 567-5628, or (312) 369-8146
- ◆ Kathleen Loftus, Education Faculty, Columbia College Chicago/Concordia College, Loftuskp@AOL.com, (847) 951-7885
- ◆ Abby Kail, Field Supervisor, Columbia College Chicago, earlymath.abby@gmail.com, (847) 542-8033