

Melissa McBride

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Education

Columbia College Chicago, September 2014 – August 2016, Chicago, Illinois

Master of Arts in Teaching, Visual Arts Education, summa cum laude, GPA 4.0

- Follett Graduate Merit Award (full-tuition academic scholarship) recipient

University of Miami, August 2005 – December 2009, Coral Gables, Florida

Bachelor of Arts in Art/Studio Art

- George Edgar Merrick academic scholarship recipient
- Study abroad, fall 2009: Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

Teaching Credentials

Illinois State Board of Education

Professional Educator License (PEL) #2339630 with Visual Arts Endorsement for grades K-12

Professional Experience

Von Steuben Metropolitan Science Center, Chicago, Illinois

High School Visual Art Teacher, August 2018 – Present

- Teach Art I, Digital Imaging, and Honors Art II: Studio Painting and Printmaking
- Presented “Night Out with Von Arts” which included physical and digital art exhibitions and performances from students engaged in our drama, choir, and band programs
- Serve as a teacher leader on the school-wide Climate and Culture Team, with emphasis on providing SEL supports to students and faculty
- Facilitate the Student Voice Committee, coaching student leaders on how to use data to drive decision-making and formulate change ideas to improve the school for all stakeholders
- Creator and manager of the fine arts department website and social media accounts: vonarts.weebly.com | @vonsteubenarts

James B. Farnsworth Elementary School, Chicago, Illinois

Visual Arts Teacher (Temporary Assigned Teacher), August 2017 – June 2018

- Taught kindergarten through eighth grade visual arts to over 600 students per week
- Presented “Family Art Night 2018” which included an art exhibition of work from every student in the school, live musical performances, and teacher and parent-facilitated art activities for families
- Developed adaptive art projects weekly for students with severe and profound disabilities
- Coached spring and fall seasons of Girls on the Run for 3rd-5th grade students, focused on building self-esteem through practicing mental and physical wellness and positive relationship building
- Served on a panel of teachers that was interviewed in pursuit of “exemplary” Supportive Schools Certification, which was later awarded

George Rogers Clark Elementary School, Chicago, Illinois

Visual Arts Teacher and Arts Liaison, August 2016 – June 2017

- Taught kindergarten through eighth grade visual arts to 225 students per week
- Awarded a competitive \$15,000 Creative Schools Award to implement an original hip-hop theater residency in partnership with Music House, Inc.

- Teacher Chair of Student Voice, Engagement and Civic Life Committee
- Cohort member of ATLAS: Arts Teachers Leading Achievement and Success, focused on technology integration in the fine arts
- Sponsored “Global Voices” after school club for grades K-8, a chapter of WE Schools focused on volunteerism and civic engagement

Florence Nightingale Elementary School, Chicago, Illinois

Student Teacher, March 2016 – May 2016

- Lead teacher for 5th-8th grade Studio Art and Art History; co-teacher for Kindergarten Studio Art
- Designed instruction that allowed students to synthesize learning from Art History through hands-on application in the art studio
- Worked with ELL students and modified planning and instructional delivery to accommodate varying levels of English language proficiency

Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, Chicago, Illinois

Student Teacher, January 2016 – March 2016

- Taught Honors Drawing & Painting and Honors Ceramics & Sculpture; assisted with AP 3-D
- Planned and executed a trip to The Field Museum for 54 Honors Drawing and Painting students, where they had the opportunity to draw from observation, and meet and interact with the museum’s artist-in-residence
- Designed and instructed a project for Honors Ceramics where each student created a 5” x 5” relief tile to be included as part of a permanent art installation in the school hallways

The Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Technology Intern, Museum Education Department, September 2014 – December 2014

- Collaborated with museum staff in the education department to explore relevant technologies and develop curriculum and resources for a one-day workshop for “tweens” exploring the use of soft-circuit technology in handmade puppets

Professional Development and Affiliations

- Member, National Art Education Association (NAEA)
- Member, Illinois Art Education Association (IAEA)
- Attendee, NAEA Annual Conference 2016, Chicago, IL; 2015, New Orleans, LA
- Attendee and Volunteer, IAEA Annual Conference 2015 and 2016, Lisle, IL
- Co-President, NAEA/IAEA Student Chapter at Columbia College Chicago, 2015
- Volunteer, IAEA Art Advocacy Day, Springfield, Illinois, April 2015
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Achievements, Abilities, and Interests

- Member of the first-ever Whitney Young Senior Experience cohort; designed and constructed a 4’ x 12’ mosaic at Dodge Renaissance Academy in partnership with students and staff
- Working proficiency in Spanish and Brazilian Portuguese
- Created original artwork for a Marwen Holiday Card sent to 4,250 recipients by Mayor Emanuel
- Self-taught ukulele player, formally taught pianist, enthusiastic dancer and singer of all styles
- Uses free time to explore the outdoors, create custom gifts, and enjoy the company of family, friends, and animals