



HELLO!

'I was the kind of kid who got up early on the first day of school so that I could sit in the desk closest to the pencil sharpener and art supplies. Things haven't changed much since.' - Shelley

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN MY CURRICULUM VITAE!

I'm an artist and educator with over 25 years of teaching experience in a wide variety of educational institutions with a LOT of amazing former students, staff, parents and community members. I've been blessed!

My qualifications include a Bachelor of Visual Arts, a Bachelor of Education, Master of Education and International Baccalaureate Art & Design certification. I am permanently certified to teach in both Saskatchewan and Alberta.

I maintain a "life-long learning" philosophy. Professional development activities have taken me to Miami, New Mexico, Venezuela, Curacao, China, Japan, Victoria, Calgary, Medicine Hat, La Ronge and La Loche, SK. One of my favourite learning experiences happened when I was seconded to the University of Lethbridge Faculty of Education in 2004-05. Recent professional development includes a 'How to Teach Online' course at the University of New South Wales, Australia. I am currently planning an online Visual Art 10 class, just for fun.

International experiences include employment as an International Baccalaureate Art & Design Educator at the private International School of Curacao, in the Netherland Antilles, Caribbean. Alternative educational experience includes providing education and life skills to male young offenders in a correctional setting (Salvation Army House of Concord - 1994/94). I have also done some contract work with Ranch Ehrlo Group Homes. I worked as a MacKenzie Art Gallery Educator and University of Regina Art Studio Assistant too.

Though I specialize in Visual Art Education, my teaching experience also includes:

- Food Studies/Home Economics 7-12
- Student Support Services K-12
- Health 6/7
- Social Studies 6/7
- Career Education 7/9
- Practical and Applied Arts/CTS 7-12
- ELA 4/5
- Writing 3

I have a working knowledge of Fountas & Pinnell, Daily 5, 6+1 Writing Traits, and Levelled Literacy programs.

I have experience working with ESL students, nationally and internationally. Although I don't consider myself to be anything but an English speaker/writer, I have enjoyed learning Dene, Papiamentu, Spanish, Dutch and French while in these inspiring environments.

I'm a successful Fund Raiser/Grant Writer and Dinner Theatre/Fashion Show Organizer, School Webmaster, Fine Art/Film Club leader and Yearbook Editor. I've worked on Graduation Committees, coordinated School and Community Beautification extracurricular experiences, and co-coached Badminton. Last, I LOVE Fine Arts themed Field Trips!

I have my own art and arts education resources business called "Catnip Republic Productions" and am familiar with online sales, web store management, making websites and creating dynamic online courses. I launched www.shelleydeck.com in 2005. Aside from teaching my students about the business side of the arts, and the extreme value of the arts in a general education, teaching students how to improve their creative skills is a passion of mine. Drawing is my first love and I know a lot about helping students draw realistically and improve their creative confidence.

I successfully defended my M.Ed. project the summer of 2010 at the University of Victoria. My research writing focused on the changing identity of art educators in a proliferating cyber culture. I also created a collection of artwork on the theme of teacher identity, collaborative portraiture and emerging technologies after extensive studio research. Some of the self-portrait artwork you see in this CV were featured in the graduation exhibition, writing and defence.

I...

- hold a Saskatchewan Trapping License
- have been studying how to bead on moose hide since I first moved to La Loche in the early 90's
- love down-hill skiing, swimming, and baseball
- am a certified NAUI scuba diver
- never did stop collecting 'smelly stickers' (and love that they have made a comeback)
- own a unicycle
- can do a really great turkey call (and I have the trophy to prove it)
- think FALL is the best time of year
- wish i could do more cat rescue work and raise more Koi in my outside pond
- looked all over the world for my soul mate...yet actually found him in Ituna. Who knew?

For more information, please visit my websites: www.shelleydeck.com and www.catniprepublicproductions.com.

This is the link to my ETSY shop: <https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/Catnip-RepublicSK>

This is the link to my Teacher Resources Shop on Teachers Pay Teachers: <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Catnip-Republic-Productions-Shelley-Deck>

TRADITION & INNOVATION

"Shelley's background in arts education makes her an ideal candidate...an accomplished educator in any setting...enthusi-

astic, responsible and very creative....her involvement in community arts organizations has been highly praised...openness and poise gain her instant respect from fellow teachers...technologically literate, highly adaptable and quick to learn new content...I hope my children can be so lucky to have an art teacher who possesses Shelley's skill...she is driven by a well articulated vision of what art education can and should be... Shelley has my highest recommendation."

EDUCATION:

University of Victoria	Victoria, BC
Masters of Art Education	Summer 2010
University of Regina	Regina, SK
Bachelor of Visual Arts (with distinction)	1998
University of Regina	Regina, SK
Bachelor of Education	1992
Major: Visual Art Education	Minor: English/ELA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Prairie Valley School Division #206:

Kelliher School - Kelliher, SK - **2010 - Present**

Lumsden High School - Lumsden, SK - **2009 - 2010**

- Instructional responsibilities included: Art 9, Art 10, Art 20, Art 30 (mornings) and Grades 3-12 substitute teacher duties by arrangement (afternoons).

Lumsden Elementary School - Lumsden, SK- **Jan. - March 2010**

- Temporary Replacement Contract - Grades 4 - 5 Student Services/Cooperative Teaching Duties (afternoons).

Northern Lights School Division #113:

La Loche Community School - La Loche, SK

- Food Studies and Home Economics 7-12 - **2008 - 2009**
- Art 7 - 12, Language Arts 9, Social Studies 9 - **March – June 2007**
- Gr. 7 ELA/Social Studies/Health, Arts Educator 7-12, Drama - **1997 - 2002**
- Gr. 7 - 12 Arts Education – Academic, Modified, Alternative – **1992 - 1993**

International School of Curacao - Curacao, Netherland Antilles, Southern Caribbean

- Instructing K - 12 Art, Grade 8 Language Arts, IB Art & Design, Year 1 – **1995 - 1997**
- IB Art & Design Year 1 & 2, Drama – **2007 - Jan. 2008**

Grasslands School Division # 6

Brooks Composite High School - Brooks, AB – **2002 - 2007**

- Instructional responsibilities included: Art 10, 20, and 30, Drama 10, 20 and 30, IEP/ESL, Fine Arts, Communications Technology and Yearbook

University of Lethbridge - **2004/05** Faculty of Education Secondment

- Professional Studies 1, 2 and 3 Instructor and Field Supervisor, Curriculum & Instruction for Art Education Majors Instructor, Evaluation in Education Instructor

REFERENCES: UPON REQUEST

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