

Heather Frankfort

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Education

- 2021-present University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
Ph.D in Teaching, Learning, and Sociocultural Studies
Focus: Social Justice and Diversity in Education
** in progress*
- 2018 Olivet Nazarene University, Bourbonnais, Illinois
M.A. English as a Second Language
- 2009 Northern Illinois University, De Kalb, Illinois
M.S. Early Childhood Education
- 2005 University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona
B.A. Anthropology with a minor in Africana
Studies

Areas of Specialization

Elementary education, primary sources in the classroom, English language learners, early childhood education, community service projects within the k-5 classroom, reproductive education & justice

Teaching Licensure and Certification

- Pre-k - 3rd Illinois Teaching License, ESL Endorsement
K-8 Arizona Teaching License, ESL Endorsement

Awards

- 2016 Rockford Chamber of Commerce 40 Leaders Under 40
- 2017 Library of Congress Summer Teacher Institute in Washington D.C.

Work Experience

- 2022-present *Student Support Coordinator, TRIO Teacher Prep; College of Education, University of Arizona*
- 2021-2022 *Professional Development Academic Trainer Multicultural Curriculum -Tucson Unified School District, Tucson, AZ*
**emphasis on Multicultural YA Literature*
- 2019-2021 *5th grade science/SS, Canyon View Elementary, Catalina Foothills School District, Tucson, AZ*
- 2012-2019 *3rd grade teacher, Brookview Elementary, Rockford Public Schools Rockford, IL*
- 2011-2012 *Bilingual pre-k teacher, White Swan Elementary, Rockford Public Schools, Rockford, IL*
- 2010-2011 *K-12 Refugee Resettlement Student Case Manager Rock Valley College Rockford, IL*
- 2010 *TRIO/Upward Bound Assistant Program Coordinator, Rock Valley College, Rockford, IL*
- 2007-2009 *4th-6th grade Special Education Para, Harlem Public Schools Loves Park, IL*
- 2004 *Intern BARA (Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology) Tucson, AZ*

Grants

2014 Illinois Educators Association Grant for community service project with 3rd grade classroom

Higher Education Courses Taught

TLS 197: First Year Student Success Course, College of Education; Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Professional Development

Association on Higher Education and Disability; San Diego, CA, Jan 2023
Learning and the Brain; How Social Brains Learn; NYC, April 2023
NAEYC Professional Learning Institute; Portland, Oregon, June 2023
Learning and the Brain; Future Ready Brains, NYC, April 2024

Workshops & Presentations

Frankfort, H.H., Cueto, D., Ibarra, J., Imig, F., Leon, E. Lothrop, C., Miller, S. (2024, March) *Banned Books: Navigating the Political Landscape*. Tucson Festival of Books. Tucson, AZ.

Frankfort, H.H. (2022, June) *Critical Multicultural Literature and Pedagogy in the Secondary Classroom*. Tucson Unified School District. Tucson, AZ.

Frankfort, H.H., Sakoi, J., & Osiago, S. (2022, February). *Developing Academic and Social Emotional Literacy Through Multicultural Literature*. Tucson Unified School District. Tucson, AZ.

Frankfort, H.H. (2022, Jan). *Exploring Critical Consciousness Through Literature*. Tucson Unified School District. Tucson, AZ.

Frankfort, H.H. (2017, October). *How to Use Primary Sources in the Classroom; Navigating the Library of Congress Database*. Professional Development to K-5 educators in Rockford Public Schools. Rockford, Il.

Frankfort, H.H. (2016, January). *Examining Immigration in the United States through Primary Sources*. Presentation for Rockford University through a partnership with Midway Village Museum. Rockford, Il.

Frankfort, H.H. (2015, May). *The Illinois Educator's Association Grant Process*. Invited presentation to New Teacher Orientation for Rockford Public Schools. Rockford, Il.