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Experienced instructional designer and ex-community college professor seeks position in Dallas area to help faculty create better courses.

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## Education

### University of Baltimore

2012: Postgrad classes in user experience design

### University of North Texas

2002: MS Education, concentration in instructional design and multimedia

### Texas Woman's University

1992: BS History

### Dallas County Community College District

2002: AAS Information Technology

## Multimedia Chops

partial listing of skills gained during 20 years in multimedia

**Authoring Tools:** Storyline | Captivate | SoftChalk

**LMS:** Blackboard | Moodle | Sakai

**Video:** Premiere | AfterEffects | iMovie | Camtasia

**Audio:** Audacity | SoundBooth

**Animation:** Flash | Adobe Edge

**Web:** HTML5 | CSS | JavaScript

**Programming:** JavaScript | PHP | ActionScript

**3D:** Second Life | SketchUp | Blender

## e m p l o y m e n t \* h i s t o r y

### Texas A&M University

Instructional Designer, 2012 - present

Developer/designer for University's Core Curriculum Grant project. Design and develop complex learning objects. Conducts faculty consults to match technologies to teaching needs and promote engagement. Evaluate Web 2.0 tools for potential classroom use. Guide faculty implementation of pedagogic best practices including rubrics and classroom assessment techniques. Train faculty on Blackboard, Google Apps, copyright, flipped classrooms.

### University of Maryland University College

Instructional Support Specialist, 2009 - 2012

Designed web pages and sites, developed Flash animations and applications, created graphics for online and casual print use, created content for Second Life, trained faculty, recommended and implemented technical/pedagogic solutions for using wikis in the classroom.

### North Lake College (Dallas County Community College District)

Faculty, 2002 - 2008

Web Design Coordinator. Courses taught include Animated Algebra (learning community), Web Programming, MS Access, Web Page Design I and II, Web Animation, Photoshop, Podcasting. Responsibilities include supervision of adjuncts and student assistants, curriculum development, content development. Collaborative teaching experience. Significant experience in online teaching and in developing materials for adult learners.

## Recent Projects

- Lead instructional designer for TAMU's Core Curriculum Grants project. High degree of autonomy working with SMEs, supervising student assistants/interns and co-designers, recruiting co-workers for occasional assistance. Total project budget over 3 years in excess of 2 million dollars.
- Project lead developing/designing always-up-to-date reusable learning objects for Blackboard object repository to help faculty meet QualityMatters standards. These HTML5/JavaScript objects (updated annually) include information provided by partners in disabilities services, the library, and other campus organizations.
- Authored highly successful Modern PowerPoint session intended to move faculty away from outdated "5 - 7 bullets per page" model. This 45 minute presentation will be the basis of a longer half-day workshop on PowerPoint design.

## Professional Memberships & Certifications

- Quality Matters Certified Peer Reviewer
- Member, Texas Distance Learning Association
- Member, eLearning Guild

## Conference Presentations

- Backup Singers: Using Helper Apps to Hit Productivity High Notes. Huston. 2015 Texas Distance Learning Conference, Dallas TX.
- Sharing Ideas and Techniques with Technology to Enhance Student Learning. Primus, Gregori, Lynch and Huston. 2015 Teaching with Technology Conference, College Station TX.
- Web Design Club: Fundraising with Technology. Sharon Huston and Gemmy Allen. Poster session at the 2005 League of Innovation CIT Conference, Dallas TX.
- Learning, Teaching and Leading By and To Faculty. NLC Teaching-Learning Team. 2007 League of Innovation Learning College Summit, Dallas TX.
- Paving the Way - Learning to Teach and Lead. 2007 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference, Austin TX.

## Current Professional Development Interests

- WordPress Theme Development
- Data Scraping
- App Development

career

# HIGHS

Project lead on alternate reality game for emergency first responders enrolled in communications program.

Founding member of North Lake College's Teaching and Learning Team, awarded college's Innovation Award.

Lead developer/designer on UMUC's Second Life island. Tracked budget, delegated tasks, authored policy guides, terraformed and built island.

Co-developed and co-taught Animated Algebra, an Algebra and Computer Programming learning community.

Taught DCCCD's first online web design class in 1997.

## PORTFOLIO

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