

Matthew P. Griggs, D. Arts

Holistic international educator with 20+ years of experience teaching social studies, English, and humanities across the U.S., Europe, Middle East, and Asia. Skilled in curriculum design, instructional technology, and student-centered learning. Experienced in IB, AP, and ESL instruction, with a proven ability to mentor teachers and lead program development. Recognized for fostering creativity, critical thinking, and lifelong learning.

Professional Experience

New York State Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation – Albany, NY, USA

Park Ranger | 2025–Present

- Ensure visitor safety, protect natural and cultural resources, and provide educational programming.
- Support conservation efforts and promote public awareness of environmental stewardship.

Bethlehem Central School District – Bethlehem, NY, USA

Substitute Teacher, K–8 | 2023–Present

- Provide adaptable instruction across elementary and middle school classrooms.
- Maintain consistent and supportive learning environments aligned with district goals.

Dhirubhai Ambani International School – Mumbai, India

Teacher | 2018–2022

- Designed and taught English and history curriculum for grades 5–7.
- Collaborated with faculty to strengthen best practices in teaching.

Middle School Technology Integrator | 2021–2022

- Led middle school-wide adoption of instructional technology.
- Mentored local teachers in instructional methods and technology integration.

American School of Kuwait – Hawalli, Kuwait

Teacher, World History (Grades 6–7) | 2016–2018

- Introduced learning strategies to improve student engagement.
- Updated history curriculum and improved grade-level classroom management routines.

American International School of Vilnius – Vilnius, Lithuania
Teacher & Upper School Coordinator | 2007–2016

- Taught social studies, English, and math (grades 5–9).
- Directed extracurriculars including student council, guitar club, knowledge bowl, and international field trips.
- IB Diploma Coordinator & Theory of Knowledge Teacher (2012–2016): Guided school through successful IB Diploma authorization and first cycle; served on Academic Leadership Team.

International American School of Warsaw – Warsaw, Poland
Teacher / Vice Principal | 2005–2007

- Taught social studies, geography (pre-IB, SL, HL), Theory of Knowledge, and ESL.
- Supervised 35 teachers, oversaw curriculum revision, and managed scheduling.
- Led school's successful IB authorization process.

State University of New York at Albany – Albany, NY, USA
Lecturer, College of Arts & Sciences | 2000–2005

- Designed and taught 21 courses in archaeology, cultural diversity, and literature.
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Education & Credentials

- Doctor of Arts, Humanities – SUNY Albany, 2003
 - M.A., Classics – SUNY Albany, 1998
 - B.A., Archaeology, Summa Cum Laude – SUNY Albany, 1995
 - Certified Experienced Educator – New Hampshire (Elementary K–8; English 5–12)
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Professional Development (Selected)

- Microsoft Certified Educator | Microsoft Innovative Educator Expert
 - DP Coordinator Workshop – Brussels | AP World & European History – Riga
 - Differentiating Instruction – Wide World, Harvard
 - CPR/AED & First Aid – American Red Cross
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Additional Achievements

- Swiny Fellow, Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute
- Registered Professional Archaeologist
- Member, Sigma Xi Honor Society
- Eagle Scout, Boy Scouts of America