## Sarah Wolfman-Robichaud

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#### **Objective**

To secure a position as Teacher on Call for the Richmond School District 38

#### **Education**

09/08 – present	University of British Columbia, Elementary Education Bachelor of Education
09/06 - 11/08	University of British Columbia, Language and Literacy Education with a focus in Drama Education Master of Arts
09/97 - 5/01	Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH, Art History/Theatre, Independent Concentration in Theatre Education Bachelor of Arts

## **Student Teaching Experience**

#### 09/08 - present Walter Lee Elementary, Richmond, BC - Grade 5/6 - 418 Practicum, UBC

- Designed, planned, and led daily classroom activities
- Responsible for teaching all subject areas: Mathematics, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Fine Arts, Physical Education, and Health and Career Planning
- Developed units and lesson plans relating to Prescribed Learning Outcomes outlined by the British Columbia Ministry of Education
- Completed various types of assessment and evaluation criteria, including term-end report cards
- Assisted in parent-teacher conferences
- Facilitated school-wide talent show

#### 11/06 - 04/07 Fraser Academy, Vancouver, BC - Grade 7 - UBC Graduate Education Psychology Course 361

- Implemented social-emotional learning (SEL) and drama skills into Grade 7 BC curriculum
- Developed lesson plans for Language Arts and Social Studies material, with special attention paid to the various learning disabilities (dyslexia, ADD, ADHD) of the students
- Worked closely with teachers to develop SEL elements within their own lessons

## **Professional Development**

- 1. Damien Cooper: Planning Assessment with the End in Mind, Richmond, BC March 2009
- 2. Richmond District Convention February 2009
- 3. BCTF Mathematics Conference, Vancouver, BC October 2008
- 4. Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE), Vancouver, BC June 2008
  Presented: "Multiple Perspectives, Loyalties and Identities in Educational Spaces: Exploring through Ethnodrama"
- 5. Pedagogy and Theatre of the Oppressed International Conference, Omaha, NE May 2008
- 6. Hawaii International Conference on Education, Waikiki, HI January 2008 Presented: "Investigating Performative Approaches to Educational Research" "It's Elementary! Learning and Building Community Through Shakespeare"
- 7. Headlines Theatre: Theatre for Living Workshop August 2007
- 8. Canadian Society for the Study of Education (CSSE), Saskatoon, SK May 2007
  Presented: "Performing our Way through the Art and Complexity of Teaching and Collaboration"
- 9. Canadian Association for Theatre Research Conference, Saskatoon, SK May 2007 Presented: "Performing the Complexity and Art of Teaching (in Theatre)"
- 10. Graduate Student Conference, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC April 2007 Presented: "Finding the Flow: Performing Pedagogy"

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#### Relevant Work and Volunteer Experience

11/08 - present Arts Umbrella - Volunteer Provide lunch time support/facilitation during spring break programs; assist program heads in year-end activities by overseeing student performers' rehearsals and performances; administrative support in the running of a non-profit arts education organization. Vancouver, BC 09/07 - 06/08 Maple Grove Elementary - Visiting Artist on SSHRC Grant Facilitate four primary classes in using drama techniques to explore the prevention possibilities of conflict within the schools. Integrate Image Theatre (Augusto Boal) methods into a classroom setting to help students create dialogue, build confidence, and skills to manage conflict. Vancouver, BC 08/06 - 12/06 Science World, Vancouver, BC - Super Science Club Outreach Presenter and Host Present tri-weekly science programs to three primary grade, inner city schools. Weekly sessions consisted of a presentation of the week's science focus and facilitation of hands-on experiments with the students. Attend to individual students' learning and behavioural needs. Vancouver, BC 07/02 - 06/06 Wallace Elementary School - Read Aloud Volunteer Tri-monthly, volunteer to read books aloud to Grade 2 students. Interact with, ask questions, and discuss the elements that go into book production - story, illustrations, paper quality, binding, etc. Hoboken, NJ 2/00-7/01 The MAD\* (music, art, drama) Factory Theatre - Head-Teacher, Program/Music Director Develop and integrate acting and performance curriculum; collaborate on the coordination and implementation of full performance(s); provide training in acting, voice, and body movement techniques; teach costuming and set-design; mentor participants in culture of theatre community. Oberlin, OH 09/01 - 07/02 Children's Theatre Production: Rumple Who? - Role: The Queen Perform for children ages 3-12 on a weekly basis. Facilitate, in character, celebrations post-performance at the theatre as a supplemental activity for the children and their parents/guardians. New York, NY 12/00-8/01 KIDSsmArt On The Road: A Traveling Art Troupe - Staff Supervisor and Artist-in-Residence Create children's theatre curriculum for six month grant-funded program; provide resources and teaching materials, and perform in-service training/support to 20+ public school teachers; carry-out training in acting, modern dance, and musical techniques for primary grade students. Lorain County, OH 04/00 - 08/00**America Reads Program -** Reading Tutor Create and administer lesson plans to help children develop reading skills; organize short stage readings for students; provide teacher in-service training at public schools on the use of theatre education as a tool to teach reading. (Grades 1 - 5) Oberlin Public Schools, Ohio 01/00 - 04/00Children's Theatre Production: Peter Pan - Role: Peter Provide supplemental vocal and acting coaching for individual children; serve as director and musical director on as-needed basis; collaborate on all aspects of preparation for two separate runs of show; work on set construction. Oberlin, OH 09/99 - 01/00Children's Theatre Production Wizard of Oz - Assistant Director Manage cast of 45 in all aspects of theatre production; organize publicity/production; supervise and implement show warm-ups: physical and vocal exercises; collaborate with Director on administration of show; serve as liaison to parents of young actors. Oberlin, OH 04/98 - 08/98 **Jewish Community Centre –** *Pre-school care provider* Assist in running the summer program and caring for 25 pre-school aged children; prepared learning activities, meals, and general aide for children and staff. Westboro, MA

### 09/97 - 05/99 Respite Care Volunteer Provider for Chesney Pozgay, a child with cerebral palsy

Provide one-to-one care and support; organize and facilitate day trips; teach "life skills;" support the family as needed. Oberlin, OH