

# KATE SHANKS

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## EDUCATION

ANTICIPATED MAY 2023

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Pursuing Professional Educator License in Elementary Education 1-6

Cumulative GPA: 3.99/4.00

## EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 2023 – MAY 2023

**STUDENT TEACHER**, UNIVERSITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Collaboratively planned and implemented a project-based unit on homelessness in Champaign-Urbana in connection with a local shelter, coordinating guest speakers and interviews, student research, an action project, and a donation drive
- Collected qualitative data on student learning processes and shared with families through a presentation during open house
- Facilitated three-act math tasks that centered students' interests and experiences through the modification of Envision Math curriculum
- Led restorative circles with students in response to interpersonal conflicts to develop community and problem-solving skills

AUGUST 2022 – DECEMBER 2022

**PRACTICUM STUDENT**, CARRIE BUSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Worked individually with a student being referred for RTI to facilitate growth in math, collected and organized a body of data for RTI team, returned after placement to contribute to RTI and 504 meetings
- Facilitated three-act math tasks through the modification of Envision Math curriculum
- Led three reading groups following the Wonders curriculum and supplementing with individualized and engaging connections
- Participated in family conferences
- Collaborated to design a morning routine that prioritized connection and classroom community via dialogue journals and group discussions

SEPTEMBER 2021 – PRESENT

**LEAD RESEARCH ASSISTANT**, SUSTAINABLE WORLD COLLABORATIVE

- Reviewed global resources for teaching sustainability and evaluated their potential classroom utility and alignment with the NGSS
- Developed a publicly available database and website for organization of curated resources
- Led other undergraduate researchers in meetings and projects
- Presented at the National Science Teaching Association's 2022 Chicago conference
- Presented at the Student Sustainability Committee's 2022 Research Symposium
- Designed cross-disciplinary and project-based unit plans aligned to the NGSS and to Manz' (2019) Investigations Framework

SUMMER 2022

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR**, ANITA PURVES NATURE CENTER

- Curated lesson plans for meaningful environmental education and social-emotional development
- Tracked and planned intentional communication with students to build strong relationships
- Employed Universal Design for Learning to accommodate diverse learning modalities
- Devised and applied individualized accommodations
- Communicated with families about children's behavior, performance, strengths, and interests

SUMMERS 2020 & 2021

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR**, DOUGLAS-HART NATURE CENTER

- Planned and implemented week-long interdisciplinary thematic units
- Built partnerships with local businesses and community experts to advance and connect student learning
- Incorporated anti-oppressive literature into lessons around environmental justice and antiracism
- Mentored high school interns
- Communicated with families through weekly newsletters and phone calls

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2018-PRESENT

**CO-FOUNDER**, THE KADIE PROJECT

- Co-founded organization to collect anti-oppressive educational resources for Illinois classrooms
- Collaborated with local schools to gauge and analyze need
- Managed community initiatives to benefit 7 classrooms
- Spoke publicly on behalf of the organization in presentations, interviews, and school professional development
- Managed the project's social media and website

#### 2019-PRESENT

##### **VOLUNTEER**, URBANA-CHAMPAIGN BOOKS TO PRISONERS

- Planned and organized a donation drive that collected over 160 dictionaries
- Promoted donation drive on organization's social media
- Coordinated with local businesses to promote and publicize the donation drive
- Curated a book list for the Martin Luther King Jr. Service Day book donation drive
- Corresponded with people experiencing incarceration to facilitate the delivery of requested titles

## HONORS

**GOLDEN APPLE SCHOLAR** | 2021-2023

**FRED S. BAILEY LEADER** | 2022-2023

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**EDUCATION JAMES SCHOLAR** | 2021-2023

**DOHM MERIT SCHOLARSHIP** | 2021-2023

**DOLE SCHOLARSHIP** | 2019-2023

**DEAN'S LIST** | 2019-2022

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**PRESENTER**, NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHING ASSOCIATION CHICAGO CONFERENCE | 2022

**PARTICIPANT**, RACIAL JUSTICE ALLIES & ADVOCATES | 2022

**PARTICIPANT**, NAMING & DISMANTLING WHITE SUPREMACY

CLASSROOM CULTURE | 2022

**PARTICIPANT**, ECORISE WORKSHOP | 2021

