**Kristen A. Gilbert, Ed.S.**

College of Education

University of West Georgia

Carrollton, GA

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**Education**

Doctoral StudentUniversity of West Georgia Carrollton 2014-present

Ed.S. in Educational LeadershipUniversity of Maine Orono 2009

Master of Education Norwich University Northfield 2002

Bachelor of Science in EducationUniversity of Maine Orono 1989

**M.A. Thesis**

*Moving Away from a Positivist Perspective of Health Education: How to Engage Secondary Students in Health Education*

**Experience**

2015-present Simulation/Innovations University of West Georgia Carrollton, GA

Coordinator and Instructor

2014-2015 Graduate Research Assistant University of West Georgia Carrollton, GA

2014-2015 Adjunct Faculty Teacher Education

Georgia Regents University Augusta, GA

2011-2014 Principal Warsaw Middle School Pittsfield, ME

2011-2012 Adjunct Faculty Education Program

Thomas College Waterville, ME

2007-2011 Assistant Principal Waterville Junior High Waterville, ME

2003-2007 School Health Coordinator Department of Education Waterville, ME

**Courses Taught**

2014-2015 Supervision of Georgia Regents University Augusta, GA

Pre-Service Teachers

1999-2002 French, Health, and Outdoor Ed Teacher

Poland Regional High School Poland, ME

1993-1999 French Teacher Gorham, ME Gorham High School

1991-1993 French Teacher Freeport, ME Buker Middle School

1990 -1991 French Teacher, one-year position  Freeport, ME Freeport Middle School

1989-1990 French Teacher, one-year position Bangor, ME

Bangor High School

**Current Certificates**

Principal Georgia 2015

Superintendent 2013

Principal Maine 2008

Assistant Principal 2006

Health Teacher 1999

French Teacher 1989

Certificat de Français 1989

**Professional Growth**

**Membership and offices in professional organizations:**

*Founding Member* Waterville Inclusive Community Project 2010-2012

*Board of Directors* Maine Association of Middle Level Educators 2010-2012

*Board of Directors* Wraparound 2010-2012

*Board of Directors* 21st Century Grant Advisory 2004-2011

**Grant Management and Writing:**

$1000 Pittsfield Masons for Expeditionary Learning 2013

$1000 Cianbro to support for Expeditionary Learning 2013

$1000 Schools that Shine for Exemplary School Practices 2012

$17,500 Maine Community Foundation to make safe, fair and

responsive schools and communities for LGBTQ youth 2010-2013

$5000 Healthy Maine Partnership mini-grants to support

healthy eating habits of students 2005-2008

$1000 Sun Safety Grant to support use of sun screen at school 2006

$1000 Wellness Award Grant to support staff wellness 2006 $459,000 PEP Grant to increase physical activity of students at school 2003-2004

$40,000 Poland Springs Bottling Company to incorporate Adventure-Based 2000

Learning into the school setting

**Professional Training:**

EdTPA training at Georgia Regents University 2014-present

Expeditionary Learning (EL) Teacher Professional Development 2012-2014

EL Assessment and Creating High Quality Products, Boston, MA April 2014

Break Bad: Responding to the Behaviorally Challenging Students Dec 2013

EL Leadership Best Practices, Lakewood, CT Jan 2013

EL Using Data to Improve Student Achievement, Atlanta, GA Jan 2013

EL National Conference, Baltimore, MD April 2012

EL National Conference, Denver, CO May 2012

Revolutionary Changes in Maine School Law Sept 2012

Advanced Staff Evaluation Sept 2012

Principal Leadership Institute, EL, Amherst, MA July 2012

Institute for Civic Leadership 2011-2011

Middle Level Education Institute July 2009

Restorative School Practice Trainings June 2009

Collaborative Problem Solving Training Jan 2009

MAMLE Leadership Institute, Waterville, ME 2008-2009

Advanced Bullying Prevention and Brain Research Oct 2008

Restorative Justice Training Sept 2008

Drop Out Prevention Summer Institute July 2008

Practical Strategies for Challenging Youth (Berg Institute) March 2008

Cultivating Hardiness Zones for Schools May 2008

New Beginnings Institute: Principal Leadership Portland, ME 2007-2008

Bullying Prevention Institute 2007-2008

**Committees:**

Instructional Leadership Team 2007-2014

School Culture and Climate Committee 2007-2014

Hardy Girls Healthy Women, Education Committee 2007-2011

Data Inquiry Team 2011-2014

District Leadership Team 2011-2014

Student Assistance Team 2011-2014

Personnel Committee 2011-2014

Finance Committee 2011-2014

Policy Committee 2011-2014

**Professional Organizations**:

Phi Delta Kappa 2007-2014

Maine Principal’s Association 2007-present

National Association of Secondary School Principals 2011-present

National Association of Elementary School Principals 2011-present

**Presentations:**

The Power of Virtual Learning. Collegeforaday, University of West Georgia, Newnan, GA: August 14, 2015

Making inclusiveness a community effort: Teachers, counselors, students and administration partnering to create school climate change. Cross-Cultural Counseling and Education Conference for Research, Action, and Change, Savannah, GA: February 8, 2014.

Acceleration of Gifted Students: Warsaw Middle School’s path in addressing gifted and talented needs.  Gifted and Talented Conference, Portland, October 23, 2013.

How to Use Restorative School Practices as Response to Intervention: Reducing suspensions and chagning school climate.  Department of Education Training, Augusta, October 29, 2012.

Transformative Leadership: Adopting research based practices to improve academics. Maine Association of Middle Level Education Conference, Kingfield, October 26, 2012.

Discipline and School Climate: How restorative discipline can support a climate of academics. Colby College Classroom Guest Speaker, Waterville, January 2011.

Jobs for Maine Grads (JMG): What We Need to Succeed. Waterville JMG Opening Ceremony, November 2009. February 2011.

After school programs and academics: How the two can be linked. Colby College - The History and Philosophy of Progressive Education Guest Speaker, Waterville, March 2011.

After School Programming: Supporting academics through after school programming. “LightsOn!” Waterville, November 2011.

Special Education and Barriers: Supporting students in special education by breaking down barriers. KVAC Regional Special Educators Conference, Waterville, November 2011.

Student Body Advocates: Creating Safe Spaces as Schools for Sexual Minority Youth. R3 Positive Youth Development Institute, Department of Education. Orono, August 2010.

Discipline and School Climate: Teaching for Social Justice Colby College Guest Speaker - ED 231 Colby College Education Program, April 2010.

Restorative School Practices in the Classroom: How to make systemic changes. Department of Education Student Assistant Teams Conference, Augusta, November 2009.

Anit-bullying Practices: Best Practices and the Law. Department of Education Anti-Bullying Conference, Farmington, March 2009.

Jobs for Maine Grads: “If You Think You Can...” Pittsfield JMG Opening Ceremony, November 2009.

Making Schools Safe for Sexual Minority Youth: Transforming a School by Training Staff. Diversity Day, University of Maine Farmington, February 2009.

Dropout Prevention in Schools: How Coordinated School Health Can Support School Attendance. Department of Education Dropout Prevention Conference, University of Maine, Orono, August 2008.

Maine’s Anti-Bullying Policies: What Can Schools Do? School Health Coordinators Conference, Augusta, 2007.

Testimony to Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Education Committee: Importance of Anti-Bullying and Coordinated School Health. ME State Legislative Hearings, Augusta, ME 2006 and 2007.

**Publications:**

**Gilbert**, K. (2012). School Reform: Why Expeditionary Learning Meets Middle School Needs.  *MAMLE Journal*.

**Gilbert**, K. (2011). The use of facilitative leadership.  *The Journal of Maine Association for Middle Level Education.*

**Gilbert**, K., & Willoughby, A. (2010). School climate and the challenge of change. *The Journal of Maine Association for Middle Level Education, 18*(1), 12 – 15.

**Gilbert**, K. (2011). Practice #7 in multiple ways! <http://brightfutures4me.wordpress.com/2011/.02/01/waterville-junior-high-school-addresses-core-prarctice-7/>.

**Gilbert**, K. (2008). Restorative practices at Waterville Junior High. *Comments from Maine Educators on the Restorative Approach.*

**Honors and Awards**

Schools that Shine Award 2012

Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society for Excellence in Educational Leadership 2008

State Award: Excellence in coordinating Health and Wellness 2007

Waterville Public Schools Outstanding Faculty Member 2006

National Award**:** ACSRP & AAPERHD in 2006

Coordinating Physical Activity and Nutrition

September 11th Fire Fighters Retreat Outstanding Facilitator 2005

Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society for Excellence in Health Education 2002

Teaching Tolerance Award 1998

Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society 1986 -1989

Graduated Highest Distinction 1989

Four Year Partial Scholarship Athlete 1985-1989

Academic All-American 1985-1989

**Additional Skills/Experience to Develop** (to become a principal or superintendent of schools):

* Experience with system-wide school finance
* Experience completing Charter School grant and funding applications
* Leadership Skills outside of K-12 settings
* Program Evaluation