

Education

Master of Arts in Teaching, Early Childhood Education
National-Louis University, Chicago, IL

Master of Music, Piano Pedagogy
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Bachelor of Music, Piano Performance
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH

Credentials and Certifications

State of Illinois
Professional Teaching License 2034875

Gateways to Opportunity
Certified Registry Trainer
Director Credential Level 1
Teacher Credential Level 5

Professional Experience

Early Childhood Consultant / Mentor
Self-Employed 2010 – present

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Academy, Chicago IL
Remote Preschool Teacher / Consultant 2020 - 2021
Beginning Together Creator and Lead Teacher 2019 - 2020
Junior Kindergarten Lead Teacher 2017 - 2018
Studio Art Teacher, Early Childhood Specialist 2015 - 2017
Consultant 2010 - 2013

Winnetka Public School Nursery, Winnetka IL
Mentor / Consultant 2019 - 2020
Interim Director 2018 - 2019
Director 1997 - 2001
Preschool Co-teacher 1990 - 1997 and 2001 - 2008

Bennett Day School, Chicago IL
Founding Lead Junior Kindergarten Teacher 2014 - 2015

Barbara Vick Early Childhood and Family Center, Chicago IL
Studio Art Teacher 2013 - 2014
Saint Xavier University Faculty Liaison 2008 - 2013

Saint Xavier University, Chicago IL
Lecturer, School of Education 2008 – 2013
Early Childhood and MATL Programs

Conference Presentations

Bell, M.W. (November 2019) *The Power of Ordinary Moments: What They Can Teach Us About Children's Thinking and Learning*. Workshop presented at the Fall Gathering of Early Childhood Educators, Archdiocese of Chicago, Chicago, IL.

Bell, M.W. (October 2018) *The "Language" of Materials: Nurturing the Artist in Every Child* Workshop presented at the Fall Gathering of Early Childhood Educators, Archdiocese of Chicago, Oak Park IL.

Bell, M. W. (April 2018) *Serious Play: What Is It? Why Is It Essential?* Workshop presented at the Spring Gathering of Early Childhood Educators, Archdiocese of Chicago, Orland Park, IL.

Bell, M. W. (May 2017) *The Art of Design: Giving Voice to Children's Ideas Through Design with Natural Materials* Workshop presented at Botanic Gardens' Inspiring Nature Play Conference, Highland Park, IL.

Bell, M.W. (April 2014) *The Language of Materials: Giving Voice to All Children Through Artistic Expression*. Laptop Session presentation at the Association for Childhood Education International Global Summit on Childhood, Vancouver, Canada.

Bell, M.W. & Ben-Hur, M. (March 2013). *An Early Education Initiative with a Cognitive and Conceptual Development Focus*. Workshop presented at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Bell, M. W. (January 2010). *Small Moments, Big Ideas: Supporting Critical Thinking, Creativity, and Collaboration in the Preschool Classroom*. Workshop presented at the Chicago Metro Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Chicago, IL.