

# ALISSA V. ARDEN

## Education:

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY- East Lansing, MI  
Master of Arts in Educational Technology *expected May 2016*

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN – Ann Arbor, MI  
Bachelor of Arts in Education *April 2011*

## Certification:

Certificate in Educational Technology *January 2015*  
Michigan Provisional Secondary Certificate- English, Mathematics, Psychology *April 2011*  
Adult/Child CPR & First Aid *April 2011*

## Honors:

*Golden Key International Honour Society October 2014- Michigan State University*  
*University Honors December 2010- University of Michigan*  
*University Honors April 2010- University of Michigan*

## Teaching Experience:

*10<sup>th</sup> Grade English and 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher* *August 2011-Present*

**L’anse Creuse High School-North/L’anse Creuse High School** **Macomb/ Harrison Township, MI**

- Utilizes curriculum and state standards to develop units for both American Literature Studies and College Preparatory American Literature including short stories, historical documents, novels, and plays
- Develops lessons for Algebra 1, Algebra 1 Essentials, General Geometry, Algebra 2, and Algebra 2 Year One that incorporate guided notes, mathematics practice, group work, and hands-on activities including visual models and TI-Nspire technology
- Sponsors L’Anse Creuse High School North’s Mu Alpha Theta chapter, which includes running weekly after-school tutoring and monthly meetings as well as organizing Pi week activities

*10<sup>th</sup> Grade Long-term Substitute* *April-May 2011*

**Skyline High School** **Ann Arbor, MI**

- Planned and instructed lessons for a three and a half week unit integrating analytical writing with *The Catcher in the Rye*
- Developed classroom procedures, assessments, and grading rubrics

*9-11<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Teacher* *Winter 2011*

**Skyline High School** **Ann Arbor, MI**

- Designed and implemented two, three-week unit plans for *Speak* and *Night*, exploring fictional autobiographies and memoirs
- Created a three-week unit for *The Joy Luck Club*, emphasizing the theme of the cultural outsider

*6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Student Teacher* *Fall 2010*

**Clague Middle School** **Ann Arbor, MI**

- Developed and taught a three-day English lesson incorporating guided reading and whole-group discussion
- Observed, and led, aspects of the Read180 program in addition to weekly involvement in a 6<sup>th</sup> grade English Language Arts classroom
- Taught mini-lessons focused on parts of speech, and led small group discussions

*9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Student Teacher* *Winter 2010*

**Skyline High School** **Ann Arbor, MI**

- Created and conducted two 45-minute lessons: led a discussion on Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* in a 10<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and led an interactive poetry lesson with the use of multimedia in a 9<sup>th</sup> grade classroom

Additional  
Experience:

- Conducted a private interview and closely observed one high-achieving student to better understand influences on a student's success in a classroom
- Studied school culture and observed student interactions
- Observed implementation of the Read180 program

*Swim Instructor* *March 2011-August 2011*  
**Goldfish Swim School** **Farmington Hills, MI**

- Instruct children ages 2-12 in various swim techniques

*826Michigan Volunteer In-School Resident* *October 2009-December 2010*  
**West Middle School** **Ypsilanti, MI**

- Provided weekly one-on-one tutoring in a remedial classroom and in an after-school program
- Assisted teachers in creating bulletin boards and monitoring student progress

**Huron High School** **Ann Arbor, MI**

- Assisted Mr. Strassel in a mixed 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> grade English classroom on a weekly basis
- Facilitated small group discussions and helped students complete writings for an 826Michigan publication on students' educational experiences

*Drop-In Volunteer Tutor* *September 2009-April 2010*  
**826Michigan** **Ann Arbor, MI**

- Provided tutoring services to students, ranging from ages 6-18, from the Ann Arbor area in a variety of subjects

*Volunteer Tutor* *January-May 2009*  
**Peace Neighborhood Center** **Ann Arbor, MI**

- Tutored for children from various cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds on a substitute basis
- Gained experience in private tutoring and maintaining focus

*Student Volunteer* *February-December 2008*  
**University of Michigan Health System** **Ann Arbor, MI**

- Engaged in play activities with patients in the Pediatric Clinic waiting room at Mott Children's Hospital
- Maintained order in play area without supervision from other hospital staff

*Camp Counselor* *June 2006-August 2008*  
**Echo Park Learning Center** **Farmington Hills, MI**

- Over the course of three summers, assisted several elementary education certified teachers in planning educational projects and organizing age appropriate play and reading activities for preschool-aged children
- Gained experience in conflict mediation, behavior management techniques, and classroom leadership skills

*Private Algebra Tutor* *March-May 2007*  
**Private Tutoring** **Farmington Hills, MI**

- Designed productive sessions for multiple 50-minute time periods
- Created study sheets and reviewed class material with student

Activities:

*Member* *September 2008-April 2009*  
**SMEA (Student Michigan Education Association)**

- Attended monthly meetings which discussed volunteer and learning opportunities related to the field of education
- Volunteered at organized events such as the blood drive