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EDUCATION

University of Vermont, College of Education and Social Services, Burlington, VT Master of Education, Consulting Teacher Program, October 1991 Outstanding Student Award, December 1990

University of Vermont, College of Education and Social Services, Burlington, VT Bachelor of Science, Elementary and Special Education, May 1988 Dean's List 1985-88

ACADEMIC

Lecturer

July 2016-present

POSITION

 $\label{thm:prop:continuous} \mbox{ Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT}$

Joseph E. Carrigan Teaching Award 2022

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Equus

Fall and Spring 2016-present

ASCI 121/2400, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Experiential learning course focused on equine husbandry skills and general horsemanship. Assignments are a mix of student presentations (group and individual) as well as a semester long research project with a written paper and presentation as an outcome. Students are divided into groups of 3 and assigned a horse to care for throughout the entire semester.

Horse Barn Coop Fall and Spring 2016-present, Summer 2018 and 2022 ASCI 021/1450, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Faculty Barn Manager for student cooperative barn; oversee weekly student meetings; meet weekly with farm facility staff and faculty; resolve disputes between students; act as liaison between students and department; discuss equine care and management, nutrition, horse health, current events, and safety protocols.

Horse Barn Executive Committee

Fall and Spring 2016-2022

ASCI 129/2450, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont A group of Coop students are selected to be members of the Horse Barn Coop Executive Committee. Exec members are the managers of the barn. We meet weekly to discuss barn issues. Exec members are responsible for the paperwork in the barn, scheduling vet and farrier appointments, running Coop meeting, ordering feed and bedding. Each Exec member chairs one of the barn committees.

Equus Advising

Fall and Spring 2016-2022

ASCI 191/2990 or ASCI 225/3400, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont

Students are responsible for overseeing the care and health of the 6 Animal Science teaching horses. In addition, these students schedule and teach riding lessons, provide

instruction during class time, oversee, and coordinate the completion of weekly chores, and are a liaison between Coop and Equus.

Equine Management and Programming

Fall 2022-present

ASCI 297/4990, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Faculty Barn Manager for student cooperative and teaching barn; oversee weekly executive meetings with the student barn-managers, Equus Advisors, and Dressage Team Captains; problem solve routine issues; schedule practitioners; review and revise essential documents, safety policies, and biosecurity protocols; collaborate with farm staff; maintain horse health, fitness, and welfare; assess nutritional needs, work with local vendors, and order feed for 22 horses; oversee and manage day-to-day chores; maintain 10 acres of pasture; determine and manage turn-out groups.

Equine Training Techniques

Fall 2016, 2018, 2020, and 2022

ASCI 119/2420, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Provides students an understanding of horse behavior as it pertains to shaping/modifying the desired response. This class presents fundamental training techniques for working with horses of all ages and levels of training but focuses mainly on starting the young horse and teaching that individual the "basics/fundamentals".

Equine Instructing Techniques

Spring 2018, 2020, and 2022

ASCI 125/2430, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Hands-on course focused on discussing, observing, and practicing horseback riding teaching skills in a classroom and barn setting; students prepare instructing journals including lesson plans, safety protocols, daily schedules and self and student created evaluations. There is an emphasis on safety, classic position, clear communication with the horse, group vs. individual lessons, and ring etiquette.

Beginner Horseback Riding

Spring 2018, 2020, and 2022

ASCI 030/1410, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Horseback riding instruction for students with little or no riding experience. Animal Science horses are used to teach basic position and gaits. Student instructors are utilized to provide an additional teaching opportunity. Safety and control are emphasized.

Intermediate Horseback Riding

Spring 2018, 2020, and 2022

ASCI 130/2410, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Horseback riding instruction for students comfortable at the walk, trot, and canter. Animal Science horses are used to teach more advanced skills, such as riding with an independent seat. Student instructors are utilized to provide an additional teaching opportunity. Safety and control are emphasized.

Equine Enterprise Management

Fall 2017, 2019, and 2021

ASCI 108/2470, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont

Students learn about all aspects of equine farm management and operation. Topics include: safety, horse welfare, horse health management, vital signs, biosecurity, quarantine, daily horse care, purchasing and feeding grain, hay, and supplements, equine nutrition, blanketing for the barn and turn-out, leg and hoof safety, stall cleaning, bedding, flooring, facility management and layout / design, facility maintenance, pasture management, fencing, layout, and design, facility lighting, ventilation and heat, arena footing and maintenance, paperwork (i.e. sales contracts, board agreements, risk release, farm rules, applications, etc.) and insurance.

Equine Industry Issues

Spring 2017, 2019, and 2021

ASCI 108/2470, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont This upper-level elective course dives into equine industry issues at a local, regional, and national level. The following topics are covered: equine welfare, insurance, taxes, purchase and lease agreements, commission, land use, waste management and water protection, trainer certification, farm management issues, and rules & regulations for horse sports. Students complete research, present projects, and participate in a debate.

Farm Animal Management

Spring 2023

ASCI 191D/2990, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Students learn about all aspects of farm animal management and operations for a range of farm species. Topics include: safety, welfare, health management, vital signs, biosecurity, quarantine, daily care, animal nutrition and nutrient requirements for each species, exercise requirement for each species, routine animal health needs, stall / cage / pen cleaning, bedding, flooring, facility management, layout & design, facility maintenance, pasture management, fencing, facility lighting, ventilation and heat, arena footing and maintenance, paperwork (i.e. sales contracts, board agreements, risk release, farm rules, applications, etc.), required agriculture practices, and insurance.

Lecture on Equine Behavior

Fall 2018-Spring 2023

ASCI 001/1000, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Lecture on equine body language, behavior, and communication; highlight equine courses offered; provide an overview of equine careers.

Lecture on Equine Identification

Fall 2023

ASCI 001/1000, Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Lecture on equine identification including colors, markings, and breeds; provide an overview of equine courses offered at UVM.

ACADEMIC College Curriculum Committee

Fall 2017-present

INVOLVEMENT College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont

Committee member; review departmental proposals for curricular changes in the college; collaborate with the Dean's Office to review, modify, and adapt current curricula and programs; review and approve new programs, new courses, and course changes.

Department Curriculum Committee

Fall 2019-Spring 2022, Fall 2023

Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont

Committee member; Committee Chair for 2021-22; review and assess current course offerings and major requirements; analyze enrollment, student interest, and review course proposals; review and update the Course Catalogue listings annually; submit course changes and updates to CourseLeaf.

Miller Farm Advisory Committee

Fall 2016-present

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont
Discuss current use of farm, including teaching, research, and outreach; strategic
planning for long term use of the farm; review and revise staff roles and responsibilities;
meet weekly with farm faculty, staff, and facility manager.

Lecturer in Farm Staff Search Committee

Spring 2023-Fall 2023

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont Co-Chair of Committee; Prepare position description; work with Human Resources to post job and solicit applications; review applications; develop interview questions; schedule interview schedules; participate in Microsoft Teams and in-person interviews; present committee's decision to Dean of CALS.

Lecturer in Farm Manager Search Committee

Fall 2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont Committee member; develop position description; review applications; Microsoft Teams interviews; make recommendations to Dean regarding finalists.

Lecturer in Farm Staff Search Committee

Fall 2022

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont Committee member; develop position description; review applications; Microsoft Teams interviews; make recommendations to Dean regarding finalists.

Lecturer in Dairy Science Lecturer Search Committee

Fall 2019-Spring 2020

Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Committee member; assist with position description; review applications; create interview questions; participate in phone and Microsoft Teams interviews.

College Carrigan Award Committee

Spring 2023

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont Observed and evaluated nominated faculty member's teaching and nomination dossier to select the 2023 recipient.

UVM Horse Barn Halloween Barn

Fall 2016-2019, 2022-present

Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont University and community event; UVM Horse Barn open to the public for trick or treating; 400-1100 visitors.

UVM Admissions

Spring and Summer 2023

University of Vermont

Presenter to UVM Admissions Staff; prepared and presented information about the UVM Horse Barn boarding and teaching programs; participated in an in-person team

meeting with College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean's Office to high school counselors from around the country.

Animal Science Internship and Job Fair

Spring 2022 and 2023

Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Planned, organized, and created an animal science related internship fair; led monthly planning meetings; secured equine related businesses and programs; set up event; organized student-volunteers.

Community Horsemanship Event

Spring 2017-2019, 2021-22

UVM Horse Barn, University of Vermont

Planned and organized a community horsemanship event with students; organized learning stations throughout the barn; live riding demonstrations; advertised locally; communicated with local equine groups.

First Responders Equine Handling Clinic

Summer 2017-2019

UVM Horse Barn, University of Vermont

Planned, organized, and advertised an educational event for first responders; created curriculum and content for teaching horse handling skills; provided hands-on learning opportunities for first responders.

ADVISING

Current Animal and Veterinary Sciences Majors and Minors Fall 2016-present Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Advise 15-50 undergraduate students; discuss major / minor requirements, career options, university support systems, and pre-vet requirements.

First Year Orientation and Advising

Summer 2017-Summer 2022

Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Assist incoming first year students with course scheduling; review major requirements.

Prospective Students

Fall 2016-present

Department of Animal and Veterinary Sciences, University of Vermont Meet with prospective students at the UVM Horse Barn roughly once a month; provide a tour and review UVM Horse Barn Coop protocols and responsibilities; review equine courses offered at the farm.

Admitted Student Visit Days

Spring 2018-22

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont Present at Admitted Student Visit Day's information session. Organize students for Miller Farm tours.

EQUINE EXPERIENCE

Professional Hunter / Jumper Trainer

May 2011 -present

Central Vermont

Teach all age riders from beginner through advanced; provide professional services for buying and selling horses; supervise care, maintenance, and health of all show horses; collaborate with equine practitioners; design and build courses; train young horses; facilitate show riders with memberships, entries, preparation, training, and competition; managed and instructed riding clinics; judged schooling shows.

Instructor March 2009-2018

Pease Farm / Vermont Horse Assisted Therapy, Middlesex, Vermont Instructor for weekly lessons for all age riders; trained unschooled horses; instructed and developed therapeutic riding lessons; evaluated potential therapy horses; assisted with implementation and instruction of therapeutic riding program.

Professional Hunter / Jumper Trainer

May 1982-1996

Fox Horn Farm, Charlotte, VT

Instructed lessons to riders of all age riders from beginner through advanced; agent for horse sales and leases; implemented farm work and safety protocols; managed over 20 show horses; initiated, planned, and taught summer riding camps; assisted with and schooled show horses; planned and managed schooling horse shows.

RELATED **EXPERIENCE**

Special Educator / Consulting Teacher

August 1988-June 2001

Hooksett, NH; Alburgh, VT; Bristol, VT; Marlboro, MA; Hartford, VT.

Case manager / teacher for students grades 3-12; co-taught core courses; managed, designed, and implemented Individual Education Plans; collaborated with faculty; facilitated team meetings; communicated with parents.

SERVICE

COMMUNITY Vermont Hunter Jumper Association

January 2008-present

Vice-president / Board Member; Education Committee Chair; Banquet and Competition Committee member; organize and implement riding clinics; manage horsemanship program; participate in monthly meetings; collect donations for banquet raffle; edit and review horse show prize lists; facilitate show managers' annual meeting; review and summarize stewards' reports.

Vermont Horse Council

January 2016-present

Current Member; team member for Vermont Equine Industry Impact Study in conjunction with the UVM Center for Rural Studies; two-time interviewee on Across the Fence; interviewee on WDEV Radio; Equine Industry Summit 2022 and 2023 committee member; monthly meeting participant. Winner of the 2022 Horseperson of the Year Award.

Vermont Horse Assisted Therapy

January 2009-2016

Past President / Board Member; Pease Farm, Middlesex, VT Conducted board meetings; assisted with program development and implementation; secured financial contributions.

Four Winds Nature Program

September 2006-June 2014

Montpelier School District, Montpelier, VT

Parent Volunteer and Program Coordinator; participate in monthly training; teach curriculum to elementary school age children; organize and create materials used in monthly lessons.

MEMBERSHIPS United States Equestrian Federation • United States Hunter Jumper Association • New England Horseman's Council • Vermont Hunter Jumper Association • Vermont Horse Council