

JON PENNINGTON

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Bio

I am a native speaker of English and Spanish with five years of teaching at a cutting-edge public high school and two years at a highly competitive state college. I provide students with authentic and personalized opportunities for learning and create for them modern environments to leverage the latest web tools and social-networking technologies. My instruction is student centered and project based. I presently enjoy teaching at a high performing, technologically progressive IB world school where the educators share a common vision of reinventing teaching and learning in this century of global connectedness and rapid technological change.

Academic Positions

Virgin Islands International Academy St. Thomas, VI 2010-Present

Head of Spanish

Created the school's first student exchange program. Developed a project based IB curriculum to bridge the Middle Year and Diploma Programmes. Instructed Spanish grades 7-12. All of my students' work lives at www.languageconnects.us

The College of New Jersey Trenton, NJ 2008-2010

Adjunct Professor of Spanish

Redesigned the curricula of SPA 103 and 203 to incorporate global networking with native Spanish speakers. Partnered with technology specialist to customize new language lab. Built an audio library of student initiated digital language exchanges between students and native speakers focusing on the perspectives of each culture at www.spanishconnects.us

Hunterdon Central High School Flemington, NJ 2005-2010

Teacher of Spanish

Built and orchestrated a full student exchange program with a high school in Argentina in 2010 as a result of successive videoconferences and one to one student language exchanges. Developed a new student centered curriculum to develop 21st century proficiencies. Formed partnerships with schools on three continents to create an academic social network for collaboration on projects and authentic language learning .

Education

Centenary College Hackettstown, NJ 2009
Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership with Principal Certification

Universidad de Alcalá Alcalá, España 2006
Graduate Program in Methods of Foreign Language Acquisition

Rutgers, State University of New Jersey New Brunswick, NJ 2004
Graduate Program in Methods of Foreign Language Teaching

W.P. Carey School of Business of Arizona State University Tempe, AZ 2004
Bachelors of Science in Finance, International Business Certificate

Arizona State University Tempe, AZ 2004
Bachelors of Arts in Spanish
Minor in Interpersonal Communication, Concentration in French

Centro Superior de Desarrollo Internacional (CSDI) Madrid, España 2000
Academic Semester Abroad

Certifications

IB Teacher Training	Fall 2010
K-12 Principal Certification	Summer 2009
Highly qualified NJ State Spanish Teacher Certification (grades K-12)	Winter 2004

Grants & Special Programs

Created a full student exchange program in Argentina with	Spring 2011
Built from the ground up and coordinated a full student exchange program in Argentina	Spring 2010
Received 23 netbooks for student home/school use as a result of a successful proposal	Fall 2009
Led 16 High School Students on an educational tour of Costa Rica	Summer 2007
Received the iEARN grant to fund a digital story telling project with Latin-America	Fall 2007
Took a strong leadership role in the school's first Tablet PC pilot program	Fall 2006

Honors & Publications

Interview by Director of Media Center of UCONN at www.worldatways.com	Summer 2009
Thesis: The Impact of the Tablet PC on Teacher Preparation and Instruction	Fall 2008
NJ Department of Ed, presented my work as a model for 21st century curricular revision	Summer 2008

Professional Associations & Committees

Local Organizations

Chair of the Sabbatical Committee HCRHS	2008-Present
Member of the Educational Technology Committee of HCRHS	2006-Present

State Organizations

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (NAATSP)	2007-Present
Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey (FLENJ)	2006-Present

National/International Organizations

International Education & Resource Network (iEARN)	2006-Present
International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE)	2008-Present

Presentations Delivered

National Association of American Teachers of Portuguese and Spanish (NAATSP)

Learning a Language to use in your Life	Fall 2010
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Casuarinas College, Lima Peru (In Spanish)

Leveraging Connective Technologies to create Global Partnerships	Summer 2009
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Faculty of Modern Languages at the College of New Jersey (TCNJ)

Using Social Networks for Language Learning with Cross-curricular Connections	Summer 2009
Creating Personal Learning Networks with Native Speakers	Fall 2008

21st New Jersey Association of Educational Technology Annual Conference (NJ AET)

21 Ways to use the Tablet PC to Transform your Classroom	Fall 2008
Skype: Global Audio/Video	Fall 2008

New Jersey Association of Supervisors for Curriculum Development Conference (ASCD)

Learning Language within Virtual Worlds: Second Life and the Sims	Winter 2008-10
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New Jersey State Alternate Route Classes for New Teacher Certification

Leveraging Technology in the Classroom to Create Opportunities for Authentic Learning	Spring 2007- 10
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National Tablet PC Academy

Tablet Pedagogy and the Integration of Web 2.0 Technologies to Support Learning	Summer 2007-10
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Faculty of 300 at Hunterdon Central Regional High School

Using the Tablet PC to Enhance Teaching and Learning	Fall 2006
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References

“Jon has enriched my understanding of what is possible with technology.”

Rob Mancabell, Director of Information Systems of Hunterdon Central Regional High School
rob@mancabelli.com

“Jon’s students clearly understand that learning Spanish has authentic value; they use the target language within and beyond the classroom.”

Lynn Luster, Chair of World Languages, Hunterdon Central Regional High School
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“In my work with school districts and at conferences I show examples of Jon’s classroom practice on a regular basis to highlight excellence in the use of social learning tools online. Jon’s vision of personalized, passion based learning for his students is ahead of his time, and I know I will continue to draw on his work and expertise in my own learning.”

Will Richardson, International Web.20 in Education Expert, Consultant and Author <http://www.weblogged.com>
weblogged@gmail.com

“Jon has worked assiduously to create interesting and authentic learning experiences for his students. We are very fortunate to have Jon come and teach for us (and to teach us!), and he has certainly been an asset to this department.”

Regina Morin, Chair of Modern Languages, The College of New Jersey
rmorin@tcnj.edu

“We would do well to consider the powerful motivating effects these intercultural exchanges like Jon’s can have, not only in moving students into longer sequences of study and higher levels of linguistic and intercultural competencies, but also in keeping young teachers of Jon’s caliber in the profession.”

(Podcast Interview) <http://www.worldatways.com/2009/08/20/casta-ways-an-interview-with-jon-pennington/>

Barbara Lindsay, Director of the Multimedia Language Center at the University of Connecticut
barbara.lindsay@uconn.edu

Additional References Available Upon Request