

Michael Dewesse Brown Jr., M.A.

Summary Statement

- Creative educator with a track record of improving student motivation, growth and success
- Dedicated to demystifying the education process and exposing students to the transformational power of education, as well as, developing, motivating, and preparing students for the real-world
- Experienced writer and published author with a proven ability to effectively teach writing and English

Education

Master of Arts English - May 2011
Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN
G.P.A. 4.00/4.00

Bachelor of Arts English, Major, Secondary Education, Minor - December 2006
Jackson State University, Jackson, MS
G.P.A. 3.33/4.00

Experience

Classroom Teaching

MacArthur High School/North Lake College, TX, July 2013 to Present

- Achieved a 73% state exam passing rate during the 2014-2015 school year while teaching a course targeting students who had failed the state exam or more than once, 10% higher than the state average
- Improved state test scores by more than 25% in less than 3 months during the 2014-2015 school year when asked to take over another teacher's ENG I class to help improve the school's ENG I scores
- Created remediation tools, graphic organizers, and a system of reading and writing that was used as a model for the ENG III passing guides for the district
- Teaches Dual Credit English IV (ENG 1301 - 1302) in partnership with North Lake College.

Ashford University, IA (Online Assistant Professor), July 2012 to Present

- Taught 35, five-week courses since 2012.
- Has taught ENG 121, 122, and 125
- Consistently exceeds the course and university instructor satisfaction ratings

Inspired Vision Middle High School, TX, August 2011 to Present

- Achieved 93% (8th grade) and 100% (ENG I EOC) passing rates on Texas' 2011-2012 STAAR exams
- Collaborated with a team that implemented 1:1 (technology) on our campus
- Presented a Student Motivation Workshop Session for District-wide professional development

Tennessee State University, TN, August 2010 to May 2011

- Co-taught as a graduate assistant to the head of the English department teaching in a sophomore-level American Literature course

- Presented lessons, facilitated class discussions, and tutored students struggling with research papers, readings, and other class assignments
- Graded quizzes and major academic papers

Donelson Middle School, Nashville, TN, August 2008 to May 2010

- Taught a writing class that targeted ELL, and non-proficient students for the TCAP writing exam which result in a proficiency rate of 95% within that class
- Coached over twenty athletes to the MNPS Track and Field City meet
- Served as a model teacher for the Comprehensive Literature program and was observed by other teachers from other middle schools in the district
- Achieved TVAAS scores 1.6 points higher than the district average at 2.5

Hazlehurst Middle School, Hazlehurst, MS, August 2007 to May 2008

- Facilitated effective classroom management, provided innovative and creative instruction, incorporated a plethora of activities to address the various learning styles, and included collaborative learning in 7th grade reading classes.
- Composed an intricate, highly specific pacing guide for the 7th grade reading department.
- Coached six students to the Mississippi Track and Field State Championship

Computer Skills

- Microsoft Word 2003, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Microsoft Movie Maker, iMovie, website creation software

Honors

- Designated teacher for student teacher observations during the 2013 - 2016 school terms
- Assigned to be a new teacher mentor during the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school terms
- Named model teacher for the MNPS Comprehensive Literature program during the 2008-2009 school term
- Jackson State University W.E.B. Dubois Honors College Scholar

Presentations

- Brown, Michael (2011). "Deconstructing E. Lynn Harris' Uplifting Depictions of the African American, Gay/Bi-sexual Man." Paper presented at the University of North Carolina Asheville 2011 Queer Studies Conference.
- Brown, Michael (2004). "The Egocentric Nature of Milk Man Dead." Paper presented at the Jackson State University Literary Conference.

Publications

- Dewesse, J. R. *A Day and a Half*. Lulu , 2016.
- Dewesse, J R. *Kiss of Life*. Lulu , 2018.
- Dewesse, J R. *To Be Loved: Because It Was Forbidden*. IUniverse Inc., 2009.