

Dr. Carey Seeley Dzierzak

<p><i>Experienced educator dedicated to peace education, literacy, social justice and social-emotional learning. Over twenty years working in education and continues to be inspired to create culturally affirming learning spaces for students to thrive.</i></p>	<p>careyseeley28@gmail.com 612-741-5058 Richfield, MN</p>
<p>Experience in Education</p> <p>Lecturer, University of Minnesota, CEHD, College of Education and Human Development, Curriculum & Instruction, Aug. 2024-present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lecturer and Instructor of Pre-service teachers focused on Reading foundations and culturally relevant pedagogy.• Supervises pre-service teachers in their field experience focused on literacy.	<p>Educational Background</p> <p>Ed.D, Hamline University Dissertation: Culturally Relevant Literacy Instruction, Spring 2021</p> <p>Masters in Education, University of St. Thomas, Elementary Education Spring 2000</p> <p>B.A., Pepperdine University Major: Political Science, Spring 1996</p>
<p>Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Blue Sky Literacy Consulting, LLC, Aug. 2024-present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Educational consulting• Professional development• Curriculum mapping/advising• Culturally Relevant teaching pedagogy/practices	<p>Licensures (MN)</p> <p>K-12 Principal License</p> <p>K-12 Reading License</p> <p>K-6 Teaching License</p>
<p>Principal, Webster Elementary School Minneapolis Public Schools, MN July 2023-June 2024</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leads students, staff and community as a cohesive social emotional, equity-focused school. <p>Principal, Ridgeview Elementary School Bloomington Public Schools, MN August 2020 - June 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Led students, staff and community in establishing Ridgeview as an International Peace site in 2021• Focused on Social emotional learning, peace education and restorative practices.• Supported staff, students and families with gifted and talented programming as well as differentiated instruction for all students.	<p>Community Involvement</p> <p>Co-author of the book, <i>Empowering Peace & Justice: An Actionable Framework for Educators and Learners</i> (Sept.. 2024 expected publication)</p> <p>Former President and current Executive Board Member, MN Reading Association 2014-present</p> <p>Co-Chair Racial Justice Team, First Congregational Church, Minneapolis 2020-present</p> <p>Birds of Peace Circle Member 2021-present</p> <p>Site Leader of International Peace Site through World Citizen Peace organization 2021-2023</p> <p>Parent volunteer, Richfield Public Schools, swimming and football</p>

Experiences, continued
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Assistant Principal, Armatage Montessori School

Minneapolis Public Schools, MN
August 2018 - July 2020

- Led and organized professional development for staff focused on Social Emotional Learning themes and critical literacy
- Facilitated data cycles and observations with teachers individually and in PLCs and teams. • Coordinated assessment work for both instructional assessments and social-emotional learning surveys.

Skills and Assets

- Experienced leader
- Innovator
- Coach
- Literacy leader
- Team builder
- Collaborator
- Strategic planner
- Creative
- Empathetic listener

Director of Elementary Education
Minneapolis Public Schools, MN
July 2016 - June 2018

- Managed curriculum for 45 elementary schools in the diverse Minneapolis Public Schools district. • Supervised Instructional District Program facilitators for all content areas for elementary programming (literacy, math, arts, media, science, etc)
- Led a 10 million dollar core literacy adoption, starting with research, review, and implementation.

Professional Development (content areas)

- Culturally relevant literacy
- Foundational Literacy
- Critical literacy
- Peace Education
- Social-emotional learning
- Reading Intervention
- Best practices in literacy
- Instructional coaching strategies
- Adult learning strategies
- Data-informed instruction

Instructional Specialist Lead
Minneapolis Public Schools, MN
Fall 2011 - Fall 2013

- Led a team of 10 Instructional specialists
- Supported coaches through modeling, observation and feedback loops.
- Instructional coaching at Seward Montessori for K-8 teachers in all content areas using the SOEI rubric and instructional observations.

Literacy Coach, Seward Montessori
Minneapolis Public Schools, MN
Winter 2009 - Summer 2011

- Coached teachers on literacy strategies
- Provided professional development focused on literacy for K-5 teachers
- Supported the leadership team with PLCs, data cycles and other building initiatives

Teacher: First Grade and Reading Recovery
Richfield Public Schools, MN
Fall 2000 - Winter 2009

References

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