

JAMES KOPONEN

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Fully qualified and educated teacher with ample experience in mentoring and teaching a diverse student base. Looking to leverage my knowledge and experience into a role as a full-time teacher at a challenging, but rewarding institution in higher learning.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

California State University East Bay

Developmental Writing Instructor, September 2008 – June 2009

- Taught freshmen students the essential elements in writing college-level essays, stressing a focus in critical thinking and analyzing assumptions
- Constructed classes that centered around reading published works and having students write on various assigned criteria
- Taught current MLA formatting techniques using proper research and citation strategies
- Focused on students finding a personal voice and developing essays to avoid plagiarism
- Designed and built a database-driven, web-based grading and lesson plan system

California State University East Bay

Intern Instructor, Spring Quarter – 2008

- Focused on assisting the professor in teaching assignments and providing feedback for student essays, with emphasis on better success in passing the Writing Skills Test
- Taught classes for periods when the head instructor was absent

EDUCATION

California State University East Bay

Master of Arts in English, March 2009

- Successfully passed the university exit exam with a focus on Renaissance Literature
- Submitted (and had approved) a master's thesis, now published in the university library
- Studied TESOL in an international and diverse setting

California State University East Bay

Bachelor of Arts in English, June 2006

- Focused on Creative Writing and Composition
- **Special attention dedicated to Renaissance Classes**

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

- Expert in database development and all things internet-based
- Advanced level of French
- Able to construct database systems online to facilitate teaching and grading

PUBLICATIONS / REGARDED WORKS

- Wrote and co-produced three Mystery Dinner Shows, performed in 2005, 2008, and 2015
- Authored numerous drama sketches for various theatre groups
- Commissioned to write a Christmas production and summer musical ("Prince of Egypt") for Neighborhood Theatre Group
- Published "Freak Show," a poem published in the 2006 publication of Occam's Razor