

Soñia Galaviz, Ed.D

Professional Profile

- Nearly two decades of public school teaching experience in Title 1 schools
- Expertise in developing STEM programs, projects, events, and opportunities for students and families in individual schools and throughout the district
- Experience in grant writing, grant management, project management and reports
- Professional Development lead, Instructional/Curriculum Coach
- Collaborative team player within grade level, school community, and school families
- Actively engaged in gathering and sustaining community, industry, and organizational partnerships in order to lower barriers and meet the specific needs of the school
- Skilled at incorporating culturally sustaining teaching and developing opportunities for family engagement/inclusion
- Dedicated to creative and enthusiastic teaching, guiding students of all ages to build identity, be agents of change, and live as active citizens

Curriculum and Instruction:

- Distinguished knowledge of designing integrated curriculum across the content areas based on various themes to maximize student connection, learning, and success
- Expert navigation of state standards in developing units and lessons, while incorporating socially-situated learning, project based learning, service learning, and teaching for social justice
- Extensive experience writing curriculum for educational institutions and nonprofits
- Experienced and competent in various instructional strategies for diverse learners, particularly English language learners

Experience

Elementary Education

- Boise School District, 5th grade, 8/2012-present
- Nampa School District, 5th grade, 8/2007- 6/2012
- Nampa School District, 2nd grade, 8/2006-6/2007
- Jerome School District, English Language Learning class, 8/2005-6/2006
- Nampa School District, Kindergarten, 9/2002-6/2003

University Course Experience

- Boise State University adjunct faculty, College of Education, various credits and courses, 2005-present
- Boise State University, National Writing Project Coach, 2017-present
- Faculty for University of Phoenix, Education Department and General Education. 2008-2013
- Treasure Valley Community College adjunct faculty, Education Department, 2006-2008

Other

- Consulting Teacher/Curriculum Writing, BSCS Science Learning- 2020-present
- PCS Edventures STEM workshop lead, curriculum consultant- 2017-present
- Science for Monks and Nuns, Dharamshala, India Faculty- 2019-2021

- Adult Education, English as a New Language, College of Southern Idaho 6/2005 - 6/2006
- Outreach Coordinator, Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs, tobacco prevention within Latino youth community 7/2004-6/2005
- Program Director, Council on Hispanic Education, Youth Outreach and tobacco prevention (Through Department of Health and Welfare) 7/2003-6/2004
- Family Literacy Teacher, funded through Diversity Works, 1/2001-6/2001

School and District Positions:

- Boise School District 5th Grade Curriculum Development Team
- Boise School District STEM Consultant
- Boise School District Sustainability Team
- STEM Coordinator, Garfield Elementary
- Everyday Leadership Lead Instructor, Garfield Elementary
- Community School Steering Committee, Garfield Elementary
- Parent Action Team, Garfield Elementary

Local and Statewide Positions:

- Idaho Council of Teachers of Mathematics Board of Trustees
- Boise City Library Board of Trustees
- Boise Education Association Elementary Director
- Idaho Education Association Resolutions Committee
- Discovery Center of Idaho Educational Advisory Board

Professional Affiliations:

- RISE Treasure Valley Educational Partnership
- National Writing Project/ Boise State Writing Project
- Idaho Council of Teachers of Mathematics
- Idaho Science Teachers Association
- National Education Association/Idaho Education Association/Boise Education Association
- Learning for Justice (formally Teaching Tolerance) National Advisory Board 2012-2018

Education

- Ed.D. Curriculum and Instruction, STEM Education Emphasis, Boise State University Boise, ID 2020
- M.A. Curriculum and Instruction, Bilingual Education Emphasis, Boise State University Boise, ID 2005
- B.A. Elementary Education, K-8, Bilingual Education Emphasis, English as a New Language Endorsement (K-12), Boise State University Boise, ID 2002

Publications

Galaviz, S., Peralta, C. (2019). Inquiry-based science in fifth-grade multilingual classroom: the zero waste day project. *The Reading Teacher*, 73 (2), 247-255. <https://doi.org/10.1002/trtr.1851>

Peralta, Claudia and Galaviz, Sonia. (2013). "Effectiveness of Understanding Relations Between Community, Home, and School for Future Educators". *GIST Education and Learning Research Journal*, 7173-189.

Wenner, J., Galaviz, S. (2020). Science Packs: take-home STEM-themed backpacks provide opportunities for engaging family fun!. *Science and Children*, 57 (5), 35-39.

<https://www.nsta.org/science-and-children/science-and-children-january-2020/science-packs>

Awards and Honors

- Boise State University Distinguished Alumni- 2021
- Wassmuth Center for Human Rights, Idaho Human Rights Educator of the Year- 2020
- Pat and Eloise Bieter Doctoral Fellowship- 2019
- Robert and Beryl Barr Doctoral Fellowship- 2019
- National Education Association Member Benefits Award for Teaching Excellence, National Teacher of the Year- 2017
- National Education Association Foundation Awards for Teaching Excellence- Horace Mann Award- 2017
- INDEEDS Award (Industry's Excellent Educators Dedicated to STEM)- 2016
- Idaho Education Association, Marsha Nakamura Teaching Excellence Award- 2016
- Idaho Education Association, Sam Cikaitoga Minority Service Award- 2013
- Idaho Education Association Top Region Member Recruiter, Region 7- 2012
- Southern Poverty Law Center, Teaching Tolerance, Award in Excellence in Culturally Responsive Teaching- 2011
- Idaho Education Association, Outstanding Member – 2010
- Idaho Business Review, Woman of the Year- 2009
- Nampa School District, Endeavor Elementary Teacher of the Year- 2006