

Kate Gardner

5-12 Social Studies Teacher

EDUCATION

St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud MN

BS Social Studies Education - Cumulative GPA 3.94

Minor in Geography - GPA 4.0

Minor in Special Education - GPA 4.0

Graduate Courses - GPA 4.0

Graduated DECEMBER 15th, 2023

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Social Studies and Math Teaching, Athlos Academy St. Cloud— Middle School Teacher

August 2024 - June 3, 2025

- Teach 6th Grade Minnesota History, 7th/8th Grade U.S. History, and 6–8th Grade Math.
- Co-teach Social Emotional Learning (SEL) to support student development.
- Plan and deliver differentiated, hands-on lessons tailored to diverse student needs.
- Collaborate with SPED, ELL, and general education teachers to implement inclusive practices.
- Utilize a variety of instructional strategies and technology to enhance student engagement.
- Maintain strong parent communication through phone calls, emails, and conferences.

Long Term Substitute Teaching, New London Spicer Middle School— 7th Grade Science Long-Term Substitute Teacher

April 16, 2024 - May 24, 2024

- Designed and delivered daily science instruction aligned with the established scope and sequence provided by the regular classroom teacher
- Administered assessments and maintained continuity of learning

Substitute Teaching, Teachers On Call— Substitute Teacher and Paraprofessional

January 2024 - April 5, 2024

- Served as a substitute teacher for grades K–12 across multiple Central Minnesota school districts, adapting to diverse classroom environments and content areas
- Worked as a paraprofessional substitute, supporting students with a wide range of cognitive, behavioral, emotional, and physical exceptionalities in both inclusive and specialized settings

Student Teaching - Social Studies (7-9), New London Spicer Schools — Student Teacher

August 2023 - December 2023

- Taught 9th Grade World Geography (3 weeks) and 7th Grade American History (14 weeks)

AWARDS

Dean's List - 6 of 7 semesters.

Achieved by taking 12+ credits with a 3.75+ GPA.

Excellence in Leadership

Award from SCSU - Spring

2023. The Excellence in Leadership Award recognizes students who have demonstrated outstanding leadership at SCSU and surrounding communities based on an evaluation of academic commitment and leadership experience.

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Gardner, K., Baker, J.S. (2024, April) *Politics in education: Poetic exploration of preservice teachers' perceptions of legislating classrooms*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference

Baker, J. S., Bloom, E., Forberg, C., Gardner, K., & Reickard, E. (2023, October). *Exploring voice: Preservice teachers and polyvocal poetry*. Paper presented at the Curriculum & Pedagogy Group Conference.

HONOR SOCIETIES

National Society of Leadership and Success

National Society of Collegiate Scholars

- Designed and implemented a student centered classroom management system using color-coded LED lights to support student behavior and engagement
- Reinforced classroom culture through clear expectations based on the Golden Rule, Platinum Rule, and “Deodorant Rule,” promoting respect and responsibility
- Integrated project-based learning and inquiry based instruction
- Collaborated with SPED teachers, paras, and PLC teams to support inclusive instruction

Field Experience, Willmar High School — Student Teacher

MARCH 2023 - May 2023

- Taught World History (Grades 11–12) and Sociology (Grades 9–12); Co-taught and observed Psychology I & II (Grades 11–12) and Government (Grades 9–10)

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCE RELATED EXPERIENCE

Daycare and Preschool, Baby Bulldogs/Little Angels — Owner/Operator

OCTOBER 2008 - AUGUST 2024

- Taught preschool to a mixed age group - including nutrition, life skills, and preschool curriculum
- Designed, organized, and implemented a kindergarten readiness curriculum
- Took yearly child development courses
- Participated in the federal food program by providing homemade healthy meals to the children and completing yearly food trainings.
- Partnered with therapists, doctors, and schools to support children with special needs.
- Maintained compliance with state licensing, food program regulations, and safety protocols.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

St. Cloud State University, St. Cloud, MN — Economics Bowl

April 2023

- Worked with Students, Teachers, Professors, and Judges at the SCSU Economics Bowl

Paynesville Secondary School, Paynesville, MN — Choreographer

MARCH 2019 - 2022

- Working with students in 6th - 12th grades. Volunteer choreographer, movement coach, and historical reference for middle and high school plays and musicals.

Paynesville Community Theater, Paynesville, MN — Choreographer

2022

- Working with students 3rd - 12th grade. Developed and taught choreography to the entire cast, including solos, duets, trios, small groups, and large groups/full cast, demonstrating the ability to work with students in different size groups.

Gamma Theta Upsilon - Geography

Kappa Delta Pi - Education

PROFICIENCIES

- Office: Word, PowerPoint, Excel.
- Google: Classroom, Docs, Slides, Sheets, Pages, Forms
- ArcGIS-PRO
- Nearpod, Prezi, Kahoot, Blooket, PearDeck, Quizlet, Quizizz, and Gimkit
- Schoology
- Infinite Campus

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Science of Reading - U of M Careiall Training
- Study Abroad - Alnwick England; Geography & Social Studies Education
- BounceBack - CentraCare Mental Health Training
- AI in Education - Gurvy Education
- Standards Based Grading and Assessments

CERTIFICATIONS & SKILLS

- Minnesota Teaching License (Social Studies 5-12, Special Education Endorsements)
- CPR & First Aid Certified
- Curriculum Design & Differentiation
- Project-Based Learning & Inquiry-Based Instruction
- Instructional Technology & Blended Learning
- Behavior Management & Classroom Leadership
- Strong Parent & Community Engagement