Leonora Dechtiar, M.A.T.

Education

Master of Arts in Teaching 2011
Savannah College of Art and Design
GPA: 4.0

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Illustration 2009
Maine College of Art
GPA: 3.9

Fine Art and Spanish 2008
University of the Basque Country, Spain
Spring semester abroad

Certification

Georgia State Teaching Certification in Art, K-12 July 2012

South Carolina State Teaching Certification in Art, K-12 August 2014

Yoga Teacher Training May 2014
200-hour Yoga Alliance certification
Holy Cow Yoga Center, Charleston, SC

Teaching Experience

Art Teacher September 2011-June 2015
Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC
I taught elementary students art in Title I public schools through the program called Art to Go, which complemented under-funded art programs and helped children create large murals to show at the Charleston Marathon Expo. I worked with Charleston County First Steps to introduce preschool children in various under-funded preschools to the fundamentals of art and museum education in a hands-on way.

Summer Art and Yoga Camp Teacher June 2015- August 2015
Gibbes Museum of Art, Charleston, SC
I designed, created the curriculum, and taught 6 weeks of full-time art camp. The art camp included lessons in traditional art forms, multicultural art, with integration of drama, music, movement, and yoga. Campers ages 4-12 prepared an art show and performance at the end of each week, in which they invited parents to come and see their art creations, plays, puppet shows, and yoga dances.

Children's Class Program Coordinator September 2015- present
Triangle Neighborhood Children's Class Program, Chapel Hill, NC
I coordinated neighborhood and community after-school and weekend programs in Chapel Hill, Carrboro, and Durham, North Carolina. These after-school and weekend programs aim at building positive character qualities in children and enacting social change in neighborhoods. I led middle school students to create murals in schools with positive social messages, organized winter camps that included art, yoga, music, stories, drama, and games.

Art Director, Art Teacher January 2012- June 2013
The Family Learning House, in Beijing, China
I created and implemented the first art curriculum for a prestigious International Montessori Kindergarten in Beijing. I taught full-time art classes to students between the ages of 2 and 6, set up their first art room in a Montessori way, decorated the hallways of the school, set up art shows, and assisted in family events. I was the head of the art department and trained an assistant art teacher.

Summer Art Camp Teacher June- August 2014
EarthArt Pottery and Art Studio
I lead art camps for elementary-age children using glass fusing, ceramics, and painting lessons. I helped organize art birthday parties that included ceramics painting, glass fusing projects, and painting projects.

Art Teacher April 2014- June 2015
The Artists' Loft School
I taught after school, weekend, and home school classes to children at The Artists Loft School in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. The Artists Loft School also partnered with a few private Montessori Schools. I went into these Montessori schools to offer weekly art classes. At the Artists Loft School, I taught traditional art skills to students aged 5-17.

Student-Teacher for Art June 2010- June 2011
Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools
I completed 900 hours of assisting and student-teaching to acquire Georgia teacher's certification for kindergarten-12th grade. I taught in 9 different public schools in the area including Title I, magnet schools, and Montessori schools. I was a full time student teacher at Savannah Arts Academy, an arts magnet high school. I also taught at Charles Ellis Montessori Academy, a Montessori public elementary and middle school.

Awards and Publications

Savannah College of Art and Design *Honors Award Scholarship* 2011

Maine College of Art *Half Tuition Merit Scholarship* 2005-2009

Maine College of Art *Dean's List* 2005-2009

Dottie and Me Celebrate What Makes Us Great: An A to Z Coloring Book 2010
by Lisa Blecker and Aaron Kreader, Published by Studio 9, inc.
Coloring book for children

Arise Magazine, 1st Issue, 3rd issue, 4th issue 2006, 2008, 2010
Illustrated the cover of a magazine for young teens