



GENA DAWN RABINOWITZ

International Arts Educator

With two decades' experience as a leader in global art education, I teach a project-based art program that emphasizes self-expression, growth-mindset, cultural diversity, and a strong alignment with the principles of sustainability. I embrace opportunities to collaborate with classroom teachers, and am passionate about making art visible on campus through dynamic displays that engage and unite the community.

CONTACT

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PERSONAL INFO

Family: Married, one child (10 yrs)

Passports: USA. My husband and daughter are EU citizens.

Other: My husband is a freelance writer with location flexibility.

EDUCATION

M.Ed, Integrative Learning
Union Institute and University, 2023

B.A., Art & Art History

B.A., Cultural Anthropology
Rice University, 2000 - 2004
Graduated Cum Laude

IB TRAININGS

- 'Making the PYP Happen'
- 'Agency, Action and Engagement'
- 'Leaders Engage the Community'

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Professional Leadership Coaching
- Mindfulness in Education
- Women in Leadership™ Intensive
- Inner Landscaping: 12 Principles of Permaculture
- Project Zero Studio Habits
- Green Educator Training
- Global Art Educator Conferences
- Responsive Classroom Management
- Gender Spectrum™
- Visions™ Diversity and Inclusion
- First Aid and CPR Training
- Child Safety Training

HIGHLIGHTS

- **20 years experience** as a visual arts educator (TK-8) at progressive schools.
- **Leadership roles** at schools worldwide: Bali, California, and Prague.
- **Multiple IB trainings** and extensive professional development.
- **Recent TEDx talk:** 'Embracing Creativity and Courage in Art Education'.
- **Master's Degree** in Integrative Education.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Green School, Bali

Art Department Lead / Primary School Art Teacher

Bali, Indonesia: July 2018 - Dec. 2021

- Designed and delivered an eco-focused art program to a diverse, multilingual student body. Holistically integrated sustainability, wellness, and ecophilia as touchstones of the program.
- Integrated practical arts (woodworking, sewing, 3D printing, etc) and media lab (photo/video) to provide deep and diverse creative experiences for students.
- Created and facilitated international art collaborations between Green Schools in Bali, New Zealand, and South Africa, with the aim of building community through the arts.
- Crafted all-school art campaigns that highlighted the program, supported community initiatives, connected learning across campus, and gave students an opportunity to shine.
- Coached Balinese teachers in curriculum development and classroom management skills.

Presidio Hill School

Art Teacher TK-8 / Specialist Teachers Lead

San Francisco, California: 2010-2017

- Created and taught a progressive art curriculum across the entire school, with an emphasis on multiculturalism, social justice, and connection to the local urban environment.
- Installed dynamic art displays that transformed school into a living art campus.
- Hired, mentored, and supervised three art assistants.

Park Day School

Art Department Lead / Art Teacher K-8

Oakland, California: 2005-2009 / 2017-2018

- Created and implemented an all-school art program for 200+ students. Generated a curriculum map with progression of techniques/concepts spanning K-8.
- Inspired a school culture where "everyone is an artist," infused with an appreciation of stylistic diversity and confidence in individual self-expression.
- Co-shaped the middle school during its first year of existence.

SKILLS

- Project Management
- Creative Writing
- Graphic Design
- Curriculum Development
- Social/Emotional Development
- Non-Violent Communication
- Growth Mindset Approach
- Adobe Photoshop
- Wordpress
- Canva

ART EXPERTISE

- Photography
- Design
- Painting
- Drawing
- Sculpture
- Ceramics
- Multimedia
- Textiles

WEBSITE

Please visit my website at www.genadawn.com to learn more about my teaching philosophy, and see images of significant projects and exhibitions.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

International School of Prague

Community Communications Specialist

Prague, Czech Republic: 2022 - 2024

- Part-time role while completing Master's Degree in Integrative Education.
- Created educational content to connect and inform the parent community about progressive pedagogy and school values, as the school transitioned into a Full Continuum IB World School.
- Supported PYP arts integration, ran after-school art classes, and served as an advisor for Upper School "Multimedia Storytellers" student group.
- Supported Senior Leadership Team in executing school initiatives and community-building events through written communications, marketing, video storyboarding, and design work.

TEDx Speaker

Prague, Czech Republic: 2023

- Inspired by my experience teaching in the jungles of Bali, my TEDx talk, "*Embracing Chaos and Creativity to Transform Education*" (to be released online Jan. 2024) explores how chaos can be a catalyst for creativity and lead to transformative growth and a reimaged approach to arts education.

Sabbatical Year

Southeast Asia and India: 2009 - 2010

- Worked on a permaculture farm in Thailand. Volunteered at an orphanage in India. Wrote and published a children's art book: "The Rainbow's Journey".

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Community Arts Lead, Green School, 2020-2021

- Created and facilitated large-scale collaborations and exhibitions across three schools on three continents, in Bali, New Zealand, and South Africa.
- Managed communications and marketing, including internal and external print and web.

All-School Arts Lead, Green School, 2019-2021

- Led arts curriculum development for TK -12. Worked with Head of School and MS/HS Heads to assess and develop art program trajectory.
- Presented progressive art education workshops to parents and teachers.
- Facilitated weekly specialist meetings.

Artist Outreach Programs, Multiple Schools, 2015 - 2021

- Established extensive network of locally- and globally-renowned artists to bring their unique expertise to campuses. Over 40 artist visits in the last eight years.

Co-leader, 'Human Sustainability Task Force', Presidio Hill School, 2015-2017

- Worked with Head of School on long-range planning, communications, and strategies to increase educator retention and wellness.

Founder of 'Gratitude Group', Presidio Hill School, 2011-2017

- Promoted a culture of gratitude through community-building activities, social events, and more.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS

'Mother Earth' International Art Exhibition and Auction, 2021

- Spearheaded Green School's first ever international art exhibition and auction with artwork from students across the globe. Curated and installed a gallery in Bali with 400+ pieces.

'Community Perspectives' All-School Mural, 2019

- Envisioned, planned, and executed the largest community art piece in Green School history. The mural covered 100+ feet of painted surfaces, and involved nearly every student and teacher in the community.

Annual Art Shows, 2005-2021

- Curated and publicized 17+ all-school art shows (one a year) to celebrate community, highlight collaborative projects, and demonstrate the transformative power of art.