

# SARA MILLER

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## SUMMARY

History focused Master's student with a passion for preserving the past for our future and a goal of making history fun. Extensive experience working with diverse youth populations and in encouraging nurturing educational environments by creating hands on learning experiences.

## EDUCATION

**2017**            **Master's Degree in History with a concentration in Public History**  
*University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York*

**2015**            **Bachelor's Degree in History (GPA: 3.93)**  
*University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York*

**2009**            **Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts (GPA: 3.95)**  
*Erie Community College, State University of New York, Amherst, New York*

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **Teacher's Aide (8/2010-Present)**

*EduKids Early Childhood Centers, Amherst, New York*

- Prepare age appropriate lesson plans in accordance with Williamsville and NAEYC standards.
- Collaborate with teachers, parents, and administrators to achieve developmental goals.
- Assist the teacher and reinforce instruction in the classroom.
- Observe student skill levels, assessing strengths and areas that need improvement.
- Work to ensure an inclusive, safe, engaging, fun and educational learning environment.
- One on one interaction with students with special needs, challenging home environments, separation anxiety, or intermittent social skill challenges.
- Hands on instruction in: art activities, science experiments, educational games, puppet shows.
- Class supervision in the classroom, loading and unloading buses, and on field trips.

### **Learn to Skate Coach (10/2005-Present)**

*Amherst Skating Club, The Skating School at Nichols, Depew Recreation Department, KenTon Recreation Department*

- Instruct and engage first time skaters in technique and style, encouraging increased confidence and comfort on the ice.
- Assessment and individualized instruction based on skill level.
- Event coordination including competitions, fundraising events, holiday shows, holiday parties.
- Provide training direction on rules of the sport and encourage fair sportsmanship.
- Explain and enforce safety rules and regulations both on and off the ice.

**Merchandising Customer Assistant (5/2006-8/2010)**

*Sears, Amherst, New York*

- Sales floor customer service representative responsible for merchandise displays, restocking, signage, pricing, fitting rooms and sales floor upkeep.
- Fast paced retail environment requiring product knowledge, people skills and flexibility.
- Cashier responsibilities including processing transactions, returns and other related tasks.

**ACTIVITIES**

Buffalo Civil War Roundtable Member (2013-Present)

Figure Skater representing the Amherst Skating Club (1993-Present)

Eucharistic Minister at St. Leo the Great Parish (2013-Present)

**AWARDS/DISTINCTIONS**

Horton Scholarship

Alpha Beta Gamma

Dean's Scholarship

Girl Scout Silver Award