

# Darren Blackman

Learning Technology and Distance Learning Specialist



## Profile

I am dedicated to education that fosters high user engagement through learner-focused practices, such as just-in-time education, meaningful production and timely feedback. I employ a systematic approach to distance learning design that creates a powerful, but not overwhelming, educational environment.



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## Expertise

- Learning management systems
- Basic web design
- Basic graphic design
- Word processing
- Digital slide presentations
- Social media platforms
- Basic videography and editing
- Digital photography and photo editing



## Experience Highlights

### **Ricardo Flores Magon Academy - Denver CO - Lead Teacher**

- August, 2017 - Current
- Designed professional development to support teachers during switch to distance learning, March, 2020
- Designed and implemented learning technology curriculum for kindergarten through middle school students
- Implemented positive reward system to increase student participation in individualized learning program
- Peer coaching to support the development of teachers' craft

### **(Consulting) The Montessori Institute (TMI) - Denver CO - Distance Learning Consultant**

- February, 2018 - January, 2019
- Filmed and edited video lectures
- Created a digital reference guide for graduates of the TMI program

### **(Internship) Oliver Behavioral Consultants - Denver CO - Distance Observation Project Consultant**

- February, 2017 - July, 2017
- Project management position, responsible for long/short term planning, researching/evaluating solutions for project objectives
- Trained managers to use IT tools for scheduling and conducting distance observations



## Education

### **University of Colorado Denver**

- Sept, 2015 - May, 2017
- MA, Information and Learning Technology

### **University of Colorado Denver**

- Sept, 2007 - Aug, 2009
- MA, Educational Psychology

### **New York University**

- Sept, 1998 - May, 2002
- BS, Marketing

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## Interests

- Reading
- Karaoke
- Hiking
- Drawing cartoons
- Photomanipulation
- Tabletop games
- Travel
- Spending time with my animals



## Fun Fact

I discovered my love for singing karaoke, and my signature song, while teaching in China



## References

### Adonia Arteaga

Director of Curriculum and Instruction - Ricardo Flores Magon Academy

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### James Silva

Middle School Director - Ricardo Flores Magon Academy

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### Julia Spratt

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## Experience (Continued)

### Marrama Elementary, DPS - Denver CO - Math Intervention

- August, 2016 - July, 2017
- Leadership role, responsible for analyzing data to plan math RTI interventions and to identify students for interventions
- Collaborated with teaching teams to create small group/whole class plans for identified students
- Trained colleagues in best practice for mathematical instruction

### Ashley Elementary, DPS - Denver CO - Lead 3rd Grade Teacher

- August, 2015 - July, 2016
- Implemented flipped math instruction that incorporated individualized math learning programs and small group instructions
- Designed differentiated independent practice plans that focused on each student's needs

### Swigert International School, DPS - Denver CO - Lead 5th grade Teacher

- August, 2014 - July, 2015
- Responsible for backward design and implementation of fifth grade curriculum aligned with Common Core State Standards and the International Baccalaureate educational philosophy
- Created simulated classroom economy, including expenses, jobs, bank accounts, and electronic transactions, run through G Suite
- Implemented a blended math curriculum that was differentiated to each student's ability

### Colegio Alberto Einstein, Quito, Ecuador - Lead 4th grade Teacher

- August, 2010 - July, 2012
- Co-lead bilingual classroom, with Spanish language counterpart
- Lead fourth grade collaborative planning team, responsible for the creation of integrated and differentiated units of inquiry
- Students advanced a minimum of a grade level and a half on DRA2 during half day English instruction