

## Sylvia Molnar Kniest

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### Education

University of Arizona	
B.A. History/Political Science	1977
Teaching Certification Program	1978
M.A. Education/ Educational Leadership	1996

### Certification and Endorsements

Standard Secondary Education, 7-12  
Structured English Immersion, K-12

### Professional Development

<i>Keys to Instructional Excellence</i> 2008	Center for Teacher Success
<i>Standards-Based Instructional Planning and Designing</i> 2008	Center for Teacher Success
<i>Understanding by Design</i> 2011	Center for Teacher Success
<i>Essential Elements of Instruction</i> 2011	Tucson Unified School District
<i>Analyzing Lessons and Coaching for EEI</i> 2011	Tucson Unified School District

### Fellowship and Awards

Middle School Educator of the Year	1992 and 1994
Smith Scholar- University of Arizona	2003

### Memberships and Professional Affiliations

National Council of Social Studies  
Arizona Council for Social Studies  
ASCD (formerly *Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development*)

### Work Experience

Palo Verde Magnet High School	Curriculum Integration Specialist	2011-2014
<i>Worked with the administration and staff to move Palo Verde from a "failing" school to a "highly effective" school: (1) collaborated with the administration on developing and delivering professional development workshops and (2) conducted research and wrote grants to obtain funding to support the school's mission and vision</i>		
Department of Teaching & Learning, University of Arizona	Student Teacher Supervisor	2010-present
<i>Observe student teachers at their school sites as well as provide feedback and guidance regarding their teaching on a regular basis.</i>		

Department of Teaching & Learning,  
 University of Arizona Adjunct Professor 2011-present  
*Teach students in the Teach Arizona Master's program. TTE 536-Alternatives in Secondary Education focuses on the methods and strategies for delivering quality instruction in secondary classrooms. TTE 527- Strategies and Methods for Teaching Social Studies in a Multicultural Society focuses on strategies, methodologies, and design approaches to teaching Social Studies in diverse secondary classrooms.*

University of Arizona Educational Specialist/Curriculum Outreach 2004-2011  
 Southwest Environmental Health Science Center/Community Outreach & Education Program  
*Created integrated units with an environmental science focus and helped facilitate outreach workshops for teachers and students*

Tucson Unified S.D. Social Studies Curriculum Specialist 2008-2009  
*Responsible for coordination of k-12 curriculum, new textbook adoption and facilitating professional development workshops for teachers. Assisted new teachers with strategies to implement effective lessons that align to the curriculum.*

Sabino High School	Government Teacher	1998-2008
Tucson, Az. 85749	A.P. Government Teacher	2003-2008
	Social Studies Chair	2003-2008

Educational Testing Services	AP Reader/College Board Government & Politics	2004 –2009
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Vail Middle School Tucson, Az. 85711	7/8 Social Studies Teacher	1988-1998
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Mansfeld Middle School Tucson, Az 85716	7/8 Social Studies Teacher Student Council	1979-1988
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Rincon High School	American History Teacher	1979
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