

# DARA GANNON

## NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFIED

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"As an administrator, I am so proud to recommend Dara Gannon. Our loss is certainly a gain for your school district."

Nancy J. Mayer,  
former administrator

## EMPLOYMENT OBJECTIVE

Art Educator

## CERTIFICATION

**Iowa Standard Certificate**

Art Education K-12

**Illinois Teaching Masters Certificate**

Art Education K-12

**National Board Certificate**

Art/Early Adolescence Through Young Adulthood

## EDUCATION

**National Board of Professional Teaching Standards**

Chicago, IL 2004

**Bachelor of Fine Arts**

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1998

## EXPERIENCED ART EDUCATOR

**Edmund's Fine Arts Academy & Focus**

**Des Moines Public Schools**

**2005-Present**

Created and taught an art history student-centered curriculum for students, kindergarten through fifth grade, with an emphasis on reading. Created an after school program to share my passion for pottery with students. Students experienced seeing me first hand create on the pottery wheel. Student learned how to underglaze, create designs using a variety of techniques and develop a themed based group project. Served on the Des Moines Public Schools Art Advisory Council and was featured on Channel 12.

**Pottery Instructor**

**Ankeny Art Center**

**2005-2006**

Developed and taught a beginning pottery class for adult art education program.

**Vaughn Occupational High School**

**Chicago Public Schools**

**1999-2005**

Responsibilities include the development and execution of the art curriculum for educable mentally handicapped students. Adapted tools and techniques for students with physical disabilities and implemented interdisciplinary support to core subject teachers. Received multiple grants. Served as Teacher Representative on the Local School Council. Co-Curricular responsibilities included; Teacher Liaison for Maggie Daley's Gallery 37: Education and On-The-Job Training in the visual arts, Yearbook Sponsor, Golden Teacher Mentoring Program, planned and executed an annual Art Department fundraiser.

"The way Ms. Gannon teaches makes me want to learn."  
Darnel Nelson,  
former student

"She is an innovative teacher who uses the arts to bring out the best in her students."  
Enid Chesler,  
National Board Certified Teacher

"My passion for art education and the success of our youth as life long learners makes my classroom an inspirational environment for students to explore themselves, their community and their future."  
Dara Gannon

## **Chicago Park District 2002-2005**

Responsibilities include; design and implementation of beginning and advanced wheel-throwing and hand building curriculum, set up, management, maintenance, and organization of every aspect concerning the studio. Instructed students in techniques such as; functional ceramics, surface treatments, glazing, kiln firing, altered wheel-thrown objects, multi-thrown pieces, craftsmanship, and the aesthetics of ceramics.

## **HALO POTTERY BY DARA**

Founder and owner of Halo Pottery by Dara. Creating fun, funky, functional ceramic art has been my passion for over ten years. Halo Pottery is my own whimsical response to the ancient medium. For more information visit [www.halopottery.com](http://www.halopottery.com)

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENTS**

Dahlquist Studio's Pottery Class, 2005  
The Art Center of Des Moines Day for Educators, 2005  
Behind the Scene @ The Art Institute of Chicago, 2005  
Professional Teaching Standards, Lane Tech, 2005  
National Board Certification Development, 2004-2005  
African-American Studies Conference, 2002  
Fine Arts Conference, Bureau of Cultural Arts, 2000 &2001  
Arts Integration for Inquiry-Based Learning, 2000  
Theatrical Teaching Techniques, Steppenwolf and Chicago Teacher's Center, 2000  
Internet Explorations, Chicago Teacher's Center, 2000  
The Art of Peace Making, Chicago Cultural Center, 1997

## **EXHIBITIONS**

### **Open Studio**

Art 316, 2005

### **DIY Trunk Show**

Avendale Park, 2004 & 2005

### **Framed**

Charybdis Multi-Arts Complex, 2001

### **Intimate Objects**

Andrew Zipkes Project, 1998

### **BFA Show**

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1998

### **Hot Shot**

post card, School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1998

### **Publication**

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 1998

**PROFESSIONAL PORTFOLIO AND REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST**