**HEATHER COLE CURRICULUM VITAE**

**EDUCATION**

**MFA in Interdisciplinary Arts, Goddard College, Plainfield, VT**

Thesis: "Community Building through the Arts"

Graduated February 2013

**Arts K-12 Teaching Certification, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA**

Graduated December 2012

**BFA in Applied Media Arts, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA**

Graduated May 2010

**SKILLS**

Leadership, Team Management, Budget Management, Project Management, Game Design, Interactive Design, Graphic Design, Gamification, Curriculum Development/Delivery, Online/Hybrid Course Development, Mentorship of Adult Learners, Mentorship of ESL learners, Mentorship of learners with disabilities, Grant Application/Management, Cross Platform Interfacing (Mac, PC, Linux), HTML, Python, and Object-Oriented Scripting.

**SOFTWARE**

Adobe Creative Cloud (Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Animate/Flash, Premiere Pro, After Effects), Autodesk Maya, Microsoft Office, Unreal Engine, Unity, Construct 3, Canvas Learning Management, Blackboard Learning Management, Cloud Computing.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Founder and Director of MonRiverGames                                               9/2021-PRESENT**

**Morgantown, WV**

·       Direct the studio's activities

·       Host pitch sessions for the public

·       Mentor young professionals in the game design and development field

·       Assist studio members in designing, prototyping, and presenting their work

·       Find scholarship and grant activities to help fund professional development opportunities

·       Organize excursions to local and national game conferences.

**Teaching Assistant Professor of Interactive Design in Media               8/2019- PRESENT**

**West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV**

·       Assist with the promotion and curriculum development of the major and minor

·       Instruct courses within the major and minor

·       Committee duties as assigned

·       Assist with retention and incoming students as needed

·       Advisor to the X-Reality Club (a Virtual/Augmented Reality development club)

·       Write letters of recommendation as needed

**Game Minor, Chair of Program                                                                5/2018- 6/2019**

**Penn State University, Erie, PA**

·   Advise students considering the minor

·   Coordinate classes that are needed

·   Promote minor

·   Manage funds for the program

**Assistant Teaching Professor of Digital Arts** **1/2013 – 6/2019**

**Pennsylvania State University, Erie, PA**

·   Full time with service, research, and teaching requirements

·   Curriculum development and implementation

·   Mentor and act as advisor to students

·   Manage and deliver online and traditional curriculum

·   Manage, curate, and coordinate the installation of artistic works for the on-campus gallery and art events. Submissions accepted by student, faculty, alumni, and staff

·   Organize and host an annual conference (“DIGITfest”) that teaches adult learners and traditional students aspects of the Digital Humanities

·   Instruct outreach lessons to local K-12 students, as needed

**Instructor of Photography                                                                                     1/2014 - 5/2014**

**Allegheny College, Meadville, PA**

Managed classes and delivered course instruction for “Darkroom Photography”

**Curator                                                                                                                         1/2013 - 12/2014**

**Academy Theatre Gallery Meadville, PA**

Organized, curated, and installed group art exhibits

**Substitute Teacher                                                                                                           1/2013 - 6/2014**

**Crawford County School District, Meadville, PA**

Managed classes and delivered course instruction in local public schools on an on-call basis

**Instructor of Painting                                                                                                       1/2013** **- 5/2013**

**University of Pittsburgh, Titusville, PA**

Managed classes and delivered course instruction delivery for “Introduction to Painting”

**Freelance Photographer                                                                                                   5/2009 - 8/2014**

**Edinboro, PA**

**MEMBERSHIPS:** *Women in Games International (WIGI), International Game Developers Association (IGDA)*