"It's not what you look at that matters, it's what you see.

-Henry David Thoreau

Sy Bridenbaugh, Ph.D.

Educator | Motivator | Amputee

Board Member—Building Equal Bridges, Inc.

KHSAA Student Leadership Conference Keynote Speaker—2021

Commencement Speaker—2021

Outstanding Teaching Award—2017

New Outstanding Professional Award—2015

Former Assistant Director for Curriculum and Instruction—2013 through 2015

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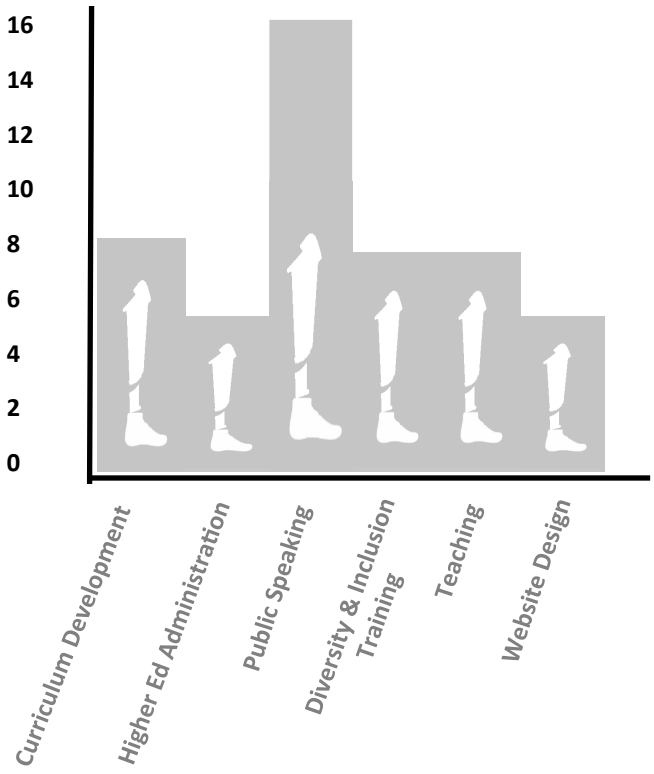
Years of Relevant Experience



Education

Bachelor of Arts

Integrated Strategic Communications

UK 2009

Master of Science

Sports Leadership

UK 2013

Doctor of Philosophy

Utilizing a Theory of Change Process to Establish Framework for a Student Success Course

Education Policy Studies & Evaluation

UK 2021

Student Feedback

"...helped me to open up and see the view of others in relation to our modern culture"

EPE 301, Fall 2016

"He is very respectful of everyone's opinions and beliefs. He is always encouraging to each student and truly wants to help everyone succeed."

EPE 301, Fall 2015

"The only instructor that makes such an effort to create relationships with students."

EPE 174. Fall 2019

The Intangibles

PERSONALITY

presence/understanding/expression

OBSERVATION

student development/unconscious bias focus

COMMUNICATION

motivational speaker/educator

PASSION

inclusion/equality/engagement

LEADERSHIP

teacher/academic coach/advocate

SKILLS

diversity competency/Microsoft office/ curriculum mapping

EDUCATION

- **Doctoral Degree – University of Kentucky** *May 2021*
  - Education Policy Studies and Evaluation – Studies in Higher Education
  - Dissertation Title: "*Utilizing a Theory of Change Process to Establish Framework for a Student Success Course"*
- **Master of Science Degree – University of Kentucky** *May 2013*
  - Sports Leadership - Kinesiology and Health Promotion
- **Bachelor of Arts – University of Kentucky** *May 2009*
  - Integrated Strategic Communications - Public Relations
  - Minor Psychology
- **Supplemental Biology courses – Columbus State College** *Summer 2010*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Motivation, Self-Efficacy, Self-Concept
- Instructional Techniques
- Diversity Competency
- Adaptive Athletics
- Education Policy Studies and Evaluation
- Academic Performance of College Athletes
- College Readiness

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- **EPE 174 Instructor** *May 2018 – Aug. 2020*
  University of Kentucky
  - Develop course syllabus and schedule
  - Facilitate classroom discussion and stimulate critical thinking skills
  - Assess students according to relevant course objectives
  - Support students both inside and outside of the classroom
  - Both on campus and online teaching experience
  - Dual-credit high school section

- **EPE 301 Instructor** *Aug. 2015 – May 2018*
  University of Kentucky
  - Education Policy Studies and Evaluation- Education in American Culture
  - Develop course syllabus and schedule
  - Facilitate classroom discussion and stimulate critical thinking skills
  - Assess students according to relevant course objectives
  - Support students both inside and outside of the classroom

- **Assistant Director for Curriculum and Instruction** *Aug. 2013 – Aug. 2015*
  University of Kentucky
  - Department: Academic Enhancement / Transformative Learning

- Lead and improved the Academic Preparation Program which is the university's College Readiness Initiative
- Strategically designed and implemented curriculum for EPE 174 and EPE 374, as well as supervised instructors
- Liaise between Education Policy Studies and Evaluation Department and Academic Enhancement as part of curricular partnership
- Curriculum mapping and development
- Project needs and served as steward of financial resources for academic support services
- Contributed to departmental strategic planning, development and assessment
- Supervision of undergraduate and graduate staff
- Member of the Faculty Fellows Program
- Served as a resource for campus partners

- **Teaching Assistantship with Academic Enhancement** *Jan. 2012 – Aug. 2013*
  University of Kentucky
  - Theories of College Student Success (EPE 174) – University of Kentucky
  - Academic Preparation Program (UK 090/UK 100)
  - Primary course instructor
  - Developed course syllabus and facilitated class discussion through stimulating activities
  - Provided feedback through assignments relevant to overall course objectives
  - Met with students through Individual Academic Consultations
  - Developed goals for students related to academic and personal success

- **Graduate Assistantship with C.A.T.S.** *Aug. 2011 – Jan. 2012*
  University of Kentucky
  - Center for Academic and Tutorial Services
  - Worked with a diverse group of student athletes
  - Monitored student's academic progress, as well as assigned tutorial assistance
  - Assisted student-athletes with the life-skills needed upon entering college
  - Advised student-athletes in the area of leadership and development

- **Public Speaking/Advocacy for Ohio Willow Wood Prosthetics** *May 2004-Present*
  Mt. Sterling, OH
  - Became an amputee 12 years ago after a football accident and since that point have spoken on behalf of Ohio Willow Wood Prosthetics
  - Provide feedback in relation to personally testing different prosthetic devices for the facility
  - Speaking on behalf of Ohio Willow Wood at community sponsored events

- **Internship with West Virginia Wesleyan College** *Sept. 2010-May 2011*
  Buckhannon, WV

- Interned with the Athletic Department / Sports Information Office
- Keynote/Motivational Speaker at All-Athlete Meeting
- Completed work on Athletic Records project
- Assisted in setup of Athletic Promotional events for Fall Sports

- **Internship with Zimmer Inc.** *May 2008 – Aug. 2008*
  Warsaw, IN
  - Employed within the Marketing Communications Department
  - Completed a Share of Voice Analysis
  - Worked with a team of marketing interns to complete an initiative revolved around improving rollout strategies for orthopedic products
  - Worked with outside public relations firm in completing news agenda and media monitoring project

KEYNOTE SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- University of Kentucky College of Dentistry Retreat – 2022
- Huntington High School Commencement – 2022
- KHSAA Hype Student Leadership Conference – 2021
- University of Kentucky Commencement – 2021
- Chi Omega Awards Banquet – 2016
- West Virginia Wesleyan College Athlete Orientation – 2011

SERVICE/AWARDS

International:

- Test patient/motivational speaker/advocate for Ohio Willow Wood Prosthetics

National:

- Commission for Academic Support in Higher Education (CASHE) Directorate Board Member – Elected Position - 2015
- Recipient of CASHE "New Outstanding Professional Award" – 2015
- Member of National College Learning Center Association
- Member of American College Personnel Association

Regional:

- Board Member – Building Equal Bridges, Inc.
- Group Leader for the Boys and Girls Club of America – Lexington, KY
- West Virginia RESA 7 Certified Substitute Teacher
- Sales Associate Intern – Ramada Inn Conference Center – Lexington, KY

Institutional:

- 2017 recipient of the Outstanding Teaching Award – University of Kentucky
- Provided training facilitation for the College of Engineering – University of Kentucky
- Served as a member of the APP retention committee – University of Kentucky
- Member of the Staff Council for the Division of Undergraduate Studies – University of Kentucky
- Member of the University of Kentucky Advising Network
- Contributed to departmental strategic plan and self-study as part of an external review process
- Leader for the Peer Academic Coaching Program – University of Kentucky

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- **ACT Summit – Louisville, KY** 2013
    - "An Integrated Approach to College Readiness"
- **National College Learning Center Association Annual Conference – Albuquerque, NM** 2014
    - "Coupling State Policy and Institutional Goals"