

Todd Pierson

Career Chronology:

68-69 Davidson College, Charlotte, North Carolina Did not imagine how culturally out-of-sink I would be going to a rural men's college in North Carolina (duh!). Did benefit from an astounding humanities course of studies over my two years there that open my eyes to Western European history, religion, art, philosophy, but of course omitted Eastern civilization.

70-72 Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin Found my "tribe," as they say now. Ended up with a BA in American history and, incidentally, an elementary education teaching certificate.

72-75 Started teaching 6th grade in a middle school in Green Bay area and got the lifelong learning bug that carried me through 30 fascinating years of teaching all subjects to my 5th and 6th grade students.

1976-1989 Spring Lake Park Schools--elementary teaching

1989-2004 Minneapolis Public Schools--elementary and middle school teaching
Finally integrated Minneapolis urban living with teaching in the city, correcting yet another out-of-sink aspect of my life. It also turned out to be a good career move due to unique opportunities for teachers in Minneapolis schools, particularly around a growing passion for educational technology. MPS was a better fit for my progressive education ideas and my environmental activism.

1994-2006 Adjunct faculty, Hamline University, St. Paul, Mn Coordinated and taught teacher cohorts: Educational Technology Integration Certificate program

2004-2010 Minneapolis technology strategist--lead initiatives around integrating student laptops, teaching with interactive whiteboards and document cameras, and integrating innovative learning strategies with computers and the internet.

2011-2017 Encore career with a Minnesota state agency, Perpich Center for Arts Education, utilizing technology to help create a community of learners around arts integration in rural communities of Minnesota. Unfortunately, the project ended and the centers priorities changed.

2018 Semi-retired. Working part time with Kidblog, an educational technology company providing a safe web space for student blogging. It's a kick--working in the warehouse district downtown in a hip co-working space. Totally different experience working in the for profit business world, even if it is still tied to education.

On a more personal note, I just celebrated my 31st wedding anniversary to Beth Schoeppler. Our two boys have now graduated from college and both are living at home as they get their feet on the ground. Luke is designing graphic art for video games and virtual reality environments. Thomas is working in finance for a large Midwest flower wholesaler. Beth is the managing director at the Loft Literary Center in Minneapolis. I'm semi-retired but continue to network through my blog (<http://wtoddpierson.com>) and my photography website (<https://toddpierson.smugmug.com/>) . For the past two years I've been obsessed with reversing the direction Donald Trump is taking America--fighting racism and divisive hatred, standing up

for science, working to reverse climate warming through renewable energy initiatives, and countering Donald's constant attack on the very principles of our constitution.