

My job at Westtown has three separate aspects: Teacher, Service Network Coordinator, and Coach. I am the assistant JV soccer coach for the school in the fall. When I am not coaching in the winter and spring a large portion of my time is spent coordinating the Service Network for the school. The Service Network organizes community service opportunities for students each week Monday through Thursday and one service site each weekend. Much of this work involves creating contacts with volunteer organizations and establishing a relationship between the organization and the school. In addition to these service opportunities it is my responsibility to organize class service projects for each grade once a year. Much of my work with the Service Network involves creating contacts with our surrounding community of West Chester. PAGS courses like Methods of Peace Making provided me with the skills to create and maintain a network of peace activist and volunteers.

The largest portion of my job is spent in the classroom. I teach a course entitled Peace and Justice. In the course we explore many of the historical injustices felt by Native Americans, Japanese Americans, and African Americans. Being a history course we spend large portions of the year studying where the peace process has been successful and where it might have been applicable. One section of the course focuses on Peace theories. The peace theories we study include conflict resolution, Just War theory, peace and globalization, Feminist perspectives on Peace, Martin Luther King and the Civil Rights Movement, and Ghandi. Some of the authors we use are Walter Wink, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, and Birgit Brock-Utne.