

# **Debra Jo Borden** (she/her/they)

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*Professional Educator & Social Justice Advocate*

## **Professional**

**ASU Faculty Associate** - Women in Other Cultures & Cultural Diversity (Jan 2022 - pres)

**ASU Course Aide** - Global Justice (*Summer 2021*) & Global Politics (*Spring 2021*)

**"STAT" Member** - Maricopa Superintendent Teacher Advisory Team (*Fall 2021-Present*)

**Elected Representative** - National Education Association (*July 2021*)

**Elected Delegate** - Arizona Education Association (*June 2021 & May 2022*)

**Union Site Leader** - Gilbert Education Association (2021-2022)

**Music Educator** - K~12 Certified (*Current*)

**Elementary Educator** - K~8 & Substitute Certified + K-12 Music Endorsement, and Structured English Immersion Endorsement, Taught Pre-K, 2nd Grade, 6th Grade, 5 years General Music K-6, School Choir Clubs & Choir Competitions, in person + online teaching in public & private schools

### **Piano Teacher**

**Private Tutor** - High School Algebra, Language Arts, & College Algebra

**Tutor of American Sign Language** - Mesa Community College (2004)

**Paid Intern** - Arizona Commission for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (2003)

## **Educational**

**Master of Arts: Social Justice & Human Rights** - Arizona State University (2021)

**National Board of Certified Teachers Candidate** - NAU/AZ K-12 Assoc (*Current*)

**Bachelor of Liberal Arts**: General Elementary & Music Education Ottawa University (2007)

## **Personal**

**"Outstanding Service and Advocacy Award" - Presented by ASU's Social Justice & Human Rights Program** - for showing an extraordinary commitment to social justice and human rights advocacy, activism, and/or community service. (May 2022)

**Student Body President** - Chandler Gilbert Community College (2004)

**Emergence Week Submission Winner** - The Pride & Joy Foundation (2021)

### **Non-profit volunteer:**

ASA Now (2016 - current), Distinguished Young Women Scholarship Program (2012 - 2015) School of Life Foundation (2001)

### **Pilot Music Program Creator:**

Wrote the pilot program curriculum to help bring Sophie's Place to Jacob's Mission Community Center (JMCC) - serving families impacted by foster care

**Volunteer** - Taught guitar lessons (2019 - 2020), and prepared children to Sing for Ribbon Cutting Ceremony & for the **"Don't Give Up On Me" Media outreach recording for Foster Care Awareness** through JMCC (2021-2022)

**Foster & Adoptive Mom** - Provided testimony in a class action lawsuit for needed reforms to the Arizona State Department of Child Safety system (*March, 2021*)

Trauma-Informed Training

Family Crisis Planning

CPR & First Aid Certification

## **Publications**

### **"My Church Accidentally Taught Me: God is They"**

An Op-ed Article, published by The Pride and Joy Foundation (*October, 2021*)

### **"How to Help an Unaccompanied Minor in Arizona"**

An Op-ed Article, The Spark Newsletter, ASU (*February, 2021*)

### **"Gender-based spiritual oppression"**

An Op-ed/Narrative Article, published by Young Mormon Feminists (*October, 2020*)

### **"In My Baby's Eyes"**

A Poem published in Anna Laurene Arnett's compilation "Just a Woman: Romping Through Poetry" (*2014*)