

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*)