THE EXPERTS
Robson Forensic

BEN WIXON, MA.ED
Youth Supervision and Action Sports Expert

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 to present **Robson Forensic, Inc.**
Associate
Provide technical investigations, analysis, reports, and testimony toward the resolution of commercial and personal injury litigation involving:

- Youth and Student Supervision
- Program administration
- Action Sports
- Camp supervision and management
- Classroom management
- Behavior interventions
- Second language instruction
- Programming and curriculum design
- Staff management
- Recruiting and training staff
- School safety
- Coaching
- Camp supervision and after school programming

2003 to present **Portland Public School District**
Certified Teacher, ESL/Social Studies

- Teacher of english as second language at multiple sites to all levels of language proficiency in grades K-12
- Taught social studies and language arts at the Secondary Level
- Served as a member of the ESL department's English Language Development Committee working to design district wide scheduling model for ESL students in 2009
- Sponsored and created model for Afterschool Skateboarding Clubs at multiple school sites 2003-13
- Initiated, sponsored, and supervised Afterschool Skateboarding Club 2003-Present
- Member of Portland Association of Teachers Bargaining Committee 2012-13
- Member of Portland Association of Teachers English as a Second Language Sub-Committee 2022-23

2011 to present **NIKE SB/Nike Better World Foundation**
Master Trainer

- Authored instructor's manual for Honor Roll Skateboarding After School Program
- Created training model for Honor Roll Skateboard Instructors
- Conducted trainings of Honor Roll Skateboarding Instructors for the U.S. and International Programs in Europe, Asia, and Latin America

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2003 to Present **Portland Parks and Recreation**, Portland, Oregon
Recreation Leader and Skatepark Consultant

- Initiated, supervised, and instructed skateboarding lessons for after school programs, public skateparks, and community centers
- Supervised and managed summer camps
- Set up for and instructed recreational activities and sports.
- Supervised staff and chaperoned off-site trips and activities
- Administered first aid
- Helped design and facilitate special events and competitions for public skateparks and programs
- Recruited and Acquired sponsors and underwriters for programs and events
- Trained Instructional Staff for city wide skateboarding program
- Presented professional development to Recreation Staff and Management
- Collaborated and consulted on public skatepark issues regarding; proposed park site, facility design and policies, maintenance, event management, instructional programming, and shared usage

2010 to present **Skaters for Public Skateparks**
Director of Development, Programming and Instruction

- Created drop in Skatepark Instructor Accreditation program
- Facilitated staff trainings for municipalities, public programs, and camps
- Consulted with community organizations regarding public skateparks and skateboard programming

2011 **U.S. State Department/Amid East**, Municipality of Aglanzia. Nicosia, Cyprus
Skatepark Advisor

- Consulted and worked with public officials and architects to create conceptual skatepark design and programming model

2002 to 2004 **Maui Family YMCA**, Maui, Hawaii
Skate Camp Manager and Head Coach (Summers)

- Managed, Supervised, and Instructed Summer Skateboarding Camps and Lessons for Maui County skateparks operated and managed by the Y.M.C.A.
- Supervised off site trips to public beaches, swimming pools, and county facilities.
- Served on Y.M.C.A of the U.S.A Task Team working to outline National Skateboarding Program and create a Technical Assistance Paper for Y.M.C.A skateboarding programs and skateparks
- Created curricula and programming models for teaching lessons and camps
- Trained staff and helped facilitate special events and demonstrations

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2001 to 2003 **Site Design Group Skateparks**, Tempe, Arizona
Skatepark Manager and Builder

- Hired and trained instructional staff
- Supervised students and staff
- Coordinated activity registrations, drop offs and pick ups
- Designed, managed, and instructed lessons and programs
- Constructed, maintained, and supervised use of foam pits
- Supervised skatepark construction
- Constructed skateparks
- Facilitated programming partnership with Tempe Parks and Recreation

1999 to 2001 **Tempe and Cartwright School Districts**, Tempe/Phoenix, Arizona
Public School Teacher

- Taught ESL, language arts, and social studies to "at-risk" students at the secondary level
- Initiated afterschool skateboarding club 1999-2000
- Coached middle school basketball team in 2002

1997 to *200*0 **Windell's Action Sports Camp**, Mt. Hood, Oregon
Skate Camp Manager/Park Builder/Grounds Supervisor

- Managed staff and instructed students
- Chaperoned off site activities and events
- Organized and supervised camp recreation activities and special events
- Created programming and instructional models for teaching skateboarding
- Hired and trained instructional staff for skateboarding programs
- Supervised camp Grounds and Maintained skateboarding facility
- Constructed skateboarding ramps and obstacles
- Supervised training activities incorporating the use of trampolines
- Member of "on hill" staff constructing and maintaining snowboard terrain
- Collaborated and worked with management and staff to modify facilities and policies in order to earn American Camping Association Accreditation

1996 to 1998 **Arizona Snowbowl**, Flagstaff, Arizona
Snowboard Instructor/Terrain Park Crew
Taught group and private snowboard lessons to all levels of ability. Maintained terrain park. Collaborated to hire staff and conduct staff training.

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- Maintained terrain park

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES POSITIONS

2024 to present **Wy'East Mountain Academy**
Governing Board of Trustees – Member
Duties Include:

- Establishing by-laws and policies to guide program development
- Ensuring the employment of a qualified executive director and staff as well as delegating responsibilities for the administration, management, and operation of programs and facilities
- Formally evaluating the performance of the executive director
- Approving budgets and reviewing income and expenditures
- Reviewing independent audits and reviews of financial records
- Establishing and ensuring compliance with practices for selection and retention of staff
- Ensuring a written quality improvement program that identifies systematic efforts to improve services

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Certified Teacher: Oregon
Teaching Endorsements:
English for Speakers of Other Languages / Middle Level, High School Level
Multiple Subjects / Middle Level Secondary Education
Social Studies / Middle Level Secondary Education
Social Studies / High School Level Secondary Education
Certified Snowboard Instructor, Professional Ski Instructor's Association (P.S.I.A.), (Inactive)

EDUCATION

M.A.ED, Curriculum and Instruction, Arizona State University, 2002
B.A., Secondary Education/History Ed., Northern Arizona University, 1998

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Education Association
Oregon Education Association
Portland Association of Teachers
AVID College-Readiness System Committee, 2017
CARE: Collaborative Action Research for Equity, Beacon School Team, 2012

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

Identifying and Referring Homeless Youth
The Prevention of Child Abuse Sexual Misconduct and Reporting
Sexual Conduct-Staff to Student
Prevention of Workplace Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying and Retaliation Training
Emergency Preparedness
Risk Management and Hazard Communication
Beyond Diversity, Courageous Conversations on Race
AVID: Culturally Relevant Teaching
Step Up to Writing
SIOP: Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol
QTEL: Quality Teaching of English Language Learners
K-5 Focused Approach to Systematic English Language Development
Sheltered Instruction 6-8
Master Presenter
Anger Work Out
Multiple Intelligence Curriculum Instruction
Creating Multiple Intelligence Learning Station
Sensational Spell Read Write

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Steel Bridge Project Advisory Committee
Serving as a liaison between Portland Parks and Recreation and stakeholder groups to provide feedback and input for skatepark and community plaza development project in downtown Portland Oregon. 2024-Present

International Association of Skateboard Companies 7th Annual Skateboarding Summit
Guest presenter on the benefits of skateboarding programming and its effectiveness in growing skateboard participation. 2014

Skatepark Advisory Committee. City Of Portland Oregon
Served on committee making recommendations and creating policies for skatepark management and maintenance in 2008-2011

Steel Bridge Skatepark Feasibility Study
Member of focus group to determine the feasibility of Skatepark Proposal in 2009

Board of Art Skateboarding Art Festival
Event manager. Collaborated with Portland City Council and Mayor's office to create a three-day skateboarding art festival that included skateboard demonstration and art show at city hall, film festival, and concert in 2008 Skatepark

Leadership Advisory Team
Served on skatepark advisory team for the city of Portland, Oregon. Worked with committee to help develop city-wide skatepark system in 2003-2005

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Catlin Gable Sports Summit
Guest presenter at event for sports industry professionals highlighting career options to students for working within the sports industry

Y.M.C.A of The U.S.A Skateboarding Task Team
Served on Y.M.C.A committee working to outline national skateboarding program and create a technical assistance paper for Y.M.C.A skateboarding programs and skateparks in 2004

Introduction to Skateboarding Clinics
Developed and implemented beginner learn-to-skate classes for the city of Chandler's Public Skatepark, Chandler, Arizona in 2000-2001.

Tempe Parks and Recreation Skateboard Safety Clinics
Created fundamental skateboarding lessons and "skatepark etiquette" clinics for public skate programs. Tempe, Arizona in summer, 2001

The History of Skateboarding, a Humanity for Teens
Designed and facilitated literacy project between Arizona State University and The Phoenix Public Library. Phoenix, Arizona in 2001

PUBLICATIONS

The Evolution of Public Skateparks. Recreation Management Magazine, January 2012
Skatepark Smarts. Recreation Management Magazine, November 2010
Skateboarding: Instruction, Programming, and Skatepark Design. Human Kinetics, 2009

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