

Eric Schwartz

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Adaptable and creative English educator with experience teaching in cross-cultural environments across the U.S. and South Korea. Double-major in English and Psychology, passionate about fostering communication, curiosity, and confidence in the classroom. Integrated developmental psychology principles to better support diverse learning needs. Skilled in building engaging lessons, integrating humor and creativity, and connecting with learners of diverse ages and backgrounds.

EDUCATION

Grinnell College, Grinnell, IA

Graduated May 2023

Honors: Dean's List | **Degrees:** B.A., English; B.S. Psychology

Awards: Best Speaker (JSA Regional), Invited Event Host (Grinnell College)

Published Work: *The Grinnell Review*, 2023 – Longform essay (*The Cherry Pitter*) and three humor pieces; longform narrative selected for competitive feature section. *Rootstalk Digital Journal*, 2020 – Wrote & produced researched multimedia video feature, blending historical analysis with narrative storytelling

Public Radio Host at KDIC: Hosted and produced two talk shows increasing listenership 4x (2019-2020)

Campus Host: Invited by Grinnell administration to host campus programs and alumni events

EXPERIENCE

Daecheon Elementary School

Boryeong-si, South Korea

Native English Teacher (Grades 5-6)

February 2024 – February 2026

- Designed and delivered eight new engaging lessons weekly, integrating multimedia and interactive activities to boost comprehension and classroom participation for a total of 300 students ages 10-13
- Adapted to life and teaching in rural South Korea with limited Korean language knowledge, developing deep cross-cultural communication and classroom management skills
- Collaborated with Korean co-teachers to design and align creative lessons with national curriculum standards

Chungcheongnam-do Cohort EPIK Teachers

Daejeon, South Korea

President

February 2024 - February 2025

- Elected liaison for 30+ EPIK teachers, communicating needs and feedback to federal government officials
- Conducted research on teacher satisfaction and adjustment to improve training and support programs

The Community Synagogue

Westport, CT

Jewish History Teacher

December 2023 - February 2024

- Taught weekly lessons about Jewish history to B'nei Mitzvot students ages 11-12, combining cultural learning with games and discussions in hour-long sessions blending storytelling, cultural history, and ethics

SKILLS

Lesson Planning, Classroom Management, Microsoft Office, Google Workspace, Stata, Webex, Zoom, Korean (Intermediate), CPR Certified, TEFL Certified

INTERESTS

Creative Writing (wrote original TV pilot and working on feature-length screenplay), Stand-Up Comedy (performed for live audiences of up to 350+), Cross-Cultural Education, Child Psychology, Criminology, Radio, Boxing, Video Production, Photography and Travel