

Ms. Maria Rives
Adjunct Instructor, Angelo State University

Education:

Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX

- Graduated August 2018
- Master of Science in Applied Psychology with Teaching of Psychology Certificate

University of Houston, Houston, TX

- Graduated May 2011, Magna Cum Laude
- Bachelor of Arts in History with Minor in Psychology and French

Region IV Educational Service Center, Houston, TX

- Alternative Certification Program for Texas Educators
- Completed May 2011
- Certification for Teaching Social Studies 4-8 and Social Studies 8-12 in Texas

Certification

Texas Education Certification

- Social Studies Classroom Teacher 4-8
- Social Studies Classroom Teacher 8-12
- August 2011-Present

Teaching & Work Experience

Stephen F. Austin High School, Fort Bend ISD, Sugar Land, TX, August 2018-Present

Social Studies Teacher

- Taught: AP World History
- Plan and deliver lessons that are engaging and challenging for students
- Create and administer formal and summative assessments to monitor student progress
- Communicate with students and parents regarding student progress
- Maintain Schoology class website where resources and assignments can be found

Teach Plus Texas, May 2018-May 2019

Teacher Leader Policy Fellow

- Work with other teacher leaders across Texas to influence public policy regarding educational issues
- Research and write op-eds, policy briefings, and memos over teacher leadership compensation and trauma-based instruction
- Communicate with state legislators and testify in the state legislature over educational issues

Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX, October 2017-May 2018

Online Teaching Assistant, Developmental Psychology

- Create and grade assignments for undergraduate developmental psychology students

- Communicate with professor and students

Graduate Student Research Assistant

- Participated in Dr. Kristi Moore's research regarding the impact of first-day of school activities on student motivation and the teacher-student relationship for online undergraduate students
- Look up prior research and contribute to writing the literature review

Harmony School of Ingenuity, Houston, TX, 2011-2018 (Campus Experience)

Social Studies Teacher, 2011-Present

- Taught: United States History Since 1877 & AP Psychology (2013-Present)
- Taught: Government & Economics (2014-2015)
- Taught: Social Studies Grades 4-8 and World Geography (2011-2013)
- Plan lessons that are engaging and challenging for students
- Use data-driven instruction to prepare students for STAAR/EOC and AP
- Implemented Skill-based instruction and assessment

Social Studies Department Chair, 2012-2018

- Run vertically aligned department meetings
- Support and mentor new teachers in unit planning and campus expectations
- Formally observe department members and provide observation feedback
- Liaison with instructional coach, campus administrators and teachers

Advanced Placement Coordinator, 2014-2018

- Coordinating AP Parent Nights to inform parents about AP benefits and expectations
- Help order AP exams, plan exam administration, and train AP proctors

Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Leader for Campus Improvement Plan, 2015-2018

- Lead CIP meetings with a campus curriculum team
- Identify ways to improve curriculum, instruction, and assessment

Harmony Public Schools, Houston, TX 2012-2018 (District Experience)

PLC Teacher Leader for 11th Grade US History, June 2017-2018

- Facilitate grade level PLCs in planning for the first quarter using data to drive decisions

System Course Leader & Head Curriculum Writer for 11th Grade US History, 2014-2018

- Revise and edit curriculum documents yearly with 11th grade team
- Write unit plans for each unit in United States History for district implementation
- Communicate with United States History teachers to support instruction and assessment

System Course Leader & Head Curriculum Writer for 8th Grade Social Studies, 2013-2014

- Revise and edit curriculum documents yearly with 8th grade team
- Communicate with 8th grade teachers to support instruction and assessment
- Write 8th Grade Social Studies STAAR countdown for STAAR review

Curriculum Writer for 7th Grade Social Studies, 2012-2013

- Revise and edit curriculum documents yearly with 7th grade team
- Write unit plans for each unit in Texas History

Publications

Articles:

Rives, M. (2018, October 26). No teacher should be an island [Blog post]. *Education Post*.

Rives, M. (2018). The effects of pre-teaching vocabulary on vocabulary usage, comprehension, and academic achievement in a secondary Social Studies classroom. *Angelo State University Social Sciences Research Journal*, 4.

Presentations

Moore, K., Curtis, D., Rives, M., Wood, J., Good, C. (2018, April). *Comparison of a Teaching Demonstration and Syllabus Review in an Online Course*. Poster presented at the meeting of the Southwestern Psychological Association, Houston, TX.

Presented by Maria Rives to Social Studies Teachers at Houston South Cluster Social Studies Professional Development Trainings for Harmony Public Schools:

- “Planning Your US History End-of-Course Review.” March 2017.
- “Strategies for Pre-Teaching Academic and Content Vocabulary in a Social Studies Classroom.” October 2016.
- “Test Prep and Tutorials Strategies for 8th and 11th Grade.” August 2015.
- “Using Mock STAAR/EOC Data to Support Instruction.” November 2014.
- “Tips and Strategies to Boost STAAR/EOC Scores.” August 2014.
- “Sample Lesson Presentation: Indian Removal Act & Trail of Tears in an 8th Grade Social Studies Classroom.” August 2014.
- “Reviewing the Updated Curriculum Documents for 11th Grade US History.” August 2016, 2015, and 2014.

Presented by Maria Rives to Teachers at Harmony School of Ingenuity:

- “Using Eduphoria to Create Assessments and Analyze Data.” September 2017, 2016, 2015, and 2014.
- “AP Exam Proctor Training.” April 2017, 2016, and 2015.

Presented by Maria Rives to Parents & Students at the AP Parent Night, Harmony School of Ingenuity:

- “The Benefits of the AP Program to Students & Exam Costs.” November 2014.

Professional Development

- TeachPlus PLC Teacher Leader Training, Houston, TX, August 2017, 12 hours
- Lead4Ward Preparing Students for STAAR, Houston, TX, February 2015, 12 hours
- Advanced Placement Summer Institute, Rice University, July 2014, AP Psychology with Mr. Kent Korek, 30 hours
- Gifted & Talented Training with Dr. Joyce Juntune, November 2015, 30 hours

- Advanced Placement Two-Day Workshop, San Antonio, TX, January 2014, AP Psychology with Mrs. Margaret Davidson & Mrs. Laura Brandt, 12 hours
- Classroom Management by Harry K. Wong Training, Houston, TX, August 2014, 6 hours
- T-STEM Regional Convening: Integrating Design Across the Content Areas. Texas STEM Coalition. Houston, TX. October 2013, 8 hours

Honors and Awards

- Applied Psychology Student of the Year, Angelo State University, 2018.
- Ram Grant Scholarship, Angelo State University, Summer 2017
- Carr Graduate Academic Scholarship, Angelo State University, 2016-2017
- STAAR/EOC/AP Score Teacher Incentive Bonus Recipient, Fall 2016
- Teacher of the Quarter, Harmony School of Ingenuity, Fall 2016
- STAAR/EOC/AP Score Teacher Incentive Bonus Recipient, Fall 2015
- Teacher of the Quarter, Harmony School of Ingenuity, Fall 2015
- Teacher of the Year, Harmony School of Ingenuity, 2013-2014
- Teacher of the Month, Harmony School of Ingenuity, January 2012

Volunteer Experience

- Event Coordinator & Fundraising Chair of the Athletic Committee at Harmony School of Ingenuity, 2017-Present
- Chair of the Senior Activities Committee to plan and fundraise for Senior Graduation, Prom, and other senior activities at Harmony School of Ingenuity, 2015-Present
- Sponsor of the National Honor Society at Harmony School of Ingenuity, 2015-Present
- US History STAAR/EOC Tutor for LEP & SPED students for Harmony Public Schools, 2013-Present
- Mentor Teacher to First-Year Teachers at Harmony School of Ingenuity, 2012-Present
- 8th Grade Social Studies STAAR Tutor for LEP & SPED students for Harmony Public Schools, 2013-2014
- Sponsor of the National Junior Honor Society at Harmony School of Ingenuity, 2013-2014