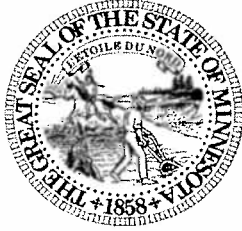


STATE OF MINNESOTA



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Jim Grabowska

PO Box 408
St. Clair, MN 56080
County of Blue Earth
Congressional District 1

Because of the special trust and confidence I have in your integrity, judgment, and ability, I have appointed and commissioned you to have and to hold the office of:

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER


BOARD OF TEACHING


Effective: February 2, 2013
Term Expires: January 2, 2017

This appointment carries with it all rights, powers, duties, and emoluments granted by law and pertaining to this position until this appointment is superseded or annulled by me or other lawful authority or by any law of this State.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the Capitol in the City of Saint Paul, January 28, 2013.





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Replacing: Ron Hill

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
OPEN APPOINTMENTS APPLICATION FOR SERVICE ON
STATE AGENCIES, BOARDS, COUNCILS, COMMISSIONS or TASK FORCES
All information on this form is available to the public upon request.

Part I - Tell us about the Position to which you are applying
Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Agency: Board of Teaching

Position Sought: Member

By request, this application will be made available in alternative format (for example, braille, large print, audio tape, or computer disk.)

Part II - Tell us about Yourself
Required Information (MN Stat § 15.0597 Subd. 5.)

Applicant

Name: Jim Grabowska

Preferred Phone: 507 245 3153

Preferred Mailing

Address: PO Box 408
 (Preferred Mailing Address)

E-MAIL: jim.grabowska@gmail.com

County: Blue Earth

 St. Clair MN 56080-0408
 (City) (State) (Zip)

MN House of Rep Dist: 23

US House of Rep Dist: 1

Have you ever been convicted of a felony:

Yes No 1

Did the Appointing Authority suggest you submit your

application? Yes No 1

Please attach a cover letter, current resume, or other information that you feel would be helpful to the Appointing Authority.

Part III: OPTIONAL STATISTICAL INFORMATION

*The following information is optional and voluntary (MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 5).
 Information is collected for, and compiled in, the annual report on the open appointments process pursuant to MN Stat §15.0597 Subd. 7.*

Sex:

Female
 Male

Age: 56

Disability:

Yes
 No 1

Political Party:

 1 Democratic-Farmer-Labor
 Independence
 Republican
 No Party Preference
 Other

Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?

 Yes
 1 No

Race:

*(As listed on United States Census 2010)
 (Pick as many as apply)*
 American Indian or Alaska Native
 African American or Black
 1 White or Caucasian
 Other Race

Part IV: Signature and Submittal Instructions

I swear that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct and that I satisfy all legally prescribed qualifications for the position sought. (*If another person or group is nominating the applicant, the applicant's signature indicates consent to nomination.)

 James A. Grabowska
 (Signature of Applicant)

 11/6/2012
 (Date)

MAIL OR SUBMIT IN PERSON:

Office of the Secretary of State
 Open Appointments
 180 State Office Building
 100 Rev Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
 St. Paul, MN 55155-1299

Questions:

Phone: (651) 556-0643
 Email: open.appointments@state.mn.us

Applicants will not receive an acknowledgement of submitted applications; the appointing authority will notify you if an interview is desired.

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Cover Letter or Other Helpful Information:

I occupy what, perhaps, may be considered a somewhat unique position that would help me to contribute meaningfully as a member of the BOT. I am actively involved in teacher preparation at the university level (World Languages & Cultures), I am a director on the ISD 75 school board and the South Central Service Cooperative Board, and I have middle and high school teaching experience (I continue to be licensable in the state of MN). These experiences require me to keep current in rules and regulations governing teaching, but also effective standards of practice in the teaching profession while working in support positions to enhance and grow educational opportunities. In addition, I work with questions of professional ethics and standards of professional conduct for both teachers and students in my work at the university level on a daily basis. It is with these experiences that I would look to contribute to the Board and its mission to ensure a quality licensing system and enforce the Code of Ethics for Minnesota Teachers, which sets forth standards of professional conduct in the classroom and in relationships between teachers, their students and colleagues.

Resume or Other Helpful Information:

James A. Grabowska

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St. Clair, MN 56080-0408

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Minnesota State University, Mankato
Mankato, MN 56001

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(O) (507) 389-2116
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Minnesota 1996 Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian
Literatures & Linguistics

Dissertation: Exempla and Proverbs in Juan Manuel's Conde Lucanor:
The Historical Function of the Rhetoric of Power

A.N. Zahareas, adviser

M.A. University of Oklahoma 1991 Spanish
Thesis: The Rhetoric of Power in Don Juan Manuel's Conde Lucanor.
Luis Cortest, adviser

B.S. Northern State University 1982 English/Sociology
(magna cum laude)

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Director, School Board, St. Clair School, 2009-present
- Director, South Central Service Cooperative Board, 2012-present
- Chair, Dept. of World Languages & Cultures, 2007-present
- President, Faculty Association, 2011-present
- Board of Directors, Inter Faculty Organization, 2008-present
- Vice President & Grievance Officer, Faculty Association, 2007-2010
- TA Supervisor, Dept. of Modern Languages, 2000-2006

SERVICE (selected)

- ISD 75 School Board, 2009-present.
- South Central Service Cooperative Board, 2012-present.
- Intercultural Development Inventory Qualified Administrator. 2009-present
- Table Leader: ETS Advanced Placement Spanish Exams. 2002-2006.
- Reader: ETS Advanced Placement Spanish Exams. 1997-2001.
- Spanish section liaison, NCATE Review. 1998-1999 & 2003-2004
- Chair, Dept. of World Languages & Cultures. 2007-present.
- Faculty Association President, 2011-present.
- Faculty Association Vice President & Grievance Officer, 2007-2010.

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- Faculty Association Executive Committee. 2004-present.
- MSU Judicial Board. 1998-present.
- Committee posts (campus) include or have included Honors (curriculum), Global Solutions Taskforce, GPTW (subcommittees: core values, continued campus conversations & marketing), IDI, NExT (curriculum), Cultural Diversity Committee, Cultural Diversity Funding Committee, Arts & Humanities Curriculum Committee, Learning Technology Roundtable (at large representative), University Planning Sub-Meet & Confer (Co-Chair, 2004-2006), Search Committees: German, Spanish, Scandinavian Studies, Director of IPO, Program Reviewer: Student Conduct, co-author: Statement of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Gen Ed. Cat. 8 assessment committee (chair), 2003-2004.
- IFO positions: State Action Coordinator, 2008-2011, IFO Board, 2008-2009, Multicultural Issues, 2007-2008, Executive Board, 2011-present.
- MNSCU committees: Diversity & Multiculturalism (subcommittee: System Diversity Awards, 2007-2010).
- Senior-Thesis Advisor. Universidad de Cuenca, Cuenca, Ecuador, 2006-2007.
- TA Supervisor, Dept. of World Languages & Cultures. 2000-2006.
- Associate Editor: Published Proceedings of the 2003 International Humanities Conference. Common Ground Publishing. 2004.
- Organizer and Chair, session: "Speculum Principis." International Congress on Medieval Studies, Kalamazoo, MI. 1996-2000.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Minnesota School Board Association (2009-present)
- American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (2008-present)
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (2004-present)
- American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (1999-present)
- Modern Language Association (1995-present)
- Medieval Academy of America (1997-2011)
- Midwest Association of Medievalists (1995-2011)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Professor of Spanish. Minnesota State, Mankato. 2006-present.
- Associate Professor of Spanish. MSU, Mankato. 2001-2006.
- Assistant Professor of Spanish. MSU, Mankato. 1998-2001.
- Assistant Professor of Spanish. College of St. Benedict/St. John's University. 1997-98.
- Assistant Professor of Spanish. Gustavus Adolphus College. 1995-97.
- Spanish Teacher. Osakis & Sauk Centre, MN. 1986-1987.
- Spanish Teacher. Central High School, Aberdeen, SD. 1985-1986.
- Middle School & High School teacher. Sunny View School, Torremolinos, Spain. 1984-1985.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Who's Who Among American Teachers. 1998, 2004, 2005.
- Order of Omega: Faculty Member of the Year (finalist). Pan-Hellenic Council of MSU, Spring 2000.
- University Research Graduate Faculty. 2006-present.
- Fulbright-Hays Scholarship (1994), (declined).
- Phi Kappa Phi. 1990-2008.
- MSU Faculty Author, 2008.
- Dissertation Fellowship (1995) Department of Spanish and Portuguese, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota. \$3,300.
- Herbert Garvin and Bambenek Scholarship (1995 and 1996), College of St. Teresa, Winona, MN. \$1,450.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Don Quixote Across the Disciplines: Unraveling Myth(s). Jim Grabowska and Kimberly Contag, eds. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellon Press, 2007.
- The Challenge to Spanish Nobility in the Fourteenth Century: The Struggle for Power in Don Juan Manuel's Conde Lucanor, 1335. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellon Press, 2006.
- Where the Clouds Meet the Water: A Story of German-Ecuadorian Experience During World War II. Co-authored with Kimberly E. Contag. Portland, OR: Inkwater Press, 2004.

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Articles (since 2000)

- "Iberian Studies" in Handbook of Medieval Studies: Terms, Methods, Trends. Prof. Dr. Albrecht Classen, ed. Berlin: de Gruyter, 2010. pp. 678-685.
- "Una nueva ciudadana ecuatoriana: la madre naturaleza." Minnesota Language Review, Vol. XXXVI, no. 4. Fall, 2009. pp. 9-11.
- "Sustaining Innovation: Putting Digital Technologies into the Hands of Students." International Journal of the Humanities, Vol. 1. Common Ground Publishing, 2005.
- "Using Digital Technologies to Teach the Humanities: A Sensory Approach to Learning." Co-authored with Kimberly E. Contag. Advances in Educational Technologies: Multimedia, WWW and Distance Education. Mahbubur Rahman Syed and Val Tareski, eds. New York: John Wiley and Sons. 2001.
- "Let the Text Speak for Itself Revisited: Using Exempla to Teach the Middle Ages." Studies in Medieval and Renaissance Teaching. University of Montana. Vol. 8:2. Fall, 2000.
- "El imperio del dólar." Minnesota Language Review. Co-authored with Kimberly E. Contag. Vol. 28:2. Winter 1999-2000.

Green Paper

- Hacia metas y recomendaciones para el mejoramiento o reforma del sistema educativo en el Ecuador. Green paper solicited by Ecuadorian Minister of Industry and Productivity, Dr. Xavier Abad, October, 2009.

Video

- "The Route of Don Quixote." Produced, Written, Directed, Edited in collaboration with Kimberly Contag. Video, 19:48. ©1999.

Presentations (Since 2000)

- "Mankato Public Schools: Cross-Institutional Partnerships for Effective Teacher Preparation." K. Foord, L. Bemel, J. Pribyl, C. Burns, G. Berry, R. Auger, M. Traynor, G. Zierdt, J. Meyer-Mork & J. Grabowska. 64th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Chicago, IL. February, 2012.
- "Humor(ous) Matters in Ubidia's Divertinventos." XII Annual Conference of the International Society for Luso-Hispanic Humor Studies. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. October, 2010.
- "The Americas Clean House: the Case of Ecuador during WWII." Spanish Business Association, University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. Keynote speaker. March, 2009.
- "Biodiversity and subjecthood in Ecuador's Constitution." 42nd annual conference of the Southwest Council of Latin American Studies. Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. March, 2009.
- "Multiple Approaches to Teaching and Learning New Technologies" in session 120: Teaching in Changing Technological Environments. 123rd MLA Annual Convention, 2007.
- "Unraveling Myths of Don Quixote." Don Quixote Across the Disciplines: Unraveling Myth(s). MSU, Mankato. Mankato, MN. October, 2005
- "Supplementing Language, Culture, and Literature Courses." New Frontiers, Acapulco 2004. Annual Meeting, American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Acapulco, Mexico. July, 2004.
- "Sustaining Innovation: Putting Digital Technologies into the Hands of Students." 83rd Annual Meeting, American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese. San Francisco, CA. July, 2001.
- "Using Digital Technologies to Teach the Humanities: A Sensory Approach to Learning." International Conference on Intelligent Multimedia and Distance Education. Fargo, ND. June, 2001.
- "Language Learning in the K-12 Classroom." Midwest Conference on Latin American Studies. Eau Claire, WI. April, 2001.
- "Considerations in the Use of Digital Technology." 82nd Annual Meeting, American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese. San Juan, Puerto Rico. August, 2000.
- "Pushing a River: Supporting and Sustaining Faculty Innovation." Co-presented with Kimberly Contag and Jane Miller. The Collaboration faculty development conference: "Sustaining Innovation: Content and Pedagogy for a New Century." Minneapolis, MN. February, 2000.

WORKSHOPS (since 2000)

- "Teaching and Learning Using Total Physical Response." Thai Education Delegation presentation. MSU, Mankato, MN. October, 2004 & 2005.
- "Analysis of Assessment Data and Discussion of the Effectiveness of the Assessment Plan for Modern Languages." Co-presented with Kimberly Contag. MSU. May, 2003.
- "A Sensory Approach to Learning." Co-presented with Kimberly Contag. Faculty Development Day, Minnesota West Community College, Worthington, MN. August, 2000.

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--"A Sensory Approach to Learning." Co-presented with Kimberly Contag. Faculty Development Day: Let's Go Fishing! Century College, White Bear, MN. April, 2000.

GRANTS

- Institutional Diversity & FIG grants (totaling \$1,000) to support Intercultural Development Inventory Administrator training, October, 2009.
- Grants from Institutional Diversity, GSR, & Women's Studies totaling over \$2,000 supporting Andreas guest speaker Cristina Garcia, April, 2009.
- Conference Grant: Minnesota Humanities Commission (with K.E. Contag). Fall 2005. \$1,300.
- Conference Grant: Program for Cultural cooperation Between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States Universities (with K.E. Contag). Spring 2005. \$1,600.
- Conference Grant: Floyd and Lois Palmer (with K.E. Contag). Spring 2005. \$2,500.
- FIG Grant. Spring 2005. \$2,500.
- Research In Progress Grant. MSU. Spring 2004.
- Faculty Research Grant. MSU. Spring 2001. \$2910.
- RITE Faculty Technology Integration MiniGrant. MSU. Spring 2001. \$500.
- RITE Faculty Electronic Portfolio Development MiniGrant. MSU. Spring 2001. \$500.
- Faculty Improvement Grant. MSU. Summer 2000. \$1,600.
- Faculty Research Grant (with K.E. Contag). MSU. Summer, 1999. \$4,000.
- Bush Foundation/MnSCU Grant (with K.E. Contag). Spring, 1999. \$1,600.
- Research Grant: Program for Cultural Cooperation Between Spain's Ministry of Culture and United States' Universities (with K.E. Contag). Summer, 1997. \$2,000.
- Block Grants for Research: Gustavus Adolphus College, 1996-1997. \$2,000.

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