

# **AMANDA GRUTZA**

# MAKERSPACE/STEM EDUCATOR & CONSULTANT

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#### LETS MAKE SOMETHING GREAT!

My passion is creating innovative and rewarding maker and STEM programs. With an emphasis on engineering and creative problem solving, I am highly adept at creating project based learning experiences that help develop critical thinking skills, as well as offer proficiency with various tools, machinery and software. I have worked with public schools, private companies, and non-profits to design and implement tech programs and create maker spaces. I have coached award winning robotics teams and built projects for the First Lego League, MakerFaire, the Girl Scouts of America and the Boys and Girls Club. Emphasis on Culturally Responsive STEM and the NGSS.

### PRIMARY SKILLSET



ROBOTICS



DESIGN & FABRICATION



PROJECT BASED LEARNING



CREATIVE DESIGN THINKING



TEACHING & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT



MAKER SPACE & LABORATORY MANAGEMENT

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

#### **EV3 ROBOTICS**

CARNEGIE MELLON ROBOTICS

#### **3D PRINTING**

MAKERBOT

#### MAKER, DESIGN & CULTURES

STEM TEACHERS NYC

# **DIY STEM**

SAMSUNG

## **EXPERIENCE**

#### PORTFOLIO SCHOOL

2019 - PRESENT

Lead Classroom Teacher (1st & 2nd Grade)

Instructs students and facilitates their learning in accordance state guidelines through Project Based Learning. Guides students in educational activities designed to promote intellectual, social, and physical growth. Teaches the essential skills that will contribute to students' development as innovative, educated and responsible adults.

#### IONYC MAKER SPACE

2016 - 2019

Maker Space Manager

#### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

2016-2018

STEM Facilitator & Tech Lab Manager• Curriculum development in conjuction with various partners: NASA, Hofstra University, The Intrepid, BioBus, Jet Blue.

#### INDEPENDENT CONTRACTING

Hands on instruction, Curriculum
Development, Project Curation &
Implementation, Robotics Coach.
STEM Kids NYC, The Portfolio School, Girl
Scouts of America, TEKIntellect, NYC
Department of Education