Meet the Orange Team

Matthew Slepin, Head Teacher

Matt has lived in quite a few places and pursued a number of interests. He taught courses in the evolving concept of magic in medieval Europe at Northwestern University and wrangled dishes at a dude ranch in the Sangre de Cristos mountains of Colorado. He taught Elizabethan history on a living history museum that not only sailed around Great Britain, but right through Loch Ness (he didn't see any monsters though). For almost a decade, Matt worked in Maui, Hawaii on community development issues. He spent some time teaching in the Concord and Cambridge public school systems, as well as at the Cambridge Friends School, before landing at Eliot-Pearson Children's School. His son says that he makes the best cinnamon rolls that he has ever eaten!

Ashley Rutledge, Assistant Teacher

Ashley started her education career as a classroom teacher in Southington, Connecticut after graduating from Roger Williams University in 2020 with a degree in Elementary Education. Upon moving to the Boston area, she was interested in continuing her education career and is excited to join the EPCS community. When she's not in the classroom, Ashley can be found pursuing her photography, Irish dancing, and spending time with her family, friends, and two rabbits. She also plans to get her Master's in STEM education in the near future.
Tara Nichols, EP Fellow

Tara graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University in 2022, where she studied Psychology and Sociology. She has experience researching student success and non-cognitive skills. She is currently starting her Master’s in Child Study and Human Development, with hopes of entering the clinical field post Master’s. In her spare time, you can find Tara watching movies, chasing a sunset, or playing tabletop games with friends.

Samuel Ojedeji, EP Fellow

Samuel holds a Bachelor degree in English Education (B.A. Ed) and is currently a master’s student in the Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study and Human Development. He has worked as a teacher for close to half a decade. Out of school setting, he is a Parenting Educator and a Child Development Enthusiast who has led the successful organization of several events targeted at equipping parents and increasing their capacity to raise wholly developed children. Samuel is excited to join the Eliot-Pearson Children School community, hopes to sustain the traditional of excellence already established and looks forward to how his knowledge and studies at the Graduate School, Tufts University will positively influence his future role in raising children and impacting the society, particularly aiding adults to raise the next generation.

Mary Beady, EP Fellow

Mary is a first-year Masters student at Tufts and is excited to be an E-P Fellow for this school year. She graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2020, where she found her love of education while working at a preschool in Philadelphia. She has lived in Boston for the past three years, as an Americorps volunteer for one and an afterschool teacher in Brookline for two. For fun, Mary spends her free time playing soccer, baking, reading or hanging out with her friends. She is excited to be working in the Orange Room this year!