

Regarded for the ability to build relationships and work with students to develop historical thinking skills and apply disciplinary literacy strategies, while building content knowledge in the social sciences. Focused with unyielding commitment to cultivating a community of life-long learners who appreciate the past through research, inquiry, corroboration, and project-based learning.

EDUCATION:

Argosy University, October 2014

Doctor of Education, Teaching and Learning

Concentration: American History

Dissertation: *"A Comparative Study of Secondary Social Science Teachers' Perspectives on Instructional Methods and the Impact of Those Methods on Student Proficiencies in Historical Literacy,"* chaired by Dr. Rosine M. Dougherty

Committee: Dr. Carmen Larson and Dr. George M. Spagnola

University of South Florida, December 2006

Master of Arts in Teaching, Secondary Social Science Education

Florida State University, May 2003

Bachelor of Science, Interdisciplinary Social Science

Concentrations: History, Anthropology, Sociology

CERTIFICATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS:

Florida Educators Certification: Social Science, 6-12; Language Arts, 5-9; Gifted Endorsement

EMPLOYMENT:

Secondary Social Science Teacher, Sarasota Middle School (2013 – present)

Secondary Social Science Teacher, Sarasota Virtual Academy (2012 – 2013)

Secondary Social Science Teacher, Booker Middle School (2007 – 2012)

Assistant-Teacher, Upper-elementary, New Gate Montessori School (2005 – 2007)

TEACHING FIELDS:

Middle school: Medieval and Renaissance, Civics, World Geography, United States History, and Ancient Civilizations

High school: Speech and Debate, World History, and American History

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE:

Department Chair and Professional Learning Community Lead for the Social Studies (2017-present)

Sarasota Middle School, Sarasota, FL

Florida Council for History Education Co-founder and Board Member (2016-present)

Florida, National Council for History Education affiliate

Time to Teach National Trainer and Educational Consultant (2009-present)

Empowering Educators (Co-owner)

School and District History Fair Coordinator for National History Day Florida affiliate (2008-present) Booker Middle School, Sarasota Middle School, and Sarasota County Schools

Principal Selection Committee (Spring 2016; Spring 2021)

Sarasota Middle School, Sarasota, FL

Sarasota Middle School Scheduling Committee (2019-2021)

Sarasota, FL

Sarasota Middle School Business Partner Co-coordinator (2019-2020)

Sarasota, FL

Cooperating/Collaborating Teacher for University of South Florida Intern (Fall 2015; Spring 2019)

Sarasota Middle School, Sarasota, FL

Sixth grade Social Studies Unit Assessment Creation Committee (April 2019)

Sarasota County Schools, Sarasota, FL

National Council for the Social Studies Conference Proposal Reviewer (March 2016)

Research Assistant (Summer 2015)

The Washington Papers, University of Virginia

Teaching American History Grant Participant & Steering Committee Member (2010-2013)

Sarasota County Schools

- *Gathering of People, Places, and Ideas: Using Primary Sources to Investigate New Spain, The Americas, and La Florida*
- *Change and Continuity in American Democracy*
- *America's Role in a Changing World, Gathering and Interaction of Peoples, and American Democracy*

Team Leader for the Gifted and Talented Academy (2009-2012)

Booker Middle School, Sarasota, FL

Curriculum Coordinator for sixth and eighth grade Social Science (2009-2012)

Booker Middle School, Sarasota, FL

National History Day Contest Judge (2011)

University of Maryland, College Park

AWARDS:

District Teacher of the Year (2021-2022)

Sarasota Middle School, Sarasota County Schools

District Middle School Teacher of the Year (2021-2022)

Sarasota Middle School, Sarasota County Schools

Sarasota Middle School Teacher of the Year (2021-2022)

Sarasota Middle School, Sarasota County Schools

Gilder Lehrman History Teacher of the Year nominee (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2021)

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

James F. Harris Teacher Award middle school winner (2018)

Florida History Day

Outstanding Social Studies Teacher of the Year for Sarasota County Schools (2016-2017)

Florida Council for the Social Studies

Mayflower Outstanding Teacher Award (2016)

Florida History Fair, National History Day affiliate

Florida's 16th Congressional District Teacher Award Recipient (2016)

United States Congressman Vern Buchanan

Outstanding American History Teacher of the Year (2013)

Daughters of the American Revolution, Sara DeSoto Chapter

CONFERENCE PRESENTER:

Don't Make Me Repeat Myself: Teaching Contextualization to Effect Change

Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference, Virtual (February 2021)

Yellow Roses, Sashes and Signs: Voices of the Women's Suffrage Movement

National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Austin, TX (November 2019)

SOURCES Annual Conference, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL (January 2019)

La Florida: Bringing New Content to Florida Teachers

Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference, Orlando, FL (October 2019)

Creating a Partnership to Advocate for History to Get History in the Forefront of All Levels of Education

Florida Conference of Historians Annual Meeting, New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL (February 2019)

Contextualizing Equality: Founding Fathers and Founding Principles

Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference, Orlando, FL (October 2018)

SOURCES Annual Conference, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL (January 2018)

Inspiration and Implementation: Empowering Teachers and Students Through National History Day

Florida Council for History Education 2nd Annual Conference, Tampa, FL (July 2018)

Florida Council for History Education 1st Annual Conference, Sarasota, FL (August 2017)

La Florida: A Spanish Borderland and the 14th Colony

Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference, Palm Harbor, FL (October 2017)

National Council for History Education Conference, Niagara Falls, NY (April 2016)

SOURCES Annual Conference, University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL (January 2016)

Connections to the Caribbean: Washington's Encounters in Barbados

SOURCES Annual Conference, University of Central Florida (January 2016)

Education and Business: Challenges and Prospects in Historical Thinking

10th Annual Argosy University College of Business Conference, Sarasota Campus (June 2012)

NEWSPAPER:

Newspaper in Education Tabloids (TABs): Early Spanish Florida (2011)

Sarasota Herald-Tribune

PUBLICATIONS:

The Washington Papers Newsletter: Our Summer with George (2015)

University of Virginia

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- National Council for History Education
- Florida Council for History Education
- Florida Humanities Council
- National Council for the Social Studies
- Florida Council for the Social Studies
- National Council for Gifted Education
- University of South Florida Alumni Association
- Florida State University Alumni Association

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Disciplinary Literacy, Sarasota, FL (2018-2019)

Sarasota County Schools

Teachers' Law Institute, Orlando, FL (2018)

The Trial Laws Section of the Florida Bar

Origins of the American Idea, Sarasota, FL (2016)
Ashbrook Center at Ashland University, Dr. Eric Sands

St. Augustine: The Beginning of US History (2015)
Sarasota County Schools, Dr. J. Michael Francis

Forgery of Primary Documents and George Washington Role in the Continental Congress (2015)
Sarasota County Schools, Dr. Edward Lengel

The Myths of George Washington (2015)
Sarasota County Schools, Dr. Edward Lengel

La Florida: Spanish St. Augustine, St. Augustine, FL (2015)
Florida Humanities Council, Lead Scholar Dr. J. Michael Francis

TechActive in Social Studies, Sarasota, FL (2014)
Sarasota County Schools

Teachers' Law Institute, Tampa, FL (2014)
The Trial Laws Section of the Florida Bar

Finding Florida in Spain, Spain (2014)
Florida Humanities Council, Lead Scholar Dr. J. Michael Francis

The Age of Jefferson, Charlottesville, VA (2013)
Gilder Lehrman Institute, University of Virginia, Lead Scholars Dr. Peter Onuf and Dr. Frank Cogliano

High School DBQs, Sarasota, FL (2013)
The DBQ Project

The Courts and the Constitution, Tallahassee, FL (2013)
Teaching American History Grant

Murder and Martyrdom in Spanish Florida, Sarasota, FL (2012)
Teaching American History Grant, Dr. J. Michael Francis

Blacks and the Constitution: Civil War to Civil Rights and *What to a Slave is the Fourth of July?* Sarasota, FL (2012)
Vaughnette Goode-Walker

George Washington: His Role in the Continental Congress, Sarasota (2012)
Teaching American History Grant, Dr. Edward Lengel

The Myths of George Washington, Sarasota, FL (2012)
Teaching American History Grant, Dr. Edward Lengel

Exploration of Florida's Primary Sources, P.K. Yonge Library, Gainesville, FL (2012)
Teaching American History Grant, Lead Scholars Dr. James Cusick

Teaching Students to Read and Think Like a Historian, Sarasota, FL (2011)
Teaching American History Grant, Dr. Sam Wineburg

Historical Thinking and Professional Practice, Mount Vernon, VA and Washington, DC (2011)
Teaching American History Grant

Liberty, Free Enterprise, and the Rule of Law: Savannah, Savannah, GA (2011)

Teaching American History Grant

Gathering of People, Places, and Ideas: How Do We Understand a People or Civilization Beyond the Written Record?
Tallahassee, FL (2011)

Teaching American History Grant, Lead Scholar Dr. J. Michael Francis

Teaching American History Grant Book Study, Sarasota, FL (2011)

“Historical Thinking and Other Unnatural Acts: Charting the Future of Teaching the Past,” by Sam Wineburg

Holocaust Box Cars, Sarasota, FL (2011)

Holocaust Museum and Education Center of Southwest Florida

Applied Civics Training, Sarasota, FL (2011)

Florida Joint Center for Citizenship

Gathering of People, Places, and Ideas: National Archives and Library of Congress Historical Research, Washington, DC (2010)

Teaching American History Grant

Ybor City: Immigration in the Late 19th and Early 20th Centuries, Ybor City, FL (2010)

Teaching American History Grant Educator, Dr. Gary Mormino

Teaching American History Grant Book Study, Sarasota, FL (2010)

“A Brave Vessel: The True Tale of the Castaways Who Rescued Jamestown,” by Hobson Woodward

Spanish Florida: St. Augustine, St. Augustine, FL (2010)

Teaching American History Grant

Virtual Economics, Tampa, FL (2007)

University of South Florida, Stavros Center

Montessori Assistant-Teacher Training, Sarasota, FL (2005)

New Gate Montessori School