

EDUCATION

Argosy University, 2014

Doctorate in Education, Teaching and Learning

Concentration: Literacy and American History

Dissertation: *“A Study Of Effects On Literacy, In Fifth Grade And Eighth Grade Students’ Reading FCAT Scores, As A Result Of Using Historical Thinking Strategies In The Classroom,”* chaired by Dr. Rosine M. Dougherty

National-Louis University, 2008

Master of Arts in Curriculum & Instruction

University of South Florida: College of Education, 2003

Bachelor of Science Degree, Elementary Education

EMPLOYMENT

Lamarque Elementary, 2006-present

ESE Liaison; Fourth Grade Teacher; Schoolwide Support Team; Grant Chair; \$10,000 Schoolwide Grant Chair; Team Leader

Florida Council for History Education, 2016-present

Executive Director

LOC-TPS Grant Project Leader

Florida House of Representatives, 2021-present

Curriculum Writer

Washington Papers, June 2015- August 2015

Research Assistant/Editing Intern of George Washington’s Financial Ledgers

PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 (pending) *Inquiry and Teaching with Primary Sources to Prepare Students for College, Career, and Civic Life (Elementary PreK-Grade 6 Edition)*
- 2019 *Civil Liberties, the Bill of Rights, and SOURCES: Engaging Students in the Past in Order to Prepare Citizens of the Future*, Extending the Ground of Public Confidence: Teaching Civil Liberties in K-16 Social Studies Education (book)
- 2019 *The Florida Council for History Education 2017- Present*, History Matters!
- 2018 *The Power of Agentive Women and SOURCES*, Social Studies Research and Practice
- 2017 *The Legacy of Emma E. Booker: Emma E. Booker Elementary School*, Sarasota County Historical Commission, Historical Marker
- 2015 *Our Summer with George*, Washington Papers Fall Newsletter

AWARDS

- 2021 Florida State Daughters of the American Revolution
- 2019 Library of Congress, Teaching with Primary Sources Grant \$20,000
- 2006-2018 Education Foundation Grant various grants ranging from \$500-\$10,000
- 2018 Target Field Trip Grant \$700 (historical experiences for entire fourth grade)

- 2018 Lowe's School Grant \$5,000
- 2017 Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Award
- 2016 Florida Council of the Social Studies Teacher of the Year
- 2014 PALs Innovative Project of the Year
- 2012-2013 Lamarque Elementary Teacher of the Year

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2021 presented *It's Elementary, My Dear: Primary Sources in the Elementary Classroom* at FCSS Annual Conference
- 2021 presented *What Could Be a More Perfect Union Than Baseball?* at FCSS Annual Conference
- 2021 presented *Martha Washington and the Women of the 18th Century* at FCSS Annual Conference
- 2021 Florida US Senate Youth Program (USSYP) scholarship application review judge
- 2021 wrote lesson plans and presented teacher workshop for museum exhibit *I Lived Here, As Well* at the Ximenez-Fatio House Museum
- 2021 planned and executed *Florida Council for History Education's Fifth Annual Conference: Debate & Diplomacy*, virtually
- 2021 National History Day judge (virtually)
- 2021 Florida History Day judge (state level; virtually)
- 2021 Florida History Day judge (district level; virtually)
- 2021 presented *It's Elementary, My Dear: Primary Sources in the Elementary Classroom* at NCHE Annual Conference
- 2021 presented *Don't Make Me Repeat Myself: Teaching Contextualization to Affect Change* at FCSS Annual Conference
- 2021 Florida History Day judge (school level; virtually)
- 2020 planned and executed *Florida Council for History Education's Fourth Annual Conference: Communication in History: The Key to Understanding*, virtually
- 2020 Connecticut History Day Judge (virtually)
- 2020 National History Day Judge (virtually)
- 2020 planned and conducted a series of workshops: *Women's Suffrage Arts Integration Workshop*, Jacksonville and Sarasota
- 2020 presented *The Power of Agentic Women and SOURCES* at SOURCES Annual Conference
- 2019 planned and conducted a series of historical thinking/Library of Congress workshops, *It's Elementary, My Dear: Primary Sources in the Elementary Classroom*, Sarasota County and Charlotte County
- 2019 planned and executed *Florida Council for History Education's Second Annual Conference: Breaking Barriers in History*, at historic Lincolntonville Museum, St. Augustine
- 2017-2020 Florida History Day Judge, Tallahassee
- 2019 presented *The Power of Agentic Women and SOURCES* at National Council for History Education Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2012-2020 District History Fair Judge, Sarasota County
- 2019 presented *Engaging Students in History Through Historical Fiction Paired with Primary Sources* at the SOURCES Annual Conference, Orlando
- 2018 presented *The Experiment Called the Constitution*, FCSS Annual Conference, Orlando
- 2018 planned and executed *Florida Council for History Education's Second Annual Conference: Triumph and Tragedy in History*, at Historic Italian Club, Ybor City
- 2018 presented *George Washington, Myths, Memories, and Monuments*, NCHE Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX
- 2018 presented *Comparison Study (Lesson) on Slave Narratives in the North and South* at the SOURCES Annual Conference, Orlando

2018 presented *Patriotism Through the American Flag* at the SOURCES Annual Conference, Orlando
2017 presented *Patriotism Through the American Flag* at FCSS Annual Conference, Tarpon Springs, FL
2017 planned and executed *Florida Council for History Education's First Annual Conference: Conflict and Compromise in History*, at Historic Spanish Point
2017 presented *Comparison Study (Lesson) on Slave Narratives in the North and South* at NCHE National Conference, Atlanta, GA
2016 presented *Patriotism Through the American Flag* at NCHE National Conference, Niagara Falls, NY
2013 Co-authored Flag Curriculum for Legacy of Valor Campaign's Flag Initiative (10 lesson plans, complete with primary and secondary sources embedded)
2011-2013 Teaching American History Steering Committee Member
2012 School History Fair Judge

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Council for History Education
- Florida Council for History Education
- National Council for the Social Studies
- Florida Council for the Social Studies

REFERENCES

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