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**Personal**



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**ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

- Ed.D. Curriculum and Instruction, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN (2018)
  - Dissertation: *Classroom Teachers' Perspectives of Implementing Literacy Standards In Alabama's Social Studies Classrooms*
- Ed.S. Curriculum and Instruction, Lincoln Memorial University, Harrogate, TN (2012)
- M.A. History, University of West Alabama, Livingston, AL (2010)
- B.S. Secondary Education: History, Athens State University, Athens, AL (2008)
- A.A. History Education, Snead State Community College, Boaz, AL (2006)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- **2018-Present Lincoln Memorial University**, Harrogate, TN: **Adjunct Instructor:** Graduate Education, Curriculum & Instruction. **Courses Taught to Ed.S candidates:** World Class Education, World Class Education Clinical, Instructional Design and Initiatives, Action Research, Instructional Strategies for Diverse Learners and Instructional Strategies Clinical; **Courses Taught to Master's candidates:** Supervision for Teaching and Learning and Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment.
- **2011-Present Susan Moore High School**, Blountsville, AL: **Chair, Social Studies Department (9 years).** **Courses Taught:** U.S. History I and II; World History I and II, ACT preparation. **Additional Roles:** Student Government Association Coordinator (6 years); Scholars Bowl Sponsor (6 years); Fellowship of Christian Athletes Sponsor (5 years); Head Junior Varsity Football Coach (2 years); Head Track Coach (1 year); Scholars Bowl Sponsor (6 years); Head Golf Coach (4 years); Assistant Varsity Football (4 years); Assistant Wrestling Coach (4 years); Assistant Varsity Softball (3 years).
- **2009-2011 Ashville High School, Ashville, AL:** **Social Studies Teacher (2 years).** **Courses Taught:** U.S. History II, Social Studies Remediation, Contemporary Issues. **Additional Roles:** Head Archery Coach (2 years); Head Juniors Varsity Boys Basketball Coach (1 year); Assistant Varsity Football (2 years); Assistant Varsity Baseball (2 years).
- **2008-2009 Oneonta High School, Oneonta, AL:** **Social Studies Teacher (1 year.)** **Courses Taught:** World History I and II, Social Studies Graduation Exam Remediation.

*Additional Roles:* Head Golf Coach (1 year); Assistant Junior Varsity Football Coach (1 year).

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Research Interest**

My research interest focuses on social studies instruction and reading and writing literacy—social studies methods and implementation of practices in social studies.

## **Professional Presentations**

### **National**

- NeSmith, A. (2019) **Successful Reading and Writing Literacy Strategies in Alabama**. National Council for the Social Studies: Austin, TX, November 22.
- NeSmith, A. (2018) **Teachers Perspectives of Implementing CCSS in Alabama's Social Studies Classrooms**. National Council for the Social Studies: Chicago, IL, December 1.

### **Regional/State**

- NeSmith, A. & Carson-Mullins, N. (2020) **Standards Unpacking, Essential Questions, and Exciting Tools**. Birmingham City Schools. Birmingham, AL, January 3.
- NeSmith, A. (2019) **The Alabama Bicentennial**. Daughters of American Revolution: Dripping Springs Chapter. First United Methodist Church. Cullman, AL, December 1.
- NeSmith, A. (2019) **Reading and Writing Literacy Strategies for Social Studies Instructors**. Alabama Council for the Social Studies: Lawson State Community College. Birmingham, AL, October 14.
- NeSmith, A. & Pittman, J. (2019) **Celebrating Our Bicentennial**. Birmingham School of Law. Birmingham, AL.
- NeSmith, A. & Sears, M. (2019) **Using Our Stories to Understand Our Past**. Jacksonville State University. Jacksonville, AL.
- NeSmith, A. (2018) **Exploring Alabama Through Maps**. Alabama Advocates for Social Studies: Samford University. Birmingham, AL.
- NeSmith, A. & Robinson, V. (2018) **Teaching Geography Standards Through the Alabama Bicentennial**. Athens State University. Guntersville, AL.
- NeSmith, A. & Robinson, V. (2018) **Teaching Geography Standards Through the Alabama Bicentennial**. Athens State University. Athens, AL.
- NeSmith, A. & Mann, J. (2018) **Teaching Geography Standards Through the Alabama Bicentennial**. University of North Alabama. Jasper, AL.
- NeSmith, A. & Smith-Keenum, M. (2018) **Teaching Geography Standards Through the Alabama Bicentennial**. Jacksonville State University. Jacksonville, AL.
- NeSmith, A. & Brysch, C. (2018) **Teaching Geography Standards Through the Alabama Bicentennial**. Auburn University. Auburn, AL.
- NeSmith, A. (2018) **Literacy Instruction in the Social Studies Classroom**. Alabama Council for the Social Studies (ACSS) Winter Board meeting. Florence, AL, February 27.
- NeSmith, A. & Nunnelle, T. (2016) **Visualizing the Data: Get Your Students Excited**

**with Story Maps and Snap 2 Map!** Social Studies Council of Alabama (SSCA) Annual Conference. Birmingham, AL, October 10.

- NeSmith, A. (2013) **Higher Order of Thinking in the Classroom**. Susan Moore High School, Blount County Schools. Blountsville, AL, October 25.

### Grant Activity

- **NeSmith, A.** (2019). *Next Slide, Please (\$750)*. Partnership between Blount County Education Foundation and Blount County Schools. Award money used for the purchase of classroom podium and presentation clicker to be used for student presentations.
- **NeSmith, A. & Grochowalski, C** (2018). *Calculators for ACT Testing=Success (\$1,500)*. Partnership between Blount County Education Foundation and Blount County Schools. Award money used for the purchase of 150 calculators. The implementation of this project allowed students to use calculators to compute calculations quicker on the ACT assessment.
- **NeSmith, A.** (2017). *SMART TV (\$1,000)*. Partnership between Blount County Education Foundation and Blount County Schools. Award money used for the purchase of two SMART televisions for the classroom. The implementation of this device allowed students to have greater visuals in the classroom.
- **NeSmith, A & Mason, C.** (2016) *Literacy Through the Air (\$1,500)*. Partnership between Blount County Education Foundation and Blount County Schools. Award money used for the purchase of two Apple MacBook Air for the middle school social studies department. The implementation of the devices allowed more students to have access to Apple products.
- **NeSmith, A.** (2015). *Big Mac for Students (\$750)*. Partnership between Blount County Education Foundation and Blount County Schools. Award money used for the purchase of better technology resource for the classroom. The award money purchased a new Apple Macbook for students. The implementation of this device allowed students to learn from another source of technology that was not always available to them.
- **NeSmith, A.** (2014) *Go...Go...Gadgets (\$1,000)*. Partnership between Blount County Education Foundation and Blount County Schools. Award money used to purchase a Microsoft Surface Pro and an Apple Ipad Air. These devices were excellent for students when working in groups. The differentiation in devices allowed students to learn from other sources of technology that was not always available to them.
- **NeSmith, A.** (2013). *Extreme Makeover: Classroom Edition (\$750)*. Partnership between Blount County Education Foundation and Blount County Schools. Award money used to purchase projector, projector screen, and laser printer. These resources were excellent for students who learn visually.
- **NeSmith, A.** (2012). *Around the world in 187 Days. (\$750)*. Partnership between Blount County Education Foundation and Blount County Schools. Award money used to purchase a giant classroom map for Social Studies classes. This resource was excellent in allowing students to see where countries are located when discussed in Social Studies.
- **NeSmith, A.** (2008). *Maps, Maps, and More Maps. (\$900)*. Partnership between Oneonta Foundation for Educational Resources and Oneonta City Schools. Award money used to purchase materials a classroom map and resources for Social Studies classes. These resources were excellent in allowing students to see where countries

are located when discussed in Social Studies.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **National Level Service**

- Member, Archives Committee, National Council for the Social Studies (2019-2021)
- Delegate, National Council for the Social Studies (2019)
- Delegate, National Council for the Social Studies (2017)

### **State Level Service (Alabama)**

- Master Teacher-Alabama History Institutes (2019-Present)
- President-elect Alabama Council for the Social Studies(2018-Present)
- Master Teacher, Alabama Bicentennial Commission (2018-2019)
- Vice President, Alabama Council for the Social Studies (2017-2018)
- Secretary, Alabama Council for the Social Studies (2017-2018)
- Regional Representative, Alabama Council for the Social Studies (2018-Present)
- Regional Representative, Alabama Geographic Alliance (2015-Present)

### **Public School Service**

#### *Susan Moore High School (2011-present)*

- Chair, Social Studies Department (2011-Present)
- Representative, Blount County Schools Student Outcomes Committee (2018)
- Member, Response to Instruction Committee (2017-Present)
- Member, Leadership Committee (2011-2017)
- Member, School Improvement Committee (2011-2017)
- Member, Search Committee, Head Football Coach (2015)
- Member, Search Committee, Social Studies Teacher (2015)
- Member, Data Analysis Committee, Susan Moore High School (2015)
- Representative, College and Career Ready Implementation Team (2013-2014)
- Representative, Blount County BOE Board Policy Revision (2015)
- Representative, College and Career Ready Implementation Team (2014-2015)
- Coordinator, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (2015-Present)
- Member, School Handbook Committee, (2014-2015)
- Representative, Social Studies Text Book Committee, (2013-2014)
- Member, Search Committee Social Studies Teacher (2013)
- Representative, Blount County BOE Board Policy Revision (2013)
- Representative, College and Career Ready Implementation Team (2013-2014)
- Member, SACS External Accreditation (2013-2014)
- Coordinator, Scholars Bowl Team (2015-Present)
- Coordinator, Student Government Association (2015-Present)
- Member SACS Accreditation Team, Susan Moore High School, Blountsville, AL (March 2014)

- Representative, Blount County Schools, Oneonta, AL Alabama College and Career Ready Implementation Team (2013-2014)
- Representative, Blount County Schools, Oneonta, AL Alabama College and Career Ready Implementation Team (2014-2016)
- Representative, Blount County Schools, AL Board Policy Revision (2015)
- Representative, Blount County Schools, AL Board Policy Revision (2013)

*Ashville High School 2009-2011*

- Coordinator, First Priority (2010-2011)
- Representative, Technology Improvement (2010-2011)
- Coordinator, Archery in the Schools (2009-2011)

*Oneonta High School 2008-2009*

- Representative, Vocabulary Development Team (2008-2009)

**RECENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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- Alabama History Institutes Conference (February 2020)
- National Council for the Social Studies Conference (November 2019)
- Alabama Council for the Social Studies Conference (October 2019)
- Moving Social Studies Forward (January 2019)
- National Council for the Social Studies Conference (November 2018)
- Alabama Council for the Social Studies Conference (October 2018)
- Alabama Advocates for Social Studies Education Conference (October 2018)
- Teaching Geography Standards Through the Alabama Bicentennial (June 2018)
- Stop the Bleeding (May 2018)
- National Council for the Social Studies Conference (November 2017)
- Alabama Council for the Social Studies Conference (October 2017)
- Nuts and Bolts Symposium (June 2017)
- Dyslexia Training (January 2017)
- Social Studies Council of Alabama Conference (October 2016)
- Literacy Design Collaborative (July 2016)
- Geography Literacy Leadership Institute (June 2016)
- Social Studies Standards & Literacy Awareness, Blount County Schools (2015-16)
- School Safety, Blount County Schools, (2015-2016)
- Purposeful Planning, Blount County Schools, (2015-2016)
- Purposeful Planning/Access Data, Blount County Schools (2015-2016)
- Strategic Teaching, Blount County Schools (August 2016)
- Student Advocacy, Blount County Schools (August 2016)
- College and Career Ready Standards Implementation, Blount County Schools (2014-2015)
- College and Career Ready Standards Implementation, Blount County Schools (2013-2014)
- Planning for Continuous Improvement, Blount County Schools (August 2014)

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- Alabama History Institutes Master Teacher (December 2019)
- Teacher of the Year, Daughter of the American Revolution: Dripping Springs Chapter (October 2019)
- Teacher of the Year, Susan Moore High School (October 2018)
- Teacher of the Year, Daughter of the American Revolution: Dripping Springs Chapter (September 2018)
- Alabama Bicentennial Master Teacher (May 2018)
- Robert A. and Beryl Fox Sandler Endowed Scholarship Recipient from Lincoln Memorial University (2017)
- Teacher of the Month, Ashville High School (January 2010)
- Teacher of the Month, Ashville High School (November 2009)

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS & DESIGNATIONS**

1. Professional Teaching Certificates (Alabama)
  - Class A, Secondary (06A), Grades 6-12, History (040); *Issued 2010*
  - Class B, Secondary (16A), Grades 6-12, History (40); *Issued 2008*
2. Highly Qualified Teacher, According to *NCLB*, General Social Science (2008)

**PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

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- National Education Association (NEA), (2008-Present)
- Alabama Education Association (AEA), (2008-Present)
- Alabama Council for the Social Studies (ALCSS) (2015-Present)
- Alabama Football Coaches Association (ALFCA) (2008-Present)
- Alabama Geographic Alliance (AGA) (2014-Present)
- National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) (2016-Present)
- Alabama Advocates for Social Studies (2018-Present)
- Alabama History Institutes (AHI) (2019-Present)