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EDUCATION

Ph.D. The University of Alabama, 2019

Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary Literacy Research Dissertation Title: The Implications of Using Lesson Study as a Professional Development Model to Support Graphical Literacy in Second Grade Dissertation Committee: Drs. Julianne Coleman, Carol Donovan, Janie Hubbard, Cynthia Sunal and Rebecca Ballard

EdS. University of West Alabama, 2012

Elementary Education Specialist

M.Ed. University of Montevallo, 2008

Elementary Education

University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2005

Early Childhood Certification

B.S. University of Montevallo, 2003

Elementary Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019- present University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama

Assistant Professor
Elementary Education
EdS Program Coordinator
Elementary and Early Childhood EdS
Reading EdS
Teacher Leader EdS

2004-2019 Woodstock Elementary School, Bibb County, Alabama

Classroom Teacher, 15 years
Kindergarten (2018-2019, 2016-2017, 2004-2014)
First Class Pre K (2017-2018) Second Grade (2014-2016)

2014, 2015 The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Co-Instructor, Field Experience Supervisor
Dr. Cynthia Sunal, Department Chair of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Julianne Coleman, Associate Professor of Literacy, C & I CEE 491 Early Childhood Curriculum and Instruction (2 semesters)

2013 The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Graduate Research Assistant

Dr. Carol Donovan, Special Education and Multiple Abilities CRD 690
Advanced Seminar AMSTI Research (1 semester)

2010-2013 Woodstock Elementary School Summer Kindergarten Transition Program

Instructor

2008-2010 Woodstock Elementary School Community Learning Center After School Care

Instructor

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of South Alabama

Undergraduate Courses

EDU 303	K-6 Field Experience
EDU 345	Field Experience
EDU 346	K-6 Education
EDU 336	Teaching Social Studies
EDU 337	Teaching Science
EDU 430	K-6 Internship
EDU 495	Internship SPE
EEC 338	Curr App Music & Movement in ECE

Graduate Courses

EDU 640	Instructional Development
EEC 523	Instructional Planning in Elem School
EEC 537	Teaching Science
EEC 548	Early Childhood Practicum
EEC 557	Elementary Practicum
EEC 595	Internship Elementary
EEC 598	Internship Early Childhood
EEC 690	SpTp Instructional Coaching
EEC 690	Sp Tp Curriculum Leadership
EEC 699	Research Project
LTE 645	Curriculum Leadership
LTE 646	Community and School Leadership
LTE 647	Instructional Coaching
LTE 699	Research Project
RED 531	Trends and Practices in Teaching Reading
RED 548	Literacy Coaching
RED 595	Internship to Reading Education
RED 640	Research in Reading
RED 648	Literacy Coaching for Teacher Leaders
RED 699	Research Project

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Brannan, L., Filderman, M.J., **Morrison, K.**, & Szatkowski, H. (Submitted 2022). Investigating elementary educators' knowledge, self-rated ability, and beliefs in an era of literacy legislation. *Annals of Dyslexia*.

Giles, R. & **Morrison, K.** (Submitted 2022). An Investigation of Prekindergarten Teachers' Read Aloud Choices. *Literacy Practice and Research*

*Liesch, H. **Morrison, K.**, Giles, R. (2022). Pre-Kindergarten Teachers' Perceptions of Social and Emotional Learning. *International Journal of the Whole Child*, 1(7), 8-21. * Student Publication

Giles, R., **Morrison, K.**, Szatkowski, H., & Brannan, L.R. (2021). Read alouds for elementary students' vocabulary development. JTAR

Morrison, K., Sunal, C. & Sunal, D. (2014). Notable trade book: Brothers at bat. *Social Studies Research and Practice Journal*, 9(2).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Giles, R., **Morrison, K.**, Szatkowski, H., & Brannan, L.R. Exploring Elementary Students' Vocabulary Development Through Read Alouds, Presented at MSERA (Nov. 11, 2021)

Brannan, L., Giles, R., **Morrison, K.**, & Szatkowski, H., Increasing Vocabulary through Interactive Read Alouds: Three Elementary Teachers' Experience, Alabama Literacy Association (Nov. 4, 2021)

Morrison, K. Effective elementary literacy, Presented at the Literacy for All Conference, Providence, Rhode Island (November, 2015)

Morrison, K. Integrated science and literacy in the primary grades, Presented at The University of Alabama Literacy Summit, Tuscaloosa, Alabama (May, 2015)

Sunal, C., Sunal, D., & **Morrison, K.** Brothers at bat trade book lesson plan, Presented at the National Council for Social Studies, St. Louis, Missouri (October, 2013)

Morrison, K. Enhancing reading with technology, Presentation at Sharing Elementary Best Practices Conference, Brent, Alabama (October, 2012)

ACCEPTED PRESENTATION

Brannan, L., Filderman, M.J., **Morrison, K.**, & Szatkowski, H. Teachers' Knowledge of Language Constructs in an Era of Literacy Legislation, American Reading Forum Conference, Sanibel Island, Florida (December 2022).

Giles, R. & **Morrison, K.**, Story Time Selections: An Examination of Books Read Aloud in Prekindergarten

Classrooms, American Reading Forum Conference, Sanibel Island, Florida (December, 2022)

Morrison, K. Lesson study as a professional development model to promote teacher professional learning. PhD Research in the USA, Ireland, and The Netherlands. Paper presentation at The World Association of Lesson Study International Conference, Beijing, China (November, 2018)

LOCAL PRESENTATIONS

Morrison, K. AMSTI math in second grade, Presentation for Woodstock Elementary Parenting Day, Woodstock, AI (October, 2014)

Morrison, K. Enhancing reading with technology, Presentation for Bibb County Professional Development, Centreville, AI (February, 2012)

Morrison, K. Classroom internet integration, Presentation for Woodstock Elementary Professional Development, Woodstock, AI (March, 2012)

Morrison, K. AMSTI math in kindergarten, Presentation for Woodstock Elementary Parenting Day, Woodstock, AI (October 2010)

Morrison, K. Kindergarten readiness, Presentation for Annual Parenting Workshop for Kindergarten Registration, Woodstock, AI (May, 2009-2014)

HONORS & AWARDS

2021 University of South Alabama ILC Most Engaged Faculty Award

2017 Alabama's 33/40 News Team Teacher of the Week

2017 WVUA23/Alabama One's Feature Teacher for February

2015 The University of Alabama's Most Outstanding Graduate Student, Elementary

2008 Woodstock Elementary School Teacher of the Year

2008 Bibb County, Alabama Teacher of the Year 2008 Jacksonville State Hall of Fame Nominee

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

FUNDED

\$3000 University of South Alabama CEPS Internal Grant (2022)

\$299,985 National Science Foundation Grant (2021)

Preparing Elementary Pre Service Teachers to Integrate Computing Across the Curriculum Zha (PI), Gong (Co-PI), **Morrison (Co-PI)**, Byrd (Co-PI), Brannan (Co-PI), Johnson (Co-PI)

\$2,350 Bibb County Child Caring Foundation Grant (2017, 2014, 2009, 2008, 2007)

\$8,000 Funds for Teachers Fellowship to Ireland (2017)

\$2,400 Target Field Trip Grant (2017, 2011, 2007)

\$1,400 Donors Choose Classroom Grant (2016, 2010)

\$10,000 Rural School and Trust Fellowship to Italy (2016)

\$215 First United Security Bank Financial Literacy Grant (2015)

\$33,000 The University of Alabama License Tag Graduate Fellowship (2013-2014)

\$500 Aero Garden Classroom Garden Grant (2010)

\$500 Cahaba Lily Renew Our Rivers Grant (2007)

NOT FUNDED

\$7,000 Funds for Teachers Fellowship to Ireland (2016)

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & CERTIFICATIONS

2014-2015 AMSTI 2nd Grade Math Certification Years 1 & 2

2014-2015 AMSTI 2nd Grade Science Certification Years 1 & 2

2006-2007 AMSTI Kindergarten Math Certification Years 1 & 2

2006-2007 AMSTI Kindergarten Science Certification Years 1 & 2

2005 Alabama Reading Initiative Certification

2005 Early Childhood Certification

SERVICE

2021-present Powerful Connections Network Presenter Southwest Region (SARIC)

2020-present University of South Alabama Kappa Delta Pi Sponsor

2020 Lott Middle School Red Ribbon Week Guest Judge

2007-2019 Woodstock Elementary Professional Development Coordinator

2016-2017 Cooperating Teacher for Pre-Service Teachers at The University of Alabama

2009-2014 Woodstock Elementary Technology Coordinator

2005-2016 Cooperating Teacher for Pre-Service Teachers at University of Montevallo