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Philosophy

I believe in the power of life-long learning, curiosity, creating, collaborating and sharing our inner genius. I am a thought partner who provides a supportive space for teachers to explore new ideas, spark creativity, and cultivate the best versions of themselves and I collaborate with teachers to design technology infused experiences that inspire student creativity and critical thinking.

Key Competencies

- **Instructional Leader**, in testing and developing best practices for teaching and learning models such as Genius Hour and Project Based Learning
- **Intentional Learner**, identifies areas of growth and seeks resources, answers, training and materials to support professional learning
- **Program Administrator**, effectively manages the physical and digital library and develops programming to encourage literacy and personal learning for students
- **Technology Integrator**, seeks information about new and emerging technologies to test and develops materials to aide in the integration of technology into teaching and learning.

Awards & Recognition

Apple Learning Coach	2021
Google Certified Innovator	2017
KASL Outstanding Library Media Specialist	2016
NKASL Outstanding Library Media Specialist	2016
KySTE Outstanding Teacher of the Year	2016
A.D. Albright Award: Outstanding Teacher	2015
Golden Apple Award	2015
ISTE Librarian Network Panel Member	2015
Kentucky Connected Educator	2013

Teaching Experience

Fort Thomas Independent Schools Fort Thomas, Kentucky Digital Learning Coach July 2016-Present

- Responsible for coaching students and teachers in implementing use of iPads in a 1:1 setting at the elementary level
- Conduct Professional Development as related to specific technology needs
- Assist teachers in designing and implementing project based learning experiences for students
- Conducting research and work towards implementing design thinking practices for students and teachers

University of Kentucky Lexington, Kentucky Instructor Summer 2016- Present

- Designed and instructed the summer session of LIS 648 Technology in School Media Center
- Designed and instructed spring session of LIS 647 Current Trends in the School Library

Robert D. Johnson Elementary Fort Thomas, Kentucky Teacher Librarian July 2012-2016

- Restructured the space to create a makerspace
- Restructured delivery of services to focus on project based learning, digital citizenship and a primary center based approach
- Maintains and provides troubleshooting for school technology resources
- Administers the library program and maintains inventory
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- Journalism Club sponsor – responsible for live morning announcements, publications that include augmented reality
- MinecraftEDU morning organizer and moderator
- Sponsor of three coding clubs

**Fort Wright Elementary
Library Media Specialist**

**Fort Wright, Kentucky
July 2010-June 2012**

- Priority was to support classroom instruction and development of research skills through discussions with teachers and administration
- Communicated directly with teachers to provide lists of library (books, videos, magazines) and Internet resources that would be useful in supporting classroom instruction/units of study – often on a daily basis
- Developed and identified resources for teachers to implement teaching and learning practices that will support K-PREP testing
- Implemented a program that included the use of learning centers to support classroom skill development as well as direct instruction that promoted knowledge of books and research skills at appropriate levels

Managed and worked to update an aged collection that would begin to support learning and leisure

- reading in the 21st century

**Highlands High School
English Teacher**

**Fort Thomas, Kentucky
July 2004-June 2010**

- 82% of English IV students earned a proficient or distinguished on the 2010 writing portfolio
- English III Advanced class gained 5 points in reading between practice ACT in the fall and the state ACT administered in March
- Responsible for organizing materials and providing professional development for implementation of teaching strategies and resources to improve ACT scores
- Identified and maintained a list of ACT recommended websites to aid teachers in creating lessons that would integrate ACT standards for college readiness
- Taught English II, English II Advanced, English III, English III Advanced, English IV

**Scott High School
English Teacher**

**Taylor Mill, Kentucky
July 2001-June 2014**

- Taught: English IV, English II Advanced, Creative Writing, English II, Special Topics in Literature, English I, Journalism I
- Technology Resource Teacher
- School Improvement Committee

**Simon Kenton High School
English Teacher**

**Independence, Kentucky
July 2000-June 2001**

- Taught Senior level English, Journalism

Professional Activities

- District Elementary Curriculum Lead
- KyGoDigital Northern Lead
- KySTE, ISTE
- KAS Library Standards Writing Committee
- KAS Technology Standards Writing Committee
- KASL Mentor Chair
- EdCampNKY Planning Committee
- KCAS ELA Challenge Review Committee
- University of Kentucky School of Library Science External Advisory Council
- #KyLChat - Twitter chat founder
- #KyGoPlay - co-founder

Publications

- Blog: FTedtech www.ftisedtech.blogspot.com
- Blog: Learning in Progress www.learninprogress.blogspot.com (Fall 2012- present)
- Tuesday Teacher Tips – technology and teacher tip emails using Smore
- Fractus Learning – Guest writer “All Work and No Play Makes Everything Dull”
- “Create an Impression using Infographics in your Next Library Report”. School Librarians Workshop.
- "Scenario IV: Games as Learning" Research Methods for Librarians and Educators: Practical Applications in Formal and Informal Learning Environments. - Ed. Ruth Small and Marcia Mardis
- “Using Canva and Powtoon to Promote your Library Programming”. School Librarians Workshop
- YouTube - tech training videos <https://goo.gl/4BM05r>

Publications Featured

- " Heidi Neltner Receives 2016 Kentucky Society for Technology in Education's Outstanding Teacher Award." KQ Express. AASL 2016 May. <http://us1.campaign-archive1.com/?u=9011bdd5ff860316c0afae3f0&id=66824da705&e=8fb6242cc6>
- Mansfield, Kathy. “Northern Kentucky School Librarian is 2016 Kentucky Outstanding Teacher”. Kentucky Teacher. 14 April 2016
- Watson, Adam. “Makerspaces”. Adam Watson EdTech Elixirs. 1 December 2015. <http://watsonedtech.blogspot.com/2015/12/makerspaces.html>
- Kelly, Brenna. “Other” School Professionals Test Drive PGES. Kentucky Teacher. 23 September 2014. <http://www.kentuckyteacher.org/features/2014/09/other-school-professionals-test-drive-pges/>

Presentations

Design Thinking

- KET Multimedia Day 2018
- KET Multimedia Day 2017
- KySTE 2017 Design Thinking for your Elementary Makerspace

Library Advocacy

- **Focused on the Future with Future Ready Libraries 2017**
KLA/KASL Fall Conference
- **KySTE 2016** Library Advocacy Toolkit
- **#CLD14** Connected Librarian Toolkit - National Webinar
- **KLA/KASL Fall Conference 2014** Building Advocacy for your School Library Program

Library Programming

- **ISTE 2018** Personalizing Professional Learning and Digital Book Projects
- **KASL Summer Refresher 2018** Digital Reading Strategies, and Digital Citizenship
- **KASL Summer Refresher 2016** Encouraging a Love of Reading through One Book, One School and the Forty Book Challenge
- **KYSTE 2017** Empowering Students as Knowledge Constructors
- **KySTE 2014** 21st Century Book Talks
- **KASL Summer Refresher 2014** 21st Century Book Talks Using Digital Tools to Share Books
- **KASL Summer Refresher 2014** Primary Centers in the Library

Makerspaces

Newport Schools Workshop 2017 Makerspaces & Mission Making it Happen: NGSS, Makerspace and PBL - Workshop
Norwich, NY

KECSAC At Risk Conference 2017 Inspiring Learning with a School Makerspace

Persistence to Graduation Summit 2016 Makerspace as a Student Engagement Strategy

KASL Summer Refresher 2016 Project Based Learning - Make the Most of your Makerspace

KySTE 2016 KyGoPlayground Makerspace Event

KySTE 2016 Harnessing the Power of the Makerspace for Project Based Learning and Genius Hour

KLA/KASL Fall Conference 2015 Makerspaces on a Budget

KLA/KASL Fall Conference 2015 KyGoPlayground - makerspace event

ISTE 2015 Makerspace Panel - Elementary representative

Kenton County & WCPS June 2015 - Makerspaces Getting Started

Project Based Learning & Genius Hour

- **KASL Summer Refresher 2016** Project Based Learning - Make the Most of your Makerspace
- **KySTE 2016** Harnessing the Power of the Makerspace for Project Based Learning and Genius Hour
- **FTIS PD Days 2015** Research Models to Support Project Based Learning
- **KLA/KASL Fall Conference 2014** Genius Hour: Nourishing Intrinsic Motivation
- **FTIS Summer PD 2014** Genius Hour

KAS Standards Related

- **KyDLC 2022 Summit** - Technology Standards and Curriculum
- **KySTE 2022** Reading Strategies for a Digital Learner, Sensory Storytelling with Google, Digital Resources for Social Studies

Technology Training

- **KyDLC - Coaching Plus** Blended Learning Module 1
- **KyGoDigital Virtual Event** Library strand, Digital Interactive Notebooks, Google Sites, Project Based Learning
- **KYSTE 2017** Interactive Notebooks for the Digital Age
- **KySTE 2016** App Development - Come on Get Appy
- **KySTE 2016** Programming in Primary - Coding
- **After School 2015** MinecraftEDU Teacher basics
- **GET Talks 2016** - Screen Time, Social Media and MinecraftEDU
- **NKU Library 2015-** Crash Course in Creating an App for your Library
- **FTIS PD Days 2015** NGSS Multimedia Resources
- **KySTE 2015** Using Augmented Reality to Bring your School to Life
- **KySTE 2015** Tech Tools for Communicating with your Stakeholders
- **KySTE 2015** Redefining Technology Use in your Classroom with SAMR and Bloom's
- **FTIS PD Days 2014** SAMR Smash Integrating iPads in Teaching and Learning
- **KASL Summer Refresher 2014 & KLA/KASL Fall Conference** Twitter for Educators
- **Power Lunch Mini Sessions 2014-2015** Office 365, Voxer, Augmented Reality, Twitter, QR Codes, Backing up Files,