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VITA

PROFESSIONAL

Tennessee Technological University
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EDUCATION

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 2017
Theory & Practice in Teacher Education

Tennessee Technological University

Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) 2005
Instructional Leadership

Master of Arts (M.A.) 2001
Instructional Leadership

Middle Tennessee State University

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) 1998
Social Studies/Secondary Education
Cum Laude

Roane State Community College

Associate of Science (A.S.) 1996
General Studies

INSTRUCTION

Tennessee Technological University 2012-2015
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Instructor

Tennessee Technological University 2016-present
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
Lecturer

Courses Taught:

READ 3311 Literacy Block 2012-2018

ESLP 4100 ESL Pedagogy, Methodology, Materials 2012-present

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FOED 3810	Field Experience in Education, Content	2012-present
ELED 3152	Math Methods	2012-2017
ELED 3140	Teaching of Social Studies	2012-present
ELED 4140	Science for Elementary Teachers	2012-2018
SPED 3000	Teaching Persons with Disabilities	2012-2018
FOED 3800	Field Experience in Education, Literacy	2012-2021
ELED 4872	Professional Seminar I	2017-present
ELED 4882	Professional Seminar II	2017-present
ELED 4871	Residency I	2017-present
ELED 4881	Residency II	2017-present
CUED 4800	Student Engagement	2017-2018

Roane State Community College	2010-2012
Humanities Division	
Social Science, Business and Education Division	

Course Taught:

COLS 1010	College Organization and Learning Strategies	2012-2014
EDU 101	Introduction to the Teaching Profession	2010-2012
EDU 111	Introduction to Educating Exceptional Children	2010-2012

SUPERVISION

edTPA Coach	2017-present
Clinical Supervisor	2017-present

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K-12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Midway High School, Kingston, TN Teacher of U.S. and World History Teacher of U.S. Government	2007-2010
Meigs Middle School, Decatur, TN Teacher of U.S. History	2001-2007
Scott High School, Huntsville, TN Teacher of U.S. Government Teacher of U.S. History	1999-2001
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Renaissance Group Laguna-Acoma Reservations, Laguna, New Mexico Chief Leschi School, Puyallup Reservation, Puyallup, Washington State	1998 1998

ORGANIZATIONS, COMMITTEES, AWARDS

TN Tech College of Education <i>Outstanding Service Award</i>	2023
Oak Ridge City Schools' Outstanding Volunteer Award in Teacher Training	2019
TNCSS: Teacher of the Year Awards Committee	2017-present
National Council for the Social Studies, Member	2016-present
Tennessee Council for the Social Studies, Board of Directors	2016-present
Participant, SACS Accreditation Review Committee: RSCC	2015
Member, Tennessee Science Teachers' Association	2013-2015
Member, Phi Delta Kappa International, Member	2012-2015
School-Wide Positive Behavior Program Committee Member	2007-2010
Jr. Beta Club Sponsor	2001-2007
Jr. Achievement Sponsor	2001-2007

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Outstanding Student Award, Social Science Division
Roane State Community College

1996

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Laffoon, A. (2021, November). RMS Mini-Workshops, *Primary Sources: Where, What, When, and How* Oak Ridge, TN.

Laffoon, A. (2019, Sept., Oct., Nov.). RMS Mini-Workshops, *Doing Inquiry that Matters*, Oak Ridge, TN.

Laffoon, A., Spears, A., & Isbell, J.K. (2019, March). *Launch, Explore, Summarize! 20 Powerful Strategies for Source work*. Session presentation at TCSS Conference: Gatlinburg, TN.

Laffoon, A. (2019, February). Mini Workshop: Meigs County Schools: *2019 Social Studies Standards Integration*, Decatur, TN.

Laffoon, A. (2018, December). National Park Service: Manhattan Project National Historical Park, Oak Ridge, TN.

Isbell, J. K., Spears, A., Smith, T. & Laffoon, A. (2018, November). *Radical and relevant work: Using primary & secondary sources to guide high school students' understanding of the history of labor struggles*. Paper accepted for presentation, 28th annual international conference of the National Association of Multicultural Education, Memphis, TN.

Spears, A., Isbell, J., Laffoon, A., & Smith, T. (2018). *Social Studies teachers are reading teachers too: Innovative strategies for critically examining primary and secondary sources*. Literacy Association of Tennessee Conference, Murfreesboro, TN.

Laffoon, A. (2018, February). *Read Like a Historian*. Roane State Powerful Teaching Symposium, Harriman, TN.

Laffoon, A., Lloyd, M., Ogbomo, Q., Richards, S., Rogers, A., & Trent, K. (2016, November). *Using Non-fiction Literature Circles to Process edTPA Handbooks*, Cookeville, TN.

Laffoon, A. (2015, August). *Qualitative Methods to Explore Elementary Pre-service Teachers' Attitudes about Digitized Visual Primary Sources*. Colloquium, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Laffoon, A. (2015, June). *Elementary Strategies with Visual Primary Sources*. Workshop for Elementary Pre-service Teachers, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Laffoon, A., (2015, March). *Teaching with Primary Sources: 10 Powerful Strategies You and Your Students will Love!* Session presentation at the Roane State Powerful Teaching Symposium, Harriman, TN.

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Laffoon, A., & Mactavish, E. (2014, November). *Engineering: The Forgotten Piece of STEM*. Session presentation at TSTA Conference, Murfreesboro, TN.

Laffoon, A. & Brown, A. (2014, March). *Co-teaching from a Mentor's Perspective*. Session presentation at the Roane State Powerful Teaching Symposium, Harriman, TN.

Laffoon, A., Turner, T., (2014, March). *If I Had a Quill Stylist Ball Point: Writing To Solve Historic Problems*. Session presentation at TCSS Conference, Gatlinburg, TN

Laffoon, A., Clabough, J., & Cole, W. (2013, June). *Role-Playing Activities to Engage Students as Writers*. Session presentation at the Midsouth Reading and Writing Institute, Birmingham, AL.

Laffoon, A. & McCormick, D. (2013, February). *Red Light Theory: Classroom Management Techniques for Middle Level Teachers*. Session presentation at the Roane State Powerful Teaching Symposium, Harriman, TN.

Laffoon, A. (2013, November). *Teachers' Use of Visual Primary Sources in the Social Studies Classroom*. Poster presentation, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN.

Laffoon, A., & Rogers, A. (2013, November). *Acting out in Science Class! A Reader's Theater Strategy*. Session presentation at TSTA Conference, Murfreesboro, TN.

Brown, A. & Laffoon, A. (2012, November). *Introduction to Co-teaching*. Session presentation at the P-16 Mini Workshops, Cookeville, TN.

GRANT INVOLVEMENT

Isbell, J. K., Spears, A., Laffoon, A., & Smith, T. (2018). It's a working life: Building social studies content knowledge by accessing and thinking critically about primary sources related to work in Tennessee and beyond. Tennessee Higher Education Commission 2018 Improving Teacher Quality Grant. (\$70,000)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

NIET Aspiring Teacher Training (Cookeville, TN), May & June 2023. Certification Received.

Tennessee Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference (Gatlinburg, TN), March 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

TEAM Training (Cookeville, TN), 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

Tennessee edTPA Conferences, Birmingham, AL, 2016; Cookeville, TN, 2017 & Murfreesboro, TN, 2019.

International Dyslexia Association: TN Chapter, RISE Conference. Brentwood, TN, April, 2016.

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Coordinator: Workshop for Pre-Service Teachers UTK Early Learning Center. Knoxville, TN, January, 2011.

PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS

Pennicuff-Trent, K., Laffoon, A., Ogbomo, Q., Richards, S., Lloyd, M., Roger, A. (2019)
Using Non-Fiction Literature Circles to Process the edTPA Handbooks and Supporting Documents.
Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Laffoon, Alicia Lankford, (2017). "Elementary Pre-service Teachers' Attitudes Toward Digitized Visual Primary Sources in the Social Studies." PhD diss., University of Tennessee, 2017.
http://trace.tennessee.edu/utk_graddiss/4475

Laffoon, A., Boyd, P. (2014). Seeing is believing: Visual primary sources make wide-eyed learners. In Turner, T., Clabough, J., & Cole, G. (Ed.) *Getting at the Core of the Common Core with Social Studies* Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Laffoon, A., Wallace, K. (submitted). Book Review of *Visual Journeys Through Wordless Narratives*.
Journal of Learning and Language in Education.

Laffoon, A. (2014, March 1). Gymnastics! The Hidden Secrets. *Girls Inc. Newsletter*.

PEER REVIEWER

Peer Reviewer (2018). *Using Non-Fiction Literature Circles to Process the edTPA Handbooks and Supporting Documents*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Peer Reviewer (2014). *Getting at the Core of the Common Core with Social Studies*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Co-Chair, TN Tech COE Recruitment, Retention & Diversity Committee, 2021-present

Coordinator: CPR/First Aid/AED Training for Pre-Service Teachers, Harriman, TN, April, 2015-2020.

Coordinator: Praxis Review Sessions for Pre-Service Teachers, Harriman, TN, April 2015; April 2016; January, 2017, September, 2018, October, 2019

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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Oak Ridge High School Cross Country Secretary, 2023-present

Oak Ridge High School Track Treasurer, 2023-present

Oak Ridge High School Lady Wildcat Basketball Treasurer, 2019-2023

Robertsville Middle School Girls' Volleyball Booster Club Founder 2021

Robertsville Middle School Girls' Volleyball Treasurer, 2021-present

Co-Planner and Exhibitor: *Seeing Your STEM Future!* Robertsville Middle School STEM Night, (February 2020), Oak Ridge, TN.

Co-Planner and Participant: Oak Ridge Community Partners Event at the Boys & Girls Club, (November 2019), Oak Ridge, TN.

Co-Planner and Exhibitor: *Out of this World!* Robertsville Middle School STEM Night, (February 2019), Oak Ridge, TN.

Co-Planner and Exhibitor: *I HEART STEM!* Robertsville Middle School, (February 2018), Oak Ridge, TN.

Social Studies Textbook Adoption Committee, Oak Ridge City Schools, (March 2018), Oak Ridge, TN.

Committee Member: on Advanced Learning, Oak Ridge City Schools, (2018- 2019), Oak Ridge, TN.

Committee Member: Advisory Committee for Math Curriculum, Oak Ridge City Schools, (February 2018), Oak Ridge, TN.

Co-Planner: Linden's Syzygy Over Tennessee: Lions Learning Under the Shadow of the Moon, (August 2017), Oak Ridge, TN.

College Organization and Learning Strategies Training, (June 2011; January 2015), Harriman, TN.

Beyond the Who and What: Ways to Increase Readers' High-Level Thinking Skills. Tennessee Center for the Study and Treatment of Dyslexia at MTSU, (January 2015), Murfreesboro, TN.

Tennessee Science Teachers Association Annual Conference, (November 2014), Murfreesboro, TN.

Tennessee Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, (March 2014), Gatlinburg, TN.

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Wilson Training for Struggling Readers, (February 2013; November 2014; March 2017), Harriman, TN.

Common Core Reading Course for Higher Education, (October 2013; January 2014), Knoxville, TN

Tennessee Science Teachers' Association Conference, (November 2013), Murfreesboro, TN.

Mid-South Reading and Writing Institute, (July 2013), Birmingham, AL.

edTPA Pearson Scorer Training/Qualified Scorer, (January 2013-present). Online

Tennessee Tech University P16 Mini Workshops, (November 2012), Cookeville, TN.

Tennessee Tech University edTPA Training, (October 2012), Cookeville, TN.

Roane State Symposium, College Organization & Learning Strategies, June 2011, Harriman, TN.

Volunteer: Girls Inc., (2016, 2017), Oak Ridge, TN.

Volunteer: Jr. Great Books, (2011-2015), Oak Ridge, TN.

ADVISEMENT

Coordinator: Praxis review sessions for pre-service teachers at Harriman 2013-present

Facilitator: Praxis review material for pre-service teachers at Oak Ridge, 2020-present

Social Studies Praxis Tutor: College of Education

