

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

Alta Vista Elementary, August 2022-present

Fifth Grade ESE & Gifted Teacher; Team Leader

Florida Council for History Education, 2016-present

Executive Director

LOC-TPS Grant Project Leader

Curriculum Writer

Lamarque Elementary, 2006-2022

ESE Liaison; ESE Resource Teacher; Fourth Grade AWC Teacher; Second Grade AWC Teacher; Schoolwide Support Team; Grant Chair; Math Committee Chair; Paw Prints editor; \$10,000 Schoolwide Grant Chair; Team Leader

Florida House of Representatives, 2021-2022 (temporary position)

Curriculum Writer

Washington Papers, June 2015- August 2015 (summer position)

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

PUBLICATIONS

- 2023 (pending) *Elementary Students Can Do It! Raising Future Citizens: Developing Agency Through Political Cartoons*
- 2023 (pending) *Inquiry and Teaching with Primary Sources to Prepare Students for College, Career, and Civic Life (Elementary PreK-Grade 6 Edition)*
- 2022 *54 Pearl Street, The Story of Francis Tavern, In Context*
- 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

2023 Florida History Day judge (school level-Sarasota District)

2023 Florida History Day judge (district level-Manatee County)

2023 presented *Building Capacity for Student Agency: How have Americans Used Sports as a Tool for Agency or Civic Engagement?* at SOURCES Annual Conference

2023 presented *Don't Make Me Repeat Myself: Teaching Contextualization to Effect Change* at SOURCES Annual Conference

2022 Florida US Senate Youth Program (USSYP) scholarship application review judge for FLDOE

2022 presented *Teaching Tough History: If Not Now, When?* at FCSS Annual Conference

2022 presented *Congress & Political Parties: Friends or Foes* at FCSS Annual Conference

2022 presented *The Experiment Called the Constitution* on Constitution Day for Sarasota/Manatee DAR

2022 planned and executed *Florida Council for History Education's Sixth Annual Conference: Frontiers in History*

2022 National History Day judge (virtually)

2022 presented *Civil War History You Never Knew: Enlist or Put These On!* at a Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War meeting

2022 presented *Using Historical Books To Increase Literacy Skills Through Primary Sources* for NCSS Inquiry and Teaching with Primary Sources webinar series

2022 presented *Martha Washington and the Women of the 18th Century* at NCHE Annual Conference

2022 Florida History Day judge (district level; virtually)

2022 Florida History Day judge (school level)

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 for FLDOE

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 Lincolnville 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

Bernadette Bennett, recently retired Sarasota County Schools Social Studies Specialist bdjlbennett@gmail.com

Jennifer Jaso, (Florida's Top 5 Teacher of the Year) Sarasota County Schools Jennifer.jaso@sarasotacountyschools.net

Scott Waring, UCF, Professor and Program Coordinator of Social Science Education Scott.waring@ucf.edu