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### EDUCATION

#### **Ed.D., 1988, University of Georgia.**

Dissertation: "The Effects of Encoding and Mechanical Constraints on the Composing of High School Seniors," directed by Donald R. Rubin.  
Major: Language Education.

**Additional coursework (50 hours) in school library media and instructional technology:** University of Georgia, 1988-1990.

#### **M.Ed., 1981, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.**

Thesis: "A Meta-Analysis of Research on the Effects of Sentence-Combining Practice," directed by Eugene C. Bartoo.  
Major: Secondary Education/English.

#### **B.A., 1976, magna cum laude, Shorter College.**

Major: English.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Faculty member, Media and Instructional Technology, Department of Educational Foundations and Technology, University of West Georgia, Carrollton Georgia.**

Lecturer, 2015-present

Assistant Professor, 2009-2015

Program Coordinator for School Library Media and Instructional Technology programs, 2014 to present.

Adjunct, 2005-2009

Utilizing Desire2Learn, GoToTraining and related distance-learning technologies, teach graduate courses in school library media, instructional technology, and school improvement. Serve on university, college, and department committees. Represent the university, college and department at statewide and national conferences.

#### **Media Coordinator, Carrollton, Georgia, City Schools; Media Specialist, Carrollton High School: 2005-2009.**

Performed all duties of school library media specialist for Carrollton High, as well as Coordinator of Media Services for the district, including the following:

Provided leadership for school media specialists;

Served as liaison with Georgia Department of Education for library media issues;

Guided teachers and students in use of technology across the curriculum;

Selected print, online and audio-visual resources to support instruction;

Administered/conducted training for videoconferencing systems and for school LMS;

Administered federal E-rate application for district.  
Collaborated with teachers on lesson preparation and delivery.

**Assistant Superintendent for Technology, Carrollton City Schools, Carrollton, Georgia:**  
1998-2004.

Developed and directed technology initiatives for school district. Supervised district and school technology staffs. Worked with principals and instructional leaders in selection of technology and related training. Managed district technology budget (approximately \$750,000 annually). Implemented complete redesign of the district's data network. Coordinated district's FTE/Student Record process. Led district media-technology committee. Coordinated district communication with Georgia Department of Education for all technology-related issues. Managed district telecommunications services. Served on system improvement task force. Wrote technology grant proposals for state, federal and private funding resulting in approximately \$2 million awarded to the district (not including federal E-rate funds). Utilized fiber optic network to support school-owned computer stations in local public library, and spearheaded the "EmPowerLink" initiative providing computers with full connectivity to school network for families in public housing. Served as interim director of telecommunications services for City of Carrollton during the City's application process to become a Competitive Local Exchange Carrier, and represented the City of Carrollton before the Public Service Commission.

**Director, Educational Technology Training Center, Georgia Department of Education/Floyd College/Northwest Georgia RESA, Rome: 1996-1998; Instructional Technology Specialist, 1995-1996.**

Provided training for Georgia educators from 18 school districts in instructional and administrative technologies. Conducted training via videoconference for over 200 media specialists across Georgia. Supervised technology training staff. Developed courses and created schedule for the center. Managed technology center budget. Served as consultant for school districts. Presented at numerous state conferences. Worked on plan for statewide delivery of the InTECH model for technology professional development.

**Additional experience**

**Media Coordinator / Media specialist: McDuffie County Schools**  
**High school English teacher: Thomson High School, West Rome High School, Northwest Georgia High School**  
**Director of Student Activities / Admissions counselor: Shorter College**

**PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS**

- Blatt, L., Bray, M., Cooper, O.P., Donovan, J., Hollandsworth, R., & Neuman, D. (2011, November). *School library media specialists: What's in a name? An update from the July/August issue of Tech Trends*. Panel discussion, AECT annual conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Cooper, O.P. (2010, April). *Desktop virtualization: Issues, examples, observations*. Online seminar, AECT webinar series.
- Cooper, O. P. (2015, May-June). How ISTE's Standards for Technology Coaches inform AASL's Standards for School Librarians. *TechTrends*, 59(3), 48-53, doi: 10.1007/s11528-015-0852-z

- Cooper, O. P. (2014, June). *Video creation tools for library media specialists, teachers, and students*. Concurrent session presented at Alabama Educational Technology Conference, Birmingham, AL.
- Cooper, O. P., & Bray, M. (2011). School library media specialist-teacher collaboration: Characteristics, challenges, opportunities. *TechTrends*, 55(4), 48-54.
- Cooper, O. P., & Snipes, P. (2011, October). *The ePub standard and school library media centers*. Concurrent session presented at Georgia Council of Media Organizations (COMO) Conference, Athens, GA.
- Cooper, O. P., & Snipes, P. (2013, November). *Free and easy: Video creation tools for media specialists and teachers*. Concurrent session presented at Georgia Educational Technology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Cooper, O. P., Snipes, P., and Baylen, D. (2014, June). *GoToMeeting as a videoconferencing tool for online courses*. Concurrent session presented at University of West Georgia Pedagogy Conference, Carrollton, GA.
- Cooper, O. P., Snipes, P., and Putney, D. (2014, June). *Turning flips in the media center*. Concurrent session presented at Georgia Library Media Association Summer Institute, Peachtree City, GA.
- Putney, D., Snipes, P., Bennett, E., & Cooper, O. P. (2009, October). *ANIMOTO: Creating action-packed presentations*. Concurrent session presented at Georgia Council of Media Organizations (COMO), Columbus, GA.
- Snipes, P., & Cooper, O. P. (2011, October). *Instruction: Get ready, get set, get online, get busy, go!* Concurrent session presented at Georgia Council of Media Organizations (COMO) Conference, Athens, GA.
- Snipes, P., & Cooper, O. P. (2013, November). *Copyright explained the web 2.0 way*. Concurrent session presented at Georgia Educational Technology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Snipes, P., Cooper, O. P., Bennett, E., & Putney, D. (2009, November). *See it! Hear it! Live it!: Capture life with Web 2.0*. Concurrent session presented at Georgia Educational Technology Conference, Atlanta, GA.

## **UNIVERSITY OF WEST GEORGIA TEACHING & SERVICE**

### **Teaching**

MEDT 3401 Integrating Technology into the Curriculum  
MEDT 6401 Instructional Technology  
MEDT 6461 Administration of the School Library Media Center  
MEDT 6462 Administration of Instructional Technology Programs  
MEDT 6464 / 7474 Reference Sources and Services  
MEDT 6465 Selection and Materials  
MEDT 6466 Media Program  
MEDT 6467 / 7477 Technology for Media Services  
MEDT 6468 Automating School Media Center  
MEDT 6487 / 7487 Practicum  
EDSI 9941 Models of School Improvement and Reform

### **University Committees**

Technology Committee, 2010-2011  
Council on Graduate Studies, 2010-2011

University Council for Educator Preparation, 2012-present  
Faculty Senate Budget Committee, 2013-2017  
Mandatory Student Athletic Fee Committee, 2015-2017

**College of Education Committees**

Program Assessment Leaders (PALS), 2010-2012  
Field Experience Committee, 2011-2012  
Applicant review/interview committee for Ed.D. in School Improvement, 2011-2012  
Technology Committee, 2011-2013  
Chair, Technology Committee, 2013-2014

**Department Committees & Service**

Advisor for students majoring in Ed.S.in Media (IT track with school library media certification) and for M.Ed. (School Library Media track), 2011-2014  
Advisor for candidates for M.Ed. in Media, School Library Media concentration, 2013-present  
Chair, Search Committee for Associate/Full Professor & Department Chair, Department of Educational Innovation, 2011  
IT Curriculum Committee, 2009-2012  
Program Coordinator for School Library Media and IT programs, 2014-present  
Program director, Ed.S. in School Library Media, 2010-2011  
School Library Media Curriculum Committee, 2009-present  
School Library Media M.Ed./Add-On NCATE/PSC work, 2011-2013  
Search Committee for Associate/Full Professor & Department Chair, Department of Educational Innovation, 2012  
Search Committee for Associate/Full Professor & Department Chair, Department of Educational Technology & Foundations, 2013  
Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Instructional Technology, Department of Educational Innovation, 2011  
Search Committee for Program Director, Doctoral Program in School Improvement, 2011

**MEMBERSHIPS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, HONORS**

**Professional Memberships**

Georgia Library Media Association  
Georgia Association for Instructional Technology (President, 1999-2000)  
International Society for Technology in Education

**Community Service**

Maintain email list service for the school library community in Georgia, with approximately 950 subscribers.  
Inheritance of Hope (non-profit providing services to families with a parent facing a life-threatening illness): President, Board of Directors.

**Honors/Leadership Roles**

Tri-captain, intercollegiate baseball, Shorter College.  
Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.  
STAR Teacher, West Rome High School.  
Teacher of the Year, West Rome High School.  
National Finalist, Promising Research Award, National Council of Teachers of English, 1990.