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EDUCATION

Graduate Coursework, Mathematics, University of Alabama (2009)
Graduate Coursework, Mathematics, University of West Alabama (2008)
Graduate Coursework, Mathematics and Education, University of North Alabama (2008)
Ed.D., Instructional Leadership, University of Alabama (2007)
Ed.S., Educational Leadership, University of Alabama (2005)
Coursework, Special Education, Athens State University (2004)
Coursework, Greek and Hebrew, Heritage Christian University (1984)
Graduate Coursework, School Finance, University of Alabama (1975)
M.Ed., School Administration, Alabama A & M University (1974)
B.S., Secondary Education (Mathematics), University of Alabama (1970)

CERTIFICATIONS

Alabama Class AA, Educational Administrator (082) Grades P-12
Alabama Class A, Superintendent/Principal (001) Grades P-12
Alabama Class B, Secondary (016) Grades 7-12

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Secondary Education, University of West Georgia (2011-present)
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership, University of Alabama (2010)
Assistant Principal, Monrovia Elementary School, Huntsville, Alabama (2006-2011)
Mathematics Teacher, Oak Park Middle School, Decatur, Alabama (2002-2006)
Assistant Principal, Chestnut Grove Elementary School, Decatur, Alabama (2000-2002)
Mathematics Teacher, Cedar Ridge Middle School, Decatur, Alabama (1994-2000)
Mathematics Teacher, Decatur High School, Decatur, Alabama (1985-1994)
Mathematics Teacher, Austin High School, Decatur, Alabama (1970-1982)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- Butler, J., Butts, F., & Thrasher, T. (2012). Disposition development for secondary education candidates. Manuscript submitted for publication.
- Butts, F., Thrasher, T., & Flowers, C. (2012). Online evaluation and student engagement. Manuscript submitted for publication.
- Thrasher, T. N. (Spring/Fall 2008). Benefits of mathematics competitions. *Alabama Journal of Mathematics*, 32(1-2), 59-63.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2007). Secondary school mathematics tournament participants' and non-participants' attitudes toward mathematics. [Doctoral dissertation]. Tuscaloosa, AL: The University of Alabama.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2000). Celebrating National Middle Level Education Month. *Schools in the Middle*, 9(7), 34-35.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2000). Observations concerning Cedar Ridge 8th grade algebra I students' registration for Austin High School (March 2000). Decatur, AL: Cedar Ridge Middle School.
- Thrasher, T. N. (1998). Beth Lacy: A leader of leaders. *Schools in the Middle*, 8(1), 13-14.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

- Thrasher, T. N. (2012). *What's next? Using patterns to teach mathematics*. Montgomery, AL: Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics Fall Forum. November 1-2, 2012.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2012). *Patterns: What's next?* Rock Eagle, GA: 53rd Annual Georgia Mathematics Annual Conference. October 17-19, 2012.
- Butler, J., & Thrasher, T. (2012). Disposition development for secondary education candidates. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Association of Teacher Educators Conference. October 11, 2012.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2011). *Fermat and the case of the missing proof*. Montgomery, AL: Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics Fall Forum. October 20-21, 2011.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2010). *Strategies for teaching mathematics in elementary school*. Huntsville, AL: Mt. Carmel Elementary School. January 4, 2010.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2009). *Introducing mathematics lessons using technology*. Huntsville, AL: North Alabama Technology Conference. July 8-9, 2009.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2008). *What's for launch? Launching mathematics lessons using multimedia*. Montgomery, AL: Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics Fall Forum. October 23-24, 2008.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2007). *Mathematics instruction, K-2*. Huntsville, AL: Monrovia Elementary School. November 16, 2007.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2007). *The mathematics curriculum and the Alabama Reading and Mathematics Test (ARMT)*. Huntsville, AL: Monrovia Elementary School. November 2, 2007.
- Thrasher, T. N. (2002). *Integrating technology and mathematics instruction*. Decatur, AL: Chestnut Grove Elementary School.

- Thrasher, T. N. (2000). *Stanford module*. Alabama Reading Initiative Summer Academy. Huntsville, AL: Lee High School. June 2000.
- Thrasher, T. N. (1982). *Organizing a mathematics tournament*. Mu Alpha Theta 12th National Convention. St. Louis, MO: Washington University. August 8-11, 1982.
- Thrasher, T. N. (1980). *The derivative: Some basic applications*. Mu Alpha Theta 10th National Convention. Atlanta, GA: Georgia Institute of Technology. August 3-6, 1980.
- Thrasher, T. N. (1979). *Coaching a mathematics team*. Memphis, TN: Mid-South Association of Independent Schools Convention.
- Thrasher, T. N. (1976). *Conducting a mathematics tournament*. Project Mathematics. Montgomery, AL: Auburn University at Montgomery.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Kappa Delta Epsilon (Education Honor Society)

Presented by The University of Alabama (2009)

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Presented by The University of Alabama (2009)

M. Ray Loree Dissertation Research Award

Presented by the College of Education, The University of Alabama (2008)

Edyth May Sliffe Award for Distinguished Junior High School Mathematics Teaching

Presented by the Mathematical Association of America (1996)

Outstanding Achievement in Leadership Award

Presented by the Decatur Education Association (1982)

Youth Service Award

Presented by the River City Kiwanis Club (1979)

Governor's Certificate of Appreciation for coaching the Austin High School Mathematics Team to its second consecutive national championship at the Mu Alpha Theta National Convention

Presented by the Governor of the State of Alabama (1979)

Outstanding Young Educator Award

Presented by the Decatur Jaycees (1977)

Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honor Society)

Presented by The University of Alabama (1970)

Pi Mu Epsilon (Mathematics Honor Society)

Presented by The University of Alabama (1970)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

GATEways to Teacher Education (Copy Editor, 2011-present)

Journal of School Leadership (Reviewer, 2011-present)

Mathematics Teacher (Reviewer, 2008-present)

Journal of Urban Mathematics Education (Reviewer, 2008-present)

Mu Alpha Theta (Chairperson, National Convention, 1979)

Mu Alpha Theta (Governor, Southern States Region, 1978-82)

Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (District Director)

Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (Recording Secretary)

Alabama Renaissance Technology Academy for School Leaders (State Trainer)

Alabama Reading Initiative (Summer Academy Trainer)

Decatur Education Association (President, 1981-82)

Decatur Education Association (Vice President, 1980-81)

Decatur Education Association (Treasurer)

Austin High School Mathematics Tournament (Tournament Director, 1976-81)

Decatur High School Mathematics Tournament (Tournament Director, 1986-94)

Chestnut Grove Elementary School Mathematics Tournament (Tournament Director, 2001-02)

Monrovia Elementary School Mathematics Tournament (Tournament Director, 2007-11)

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY

Monrovia Knight Hawks Chess Club (Coach/Tournament Director)

Adult and Community Education Advisory Council (Member)

Decatur Chess Club (Tournament Director)

Decatur Childbirth Education Association (Treasurer)

Decatur Dixie Youth baseball league (Coach)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)

Georgia Association of Teacher Educators (GAATE)

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

Council for Leaders in Alabama Schools (CLAS)

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM)

National Education Association (NEA)

Alabama Education Association (AEA)

Madison County Education Association (MCEA)

Decatur Education Association (DEA)

Decatur Classroom Teachers Association (DCTA)

CONSULTING SERVICES

Mathematics Consultant, Marshall County Schools, Guntersville, Alabama (1996-2013)

Mathematics Consultant, Decatur City Schools, Decatur, Alabama (1983-1985)

Mathematics Consultant, Cullman City Schools, Cullman, Alabama (1983)

AREAS OF PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Mathematics education

Educational administration and leadership