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EDUCATION

Doctor of Education: Curriculum and Instruction, Liberty University, 2018.

Master of Arts in Education: School Librarianship, Azusa Pacific University, 2007.

Master of Arts in Education: Teaching, Learning, and Technology, Point Loma Nazarene University, 2002.

Bachelor of Science: Liberal Studies, San Diego Christian College, 1997.

CREDENTIALS & CERTIFICATES

California Administrative Services Credential [Certificate of Eligibility]

California Clear Library Media Teacher Services Credential

California Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

California Clear Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development Certificate

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Professor in Media, Department of Educational Technology and Foundations, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2018-present.

- Courses Taught:
 - EDUC 2110: Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education
 - MEDT 7452: Multiple Literacies for School Library Media
 - MEDT 7461: Instructional Design
 - MEDT 7472: Introduction to Distance Education
 - MEDT 7487: Practicum [School Library Media]
 - MEDT 8468: The Instructional Leadership Role of the School Library Media Specialist
 - EDSI 9998: Research for Doctoral Dissertation
- Courses Designed:
 - MEDT 7452: Multiple Literacies for School Library Media (Quality Matters Certified February 2022)
 - MEDT 8468: The Instructional Leadership Role of the School Library Media Specialist

Adjunct Faculty, School of Education, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2020-present.

- Course Taught: ADM 745: Digital Leadership in Schools
- Thesis Mentor, Teacher Librarian Program

Assistant Professor of Education, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2014-2018.

- Program Director, Teacher Librarian Program
- Thesis Mentor, Teacher Librarian Program and Educational Technology Program
- Courses Taught:
 - LIB 705: Information Technologies
 - LIB 710: Instructional Partnerships
 - LIB 715: Administration of the School Media Program
 - LIB 725: Information Services
 - LIB 736: Evaluation and Promotion of Young Adult Literature
 - LIB 792: Field Studies in School Librarianship
 - LIB 798/799: Project/Thesis School Library Media
 - ET 720: Developing Technology-Rich Curriculum
- Courses Designed:
 - LIB 794: Field Studies - National Board Certification in Library Media, Component 2

LIB 795: Field Studies – National Board Certification in Library Media, Component 3

LIB 796: Field Studies – National Board Certification in Library Media, Component 4

Professional Developer of Instructional Technology, Madera County Making it R.E.A.L. Project, Madera County Office of Education, Madera, CA, 2015-2017.

Coordinator of Learning Resources, Golden Valley Unified School District, Madera, CA, 2012-2014.

- District Administrator of Technology, Library Services, and Curriculum
- Liberty High School Self-Study Coordinator, Accrediting Commission for Schools - Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Adjunct Faculty, Teacher Librarian Program, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2010-2012.

- Course taught: LIB 725: Information Services in the School Library Program

Library Media Specialist, Liberty High School & Ranchos Middle School, Golden Valley Unified School District, Madera, CA, 2006-2012.

- Member, Liberty High School Site Leadership Team
- Member, Liberty High School Site Council
- Independent Study Coordinator
- Book Club Advisor
- District Librarian/Textbook Coordinator
- Chair, District Technology Committee

Teacher, Grade 5, 186th Street Elementary School, Los Angeles Unified School District, Gardena, CA, 2003-2006.

- Teacher, Extended Learning Program
- Master Teacher, Loyola Marymount University & California State University at Dominguez Hills
- Lead Teacher, Grade 5 Science
- Member, Technology Committee

Teacher, Grade 5, Hermosa Elementary School, Alta Loma School District, Alta Loma, CA, 2002-2003.

- Member, Technology Committee
- Talent Show Coordinator

Teacher, Grade 3, Christian Elementary School, West Campus, Christian Unified Schools of San Diego, El Cajon, CA, 1998-2002.

- Grade Level Chair, Elementary Curriculum Committee
- Yearbook Editor
- Student Council Advisor
- Chapel Music Leader
- Sixth Grade Camp Counselor

Teacher, Grade 3, Bostonia Elementary School, Cajon Valley Union School District, El Cajon, CA, Summer, 1998.

Teacher, Grade 3, W.D. Hall Elementary School, Cajon Valley Union School District, El Cajon, CA, 1998.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Publications

Croft, M. L., & Barnhart, A. C. (2022). LibraryDen: A tool for learning about research and information literacy pedagogy. *Knowledge Quest*, 50(5), 54-59.

Lewis, M. (2021). Enabling school librarians to serve as instructional leaders of multiple literacies. *School Library Research*, 24, 1-30.

Lewis, M. (2020). Advocating for the school library through relationships. *Knowledge Quest*, 49(1), 46-51.

Lewis, M. (2019). Administrators' instructional leadership perspective of the role of instructional coaches and teacher librarians: A comparative examination. *School Libraries Worldwide*, 25(2), 16-33.

Lewis, M. (2018). *A collective case study to examine administrators' instructional leadership perspective of the role of instructional coaches and teacher librarians in California public schools* [Doctoral dissertation, Liberty University]. Scholars Crossing.

Lewis, M. (2016). Professional learning facilitators in 1:1 program implementation: Technology coaches or school librarians? *School Libraries Worldwide*, 22(2), 13-23.

Practitioner Articles

Croft, M. L. (2022). How school librarians can partner with K-12 school district leadership to support school libraries. *Knowledge Quest*, 50(4), 58-60.

Lewis, M. A., & McNamara, K. (2021). A certified school librarian is a professional learning powerhouse. *The Learning Professional*, 42(4), 52-55.

Lewis, M. A. (2019). Instructional coaches vs. teacher librarians: What's the difference? *CSLA Journal*, 42(2), 11-15.

Lewis, M. A. (2019). ELA professional development: A new perspective. *Leadership*, 48(3), 20-25.

Lewis, M. A. (2018). The power of models. *CSLA Journal*, 42(1), 5-7.

Lewis, M. (2012). Making an impact through literature: An author profile of J.L. Powers. *Library Media Connection*, 31(1), 42-43.

Blog Posts

Croft, M. L. (2022, May 18). Partnering with parents to improve student (digital) literacy, part 2. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/partnering-with-parents-to-improve-student-digital-literacy-part-2/>

Croft, M. L. (2022, Apr. 22). Restoring lost focus through the school library. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/restoring-lost-focus-through-the-school-library/>

Croft, M. L. (2022, Apr. 7). I heart the codex. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/i-heart-the-codex/>

Croft, M. L. (2022, Feb. 17). The distracted school librarian mind. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/the-distracted-school-librarian-mind/>

Croft, M. L. (2022, Jan. 24). Professional reading goals for the new year. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/professional-reading-goals-for-the-new-year/>

- Croft, M. L. (2021, Nov. 11). Partnering with parents to improve student literacy. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/partnering-with-parents-to-improve-student-literacy/>
- Croft, M. L. (2021, Oct. 11). The library lab school. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/the-library-lab-school/>
- Croft, M. L. (2021, Sept. 8). Equipping school leaders to support school librarians. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/equipping-school-leaders-to-support-school-librarians/>
- Lewis, M. (2021, July 23). The quiet space cure. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/the-quiet-space-cure/>
- Lewis, M. (2021, June 11). School librarians are knowledge builders. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/school-librarians-are-knowledge-builders/>

PRESENTATIONS

- Croft, M., Sheneman, L., & Thompson, J. (2022, May 18). *Fostering authentic connections via asynchronous video discussions* [Conference session]. University of West Georgia Innovations in Pedagogy Conference, Virtual.
- Croft, M. L. (2022, Mar. 10). *Equipping school leaders to support media specialists* [Conference session]. South Carolina Association of School Librarians Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Croft, M. L. (2022, Mar. 9). *Cultivating expertise in multiple literacies* [Conference session]. South Carolina Association of School Librarians Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Croft, M. L. (2021, Oct. 22). *Research empowering practice: Standards & literacy - Enabling school librarians to serve as instructional leaders of multiple literacies* [Conference session]. American Association of School Librarians National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Croft, M. L. (2021, Oct. 22). *Cultivating expertise in multiple literacies* [Conference session]. American Association of School Librarians National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.
- Barnhart, A., & Croft, M. L. (2021, Oct. 7). *LibraryDen: A tool for learning about research and information literacy pedagogy* [Conference session]. Georgia Libraries Conference, Virtual.
- Lewis, M. (2021, July 13). *Enabling school librarians to serve as instructional leaders of multiple literacies* [Conference session]. International Association of School Librarianship 2021 Annual Conference, Virtual.
- Lewis, M. (2021, June 8). *Enabling media specialists to serve as instructional leaders of multiple literacies* [Conference session]. Georgia Library Media Association Summer Institute, Savannah, GA.
- Barnhart, A., Insenga, A., Gezon, L., Lewis, M., & Parker, M. (2021, May 19). *"I definitely learned a lot": LibraryDen's pilot year and what's next* [Panel discussion]. University of West Georgia Innovations in Pedagogy Conference, Virtual.
- Carroll, K., Lewis, M., Kordeliski, A., Stewart, C., & Pakowski, K. (2021, Apr. 13). *The rules still apply: Information literacy during a pandemic* [Panel discussion]. American Association of School Librarians Town Hall, Virtual.
- Barnhart, A., Lewis, M., & Parker, M. (2021, Mar. 26). *Test driving the pilot: Experiencing and creating and using a digital information literacy course* [Conference session]. Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy, Virtual.

- Lewis, M. (2020, Feb. 8). *The power of the paraprofessional library assistant* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, City of Industry, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2020, Feb. 7). *Cultivating expertise in multiple literacies* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, City of Industry, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2020, Feb. 6). *Critical reflection for school library leaders*. [Speaker address]. California School Library Association Conference: Administrative Leadership Day 2020, City of Industry, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2019, Nov. 15). *School librarians can (and should) be valued instructional leaders!* [Conference session]. American Association of School Librarians National Conference, Louisville, KY.
- Lewis, M. (2019, June 11). *Media specialists can (and should) be valued instructional leaders!* [Conference session]. Georgia Library Media Association Summer Institute, Peachtree City, GA.
- Lewis, M. (2019, Feb. 8). *Instructional coaches vs. teacher librarians: Administrators' perspectives* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, City of Industry, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2019, Feb. 7). *Developing the instructional leadership role of the teacher librarian* [Conference workshop]. California School Library Association Conference, City of Industry, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2018, May 29). *A collective case study to examine administrators' instructional leadership perspective of the role of instructional coaches and teacher librarians*. The International Association of School Librarianship Virtual Research Conference.
- Lewis, M., & Petropulos, M. (2018, Feb. 3). *Certificated librarians & classified librarians: What's the difference?* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, Fish Camp, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2018, Feb. 1). *The instructional leadership role of the teacher librarian* [Conference workshop]. California School Library Association Conference. Fish Camp, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2017, Feb. 5). *What about math?* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, Rohnert Park, CA.
- Lewis, M., & Petropulos, M. (2016). *Instructional leadership: The role of the teacher librarian in California schools* [Webinar presentation]. Fresno Pacific University EdTips Webinar, Fresno, CA.
- Lewis, M., & Petropulos, M. (2016). *Teacher librarians: The key to student success in CA CCSS for ELA/Literacy* [Conference session]. California Reading Association Professional Development Institute, Visalia, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2016). *The digital shift: Surviving the transition to 1:1* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2015). *The digital revolution: Teacher librarians & mobile learning programs* [Conference session]. American Association of School Librarians Conference, Columbus, OH.
- Lewis, M. (2015). *The digital revolution: The call for teacher librarians to lead the transition to digital learning* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2014). *The digital revolution: A journey through the implementation of BYOD and 1:1 programs* [Conference session]. Fresno Pacific University Teacher Librarian Leadership Day, Fresno, CA.

Lewis, M. (2014). *The digital revolution: A journey through the implementation of BYOD and 1:1 programs* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, San Diego, CA.

Lewis, M. (2014). *Rigor, relevance, & relationships in the library* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, San Diego, CA.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Library Association/American Association of School Librarians/Educators of School Librarians Section
Georgia Library Media Association
International Society for Technology in Education
National Association for Media Literacy Education
South Carolina Association of School Librarians

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Conferences, Workshops, and Meetings Attended

UWG Center for Teaching and Learning Faculty Reading Group: *Small Teaching Online*, 2022

Quality Matters Course: Applying the QM Rubric, 2021

Quality Matters Course: Designing Your Online Course, 2020

International Literacy Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2019

National Association for Media Literacy Education Conference, Washington, DC, 2019

American Library Association Midwinter Meeting: Educators of School Librarians Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2019

Georgia Educational Technology Conference, 2018

Distance Teaching and Learning Virtual Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2018

Association for Library and Information Science Educators Conference, Denver, CO, 2018

American Library Association Midwinter Meeting: AASL-CAEP Program Reviewer Training and Educators of School Librarians Meeting, Denver, CO, 2018

American Association of School Librarians Conference: Educators of School Librarians Section Research Symposium, Phoenix, AZ, 2017

International Association of School Librarians Conference, Long Beach, CA, 2017

Guided Inquiry Design Workshop, Selma Unified School District, Selma, CA, 2017

Council for Christian Colleges and Universities: New Faculty Institute, Grand Rapids, MI, 2017

The Council of Independent Colleges: Workshop for Department and Division Leaders, Kansas City, MO, 2017

Kagan Faculty Training, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2016

Association of Educational Communications and Technology Conference, Las Vegas, NV, 2016

American Association of School Librarians Conference: Educators of School Librarians Section Research Symposium, Columbus, OH, 2015

CUE Conference, Palm Springs, CA, 2015

International Society for Technology in Education Conference, San Diego, CA, 2012

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Outstanding Program Award, University of West Georgia College of Education, 2022

American Association of School Librarians Research Grant, 2022

“District Leadership and Teaching Multiple Literacies: An Interview with Melanie Lewis Croft,” *School Library Connection*, November/December 2021

“Notable Dissertations 2019,” *American Libraries*, 2019

Graduate with High Distinction, Liberty University, 2018

School Library Journal/Cengage New Leader, 2010

Good Ideas! Award, California School Library Association, 2008

Award for Excellence in Mathematics Education, Los Angeles City Teachers’ Mathematics Association, 2005

Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, 2005

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University

University of West Georgia

- Senator, Faculty Senate, 2022-present
- Program Coordinator, School Library Media Program, College of Education, 2020-present
- Member, Search Committee: Assistant Professor of School Library Media, Spring 2022
- Member, Search Committee: Lecturer of School Library Media/Instructional Technology, Spring 2021
- Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment (CIA) Leader, College of Education, 2018-2021

Fresno Pacific University

- Member, Individualized Master of Arts Program Committee, 2016-2018
- Chair, School of Education Graduate Grant Committee, 2014-2016
- Faculty Development Presenter: *Introduction to Copyright and Fair Use in Online Teaching*, 2016
- Member, Search Committee: Math Education Faculty, 2016
- Member, Search Committee: Designated Subjects Program Director, 2016
- Member, Search Committee: School of Education Assessment and Student Success Coordinator, 2016
- Member, Search Committee: Administrative Services Program Director, 2015

Professional Organizations

American Association of School Librarians

- Member, *School Library Research* Editorial Board, 2020-present
- *Knowledge Quest* Blogger, 2021-2022
- Member, Practice Committee, 2019-2021
- AASL-CAEP Accreditation Program Reviewer, 2018-2020
- Member, AASL Learning Standards and Program Guidelines Focus Group, 2016

California School Library Association

- Member, Legislative Committee, 2017-2018
- President, Northern Section, 2010-2011
- Member, Curriculum Committee, 2008-2009

Future Ready Schools: Gear Refresh Committee: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, 2019

Georgia Library Media Association

- Member, Judging Committee: Distinguished School Administrator Award, 2018-2019
- Member, Judging Committee: Exemplary Library Media Program Award - High School, 2019-2020

National Association for Media Literacy Education

- Member, Core Principles of Media Literacy Education Focus Group (Higher Education), 2022
- Reviewer, *Journal of Media Literacy Education*, 2020-present

Educational Community

Member, Carroll Allied Libraries, Carrollton, GA, 2021-present

Coordinator, Edcamp SLM @ UWG, Carrollton, GA, February 11, 2022

Facilitator, West Georgia School Library Consortium, Carrollton, GA, 2021-present

Consultant, Carroll County School District Library Program, Carrollton, GA 2019-present

Member, Cognia Accreditation Team, Carrollton City Schools, 2021

Facilitator, Central Valley School Library Consortium, Fresno, CA, 2014-2018

Presenter, California Department of Education: County Office of Education Library and Media Leaders Fall Summit, 2017.

Member, Fresno City College Library Technology Program Advisory Board, Fresno, CA, 2014-2018

Facilitator, Teacher Librarian Leadership Day, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2016

Reviewer, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Program Assessment Reading Session, 2014

Member, Visiting Committee, Accrediting Committee for Schools (ACS) - Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Patterson High School, Patterson, CA, 2012

Member, Visiting Committee, ACS-WASC, Orosi High School, Orosi, CA, 2011