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EDUCATION

- 2020** Liberty University, Doctor of Education- Curriculum and Instruction
Dissertation: *The difference among school librarians' self-efficacy levels and the relationship between self-efficacy of school librarians and reading scores.*
School of Education, May 2020.
- 2016** Old Dominion University, Master of Science, Elementary Education: School Library Media
- 2011** Ashford University, Master of Arts, Education, Educational Technology Leadership
- 2009** Ashford University, Bachelor of Arts, Social Science, Education

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Postgraduate Professional License, Commonwealth of Virginia

Certification areas: Elementary Education Pre-K – 6; Library Media Pre-K - 12

Quality Matters

Applying the QM Rubric (APPQMR) Sixth Edition (11/2022)

Designing Your Online Course (DYOC) (10/22)

Improving Your Online Course (IYOC) (5/22)

EXPERIENCE

- 2021 to present** **Lecturer - Program Coordinator**
School Library Media program
Department of Educational Technology and Foundations
College of Education
- 2018 to present** **Adjunct Faculty and University Supervisor**
Library and Information Studies Program

Darden School of Education, Old Dominion University

- 2017 to present** **Associate Faculty**
College of Education
University of Arizona Global Campus, formerly known as Ashford
University
- 2014 – 2021** **School Librarian**
Tye River Elementary School, Nelson County, VA
- 2011-2014** **Instructional Technology Resource Teacher**
Nelson County Public Schools
- 2005-2011** **Computer Lab Instructor**
Tye River Elementary School, Nelson County, VA
- 2003-2005** **Special Education Instructional Assistant**
Tye River Elementary School, Nelson County, VA
- 2002-2003** **Preschool Teacher**
Amherst Presbyterian Nursery School
- 2000-2001** **Preschool Teacher Assistant**
Tuckahoe Preschool and Primary
- 1999-2000** **Preschool Teacher Assistant**
Amherst Presbyterian Nursery School

TEACHING

Courses Taught – **University of West Georgia**

MEDT 7451 Administration of School Media Centers

MEDT 7452 Multiple Literacies

MEDT 7454 Promoting Children’s Literature in the School Library Media Program*

MEDT 7455 Selection, Organization, & Curation of Materials*

MEDT 7461 Instructional Technology, Media, & Design

MEDT 7464 Designing Technology-Enhanced Instruction

MEDT 7476 Assessing Learning in Technology Enhanced Instruction

MEDT 7487 Practicum - School Library Media

MEDT 8461 Diffusion of Innovations

*Received Quality Matters Certification 2024

Instructional Support Mentor - **University of West Georgia**

MEDT 7461 Instructional Technology, Media, & Design

MEDT 7464 Designing Technology-Enhanced Instruction

MEDT 7476 Assessing Learning in Technology Enhanced Instruction

MEDT 7468 Instructional Multimedia Design & Development

Courses Taught- **Old Dominion University**

LIBS 110 Information Literacy for the Digital Age

LIBS 668 Internship in Library Workplaces: Instructor & Supervisor of Field Experience

LIBS 669 Internship in School Libraries: Instructor & Supervisor of Field Experience

LIBS 676 Library Media Services and the Curriculum

Courses Taught – **University of Arizona Global Campus (formerly Ashford University)**

EDU 302 Foundations of Library & Information Science

EDU 306 Library Programs & Services

EDU 308 Reference & Research Services

EDU 367 Elementary & Secondary School Media

EDU 401 Literature for Children

EDU 411 Reading & Cognition

EDU 440 Information Literacy

EDU 441 Research & Analysis Skills

EDU 443 Literature for Children & Teens

EDU 495 Library Science & Media Capstone

EDU 673 Instruct. Strat. for Differentiated Teach & Learning

ECD 310 Exceptional Learning and Inclusion

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Baylen, D. & **Thompson, J.** (2024) Be not afraid of a meme: Developing visual and media literacy skills. *Libraries Empowering Society through Digital Literacy*. IFLA (Chapter accepted, book launching Fall 2024)

Thompson, J., & Strimel, M. (2023). The School Librarians Self-Efficacy Instrument (SLSEI): An Instrument to Measure School Librarians' Self-Efficacy (Submitted to *School Library Research - in revision.*)

Thompson, J. (2021). Cultivating our self-efficacy as school librarians. *Knowledge Quest* 50(2), 50-52.

Thompson, J., Barthlow, M. Paynter, K. (2021) School librarians' self-efficacy: A predictor of reading scores? *School Library Research*. 24.

www.ala.org/aasl/slr/volume24/thompson-barthlow-paynter

Non-Refereed Journal Publications:

Thompson, J. (2015) Ladies, and fairies, and cats, oh, my! Innovative library promotion. *School Library Connection*, 1(1), 18-19.

Thompson, J. & Haslam, A. (2015) Snowy visit to the Windy City. *VAASL Voice*, 4(1), 10-11.

Blog Post:

Thompson, J. & Haslam, A. (2015, Feb. 2). Snowy visit to the Windy City. *Knowledge Quest*.
<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/snowy-visit-windy-city/>

GRANTS AWARDED

Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2019) Omegaman assembly for TRES students.
Award amount: \$700

Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2018) Submitted to purchase a Rigamajig Jr. set for the library. Award amount: \$500

Smyth Foundation Travel Grant Awarded (2016) Funds to travel to ALA in Orlando, FL, and was given the opportunity to visit Sea World, Kennedy Space Center, and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter to share information and reading inspiration with my staff and students. Award amount: \$3565

Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2017) To purchase Dash and Dot robots for the school library. Award amount: \$599.96

Bound to Stay Bound First-Timers Travel Grant (2015) Travel to AASL in Columbus, OH.
Award amount: \$750

Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2013) To purchase a Mimio Teach for teaching purposes. Award amount: \$279

Nelson County Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2008) To create a Palm Pilot lab for student use. Award amount: \$1000

AWARDS

COE Service Award Winner (2024)

Utility Player Award for Education Technology & Foundations (2023). Nominated by Program Chair. Award amount: \$1,000

Most Outstanding Dissertation Award Nominee– Nomination by Dr. Michelle Barthlow, Liberty University (Dissertation Chair) (2021)

Smyth Foundation Award (2008) Peer nominated award. Award amount: \$1,000

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED

Full Scholarship – ODU/IMLS – NextGen² for Master of Science degree and Library Science Certification (2014). The scholarship included tuition for 34 credits, a laptop and

software, selected textbooks, and travel stipends.

PRESENTATIONS

- Thompson, J.** (2024, June 3). *5 kinds of nonfiction*. Georgia Library Media Association Summer Institute. Peachtree City, GA.
- Lilly, J., Sheneman, L., & **Thompson, J.** (2024, May 12). *From desks to success: Crafting career connections, authentic assessments, and empowering students' reflections*. Innovations in Pedagogy, Georgia. (My portion was pre-recorded).
- Burns, E. & **Thompson, J.** (2023, July 20). *Practicum experiences in school library preparation programs*. Prepared by Burns & Thompson, presented by Burns on our behalf. International Association of School Librarians. Greece
- Thompson, J.** (2023, March 17). *5 kinds of nonfiction*. Georgia Conference on Children's Literature. Athens, GA.
- Thompson, J.** & Sheneman, L. (2022, July 11-15). *Hyperdocs: Organized, simple, and efficient digital learning spaces*. International Association of School Librarians 2022 Hybrid Conference and Research Forum. Presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** (2022, June 7-9) *Stupendous storytime: Getting students engaged and excited during storytime*. 6th Annual UAGC Early Childhood Conference. Presented virtually.
- Croft, L., Sheneman, L. & **Thompson, J.** (2022, June 17-78). *Fostering authentic connections via asynchronous video discussions*. UWG Innovations in Pedagogy Conference. Presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** & Hayden, T. (2021, Oct. 20) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 5 building capacity and community*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** & Hayden, T. (2021, Sept. 15) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 4 shifting mindsets*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** & Hayden, T. (2021, Aug. 18) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 3 learning partnerships*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Discala, J. & **Thompson, J.** (2021, May 19) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 2 building knowledge for CRT*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Discala, J. & **Thompson, J.** (2021, April 14) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 1 building awareness of CRT*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** (2020) Guest Lecturer for ODU LIBS 655 Methods and Strategies for School Libraries on assessment in the library. Virtual.
- Thompson, J.** (2018) *Reading freedom!* Session presented at the ODU Summer Institute, Norfolk, VA
- Thompson J.** (2018, Nov. 29 - Dec. 1) *Reading freedom!* Session presented at the Virginia Association of School Librarians Annual Conference. Williamsburg, VA
- Thompson, J.** (2016, Oct. 20-22) *Super simple STEM, STEAM, and STREAM*. Session presented at the Virginia Association of School Librarians Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA
- Haslam, A. & **Thompson, J.** (2014, Nov. 6-8) *For the love of technology*. Session presented at the Virginia Association of School Librarians Annual Conference, Roanoke, VA

Podcasts

Thompson, J. (2023, May 10). *Collaborations with librarians*. Invited guest on Early Childhood Chatter with Dr. Stephanie Heald and Dr. Tisha Shipley.
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/early-childhood-chatter/id1535562678>

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Association of School Librarians	2022-2023
Georgia Library Media Association Liaison between GLMA and GA SLM Prep Programs	2021-Present
International Society for Technology in Education	2021-2023
Georgia Association for Instructional Technology	2021-2022
Association for Educational Communications & Technology	2021-2022
American Library Association	2013-Present
American Association of School Librarians	2013-Present
Educators of School Librarians Section (ELSL)	2015-Present
Association for Library Service to Children	2023-Present
Virginia Association of School Librarians	2013-Present
Awards & Scholarships Committee Chair 2023, 2024	
Professional Development Co-Chair for the 2021 board	
Director of the Shenandoah Region, Nov. 2017- Nov. 2018 and Nov. 2019-Nov. 2020	
Director-Elect of the Shenandoah Region from Nov. 2016- Nov. 2017 and Nov. 2018-Nov. 2019	
National Education Association	2010-2021
Virginia Education Association	2010-2021
Nelson County Education Association	2010-2021
Treasurer from 2012-14, President from 2014-2016	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024-2026	AASL Publications Advisory Group Member (2 year term)
2024	Library Learning Commons Certification Advisory Board Member - Cobb County
2024	AASL Standards Focus Group

2024 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
 2023-2024 GAPSC Media Specialist Task Force (to update rule for SLM Prep Programs)
 2023-2024 GLMA Liaison to GA SLM Prep Programs
 2023 AERA SIG Peer Reviewer
 2023 AASL Workgroup - Anti-Defamation League Lesson Plan Alignment for
 Echoes & Reflections of the Holocaust/AASL Standards
 2023-2024 VAASL Awards and Scholarships Committee Chair
 2023 Admin of the FB group School Librarians Using AASL Standards
 2023 AASL Travel Grant Reviewer
 2023-2024 AASL Distinguished Administrator Award Committee
 2015-2023 School Library Connection Book Reviewer
 2023 AASL National Conference program reviewer
 Research Empowering Research
 Concurrent sessions
 2023 AASL First Timers Grant reviewer
 2023 Organized and facilitated Edcamp SLM@UWG 2023
 2023 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
 2023 UWG ETF SLM faculty member search committee
 2022-2023 Program Coordinator for UWG SLM Program
 2022-2025 Faculty Governance Committee - UWG
 Vice-Chair - 2022-2023
 COE Committee Coordinator - 2023-2025
 2022-2024 School Library Research Editorial Board member
 2022 AASL Distinguished Administrator Award Committee
 2022 AERA 2023 Design and Technology SIG reviewer
 2022 VAASL Annual Awards judge
 2022 AASL Research Grant judge
 2022 AECT Conference Presentation Reviewer
 2022 UWG SLM EdCamp Facilitator
 2022 UWG ETF IT faculty member search committee
 2022 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
 2021 Diversity Audit Taskforce, Virginia Libraries member
 2021 VAASL Annual Awards judge
 2021 Division Code of Conduct Revision Committee for NCPS member
 2021 AASL National Conference program reviewer
 2021 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
 2021 Professional Development Committee for VAASL co-chair
 2020-2021 NCPS Lead Innovator Team member – SEL Lead for Tye River Elementary
 2020-2021 Mentor for a new staff member at Tye River Elementary School
 2020 VAASL Covid-19 Education Response and Recovery Strategy Session Group
 member
 2020 NCPS Taskforce for Cultural Responsiveness member
 2020 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
 2019 IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge

2018-2019 Mentor for a new staff member at Tye River Elementary School
2017 AASL BTSB First-Timers Travel Grant judge
2010-2021 NCPS Division Technology Committee member

Consulting Work

2022 Mentored Liberty University doctoral student through dissertation proposal