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Research Interests

English Education

Curriculum Development, Social Media Literacy, Children's & Young Adult Literature, Instructional Planning

Pedagogy

Critical Literacy, Inquiry, Engagement, Culturally Relevant, Culturally Responsive

Methodology

Narrative Inquiry, Interviewing, Content Analysis, Critical Discourse Analysis

Education

August 2022 (In Progress)	University of North Carolina at Charlotte Charlotte, NC	Ph.D. in Curriculum & Instruction in Urban Literacy Education
August 2020 – August 2022	University of South Carolina Columbia, SC	M. Ed in Education Administration
August 2008 - May 2014	University of South Carolina Upstate Spartanburg, SC	B.A in English

Professional Experience

2024 - Present	University of South Carolina Upstate College of Education, Human Performance, & Health	Instructor of Education Foundations
2022 - 2024	Gaffney Middle School	Instructional Coach
2022 - 2024	Limestone University - Department of Teacher Education	Call Me MiSTER Coordinator
2019 - 2022	John E. Ewing Middle School	English/Language Arts Teacher
2017 - 2019	Cherokee County School District - Office of Curriculum & Instruction	Curriculum Associate
2015 - 2017	B.D. Lee Elementary School	Title 1 Parent Liaison
2014 - 2015	Gaffney Middle School	English/Language Arts Teacher
2013 - 2014	B.D. Lee Elementary School	4K Teacher Assistant

Licensure & Certifications

SC 1E – Middle School Language Arts (6-8)
SC Gifted & Talented Endorsement
SC Mentor Teacher
SC Mentor Teacher Trainer

Teaching

K - 12 Courses Taught

English 1 Honors	Cherokee County School District
8th Grade English Language Arts	Cherokee County School District
7th Grade English Language Arts	Cherokee County School District

Undergraduate Courses Taught

EDFO 333: Educational Development of the Life Long Learner	USC Upstate
EDFO 341: Introduction to Exceptional Learners/Special Education	USC Upstate
EDSC 443: Middle & Secondary Educational Assessment	USC Upstate

Curriculum Development

Watkins, B.(2024). *8th Grade English/Language Arts Curriculum Guide*. Cherokee County School District. Gaffney, SC.

Conference Presentations & Professional Development Sessions

- Watkins, B. (2024). *Black Resistance Rising: A Historical & Contemporary Examination of Resistance in Children's & Youth Adult Literature*. [Accepted Conference Proposal]. Charlotte Writing Project Fall 2024 Conference. Charlotte, NC.
- Watkins, B. (2024). *Matters of the Heart: Love & Trust as Core Principles for Early Career Teachers*. [Presentation]. Limestone University, Gaffney, SC.
- Watkins, B. (2024). *Principles of Instructional Core*. [Professional Development]. Gaffney Middle School, Gaffney, SC.
- Watkins, B. (2024). *Bullseye Learning: Crafting & Implementing Effective Learning Targets*. [Professional Development]. Gaffney Middle School, Gaffney, SC.
- Watkins, B. (2023). *Creating the Foundation for High Quality & Effective Instruction*. [Professional Development]. Gaffney Middle School, Gaffney, SC.
- Watkins, B. (2023). *SC English Language Arts 2023 Academic Standards Roundtable*. [Professional Development]. Cherokee County School District, Gaffney, SC.
- Watkins, B. (2023). *Effective Learning Design*. [Professional Development]. Gaffney Middle School, Gaffney, SC.
- Watkins, B. (2022). *Student Data Conferences & Student Ownership*. [Professional Development]. Gaffney Middle School, Gaffney, SC.
- Watkins, B. (2022). *First Steps in Multi-Tiered Systems of Support*. [Professional Development]. Gaffney Middle School, Gaffney, SC.
- Watkins, B, Camp, K., Fox E. (2022) *Trail Connectors - Adding a Blaze at a Marker of Intersectionality* [Conference Session]. Teacher-to-Teacher Conference. The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Charlotte, NC.
- Watkins, B. (2022). *The Power of a Teacher* [Presentation]. Cherokee County School District Induction Teacher Class, Gaffney, SC.
- Watkins, B., Camp, K., Fox, E. (2021). *Trail Connectors – Adding a Blaze with a Marker of Intersectionality* [Conference Session]. National Council of Teachers of English, Online.
- Watkins, B., Spencer, J. (2020). *Try Tech! Teacher's Technology Toolkit* [Conference Session]. South Carolina Association of Middle School Educators, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Watkins, B. (2019). *Critical Thug: A Critical Race Theory Analysis of "The Hate U Give"* [Paper Presentation]. Life of the Scholar Conference, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC.
- Watkins, B., Dawkins, L. (2018). *Learning is Lit! Using Culturally Responsive Teaching Strategies to Reach Underperforming African American Students* [Conference Session]. Keeping It Real Conference, Gaffney, SC.

Watkins, B., (2017). *Include Me: Inclusive Literature in the Middle School ELA Classroom* [Paper Presentation]. Life of the Scholar Conference, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC.

Service

Service to the Department of Education & College of Education, Human Performance, & Health (CoEPHP)

CoEPHP Scholastic Committee	Member	USC Upstate	2024 - Present
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Service to the Profession

International Conference on Urban Education	Conference Proceedings Reviewer	University of North Carolina at Charlotte	2024
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Journal of Curriculum & Pedagogy	Peer Reviewer	Taylor & Francis	2024
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Journal of Language & Literacy Education	Production Editor	University of Georgia	2024
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English/Language Arts Text Dependent Analysis Range Finding Committee	Member	South Carolina Department of Education	2022
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Conference Proposal Review Team	Reviewer	National Council of Teachers of English	2023, 2021
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Professional Affiliations

National Council of Teachers of English	2018 - Present
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South Carolina Council of Teachers of English	2024 - Present
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South Carolina Association of Middle Level Educators	2019 - Present
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