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PROFILE

Innovative educator bringing proven success in developing and implementing programs. Passionate about fostering academic development and success for every student. My varied professional background provides me with a wide range of skills and expertise.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Postsecondary Leadership Track) 2017

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Dissertation: Best Practices in Parent and Family Engagement: Implications for Student Success

Master of Secondary Education degree (Specialization in History) 1991

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY

Supplemental Instructor World Civilization

Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English with Teacher Certification 1984

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY

Certified in History and English grades 7-12, and Department of History undergraduate tutor

CAREER HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

**Education Curator KY Museum/Associate Professor, Western Kentucky University
Bowling Green, Kentucky**

2005-

PRESENT

- Conceptualized/developed educational programs for K-8 audiences.
- Planned/implemented a variety of community outreach activities and programs.
- Conceptualized/executed the largest public events in the Museum's 80-year history.
- Supervised/trained full-time staff member, graduate and undergraduate student workers.
- Directed multiple independent study courses and internships for undergraduates.
- Implemented new strategies to increase faculty/student use of the museum.
- Collaborated with faculty and staff from across campus to engage with the museum.
- Served as the de facto museum marketer of public events and offerings.
- Compiled data and presented reports to various stakeholders.
- Served on multiple departmental, college level, and university level committees.
- Successful grant writer.
- Generated revenue for my unit through field trips and camps.
- Managed unit's budget.

- Created and designed web pages.
- Created and posted content across social media platforms.
- Served on exhibit planning team.
- Liaised with staff colleagues.
- Active membership in larger museum community.
- Attended and presented at numerous conferences.

Teacher, Logan County High School, Russellville, Kentucky

1998-2005

- Taught students in a productive learning environment across a wide range of subjects: English III, English IV, U.S. history and arts & humanities.
- Developed lesson plans and activities.
- Addressed different learning styles to differentiate instruction and meet student needs.
- Encouraged the pursuit of higher education.

Accounting Specialist, Willamette Industries, Bowling Green, Kentucky

1994-1997

- Performed numerous accounting duties including payroll and accounts receivable.
- Responsible for approximately \$400,000 in financials each week.

Teacher, Glasgow High School, Glasgow, Kentucky

1991-1994

- Selected *Teacher of the Year* by the Glasgow student body (1994).
- Taught students in a productive learning environment across a wide range of subjects: English II, Speech & Drama, U.S. History, and Political Science.
- Certified AP U.S. history teacher.
- Speech & Drama coach.
- Student Council sponsor.

Soldier, United States Army, Pirmasens, Germany

1987-1991

- Performed all payroll and financial functions for post, including helicopter mobile pay team.
- Nuclear, Biological, Chemical Warfare School/NCO.
- Selected as Outstanding Soldier for FSU and represented unit in East Berlin.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

History/Museum Education

Association of Academic Museums & Galleries

Cochair & panelist: *Students Taking Risks and Being Brave*. (Annual Conference, online, June 24, 2020).

American Association for State and Local History (AASLH)

Copresenter: *Adventures in exhibit planning*. (Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, OK, 2010).

America 250, \$13, 418. Beginning in 2024, America will honor the 250th anniversary of its Declaration of Independence. Developed a guest speaker series that brings notable scholars and interpreters to WKU's campus to engage our faculty, students, and community with the America 250 themes outlined by the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH). (Awarded by Research & Creative Activities Program, RCAP, 2023).

Herstory, \$2095. Herstory@WKU 2023 was the second such event, first Herstory@WKU 2019, and an afternoon of free drop-in activities for children and their families in grades 1-8. The event is a celebration of amazing women past, present and future. (Awarded by the WKU Sisterhood, 2022).

Herstory, \$4000. Herstory@WKU 2023. (Awarded by Delta Dental, 2022).

Journey to the Vote, \$10,000. Expanded upon initial series of programs to offer additional events and exhibits including *Seat at the Table: Kentucky Women in Office*, Herstory, Women's Equality Day 2020 (postponed to August, 2021) and more. Approached by Wells Fargo with grant, based upon success of initial wave of programming. (Awarded by Wells Fargo, 2019).

19th Amendment Anniversary, \$14,000. Created series of programs with several campus and community partners, wku.edu/go/journey. (Awarded by WKU Sisterhood, 2018).

Early America/ Early Kentucky, \$8,800.00. Created multi-part learning stations based upon 5th grade social studies curriculum (Awarded by WKU, 2012).

Lincoln/Kentucky History/Civil War Teacher Workshop, \$4,859.00. Hosted Saturday workshop for area educators (Awarded by Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Kentucky Historical Society, 2007).

Lincoln Traveling Trunk, \$574.00. Developed a Lincoln based traveling trunk for local educators to use in their classrooms (Awarded by Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission and the Kentucky Historical Society, 2007).

Kentucky Historical Society

Recipient of Education Award for Journey to the Vote series of programs (2020).

Recipient of Frank R. Levstik Award for Professional Service (2009).

Kentucky Museum Advisory Council

Recipient of the first Award for Excellence (2007).

Kentucky Museum and Heritage Alliance (KMHA)

Presenter: Road show: Developing and implementing a successful need based educational outreach program for schools (Annual Conference, Lexington, KY, 2012).

Recipient of *Emerging Museum Professional Award* (2010).

Presenter: *Special program days for schools* (Annual Conference, Berea, KY, 2010).

Presenter: *Adventures in museum planning* (Annual Conference, Owensboro, KY, 2009).

Presenter: *Fighting for the field trip dollar: Wooing teachers to your door* (Annual Conference, Elizabethtown, KY, 2008).

Higher Education

Create Conference

Copresenter poster session: *Assessment of persistence for domestic and international WKU EdD students.* (Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, 2016).

National Symposium on Student Retention

Presenter: *Socialization and retention of part-time doctoral students.* (Annual Symposium, Norfolk, VA, 2016).

University Awards

Recipient of *University Public Service Award for University Libraries* (2011).

Recipient of *Margie Helm Award for Outstanding Performance* (2008).

University Service (selected)

Faculty Senate (2008-2010, 2017-2019)

Academic Quality Committee (2017-2019)

Colonnade Committee (2017-2019)

Potter College Cultural Enhancement Committee (2009-2012)

WKU Student Success Summit

Copresenter: *Why you should bring your students to the Kentucky Museum, and how they'll be smarter for it.* (Annual Summit, Bowling Green, KY, 2018).

Copresenter: *How many clicks does it take? Evaluating the usability of retention support websites of eight public Kentucky universities.* (Annual Summit, Bowling Green, KY, 2016).

Recent WKU Collaborations

America 250- Spearheaded and organized America 250 @WKU. Organize both campus and public entities to offer a series of programs celebrating the themes of the broader national America 250

themes. Worked closely with KY Historical Society's America 250 coordinator to solicit local historical entities to work with KHS for their statewide America 250 program.

wku.edu/kentuckymuseum/america250.php

Facing the Freshman Year: Essential Conversations-Conceived of and spearheaded development of this exhibit in conjunction with Freshman Guided Pathway program.

wku.edu/kentuckymuseum/exhibits/facingfreshmanyear.php

Journey to the Vote- Conceived of, spearheaded, organized and worked with partner to secure funding for multi-departmental series of programs and exhibits. Note: This series of programs received the 2020 KY Historical Society's Education Award.

wku.edu/kentuckymuseum/journey_vote.php

Seat at the Table: Kentucky Women in Office- Conceived of and worked with WKU student researchers, a variety of KY archives and both current and former KY female political office holders to produce exhibit.

wku.edu/kentuckymuseum/exhibits/aseatatthetable.php

Community Service

Bowling Green Kiwanis Club

Active Kiwanian (2011-present) volunteering for numerous annual community events which raise money for area children including Soap Box Derby, Thunderfest, and Mardi Gras.

Landmark Association

Nonprofit 501 c3 volunteer organization dedicated to historic preservation in Bowling Green, KY. Member (2007-present), President (2009-2010), Vice President (2008-2009), Board Member (2007-2011).

P.E.O. Chapter AD Kentucky

PEO is an international service sorority dedicated to the advancement of women through education. Active sister (2012-present) volunteering for numerous committees and projects.

PUBLICATIONS

Spurlock, C.L. (2018, May/June). Celebration of the Arts: Kentucky Museum hosts annual exhibit. *Bowling Green Living*, 8.

Spurlock, C.L. (2012, October). Pecha Kucha: WKU teaching spirit. *FACET Newsletter*. 24 (2), 1.

Spurlock, C.L. (2011, December). History and restoration of the 1928 BGMU pump house. *Landmark Newsletter*, 29 (3) 4-5.

Spurlock, C.L. (2010, April). Logan County Felts log house: A fixture of the KY Museum. *LoJo: The Logan Journal*.

Spurlock, C.L. (1994). Stone of the most beautiful kind: White Stone Quarry of Bowling Green, KY. *The Register of Kentucky Historical Society*. 92 (1), 44-72.