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PERSONAL STATEMENT

With over fifteen years of K-12 teaching experience, including roles as a music teacher, media specialist, and band director, I bring a strong foundation in educational practices and student engagement to my work in higher education. My commitment to fostering inclusive and dynamic learning environments has been a cornerstone of my career. My educational philosophy is to design learning around real-life experiences, which led to my Fulbright award at the University of Wroclaw in Poland in 2023. As an educator, I believe it is my job to empower students to understand and advocate for themselves and their future students.

EDUCATION**Ed.D., Arkansas State University, 2016**

Major: Educational Leadership

Dissertation: Trends in homeschool education: How the face of homeschooling is changing

Ed. S., Arkansas State University, 2013

Major: Educational Leadership

MLS, Appalachian State University, 2007

Major: Library Science

Thesis: Using Cinderella to teach multiculturalism

BA, Arkansas Tech University, 1996

Major: Music Education

RESEARCH**Published Intellectual Contributions****Book Chapters:**

Michulka, D., & McFall, K. (2020). Musical inspirations, explications, interpretations, and impressions in literature for a young scholar (for example, Polish and American works). In M. Marcsyk (Ed.), (pp. 153-172). Katowice: University of Silesia Press.

Refereed Journal Articles:

McFall, K. (2020). Why American parents homeschool. *Filoteknos: International Journal of Children's Literature - Cultural Mediation, Reading - Experiences - Emotions. Books for Children and Young Adults - Theory and Practice of Reception*, 455-469.

Research Currently in Progress

Creating technology focused FLC around Pre-service Teacher Preparedness (On-Going): The aim of this mixed methods research is to collect data from practicing educators about their perceptions of their pre-service teacher programs through the lens of technology integration; using data to support faculty to better inform pedagogical practices in their discipline through technology-based faculty learning communities.

Intersectionality in children's literature (Writing Results): This ongoing research is in collaboration with Faculty Librarian, Jessica Lowman. The work describes the intersectionality of cultures with music, specifically in Appalachian culture identities.

Research Fellowships

International Youth Library, Munich, Germany (Summer, 2017): "Who's God? An Examination & Comparison of images of God and Religious Symbols in the Illustrations of Literature for Children in USA & Elsewhere"

John Marshall Scholar Research Award, Marshall University (May 22, 2019): Technology Integrated Learning Preservice Teacher Preparation

PRESENTATIONS

McFall, K. (2023, December 6). *Trends and issues in American education*. University of Wroclaw, Poland/Virtual.

McFall, K. (2023, November 16). *Keynote: Imposter syndrome is REAL!*. Phi Kappa Phi, Huntington, WV.

McFall, K. (2023, May 22). *Technology enhanced learning: Strategies to embrace technology-rich instruction and learning*. University of Wroclaw, Polish Philology Department, Wroclaw, Poland.

McFall, K., & Lowman, J. (2023, May 16). *Using picture books to explore cultural intersectionality in Appalachia*. University of Montenegro, Montenegro.

McFall, K., & Lowman, J. (2023, May 11). *Censorship in America*. University of Wroclaw, Institute of Information Sciences, Wroclaw, Poland.

McFall, K. (2023, March 24). *Tips and tricks to teaching online*. University of Wroclaw, online learning department, Wroclaw, Poland.

McFall, K. (2023, March 4). *Culture and education in America*. University of Wroclaw, English Department, Wroclaw, Poland.

Brittain, M., Heaton, L. A., & McFall, K. (2023, February 10). *Technology integration: Teacher descriptions of favorite ways to incorporate technology activities into classrooms*. Eastern Educational Research Association, Myrtle Beach, SC.

McFall, K., Brittain, M., Heaton, L. A., Hussell-Davis, J., Allen, T., & Watson, G. R. (2022, November 10). *Teacher preparedness: A study of technology integration*. Mid-South Educational Research Association, Little Rock, AR.

Heaton, L. A., Brittain, M., McFall, K., & Gildein, M. (2022, July 19). *Integrating authentic learning and assessment activities into instruction*. West Virginia Statewide Technology Conference, Morgantown, WV.

McFall, K., & Jackson, J. R. (2022, June 17). *Climate & kids: Children's books for every classroom*. University of Wroclaw, Hybrid/Wroclaw, Poland.

McFall, K., Dellinger, J., & Torman, C. (2021, October 21). *Inclusion & diversity investigation tool — Collection development crowdsourced database*. American Association of School Library National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Heaton, L. A., McFall, K., Allen, T., & Brittain, M. (2021, July 13). *Awesome apps for teaching and learning*. West Virginia Statewide Technology Conference, West Virginia Network, Hopin Virtual Platform.

McFall, K., Michulka, D., Zasacka, Z., & Ohar, E. (2021, May 27). *Historical and patriotic socialization in literary education panel*. Freie Universität Berlin and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen, Berlin, Germany.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Fulbright Scholar, University of Wroclaw, Poland (2022-2023)

Dr. C. Robert Barnett Excellence in Research, College of Education and Professional Development (May 1, 2020)

John Marshall Leadership Cohort, Marshall University (Spring 2019)

Dr. Dorothy “Dot” Hicks Teaching Award, College of Education and Professional Development (May 2018)

John and Francis Graduate Advisor of the Year, Marshall University (April 24, 2017)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

Program Coordinator, School Library Program Coordinator (August 1, 2015 - Present)

Program Director, Graduate Curriculum & Instruction (December 1, 2020 - Present)

COEPD Marketing and Recruitment Liaison, College (August 15, 2023 - Present)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Review Board Member, DKL: Dziecinstwo Literatura i Kultura (Childhood. Literature and Culture), Warsaw (June 2018 - Present)

Editorial Review Board Member, Journal of Literary Education, Valencia (March 1, 2018 - Present)

Editorial Review Board Member, Filoteknos, Wroclaw (November 1, 2017 - Present)

CAEP Reviewer, American Association School Libraries (May 1, 2017 - May 30, 2017)

CAEP Reviewer, American Association School Libraries (September 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (November 13, 2020 - Present)

American Association of School Librarians (August 2015 - Present)

American Library Association (August 2015 - Present)

Mid South Education Research Association (August 2015 - Present)