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Education

2009: Ph.D., Curriculum and Instruction,
Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

2006: M.A., Masters of Arts in Teaching,
Friends University, Wichita, KS

2002: B.A., English Education,
Friends University, Wichita, KS

Dissertation

"I hope I get it. I do hope I figure it out.": Preservice Secondary Language Arts Teachers' negotiations of high school students' literacies

Present Position

Assistant Professor of English

Director of English of Education

- Instructor of English and English/Language Arts Methods courses
- College Supervisor for student teachers

- **Courses Taught**

EN 100 Composition

EN 306 Methods of Teaching Composition

ED 305 Secondary Teaching Methods: English

EN 281 The Short Story

Previous Positions

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Kansas State University

- University Supervisor of Student Teachers
- Teaching Assistant: English/Language Arts Content Area Methods
- Assisted in the preparation of program accreditation folios for KSDE/NCATE

- **Courses Taught**

EDCI 886: The History of American Education; Spring 2009

Teacher, USD 266 Maize, KS

- Four years of teaching experience in seventh and eighth grade language arts
- Instructed students in traditional, basic, gifted and inclusion settings
- Served on staff leadership team as department co-chair
- Sponsored Jr. Thespian troupe and directed school plays and musicals
- Developed and launched a new course entitled *Performance Literature*
- Managed and maintained district theatre facilities

- **Courses Taught**

- 7th Grade Literature & Composition

- 8th Grade Literature & Composition

- Performance Literature

Teaching Certifications

Kansas (Expires 2011)

English/Language Arts 7 - 12

Publications

Refereed Publications

Skillen, M. & Metzger, K. (2010). Secondary orality and emerging literacy in the age of multimodal literacy. *The ALAN Review*. [Under Review]

Atkins Goodson, L. & **Skillen, M.** (2010). Small town perspectives big time motivation: Place-based writing for new media. *English Journal*. [Under Review]

Skillen, M. (2009). A Lasting Impact. *Kansas English*. 93, 1.

Skillen, M. (2009). What did you do? *The ALAN Review*. 37, 1.

Skillen, M. (2008). Enough talk about change. *Kansas English*. 92, 1. 103 - 112

Non-refereed Publications

Skillen, M. & Wilson, R. (June 22, 2008). Now that's rural: 86-year-old one of the last one-room school teachers. *Manhattan Mercury*, p. C3.

Book Reviews

Skillen, M. (2008). *Steel Trap*. Ridley Pearson. *The ALAN Review*. 35.4 (Summer 2008). A8

Skillen, M. (2008). *The Night I Freed John Brown*. John Michael Cummings. *The ALAN Review*. 36.1 (Fall 2008). A5

Poetry

Skillen, M. (2009). Kansas. *Kansas English*. 93, 1.

Peer-Reviewed Presentations

Skillen, M. (2010). *Renewal and reaffirmation: The narratives of three pre-service teachers*. For the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference: Orlando, FL. [Under Review]

Atkins Goodson, L., Goodson, F. T., & **Skillen, M.** (2010). *Playing it forward: High school students, place-based writing, and spoken word*. For the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference: Orlando, FL. [Under Review]

Seglem, R., **Skillen, M.**, & Witte, S. (2010). *More than meets the eye: Visual literacy in the English classroom*. For the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference: Orlando, FL. [Under Review]

Seglem, R., **Skillen, M.**, & Witte, S. (2009). *You've got to see it to believe it*. For the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference: Philadelphia, PA

Goodson, T., **Skillen, M.** (2009). *Bridging two worlds: Addressing literacy and teacher education in a mutually beneficial professional development relationship*. For the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference: Philadelphia, PA.

Sherbert, V. & **Skillen, M.** (2009). *The Rural Teacher's Voice: A path to narrative inquiry and identity*. For the National Writing Project Rural Sites Network Annual Meeting: Kalamazoo, MI.

Skillen, M. (2008). *Pre-service Teacher Case Study Research in Service Learning Projects*. For the Conference on English Education: San Antonio, TX.

Osenga, K., Seglem, R., Sherbert, V., & **Skillen, M.** (2008). *Relevant Responses to Young Adult Literature at the Middle School Level*. For the The Assembly of Literature for Adolescence Annual Workshop: San Antonio, TX.

Skillen, M. (2008). *The Developing Expectations of Preservice Language Teachers in Regards to High School Students' Literacies*. Paper presented at the Roman Veal Research Roundtable—a program of the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference: San Antonio, TX.

Osenga, K., Seglem, R., Sherbert, V., & **Skillen, M.** (2008). *Multimodal Responses to Literature at the Middle School Level*. For the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference: San Antonio, TX.

Blazek, J., Shipman, L, & **Skillen, M.** (2008). *Revisiting Professional Learning Communities*. For the Kansas Association of Middle Level Education Annual Conference: Topeka, KS.

Skillen, M. (2008) *Podcasting 1...2...3...* For the Kansas Association of Teachers of English Annual Conference: Wichita, KS.

Skillen, M. (2007) *On the Farm*: Paper presented as part of the *Teachers as Writers* Panel – a program of the Kansas Association of Teachers of English Annual Conference: Wichita, KS.

Blazek, J., Shipman, L, & **Skillen, M.** (2007). *Learners Teaching Learners: School-wide Solutions that Work*. For the Kansas Department of Education Annual Conference: Wichita, KS.

Blazek, J., Shipman, L, & **Skillen, M.** (2006). *Learners Teaching Learners: Helping Students Succeed*. For the Kansas School Board Association Annual Conference: Wichita, KS.

Academic Service

2009 – 2010 Elizabethtown College Nominations Committee
Committee Member

2009 – CEE Commission on Fair Assessment
Commission Member & Webmaster

2009- *The ALAN Review*:
Manuscript Reviewer

2008- Assembly on Literature for Adolescents (ALAN):
Webmaster and Board Member

2008 - 2009 Kansas State University:
Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Faculty Executive Committee Member

2008 - 2009 Kansas State University:
Education Graduate Student Organization President

Awards

2004: Kansas Department of Education Horizon Award

Applied Activities

Rural Voices Podcasting Project

For Dr. Lori Atkins-Goodson's High School English Classes
Wamego High School January 2009

On Professional Learning Communities

For John Blazek's Course, Curriculum for Administrators,
Baker University April 2007

For John Blazek's Course, Curriculum for Administrators,
Baker University December 2006

On Teaching Methods

For Dr. Lori Atkins-Goodson's Course, Middle School Methods,
Kansas State University February 2009

For Dr. Lori Atkins-Goodson's Course, Middle School Methods,
Kansas State University April 2008

For Dr. Lori Atkins-Goodson's Future Educators of America Club
Wamego High School; Wamego, KS October 2008

On On-line Collaboration

For Marcia Hersh, Web-based Collaborative Tools for Enrichment,
Fort Hayes State University Spring 2007

Teacher In-service

On Professional Learning Communities

Maize South Middle School August 2006

Maize South Middle School January 2007

Haysville Middle School March 2007

Professional Memberships and Affiliation

- Kansas Association of Teachers of English- Member 2002 to Present
- National Council of Teachers of English- Member 2004 to Present
- Assembly of Literature for Adolescence- Member 2007 and Webmaster 2008 to Present
- Flint Hills Writing Project- Teacher Consultant 2007 to 2009
- Sigma Tau Delta/Alpha Theta Beta- Life Member & Chapter President 2000 - 2001

References

Primary References

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