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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
> **MEDT 7498** Design & Development of Maker-Centered Instruction

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)**
       ECD 310 Exceptional Learning and Inclusion
       ECI 601 Intro to Curriculum and Instruction: The Science of Learning and Teaching
       ECI 615 Intentional Approaches to Intervention
       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

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Baylen, D. & **Thompson, J.** (2025). Be not afraid of a meme: Developing visual and media literacy skills. *Libraries Empowering Society through Digital Literacy.* IFLA, 10.1515/9783110533583-018

Thompson, J. (2021). Cultivating our self-efficacy as school librarians. *Knowledge Quest 50*(2), 50-52. https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/KNOW_50_2_Research_50-52.pdf

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 Gant (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

UWG COE Service Award Winner (2024). Nominated by Program Chair. Award amount: $1,000

Utility Player Award for Education Technology & Foundations UWG (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 – NextGen[2] 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., Lilly, J., Sheneman, L. (2025, June 15). *Innovating Together: AI Tools for Transformative School Library Services*. Georgia Library Media Association Summer Institute, Savannah, GA.

Sheneman, L. & **Thompson, J.** (2025, April 21-25). *Enhancing online discussions with multimedia in D2L*. Distance & Online Learning Virtual Poster Sessions.

https://acrl.ala.org/dols/events/2025-distance-and-online-learning-virtual-poster-session/enhancing-online-discussions-with-multimedia-in-d2l/

Thompson, J. & Sheneman, L. (2024, October 8). *Innovating Together: AI Tools for Transformative School Library Services*. IASL. Presented virtually.

Thompson, J. & Sheneman, L. (2024, October 11). *Renew your passion for school libraries: AI tools for school library services*. 2024 Texas Library Association Library Instruction Round Table Summit (LIRT): TXLA Summit. Presented virtually.

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, M., 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

<u>Podcasts</u>
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-Present

Georgia Library Media Association   2021-Present
    Liaison between GLMA and GA SLM Prep Programs, 2023-Present

American Library Association   2013-Present

American Association of School Librarians   2013-Present
    Educators of School Librarians Section (ESLS)   2015-Present
      Secretary of ESLS   2025-2027
    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

International Society for Technology in Education   2021-2023

Georgia Association for Instructional Technology   2021-2022

Association for Educational Communications & Technology   2021-2022

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

2025	AERA Reviewer - for the 2026 AERA Annual Meeting
	SlG Literature
	Learning and Instruction/Division C - Section 1a: Literacy
	SIG-Instructional Technology
2025-2027	AASL ESLS Secretary (2 year term)
2024-2026	AASL Publications Advisory Group Member (2 year term)
2023-present	GLMA Liaison to GA SLM Prep Programs
2023-present	Admin of the FB group School Librarians Using AASL Standards
2022-present	Program Coordinator for UWG SLM Program
2025	GLMA Region 14 Southwest GA LMSOTY Judge
2025	AASL National Conference program reviewer
	Research Empowering Research
2025	Organized and facilitated Edcamp SLM@UWG 2025
2025	IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
2022-2025	Faculty Governance Committee - UWG
	Vice-Chair - 2022-2023
	COE Committee Coordinator - 2023-2025
2022-2025	AASL Distinguished Administrator Award Committee
2023-2024	GAPSC Media Specialist Task Force
	(to update rule for SLM Prep Programs and create the supporting Guidance Document)
2023-2024	VAASL Awards and Scholarships Committee Chair
2022-2024	School Library Research Editorial Board member
2024	Freedom to Read Georgia Contest Judge
2024	UWG ETF IT faculty member search committee
2024	UWG ETF IT faculty member COE/ID search committee chair
2024	Library Learning Commons Certification Advisory Board Member - Cobb County
2024	AASL Standards Focus Group for Educators of School Librarians
2024	Organized and facilitated Edcamp SLM@UWG 2024
2024	IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
2023	Adjunct Support System Reviewer for GA Best
2023	AERA SIG Peer Reviewer
2023	AASL Workgroup - Anti-Defamation League Lesson Plan Alignment for Echoes & Reflections of the Holocaust/AASL Standards
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	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
2010-2021	NCPS Division Technology Committee member
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
2019	VAASL Shenandoah Regional Chair
2018	VAASL Shenandoah Regional Chair-Elect
2017	VAASL Shenandoah Regional Chair
2016	VAASL Shenandoah Regional Chair-Elect
2017	AASL BTSB First-Timers Travel Grant judge

Consulting Work

2022	Mentored Liberty University doctoral student through dissertation proposal