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ACADEMIC HISTORY

Present Rank: Public Service Associate, League of Professional Schools

Highest Degree: Ph.D., 1999, The University of Georgia
Middle School Education

Dissertation Title: *Middle Level Teachers' Interpretations of Their Experiences Regarding Empowerment*

Teacher Certification: Middle Grades Education, Leadership

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

The University of Georgia

2002-present Co-Director, League of Professional Schools, Program for School Improvement

2005, Temporary Assistant Professor, Department of Elementary Education,
Spring & Fall Middle School Program

2004, Temporary Assistant Professor, Department of Elementary Education,
Spring & Fall Middle School Program

2003, Spring Temporary Assistant Professor, Department of Elementary Education,
Middle School Program

2002, Spring Temporary Assistant Professor, Department of Social Sciences Education

2001, Temporary Assistant Professor, Department of Elementary Education,
Summer Middle School Program

Other Professional Employment

1988-2002 Middle School Language Arts and Social Studies Teacher, Grades 6 & 7, Clarke Middle School, Athens, GA

POST GRADUATE AWARDS

2005 *You Make a Difference Award*, Georgia Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia. Awarded annually to the person/organization that advocates for and supports the implementation of service-learning in Georgia schools, with Lew Allen.

2001-2003 *Cardee Kilpatrick Chair for Middle School Teaching*, Foundation for Excellence in Public Education in Clarke County, Athens, Georgia. Awarded every two years to a middle school teacher who exhibits outstanding teaching and leadership in middle level education.

1999 *Teacher of Excellence*, Foundation for Excellence in Public Education in Clarke County, Athens, Georgia. Awarded to five teachers annually who “bring excitement, innovation, and solid achievement to the classroom workplace.”

1994 *Teacher of the Year*, Clarke Middle School, Athens, Georgia. Awarded annually in recognition of excellence in teaching.

RESIDENT INSTRUCTION

Teaching

EDMS 7030, The Middle School
Summer 2001 (N=15), Spring 2003 (N=14)

EDMS 5020, The Young Adolescent
Fall 2004 (N=25), (N=25)

EDEC/EDMS 5060/7060, Academic Community Learning
Spring 2001 (N= 31), Spring 2004 (N=21), Spring 2005 (15)

ESOC 4400/6400, Teaching Social Studies in the Middle Grades
Spring 2002 (N=35)

EDMS 5040, Teaching in the Middle School
Spring 2005 (N=49)

EDMS 5030, The Middle School Curriculum
Fall 2005 (N=26)

EDMS 5460, Student Teaching in the Middle School
Fall 2005 (N=2)

EDMS 5020L, The Young Adolescent Lab
Fall 2005 (N=4)

EDMS 5030L, The Middle School Curriculum Lab
Fall 2005 (N=1)

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Chapters in Books

Thompson, K. (2005). Collaborative decision-making. In V.A. Anfara, P.G. Andrews, & S.B. Mertens (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Middle Grades Education* (pp. 147-150). Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing.

Thompson, K. & Pate, P.E. (2005). Community. In V.A. Anfara, P.G. Andrews, & S.B. Mertens (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Middle Grades Education* (pp. 151-154). Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing.

Pate, P.E., & Thompson, K.F. (2003). Effective professional development: What is it? In V.A. Anfara & P.G. Andrews (Eds.), *Handbook of research in middle level education, Leaders for a movement: Professional preparation and development of middle level teachers and administrators* (pp. 123-143). Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing.

Thompson, K.F. (2000). Real-world learning can lead to student empowerment. In D. Tippins, T. Koballa, & B. Payne (Eds.), *Learning from cases: Unraveling the complexities of elementary science teaching* (pp.69-71). Boston, Massachusetts: Allyn & Bacon.

Journal Articles

Allen, L., & Thompson, K. (2005). Democratic service-learning. *Talk It Up: Advocating for Service-Learning*, (10).

Thompson, K.F. & Homestead, E. (2004c). Middle school curriculum, instruction, and assessment through the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. *Middle School Journal*, 35(5), 56-60.

Thompson, K.F. & Homestead, E. (2004b). Middle school students and parents through the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. *Middle School Journal*, 35(4), 56-60.

Thompson, K.F. & Homestead, E. (2004a). Middle school organization through the 1970s, 1980s, and 1990s. *Middle School Journal*, 35(3), 70-74.

Pate, P.E., Thompson, K.F., & Keyes, M. (2001). Students, standards, and exploration: Developing a responsive, relevant, and engaging curriculum. *Middle School Journal*, 33(1), 35-40.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS RECEIVED

Grants

Poverty and the Economy Faculty Research Grants Program: *Addressing Poverty Through Strong Schools and Strong Communities: A Service-Learning Approach*, 2005-2006 (\$23,000), Co-principal investigator with J. Jordan and L. Allen.

Title II Improving Teacher Quality, United States Department of Education: *Democratic Learning in the League of Professional Schools*, 2004-2005 (\$31,440), Co-principal investigator with L. Allen.

Georgia Learn and Serve, Georgia Department of Education: *Learn & Serve Leaders' Institute*, 2004-2005 (\$25,000), Co-principal investigator with L. Allen.

Georgia Learn and Serve, Georgia Department of Education: *Learn & Serve Leaders' Institute*, 2003-2004 (\$25,000), Co-principal investigator with L. Allen.

Georgia Systemic Teacher Education Program (GSTEP) Research Grant: *Democratic Learning in the League of Professional Schools*, 2003-2004 (\$3436.10) Co-principal investigator with L. Allen.

Charter Communications, Inc. Classroom Grant: *Community Memory Banking*, 2000-2001 (\$250).

Foundation for Excellence In Education in Clarke County Classroom Grant: *Family Reading Night*, 2000 (\$500).

Foundation for Excellence In Education in Clarke County Classroom Grant: *Student Author Program*, 1995 (\$200).

Foundation for Excellence In Education in Clarke County Classroom Grant: *Increasing Student Participation in Reading Programs*, 1994 (\$200).

Phi Delta Kappa Classroom Grant: Implementation of motivational reading program, *Motivating Reading in the Middle Grades*, 1994 (\$150).

Contracts

Georgia Learn and Serve, Georgia Department of Education: *Learn & Serve Leaders'*

- Institute, 2005-2006, with L. Allen (\$22,000).
- Pioneer Regional Educational Services Agency, Cleveland, GA. Facilitation of school administrators' implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education 2004, with L. Allen (\$1200).
- Adrian School of Performing Arts, Adrian, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2005-2006, with L. Allen (\$5,000).
- Central Elementary/High School, Talbotton, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2005-2006, with L. Allen (\$5,000).
- Hancock Central Middle School, Sparta, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2005-2006, with L. Allen (\$5,000).
- Hart County Middle School, Hartwell, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2005-2006, with L. Allen (\$5,000).
- Jack P. Nix Primary School, Cleveland, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2005-2006, with L. Allen (\$5,000).
- Nahunta Primary School, Nahunta, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2005-2006, with L. Allen (\$5,000).
- Summerville Middle School, Summerville, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2005-2006, with L. Allen (\$5,000).
- Waynesville Elementary School, Waynesville, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2005-2006, with L. Allen (\$5,000).
- Adrian School of Performing Arts, Adrian, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2004-2005, with L. Allen (\$7,000).
- Central Elementary/High School, Talbotton, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of

- Education, 2004-2005, with L. Allen (\$7,000).
- Gainesville Middle School, Gainesville, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2004-2005, with L. Allen (\$7,000).
- Hancock Central Middle School, Sparta, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2004-2005, with L. Allen (\$7,000).
- Hart County Middle School, Hartwell, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2004-2005, with L. Allen (\$7,000).
- Jack P. Nix Primary School, Cleveland, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2004-2005, with L. Allen (\$7,000).
- Nahunta Primary School, Nahunta, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2004-2005, (\$7,000), with L. Allen (\$7,000).
- North Clayton Middle School, College Park, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2004-2005, with L. Allen (\$7,000).
- Summerville Middle School, Summerville, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2004-2005, with L. Allen (\$7,000).
- Waynesville Elementary School, Waynesville, GA. Facilitation of school implementation of Georgia Learn and Serve grant funded through Georgia Department of Education, 2004-2005, with L. Allen (\$7,000).

Contract Related Activities

- Georgia Systemic Teacher Education Program (GSTEP), grant funded through the United States Department of Education to M. Padilla, Principal investigator, College of Education, The University of Georgia. (\$6,000,000 over 5 years). Thompson activities: Early Community Experiences Team 2000-2002, (\$1500).
- United States Department of Education Contract: *Preservice Teacher Education Models of Excellence in Preparation of the Use of Contextual Teaching and Learning Strategies to Improve Student Learning*, Dean Louis Castenell, Principal Investigator, College of Education, The University of Georgia (\$864,000 over 3 years). Subcontract: *Community context curriculum: Middle school students*

learning the curriculum through work and community contexts, 1999-2000, (\$1500), Co-principal investigator with E. Pate.

CONVENTION AND MEETING PAPERS

International

Naumowicz, D.A., Thompson, K.F., & McCotter, S.S. (1997, September). *Traditional and nontraditional middle school teams: Implications for research and practice*. Paper presented at the British Education Research Association annual conference, York, England.

Naumowicz, D.A. & Thompson, K.F. (1997, September). *Meeting the diverse learning needs of*. Paper presented at the European Conference for Education Research, Frankfurt, Germany.

National and Regional

Andrews, G., Thompson, K., Rashofsky, H., Shaw, E. (November, 2005). *Diverse learning needs: Meeting the challenge*. Presentation at the National Middle School Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Pate, P.E., Thompson, K.F., Park, C., & Andrews, G. (November, 2005). *Charrettes: Focused, concise portfolios on a specific topic*. Presentation at the National Middle School Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Pate, P.E., Thompson, K.F., & Andrews, G. (November, 2005). *Assessment feedback: Formative and summative*. Presentation at the National Middle School Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Lipka, R., Thompson, K.F., Park, C., Andrews, G., & Pate, P.E. (November, 2005). *Service-learning components, research, and resources*. Presentation at the National Middle School Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

Thompson, K.F., & Allen, L. (October, 2005). *Engaging students through democratic learning*. Outreach Scholarship Conference, Athens, GA.

Allen, L., & Thompson, K.F. (October, 2004). *Imbedding service-learning in the core work of schools: The democratic learning initiative*. Poster session at National Service-Learning Research Conference, Greenville, SC.

Pate, P.E., Thompson, K.F., Lipka, R., & Andrews, G. (November, 2004). *Service-learning research and components*. Presented at National Middle School Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Lipka, R., Pate, P.E., Davis, A., Thompson, K.F., & Foster, R.E. (November, 2003).

- Service learning projects and portfolios: How-to's.* Paper presented at the 30th Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Thompson, K.F., & Pate, P.E. (March, 2001). *Community context curriculum project: Lessons learned.* Paper presented at American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Dallas, Texas.
- Pate, P.E., & Thompson, K.F. (December, 1999). *Community context curriculum: Middle school students learning the curriculum through work and community contexts.* Paper presented at the Seventh Annual National Dropout Prevention Conference, Austin, Texas.
- Thompson, K.F. (October , 1999). *Experiences regarding teacher empowerment: Stories from middle level teachers.* Paper presented at the 26th Annual meeting of the National Middle School Association, Orlando, Florida.
- Thompson, K.F. & Naumowicz, D.A. (April, 1997). *Teachers' perceptions of teaming: Action research in the middle school.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association Conference, Chicago Illinois.
- Thompson, K.F. (October, 1996). *Empowering teachers and students through a school-wide guidance and disciplinary model.* Paper presented at the 23rd Annual meeting of the National Middle School Association, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Thompson, K.F., McCotter, S.S., & Naumowicz, D.A. (October, 1996). *Teachers on middle school teams: The effects of two- to five-member teams.* Paper presented at the 23rd Annual meeting of the National Middle School Association, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Naumowicz, D.A., Thompson, K.F., & McCotter, S.S. (October, 1996). *The perks and pitfalls of implementing a schools of choice plan.* Paper presented at the 23rd Annual meeting of the National Middle School Association, Baltimore, Maryland.
- Thompson, K.F. (October, 1995). *Shared governance in the middle school.* Paper presented at the 22nd Annual meeting of the National Middle School Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Pate, P.E., Rojek, K., & Finch, K. (1990, October). *Analogy instruction in the middle school.* Paper presented at the 17th Annual meeting of the National Middle School Association, Long Beach, California.
- State**
- Sallot, L., Thompson, K.F., Kaplan, B., & Scott, A. (January, 2005) *What is service-learning? Fundamentals of theory, practice, and student outcomes.* Annual Public Service and Outreach Conference, Athens, GA.

- Thompson, K.F., & Allen, L. (March, 2005). *School improvement through democratic service-learning*. Presentation made at the Regional Learn and Serve Conference, Athens, GA.
- Allen, L., & Thompson, K.F. (2004, June). *Service learning*. Presentation made at the Summer Training Institute of the Communities in Schools, Athens, GA.
- Allen, L., & Thompson, K.F. (2004, May). *Implementing school-wide service learning*. Workshop presented to Georgia Learn and Serve Leadership Institute, Savannah, GA.
- Thompson, K.F., & Allen, L. (2004, February). *School-wide service learning: Building the vision*. Workshop presented to Georgia Learn and Serve Leadership Institute, Lake Lanier, GA.
- Thompson, K., & Allen, L. (2003, September). *Bringing it all together: Service learning in a democratic learning school*. Presentation made at the Fall Meeting of Georgia Learn and Serve, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Homestead, E.R., Pate, P.E., & Thompson, K.F. (2003, October). *Democratic learning: Students and teachers plan together*. Presentation made at the Fall Institute of the League of Professional Schools, Savannah, GA.
- Thompson, K.F. (2003, February). *Democratic learning: School-wide implementation*. Presentation to Chestnut Mountain Elementary School, Flowery Branch, GA.
- Pate, P.E., & Thompson, K.F. (2002, May). *Instructional strategies for democratic learning*. Paper presented at the Spring Conference of the League of Professional Schools, Athens, GA.
- Pate, P.E., & Thompson, K.F. (October 2001). *Just what is academic community learning?* Presentation made at the Fall Conference of the League of Professional Schools, Savannah, GA.
- Thompson, K.F., & Pate, P.E. (May 2001). *Students, standards, and exploration: Creating a responsive, relevant, and engaging curriculum*. Presentation made at the Spring Conference of the League of Professional Schools, Athens, Georgia.
- Thompson, K.F., & Pate, P.E. (2000, January). *Community context curriculum project: A discussion*. Presentation to the Oglethorpe County Rotary Club, Crawford, Georgia.
- Thompson, K.F. (2000, March). *Middle school curriculum: Empowering students*. Presentation to the Georgia State Board of Education, Atlanta, Georgia.

- Thompson, K.F. (2000, September). *Teacher empowerment and the middle school concept*. Presentation to the Georgia Governor's Council on Middle School Education, Athens, Georgia.
- McCotter, S.S. & Thompson, K.F. (1998, April). *Teaming in the middle school; Configurations, benefits, and dilemmas*. Paper presented at the Spring Conference of the League of Professional Schools, Athens, Georgia.
- Thompson, K.F. (1994, August). *Inspirations: Starting a new year*. Presentation at the annual meeting of the educators of the Clarke County School District, Athens, Georgia.
- Thompson, K.F. (1994, November). *In the trenches of teaching: Survival and success*. Presentation at the initiation of candidates for admission into *Kappa Delta Pi*, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.

Local

- Thompson, K.F. (2004, May). *The professional development of beginning teachers: Taking action*. Presentation to Middle School Student Teaching Seminar, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Thompson, K.F. (April, 2004). *Democratic learning in the League of Professional Schools*. Paper presented at Georgia Systemic Teacher Education Program Research Symposium, Athens, GA.
- Thompson, K.F., Burwell, W., Ledford-Lyle, M. (2004, March). *Teaming in the middle school: How to be an effective team member*. Presentation to EDMS 7030—The Middle School, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Thompson, K.F. (2003, May). *Professional development for beginning teachers in the middle school*. Presentation to Middle School Student Teaching Seminar, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Thompson, K.F. (1998, May). *The realities of middle school teaching*. Presentation to Student Teaching Seminar, The University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia.
- Thompson, K.F. (1994, May). *The first years of teaching: How to survive middle school*. Presentation to Student Teaching Seminar, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

Workshops

- Thompson, K.F. (2004-2005). Service-learning: Understanding the PARC model. Workshop series presented to White County Intermediate School, Cleveland, GA.
- Andrews, P.G., Thomas, G., Nylund, J., Thompson, K.F., Lawrence, M., & Carter, C. (May, 2005). *Meeting the challenge of students' diverse learning needs: Focus on language arts and social studies*. Workshop for in-service and preservice teachers involved in Enhancing Middle Grades Student Learning, Improving Teacher Quality Grant, Athens, GA.
- Andrews, P.G., Thomas, G., Nylund, J., Thompson, K.F., Lawrence, M., & Carter, C. (November, 2004). *Meeting the challenge of students' diverse learning needs: Follow-up*. Workshop for in-service and preservice teachers involved in Enhancing Middle Grades Student Learning, Improving Teacher Quality Grant, Athens, GA.
- Allen, L., & Thompson, K. (2003, May). *What is democratic learning?* Workshop presented at White County Intermediate School, Cleveland, GA.
- Thompson, K.F. (1999, August). *Reading: A core issue*. Workshop presented at Clarke Middle School, Athens, Georgia.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Service to School Districts

Clarke County School District, Clarke County, Georgia

Classic City High School, School Council, 2004-present
Executive Director of Instructional Services Search committee, 2001
Clarke County Southern Association for Colleges and Schools (SACS), 1999-2000
Middle School Instructional Committee, 1998-2000
Teachers of the Gifted, 1994-1996
Language Arts Curriculum Committee, 1991
Social Studies Curriculum Committee, 1990
Instructional Review Committee, 1990
CCSD 21st Century Middle School Task Force, 1988-1989 (Chair)

Clarke Middle School, Athens, GA

Planning Action Team, 1996-1998 (Chair), 1999-2002
Family Reading Night, 2000-2002 (Chair)
Clarke Middle Scholars, 2000-2002 (Faculty sponsor)
Literary Fair, 1998, 2000-2002 (Chair)
Georgia School of Excellence writing team, 2000-2001
Governance Council, 1996-2000, 1998-2001 (Chair)
Southern Association for Colleges and Schools Accreditation Review Committee 1989-1990, 1999-2000 (Chair)

Supervising teacher for pre-service teachers, 1991-2002
Language Arts Committee, 1996-2002, 1997-1999 (Chair)
Team Leader, 1991-1996
Technology Committee, 1995-1996
School Advisory Committee, 1993-1995
Student council, 1989-1992 (Faculty sponsor)
School Improvement Committee, 1991
Mentor teacher for new teachers working toward certification, 1990
TPAI Mentor Teacher, 1989

Barrow County Schools

Title I Parent Involvement Committee, 2005

Gainesville Middle School, Gainesville, GA

Collaborated with faculty on creating a school-wide service-learning plan, 2004.
Assisted in writing Georgia Learn and Serve grant, 2004.

North Clayton Middle School, College Park, GA

Assisted in Georgia Learn and Serve grant, 2004.

Morgan County Primary School, Madison, GA

Collaborated with democratic learning team on ways to implement democratic learning, 2002-present.

White County Intermediate School, Cleveland, GA

Collaborated with democratic learning team on ways to implement democratic learning, 2002-present.

Chestnut Mountain Elementary School, Flowery Branch, GA

Collaborated with democratic learning team on ways to implement democratic learning, 2002-present.

Norton Elementary School, Snellville, GA

Collaborated with democratic learning team on ways to implement democratic learning, 2002-present.

Partee Elementary School, Snellville, GA

Collaborated with democratic learning team on ways to implement democratic learning, 2002-2004.

Simpson Elementary School, Norcross, GA

Collaborated with democratic learning team on ways to implement democratic learning, 2002-2003.

Service to Other State Agencies and Foundations

Georgia State Department of Education, Georgia Learn and Serve Advisory Board (2003-present).

Georgia State Department of Education, Georgia Learn and Serve Grant Reviewer, 2004-05; 2005-06)

Foundation for Excellence in Education in Clarke County, Trustee (2003-present), Secretary (2004, 2005)

OTHER SERVICE

Service to the Profession

Wingspread Conference

Invited participant at national *Excellence in Service-Learning Practice Wingspread Conference*, September 29-October 1, 2005, Racine, Wisconsin.

Reviewer for Journal

Middle School Journal, 1996

Reviewer for Grants

Reviewer for *Title II Improving Teacher Quality*, 2003

Service to The University of Georgia

University-wide

Service-Learning Special Interest Group, 2004

Annual Public Service and Outreach Conference Planning Committee, 2004

College of Education

Consortium for Better Teaching and Learning, 2004-present

Georgia Systemic Teacher Education Program (GSTEP), Middle Grades Curriculum Team, 2004-2005

Search Committee for Department Head, Department of Elementary and Social Studies Education, 2004-2005

Education for Democracy Special Interest Group, 2003-2004

Georgia Systemic Teacher Education Program (GSTEP) Early Community Experiences Team, 2000-2002

Advisory Council for Contextual Teaching and Learning Initiative, 1998-2001

Teacher Liaison for Middle School Co-Reform Team, 1997-2002

National Certification Test for Early Adolescence Generalists, 1992-1993

Department of Elementary and Social Studies Education

Exit Examination Committee, 2004-present

Professional Affiliations

National Middle School Association

American Educational Research Association (AERA)
Middle Level Special Interest Group, AERA
Georgia Association of Educators
Phi Delta Kappa