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## EDUCATION

- 2004 to 2009      **University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida**  
Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction  
Concentration: Social Science Education  
Cognate: Gifted Education  
Dissertation Title: A Multiple Case Study Analysis of Middle Grades Social Studies Teachers' Instructional Use of Digital Technology with Academically Talented Students at Three High-Performing Middle Schools
- 1995 to 2001      **Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina**  
Master of Arts in Anthropology  
Thesis Title: The Effectiveness of a Honeyfishing Box as an Enrichment Device for Two Species of Nonhuman Primate
- 1999 to 2000      **University of North Florida, Jacksonville, Florida**  
Teacher Certification Program
- 1990 to 1994      **College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia**  
Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology  
Minor: History  
Thesis Title: The Sociality of the Seven Hybrid Orangutans of the National Zoo

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

Social Science 5-9, Florida  
Social Science 6-12, Florida  
Gifted Education K-12, Florida

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- July 2009      **Assistant Professor, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky**  
Provide pedagogical instruction in social science education to undergraduate and graduate students. Serve as an advisor for graduate students in the middle/secondary program.
- May 2005 to  
May 2009      **Instructor, University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida**  
Provide pedagogical instruction in social science education to undergraduate and graduate students. Created a new special topics course specifically designed for graduate students, entitled *Diverse Populations and Social Science Education*. Served as the academic advisor for the Social Science Education M.A., M.A.T., and M.Ed. programs.
- July 2004 to present      **Teacher, School District of Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida**  
Provide world geography instruction to seventh grade students in a suburban middle school.

- May 2005 to August 2007      **Educational Consultant, School District of Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida**  
 Provided a variety of consulting duties for the district including new teacher training, re-writing the seventh grade world geography curriculum, and developing the seventh grade county geography assessments.
- July 2005      **Educational Consultant, Glencoe McGraw-Hill, Tampa, Florida**  
 Provided in-service training for the newly adopted textbook to seventh grade geography teachers.
- August 1999 to July 2004      **Teacher, Duval County Public Schools, Jacksonville, Florida**  
 Provided world geography and world history instruction to sixth and seventh grade students in an urban middle school. Developed curriculum for anthropology and Holocaust electives and a social studies enrichment course.
- June 2002      **Educational Consultant, Duval County Public Schools, Jacksonville, Florida**  
 Wrote the gifted education supplement to the Duval County sixth grade world history curriculum.
- August 2001 to July 2004      **Magnet Lead Teacher, Kirby-Smith Middle School, Jacksonville, Florida**  
 Developed and implemented a student recruitment plan for a dedicated magnet school. Duties included conducting presentations to prospective students and parents, maintaining open communication with school faculty, acting as the district office's faculty liaison, organizing tours and open houses, and writing and distributing bulk mailings.
- February 1997 to February 1998      **Zoological Research Intern, Jacksonville Zoological Garden**  
 Investigated the effectiveness of an environmental enrichment device for two species of nonhuman primate. Conducted observational research in afternoons and assisted keeper staff with caretaking duties in the mornings.

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2009 Distinguished Graduate Achievement Award, University of South Florida  
 2004 University Graduate Fellowship, University of South Florida  
 2003 Semi-Finalist, Duval County Region I Teacher of the Year  
 2003 Teacher of the Year, Kirby-Smith Middle School  
 2003 Teacher of the Month, North Florida Families Magazine  
 1994 Lambda Alpha Anthropology Honor Society

## **UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT**

### **University of Louisville**

- EDTP 606-75 P-5 Social Studies Methods  
 EDTP 607-76 Middle School Methods - Social Studies I  
 EDTP 608-76 Middle School Methods – Social Studies II  
 EDTP 609-76 Special Methods of Secondary Social Studies Education

### **University of South Florida**

- SSE 4313 Teaching Elementary Social Studies  
 SSE 4333 Middle School Methods of Social Science Education  
 SSE 4335 Teaching Social Studies Themes  
 SSE 5331 Foundations, Curriculum and Instruction of Social Science Education  
 SSE 6932 Diverse Populations and Social Science Education

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Sheffield, C. C., Berson, M. J., & Berson, I.R. (in preparation). Tulipmania: Dreams of wealth in the Dutch Golden Age.

Sheffield, C. C. & Cruz, B. C. (accepted). Stories of survival: Using children's and young adult literature to teach about human rights. *Social Education*.

Sheffield, C. C. & Duplass, J. A. (in press). Creating effective citizens: Unique opportunities for gifted education through the social studies. *Gifted Education International*.

Wilkins, K.H., Sheffield, C.C., Ford, M.B. & Cruz, B.C. (2008). Images of struggle and triumph: Using picture books to teach about the civil rights movement in the secondary classroom. *Social Education*, 72(4), 177-180.

Sheffield, C.C., Carano, K.T., & Berson, M.J. (2008). Steam man & airships: Technology of the future in the past. *Social Education*, 72(3), 124-129.

Sheffield, C. (2008, February 20). An Interview with Caroline Sheffield: About gifted kids and HOTS. *EdNews*, Article 23114, from <http://ednews.org/articles/23114/1/An-Interview-with-CarolineSheffieldAbout-Gifted-Kids-and-HOTS/Page1.html>

Sheffield, C. C. (2007). Technology and the gifted adolescent: Higher order thinking, 21<sup>st</sup> century literacy, and the digital native. *Meridian: A Middle School Computer Technologies Journal*, 10(2), from <http://www.ncsu.edu/meridian/sum2007/gifted/index.htm>.

Sheffield, C.C. & Wilkins, K.H. (2006). Picture this! Using picture books in the middle grades social studies classroom. *The Journal of the Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies*, 6(1), 38-41.

## **EDITORIAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

VanFossen, P. J. & Berson, M. J. (2008). *The electronic republic? The impact of technology on education for citizenship*. West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press.

Berson, M. J. (Ed.). (2006). Enhancing Democracy with Technology in the Social Studies [Special Issue]. *International Journal of Social Education*, 21(1).

Berson, M.J. & Bolick, C.M. (Eds.). (2006). Connecting with Technology [Special Issue]. *Social Education*, 70(3).

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL**

Sheffield, C.C. (November, 2009). *Balancing Barriers and Benefits: Middle Grades Social Studies Teachers' Technology Integration*. Presentation at the College and University Faculty Assembly of the National Council for the Social Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Sheffield, C.C. (November, 2009). *Tulipmania! Understanding today's economy by exploring yesterday's dreams of wealth*. Presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Reich, B.J., Bennett, L.B., O'Brien, J.E., Berson, M.J., Braun, J.A., Daccord, T., Sheffield, C.C. (November, 2009). *Social Networks in the Social Studies: Promise and Potential*. Presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Carano, K.C., Sheffield, C.C. & Berson, M.J. (March, 2009). *Past as Prologue: Visions of Technology in Historic Dime Novels*. Presentation at the Society for Instructional Technology and Teacher Education Conference, Charleston, SC.

Sheffield, C. C. & Wilkins, K. H. (November, 2008). *Embracing literacy with a book in an hour*. Presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies Conference, Houston, TX.

Sheffield, C. C., Carano, K. C., & Berson, M. J. (November 2008). *Today's technology in yesterday's science fiction: Engaging historical thinking and creativity in middle grades social studies*. Presentation at the National Association for Gifted Children Conference, Tampa, FL.

Sheffield, C.C. (December, 2007). *Liberty and victory: Honoring unsung heroes of World War II*. Presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies Conference, San Diego, CA.

Sheffield, C.C. (December, 2007). *Building cognitive bridges: Digital storytelling and the mid-level learner*. Presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies Conference, San Diego, CA.

Sheffield, C.C. (March, 2006). *Using digital documentary filmmaking to meet the needs of the gifted in the social studies classroom*. Presentation at Society for Instructional Technology and Teacher Education Conference, Orlando, FL.

Bradshaw, D., Siko, K.L., Hoffman, W., Talvitie-Siple, J., Fine, B., Carno, K., Carlson, L.A., Mixon, N.K., Rodriguez, P., Sheffield, C.C., Sullens-Mullican, C., Bolick, C., & Berson, M.J. (March, 2006). *The use of videoconferencing as a medium for collaboration of experiences and dialogue among graduate students: A case study from two southeastern universities*. Presentation at Society for Instructional Technology and Teacher Education Conference, Orlando, FL.

### **REGIONAL, STATE, AND LOCAL**

Sheffield, C.C. (September, 2009). *Tulipmania! Understanding today's economy by exploring yesterday's market mania*. Presentation at the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies Conference, Bowling Green, KY

Wilkins, K. H. & Sheffield, C. C. (October, 2008). *Embracing literacy with a book in an hour*. Presentation at the Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Wilkins, K. H. & Sheffield, C. C. (October, 2008). *"Her" story through picture books*. Presentation at the Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Sheffield, C. C. (October, 2008). *Reading a book in an hour*. Presentation at Franklin Middle School, Tampa, FL.

Sheffield, C. C. (September, 2008). *Images of the social studies: Using picture books to encourage reading in the middle grades*. Presentation at Franklin Middle School, Tampa, FL.

Sheffield, C.C. (September, 2008). *Using special collections resources for publishing in the social studies*. Guest lecture for University of South Florida SSE 7720, Tampa, FL.

Sheffield, C.C. (October, 2007). *Using trade books in the social studies*. Presentation at the School District of Hillsborough County Professional Study Day, Tampa, FL.

Sheffield, C.C. (October, 2007). *Technically thinking: Digital technology, higher order thinking, and the social studies*. Presentation at the Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference, Orlando, FL.

Wilkins, K. H. & Sheffield, C. C. (October, 2007). *The Holocaust: Exploration through picture books*. Presentation at the Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference, Orlando, FL.

Wilkins, K.H. & Sheffield, C. C. (January, 2007). *Images of triumph and struggle: Using picture books to teach the Civil Rights Movement*. Presentation to the Middle Grades Social Studies Subject Area Leaders, School District of Hillsborough County, Tampa, FL.

Sheffield, C.C. (October, 2006). *Literature connections in the social studies: Using picture books in the middle grades*. Presentation at the School District of Hillsborough County Professional Study Day, Tampa, FL.

Ganley, S., Wilkins, K.H. & Sheffield, C.C. (October, 2005). *Picture this: Picture books in secondary classrooms*. Presentation at the Florida Council for the Social Studies Conference, Daytona Beach, FL.

### **INVITED CONFERENCES/SYMPOSIUMS**

Holocaust Institute for Teacher Educators, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, June 2009.

Third James F. Ackerman Colloquium on Technology and Citizenship Education, Citizenship Education 2.0: New media in a networked world, Purdue University, June 2009.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

#### **UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**

Member, Diversity Committee - College of Education

Liaison, Secondary Education - University of South Florida Faculty and Staff Campaign

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS – OFFICES AND COMMITTEES**

Program Chair, College and University Faculty Assembly Graduate Forum

Alternative Delegate - CUFA, House of Delegates, National Council for the Social Studies

Reviewer, College and University Faculty Assembly 2009 Conference

Reviewer, American Educational Research Association 2008 Conference

#### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS - MEMBERSHIPS**

American Educational Research Association

College and University Faculty Assembly

Florida Council for the Social Studies

International Society for Technology in Education

National Association for Gifted Children

National Council for Social Studies

National Middle School Association