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Education

- Ph.D. University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
May 2024
Curriculum and Instruction
Emphasis: Social Studies Education
- M.A. University of South Florida- St. Petersburg, Saint Petersburg, FL
December 2015
Educational Leadership and Leadership Development
- B.A. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
December 2007
English Education
Minor in French Literature and Languages

Employment

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| Assistant Professor of Education
University of Tampa, Tampa, FL | 2025-present |
| Visiting Professor of Education
University of Tampa, Tampa, FL | 2024-2025 |
| Director of Opportunity and Access
Impact Florida, Tallahassee, FL | 2023-2024 |
| SSE4313: Teaching Elementary Social Studies Adjunct and TA
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL | 2020-2023 |
| Professional Development Specialist for Equity
Pinellas County Schools, Largo, FL | 2017-2021 |
| Multi-tiered Systems of Support Specialist
Boca Ciega High School, Gulfport, FL | 2016-2017 |
| Middle School Language Arts Teaching
Various schools, Indiana and Florida | 2008-2016 |

References

Jared Myracle, Impact Florida Senior Director of Programs

- Contact info: jared@impactfl.org || (731) 414-0049

Kevin Hencrick, Pinellas County Schools Superintendent

- Contact info: super@pcsb.org || (727) 641-5589

Joshua Bean, Center for Health Equity Innovation Officer

- Contact info: joshua@healthystpete.foundation || (813) 857-6441

Publications

Writing

Van Dyke, H. (2026, January 30). *Adapting the Library of Congress Tool for Place-Based Learning*. Faculty Focus. <https://www.facultyfocus.com/articles/effective-teaching-strategies/the-art-of-adaption-adapting-the-library-of-congress-tool-for-place-based-learning/>

Soublis, T, Van Dyke, H., & Figueroa, A. (2025). Disciplinary Literacy in the Social Studies Classroom: Using Amanda Gorman’s “The Hill We Climb” to Inspire Critical Thinking. *The Social Studies*. 1-9. 10.1080/00377996.2025.2455201.

Anderson, M., Van Dyke, H. Dixon, T., Berson, I.R., Berson, M.J. (2021). Reterritorializing Elementary Social Studies Curriculum: A Self Study. In Samuels, A.J. & Samuels, G.L. (Eds.), *Fostering Diversity and Inclusion in the Social Sciences*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, Inc.

Film

Writer and Director of *Diversifying Shoreline Conservation*. (2025). In partnership with Tampa Bay Estuary Program. https://youtu.be/wEaDu6jJTNQ?si=GpRjw8xZYIT_Tkzc

Writer and Director of *A Splash of Color: Getting Black in the Water*. (2024). In partnership with Tampa Bay Estuary Program, BlueGAP. Funded by the National Science Foundation’s Convergence Accelerator. https://youtu.be/5NWY-BZ8H9w?si=dGlw9vFgYqfsj_Ds

Presentations

Conference Presentations

- 2025- *Secondary Educator Approaches to Cemetery-Based Education in Florida*. 3rd Annual International Conference on Innovative Teaching & Learning (ICITL)
- 2025- *Secondary Educator Approaches to Cemetery-Based Education in Florida*. Spring 2026 Oxford Education Research Symposium

- 2025- *Secondary Educator Approaches to Cemetery-Based Education in Florida*. 2025 EERA Annual Conference
- 2024- *Secondary Educator Approaches to Cemetery-Based Education in Florida*. 5th Biennial International Conference on Urban Education.
- 2024- *Secondary Educator Approaches to Cemetery-Based Education in Florida*. 7th Annual Teaching Black History Conference.
- 2024- *Opportunity Cadre's Work to Increase Access to Accelerated Coursework*. Impact Florida Summit.
- 2023- *Solving with Students*. Impact Florida Summit.
- 2022- *Outdoors for All: Partnerships to Make Parks Welcoming and Inclusive*. Presented with E. Hood. City Parks Alliance's "Greater & Greener" conference.
- 2022- *Coloring Pioneers*. Florida Council for History Education's "Frontiers in History" virtual conference.

Invited Lectures & Seminars

- 2025- *Elevating Your Classroom Culture*. CSSME Perspectives on Wellbeing Series. University of Tampa College of Social Sciences, Math, and Education.
- 2024- *Centering People, Amplifying Different Voices - US Civil Infrastructure Context*. With M. Trotz. Guest lecturer for UC Santa Cruz's SRSV.800.(1) Coastal Climate Resilience course.
- 2022- *We Been Here*. Plenary Speaker for the Bay Area Scientific Information Symposium.
- 2021- *Recreating While Black*. Guest lecturer for University of South Florida's ISS3930: Race and Relations course.

Panels

- 2025- *We Are the Medicine: Culture, Health and Civic Healing*. Urban Futures Festival.
- 2025- *BlueGAP Alliance Stories Panel*. BlueGAP Community Workshop.
- 2024- *Creating Knowledge and Embracing Praxis: Florida Anthropologists on Moving Forward in the Sunshine State Part 2, Practicing and Partnerships*. 2025 American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting
- 2024- *A Splash of Color: Film Screening and Panel*. Panelist for the post-film discussion at the screening at Foundation for a Healthy St. Pete.
- 2024- *Blue Table Talk Panel* panelist. United Nations Ocean Decade Conference.
- 2024- *Key Considerations for Community Partnerships Panel* panelist. National Science Foundation Convergence Accelerator Principal Investigator Meeting.
- 2024- *A Splash of Color: Film Screening and Panel*. Panelist for the post-film discussion at the screening at Warehouse Arts District Association.

Graduate Academic Presentations

- 2024- *Secondary Educator Approaches to Cemetery-Based Education in Florida*. Dissertation defense for Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction. University of South Florida.
- 2022- *The Forgotten People: The Story of Lincoln Cemetery*. Case study conducted and presented for AFA 6355: African American Community Research. University of South Florida.
- 2020- *Perceptions of Six Members of a District's Anti-Racist Curriculum Review Task Force's Elementary Subcommittee*. Case study conducted and presented for EDF 7478: Qualitative Research 2. University of South Florida.
- 2020- *History Unfolded*. Citizen Researcher for United States Holocaust Memorial Museum Showcase. University of South Florida.
- 2015- *The Effects of Equity-oriented Data Analysis on the Achievement of Identified Subgroups*. Action Research Project presented at the University of South Florida M.A. Showcase.

Awards

Nonprofit of the Year. (2024). V.I.B.E.S., Tampa, FL
 2024 Torch Bearer. Legacy 56. St Pete, FL
 Delivering Benefits to Public. (2022). United States Forest Service, Ocala, FL.
 Silver Medallion Awardee (2022). Community Tampa Bay, St. Petersburg, FL.
 Energy Innovator Award (2021). ReThink Energy Florida, Tallahassee, FL.
 Chief's Award. (2021). United States Forest Service, Ocala, FL.
 St. Pete Pitch Night Audience Choice Winner (2021). St. Pete Greenhouse, St. Petersburg, FL.
 Leader of the Year (2021). Outdoor Afro, Oakland, CA.
 Teacher of the Year (2014-2015). Azalea Middle School, St. Petersburg, FL.

Professional Licenses

Educational Leadership All Levels (Florida)
 English Grades 6-12 (Florida)
 English for Speakers of Other Languages Endorsement (Florida)
 Reading Endorsement (Florida)

Professional Certifications

Certified Restorative Practices Trainer, *International Institute of Restorative Practices*, 2017
 Affiliate Practitioner of Courageous Conversations about Race, *Pacific Ed Group*, 2017
 Leading for Equity Graduate Certificate, *Lastinger Center at the University of Florida*, 2017

Organization Membership

Friends of Boyd Hill Board Member, 2025- present
 Pinellas County Historic Preservation Board Member, 2024- present
 African American Burial Grounds Project Member, 2024-present
 African American Heritage Association of St Petersburg FL Tour Coordinator, 2023-present