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## Academic Background

- The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina
  - Doctor of Philosophy, Curriculum and Instruction 1996-2000
- Gardner- Webb University  
Boiling Springs, North Carolina
  - Master of Science, Elementary Education 1992-1996
- The University of North Carolina at Greensboro 1988-1992  
Greensboro, North Carolina
  - Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education

## University Experience

- North Carolina State University 2007 - present
  - **Teaching Assistant Professor**, Elementary Education/Social Studies and Diversity, 2007- to present
    - ELM 375 Connections Seminar II Cultural Identity, Social Justice and Diverse Learners
    - ELM 400 Connections Seminar III Instructional Design and Assessment
    - ELM 460 Social Studies for the Young Learner
    - ELM 515 Professional Practice in Schools I
    - ELM 516 Professional Practice in Schools II
    - ELM 530 Social Studies In the Elementary School
    - ELM 575 Methods & Materials in Teaching Elementary Social Studies
    - ED 508 Exploring Diversity in Classroom and Community
    - ED 569 Teaching Internship
    - ED 571 Inquiry and Professional Development
    - ED 572 Teacher Leadership
    - ED 590 Special Problems in Teaching and Learning (Independent Study)
    - ED 590 Special Problems in Teaching and Learning (Mexico: Culture, Language and Service Learning for Educators)
    - ECI 509 Special Problems in Curriculum and Instruction: Teaching for Social Justice
    - ECI 830 Independent Study in Curriculum and Instruction
    - ED 795 Special Topics in Education Research - Diversity Education in Social

- ECI 895 Doctoral Dissertation Research
- **Coordinator**, Master of Arts in Teaching/Elementary Education, 2010- present
  - Recruit, facilitate initial contact, admit, advise, and approve for graduation all Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education candidates.
  - Advise all graduate students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education program.
  - Chair Graduate Committee for all graduate students enrolled in the Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education.
  - Facilitate edTPA training sessions for MAT ELM graduate students.
  - Participate in the Master of Arts in Teaching, Elementary Education course and program development.
  - Interface with the host school personnel and cooperating teachers supporting Elementary MAT students in the field throughout the calendar year.
- **Director of Graduate Programs**, Master of Arts in Teaching, 2015 - present
  - Conducts the daily administration of their departmental graduate programs;
  - Recommends admission or denial of graduate applicants;
  - Approves students' Graduate Plans of Work after approval by the student's Graduate Committee; submits plans to the Graduate School
  - Plays a lead role in recruiting graduate students;
  - Conducts orientation of new graduate students;
  - Serves as the program's point of contact for concerns that students may have;
  - Monitors graduate students' progress and graduation credits;
  - Handles all correspondence between the graduate program and the Graduate School and between the Graduate School and the program;
  - Transmits information from the Graduate School to students;
  - Initiates program-related proposals to the Administrative Board of the Graduate School (Admin Board), either informally through contact with Graduate Deans or formally through written proposals to be considered at Admin Board meetings; seeks approval of College Graduate Studies Committee and College Associate Dean for Academic Affairs prior to submitting to Admin Board;
  - Assists the Graduate School in conducting the annual and 8-year (or shorter as required by accrediting bodies) reviews of the graduate program, by initiating the self-study process upon notification by the Graduate School.
- **Salem College 2000-2007**
  - **Assistant Professor**, Education/Elementary Education, 2000-2006
    - COLL 200: Sophomore Service Learning Experience
    - EDUC 151 Educational Psychology
    - EDUC 198: Educational Technology
    - EDUC 220: Multicultural Issues in Education
    - EDUC 223: Early Field Experience
    - EDUC 258: Methods of Teaching Science and Social Studies in the Elementary School

- EDUC 260: Methods of Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School
- EDUC 349: Supervised Practicum/Student Teaching
- EDUC 416: Curriculum, Methods and Assessment in Teaching Mathematics
- EDUC 418: Curriculum, Methods and Assessment in Teaching Science, Social Studies and Health
- EDUC 423: Early Field Experience
- EDUC 444: Educational Technology
- EDUC 449: Supervised Practicum
- EDUC 451 Educational Psychology
- EDUC 460: Special Topics- Multicultural Issues in Education
- EDUC 460: Special Topics- Socratic Teaching Methods
  
- **Associate, Tenured Professor**, Education/Elementary Education, 2006-2007
- **Director**, Teacher Education, 2004-2007
  - Oversaw the admission of over 200 students to undergraduate and graduate teacher education in multiple degrees and licensure areas.
  - Governed state (NCDPI) and national (NCATE) accreditation.
  - Authored Institute of Higher Education (IHE) Performance Reports and Title II federal reports on teacher education.
  - Served as the liaison between Salem College and the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools in the placement of student teachers and collaborative activities.
  - Served as the liaison between Salem College and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (NCDPI).
  - Chaired the Teacher Education Advisory Council.
  - Chaired the Graduate Education Council.
  - Authored the Student Teacher Handbook and the Teacher Education Handbook.
  - Designed and secured new undergraduate and graduate teacher education programs.
  - Managed departmental budget including all external grants.
  - Recruited and assessed faculty
  - Planned, scheduled, and conducted written and oral comprehensive exams for graduate students

## Other Professional Experiences

- **National Paideia Center, University of North Carolina at Greensboro 1998-2000**
  - Trained and supported Paideia implementation in various school systems nationally by maintaining clear and open communications with regards to planning, training and budgeting activities associated with specific contracts.
  - Trained and supported over 50 national faculty in the delivery of various training modules in individual schools.
  - Provided in-school follow-up support working with central office administrators, school level administrators, teachers, parents and students involved in the implementation process.
  - Coordinated the implementation of Paideia Professional Development Schools by supervising student teachers as well as planning and coordinating professional support and research projects associated with the specific schools.

- Evaluated and refined materials associated with specific National Paideia Center training projects generating and revising lists of services, descriptions of services, training agendas and notes, training handouts and assessment tools for Paideia implementation.
- Promoted the Paideia philosophy throughout UNCG's School of Education by serving as a member of the UNCG Paideia Liaison committee and collaboratively creating Paideia teaching modules for use in undergraduate teacher education programs.

## K-12 Teaching Experience

- **K-5 Elementary Teacher**, Downtown Elementary, 1992-1997  
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School, Winston-Salem, NC

## Teaching Licensure and Certifications

- Elementary Education, "M"
- Curriculum and Instruction Specialist, "D"

## Honors, Awards, and Recognition

- **2016**, North Carolina State University's Thank-a-Teacher Award, program that recognizes outstanding faculty going the extra mile to shape students through their teaching and mentorship.
- **2017**, North Carolina State University's Thank-a-Teacher Award, program that recognizes outstanding faculty going the extra mile to shape students through their teaching and mentorship.
- **2017**, Nominated by Students for Outstanding Teacher Award, College of Education, a University level that recognizes excellence in teaching at all levels.
- **2018**, North Carolina State University's Thank-a-Teacher Award, program that recognizes outstanding faculty going the extra mile to shape students through their teaching and mentorship.

## Grants

- **2018** Graduate School Recruitment Grant, Creating a Pipeline for Demographic Congruency in the Public Schools with Recruitment and Relationships with HBCUs, North Carolina State University, \$5000
- **2019** DELTA Recruitment Grant, A Hands-On Approach to Recruitment in Creating a Pipeline of Students for the MAT Program, North Carolina State University, \$7000
- **2023** TELS Recruitment Grant, District Partnerships to Promote MAT Pipelines of Residency Teachers, North Carolina State University, \$5500

## Discovery of Knowledge Through Discipline-Guided Inquiry

- **Journal Article**
  - Greer-Koch, J. & **Jeffries, M.** (January 2017). Cultivating culturally relevant classrooms. *Dialogues: An Interdisciplinary Journal of English Language Teaching and Research*, 1(1).
- **International Presentations**
  - **Jeffries, M.** (2025, February). *Multilingual Teachers in the Elementary Social Studies Classroom*. Presentation at International Society for Social Studies Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, USA.

- Benge, D. E., **Jeffries, M.** (2024, February). *Integrating graphic novels into the 6-12 social studies classroom*. Presentation at International Society for Social Studies Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, USA.
- **Jeffries, M.** and Benge, D (2023, March). *Implementing an International Experience to Develop Cultural Competence: A Model From an Accelerated Alternative Teacher Licensure Program*. Presentation for the annual meeting of the International Perspectives on University Teaching and Learning Symposium, Orlando, Florida, United States.
- Koch, J. G. and **Jeffries, M.** (2016, March). *Rethinking the impact international experiences have on the evolution of pre-service teachers' cultural competency*. Presentation for the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
- Benge, D., Colbert-Lewis, S.& **Jeffries, M.** (2015, March). *Pre-Service teachers knowledge about Sikhism and the representation of Sikkim in social studies textbooks: implications for teacher education*. Presentation at the Clute Institute International Education Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
  
- **National Presentations**
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Benge, D. (2024, November). *Artificial Intelligence in K-12 Social Studies Education: The Future is Now*. Presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Winzeler, A. (2018, September). *Meeting the needs of NC teachers: implementing a cross-institutional CBE teacher education program*. Presentation at the Competency-Based Education Network Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.
  - **Jeffries, M.**, Winzeler, A., & Koch, J. G. (2018, April). *Cultivating Teachers' Cultural Competency In An Alternative Licensure Program*. Presentation at the National Alternative Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV.
  - Winzeler, A. & **Jeffries, M.**, & Koch, J. G. (2017, March). *Developing an Innovative Lateral Entry Academy: A NCSU/UNC Collaborative*. Presentation at the National Alternative Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.
  - Koch, J. G. & **Jeffries, M.** (2016, December). *Cultivating Preservice Teachers' Cultural Competency*. Presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
  - Koch, J. G. & **Jeffries, M.** (2016, March). *Rethinking the impact international experiences have on the evolution of pre-service teachers' cultural competency*. Paper presentation at the Comparative and International Education Society Annual Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.
  - Benge, D., Colbert-Lewis, S., **Jeffries, M.**, & Koch, J. (2015, November). *No Stress Strategies for Integrating Religion into the Elementary Classroom*. Presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS) Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Benge, D. (2014, November). *Deep Conversations: Fostering Literacy in the Social Studies Classroom*. Presentation at the National Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Boston, Massachusetts.
  - McIntyre, E., Faulkner, V., Knight, B., **Jeffries, M.**, Carrier, S., & Wiseman, A. (2012, February). *A partnership for a STEM-focused elementary education program*. Presentation at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
  - Smith, B. & **Jeffries, M.** (2011, March). *Creating Content-Based Video Games in the Elementary Education Classroom*. Presentation at the Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Annual Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.
  - **Jeffries, M.**, & Wiseman, A. (2010, February). *Preparing Educators for the New World: Using Technology and*

*Media to Prepare Teachers for Teaching in Diverse Classrooms*. Presentation at the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

- McIntyre, E. & **Jeffries, M.** (2009, February). *Dilemmas and Disconnects: Disrupting Deficits Thinking of Undergraduate Preservice Teachers*. Paper presented at the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois.
- McIntyre, E., Wiseman, A., Carrier, S., & **Jeffries, M.** (2009, February). *Enhanced lesson study in teacher education: Focusing on technique in college and elementary classrooms*. Presentation at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Annual Conference. Chicago, IL.
- **Jeffries, M.** (2008, March). *African American Educators' Perceptions of the Sustaining Characteristics Associated with Segregated Schools*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, New York, New York.
- **Jeffries, M.** (2002, April). *The Role of Technology in Education in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. Presentation at the National Paideia Annual Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia.
- Roberts, T. & **Jeffries, M.** (April, 2002) *Cultural Implications of the Diffusion of Knowledge*. Presentation at the National Paideia Annual Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia.
  
- **Regional, State and Local Presentations**
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Coburn, T. (2025, April). *Integrating WIDA Standards to Support Multilingual Learners in the Elementary Social Studies Classroom*. Presentation at the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.
  - **Jeffries, M.** (2025, March). *Exploring the Educators: A Critical Review of Autoethnographies in Alternative Certification Teacher Licensure Programs*. Poster Presentation at North Carolina State University Conference on Faculty Excellence, Raleigh, North Carolina.
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Benge, D. (2024, February). *You Should Present About Your Grandfather: Using Oral History to Learn about Little Known North Carolina African American Trailblazers*. Presentation at the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.
  - Benge, D. & **Jeffries, M.** (2023, March). *Taking Charge of Your Professional Development: A Guide to Finding and Applying for Low Cost PD*. Presentation at the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Benge, D. (2020, February). *Hidden NC History: Omar Ibn Said*. Presentation at the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Koch, J. G. (2019, February). *Critical conversations in the elementary classrooms: teaching for social justice*. Presentation at the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.
  - **Jeffries, M.** (2017, August). *Teaching for Social Justice. Presentation for Wake County Schools at Equity Kickoff: "Eight Schools, One Goal."* Annual Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina.
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Koch, J. G. (2017, July). *Strategies for Exploring Social Justice in the K-8 Classroom*. Presentation at the North Carolina State Beginning Teacher Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina.
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Koch, J. G. (2017, March). *Exploring Intercultural Competence Through Digital Stories*. Presentation at the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Koch, J. G. (2016, July). *Teaching for Social Justice: Practical Strategies for Getting Started*. Presentation at the North Carolina State Beginning Teacher Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina.
  - **Jeffries, M.** & Koch, J. G. (2015, July). *Cultural Competency in the Classroom*. Presentation at the North Carolina State Beginning Teacher Institute, Raleigh, North Carolina.
  - Benge, D. & **Jeffries, M.** (2011, February). *TOP: Traveling To And Teaching About Germany*. Presentation at the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

- **Jeffries, M.**, Wiseman, A., & Mangrum, J. (2008, October). *Cross Cultural Understandings for Elementary Teachers in the 21st Century*. Presentation at the North Carolina Association of Elementary Education Annual Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- **Jeffries, M.**, Wiseman, A., & Mangrum, J. (2008, May). *Developing Cross Cultural Understandings for 21st Century Teachers*. Presentation for the US China Summit at the Friday Institute, NCSU, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Passe, J. & **Jeffries, M.** (2008, February). *Disconnects: Curriculum Changes and Implementation One States Journey*. Presentation at the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies Annual Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- **Jeffries, M.** & Grubbs, P. (2006, March). *Food Allergies*. Presentation at the National Smart Start Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- **Jeffries, M.** & Grubbs, P. (2005, September). *Kindergarten Academics Through Play*. Presentation at the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.
- Eskew, N. & **Jeffries, M.** (2004, November). *Taking a Hands-on Approach to Teaching Science*. Presentation at the South East Regional Meeting for American Chemical Society, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Eskew, N. & **Jeffries, M.** (2004, September) *Hands on Science: a Collaborative Partnership*. Presentation at the North Carolina Teacher Education Forum, Raleigh, North Carolina.

## Scholarly and Professional Organizations

- North Carolina Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators
- National Association for Alternative Certification, Member
- National Council for the Social Studies, Member
- North Carolina Council for the Social Studies, Member
- Phi Delta Kappa, Member
- National Council for History Education, Member
- Kappa Delta Pi, Member

## Service Activities

- **National Service**
  - Reviewer, **American Educational Research Association, Division K** 2008-2010
- **State, Regional and Local Service**
  - Board Member, **North Carolina Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators** 2004 - 2007
  - Board Member, **North Carolina Evaluation Committee for Teacher Education** 2006 - 2008
  - Treasurer, **North Carolina Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators** 2015 -2023
  - Board Member, **North Carolina Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion SIG** 2023 - present
  - Board Member, **National Council for the Social Studies** 2024 - present
- **University Service ( North Carolina State University)**

- **Member**, CED Graduate Education Council, **2017-present**
- **Member**, Beginning Teaching Institute Advisory Board, **2014-present**
- **Member**, CED College Leadership Survey Committee, **2014-15**
- **Chair and Member**, Master of Arts in Teaching Coordinating Council **2014- present**
- **Member**, Professional Education Committee, **2010- present**
- **Member**, Committee on Professional Education, **2011-2013**
- **Member**, Special Group of the Dean: Group/ Committee of Non-Tenure Track Faculty, **2013**
- **Member**, Teaching Fellows Advisory Board, **2009-2014; 2020 to present**
- **Mentor**, Passport to Success, **2012-2017**
- **Reviewer**, DELTA Grant Committee for CED (**2017 – 2020**)
- **Member**, Council for Multicultural Issues and Diversity COMID, **2009-2011**
- **Member and/or Chair**, Search Committees in 2007, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2022, 2023
  
- **Undergraduate and Master's Student Advisor, 2007 - present**
  - **Spring 2025**                    56 Advisees
  - **Fall 2024**                     58 Advisees
  - **Spring 2024**                  64 Advisees
  - **Fall 2023**                     75 Advisees
  - **Spring 2023**                  74 Advisees
  - **Fall 2022**                     93 Advisees
  - **Spring 2022**                  82 Advisees
  - **Fall 2021**                     101 Advisees
  - **Spring 2021**                  98 Advisees
  - **Fall 2020**                     88 Advisees
  - **Spring 2020**                  93 Advisees
  - **Fall 2019**                     87 Advisees
  - **Spring 2019**                  94 Advisees
  - **Fall 2018**                     86 Advisees
  - **Spring 2018**                  96 Advisees
  - **Fall 2017**                     89 Advisees
  - **Spring 2017**                  93 Advisees
  - **Fall 2016**                     87 Advisees
  - **Spring 2016**                  53 Advisees
  - **Fall 2015**                     50 Advisees
  - **Spring 2015**                  43 Advisees
  - **Fall 2014**                     47 Advisees
  - **Spring 2014**                  42 Advisees
  - **Fall 2013**                     48 Advisees
  - **Spring 2013**                  77 Advisees
  - **Fall 2012**                     78 Advisees
  - **Spring 2012**                  53 Advisees
  - **Fall 2011**                     41 Advisees
  - **Spring 2011**                  54 Advisees
  - **Fall 2010**                     38 Advisees
  - **Spring 2010**                  18 Advisees
  - **Fall 2009**                     12 Advisees
  - **Spring 2009**                  10 Advisees

- **PhD. Advisor, 2017 - present**

- **2021- present**      **Chair**, Doctoral committee for: **Douglas Curry**
- **2021- present**      **Chair**, Doctoral committee for: **Amelia Garrett**
- **2020- 2024**        **Chair**, Doctoral committee for: **Valencia Hicks Harris**
- **2019- present**      **Chair**, Doctoral committee for: **Tiarra Griffis**
- **2017-2019**        **Member**, Doctoral committee for: **Alison Winzeler**
- **2012-2014**        **Member**, Doctoral committee for: **Randy Smith.**