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EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Major	Dates
University of Toledo Toledo, OH	Ph.D.	Curriculum & Instruction Sociolinguistics & Literacy	2018
University of Toledo Toledo, OH	M.Ed.	Curriculum & Instruction Secondary English Language Arts	2007
University of Toledo Toledo, OH	B.A.	Communications Journalism, Bus Admin minor	1998

CERTIFICATION

Professional Licensure, State of Ohio Secondary English Language Arts	2003-2020
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EXPERIENCE

University Level

Assistant Professor	University of Nebraska at Kearney	2018-Present
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Secondary Level

Secondary English Language Arts Teacher	Fayette Local Schools, Fayette, OH	2007-2017
Secondary English Language Arts Teacher	Notre Dame Academy, Toledo, OH	2004-2007

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

University of Nebraska at Kearney

Master's Courses

TE 831 – 6 credit hours	Professional Skills & Knowledge I – Transitional Certification Program
TE 832 – 6 credit hours	Professional Skills & Knowledge II – Transitional Certification Program
TE 833 – 6 credit hours	Context of Education – Transitional Certification Program

Undergraduate Courses
TE 100 – 3 credit hours

Teaching in a Democratic Society

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Peer Reviewed Publications

International

Mollenkopf, D., Gaskill, M., **Nelson, R.**, & Diaz, C. (2020). Navigating a “new normal” during the COVID-19 pandemic: College student perspectives of the shift to remote learning. *International Journal of Technologies in Higher Education*. 17(2), 67-79.

National

Nelson, R.M., Mollenkopf, D., & Gaskill, M. (2021). The four pillars of digitally infused education: Transcending modalities in a post-COVID learning environment. In R.E. Ferdig & K.E. Pytash (Eds.), *What Teacher Educators Should Have Learned From 2020*, 79-89. Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education.

Nelson, R., Vu, P., & Reichenberg, R. (2021). An evaluation of quality of life for former gifted program participants in Vietnam. (Submitted)

Conference Presentations:

International Conference Presentations

Nelson, R. (2019, April 4-7). *Shades of Deeper Meaning: Studying Dialect Variance among 21st Century Rural Midwestern High School Students* [Poster presentation]. American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada.

National Conference Presentations

Diaz, C. & **Nelson, R.** (2020, October 23-25). *Cultural Responsiveness Through Understanding One’s Self to Understand Others* [Spark & Tell]. Association for Middle Level Education Annual Conference, Virtual.

Nelson, R. (2020, April 14-17). *Shifting Mindsets: Internalizing Advocacy in Alternative Certification Teachers* [Roundtable presentation]. National Association for Alternative Certification Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. (Conference canceled)

McCarty, W. & **Nelson, R.** (2020, April 14-17). *Mentoring New Alternatively-Trained Teachers: Lessons Learned by Field Supervisors* [Panel presentation]. National Association for Alternative Certification Annual Conference, Seattle, WA. (Conference canceled)

Sladek, A., **Nelson, R.**, & Kugler, S. (2020, March 25-28). *Reconsidering Language Commonplaces in Rural Contexts: Interdisciplinary Perspectives* [Panel presentation]. Conference on College Composition & Communication, Milwaukee, WI. (Conference moved online)

Nelson, R. (2019, March 27-30). *A Case for Academic Dialect Instruction in Alternative Certification Programs* [Roundtable presentation]. National Association for Alternative Certification Annual Conference, Bethesda, MD.

State & Regional Presentations

Nelson, R. & Diaz, C. (2019, November 1). *Responsive Mindsets: Teachers as Advocates for the Common Good* [Panel presentation]. Nebraska Educational Technology Association Annual Conference – NeFETC Higher Ed Network, Kearney, NE.

Local Presentations

Nelson, R. (2021, March 25). *Telling Cat-Tales: Broadening the Scope of Literacy for Secondary Education & Beyond*. College of Education Talks, UNK, Kearney, NE.

Nelson, R. (2020, February 28). *How do you teach a snake to slither? What Dungeon Masters and Effective Teachers Have in Common*. Excellence in Teaching and Research Forum, UNK, Kearney, NE.

Nelson, R. (2019, February 22). *Shades of Deeper Meaning: Studying Dialect Variance among 21st Century Rural Midwestern High School Students*. Excellence in Teaching and Research Forum, UNK, Kearney, NE.

Invited Speaker Presentations

Nelson, R. (2021, April 7). *Instructional Effectiveness*. [Invited Speaker]. Nebraska Safety Center, UNK, Kearney, NE.

Nelson, R. (2020, March 7). *Instructional Effectiveness: How do you teach a snake to slither? What Dungeon Masters and Effective Teachers Have in Common* [Invited Speaker]. Nebraska Safety Center, UNK, Kearney, NE.

Nelson, R. (2019, November 12). UNK American Democracy Project [Invited Speaker]. Provided expert commentary on teacher ethics and advocacy after viewing the 1999 film *Election*, starring Reese Witherspoon and Matthew Broderick, Kearney, NE.

State Collaborations

Sheridan, S.M. (Lead PI)... **Nelson, R.** (2019-2020). *Nebraska Consortium for Research on Rural Education* [Collaborating Faculty Member]. Big Idea: Institute for Research on Rural Education, Nebraska.

Collaborating Across Nebraska for Multilingual Excellence (Fall 2019-ongoing). [Collaboration & Discussion]. UNK Stakeholder. Stakeholders across Nebraska meet to discuss supporting multilingual excellence in education.

OTHER SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

Grants Received

University of Nebraska at Kearney College of Education Technology Grant, “Exploring Teaching & Substitute Teaching: What You Should Know & Do,” (Co-PI)	\$3,000	2020-2021
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Grants Submitted

University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative Grant, “Examining the lived experiences of BIPOC initial teacher certification candidates in rural and urban Nebraska,” (PI)	\$40,000	2020-2021
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Conference Proposal Reviewer

National Association for Alternative Certification – 2020 Conference Reviewer

Manuscript Reviewer

Undergraduate Research Journal (University of Nebraska at Kearney) – Spring 2020

Undergraduate Research Journal (University of Nebraska at Kearney) – Spring 2019

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)	2003-2016
National Association for Alternative Certification (NAAC)	2018-2020
American Educational Research Association (AERA)	2017-present
Nebraska Council of School Administrators (NCSA)	2019-present
Association for Middle Level Education (AMLE)	2020-present

SERVICE**University Level**

UNKEA Executive Committee Member – Secretary	2019-present
UNK Blue Gold Welcome – Professor Conversations	2019-present
UNK COE Academic Policies and Standards Committee	2019-present
UNK College of Education Scholarship Committee Member	2019-present
UNK Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority – Academic Advisor	2020-present
UNK Department of History Academic Program Review Team Member	Fall 2020 (postponed to Fall 2021)
UNK Loper2Loper Student Mentor	2020-2021
COE Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Social Justice (DEISJ) Committee	2020-present
COE DEISJ Curriculum Dive Sub-Committee Lead Organizer	2020-present

Regional/State Level

Volunteer – Iain Nicolson Audubon Center at Rowe Sanctuary	2019-present
Nebraska State Education Association – UNKEA Delegate	April 2019

National

Nebraska State Representative – NAAC	2019-2020
Acting Region 2 Representative – NAAC 2019 Annual Conference	Spring 2019
NAAC Region 2 Delegate – Kansas Restricted Licensure Meeting	June 2019