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## EDUCATION

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- 2020** Liberty University, Doctor of Education- Curriculum and Instruction  
Dissertation: *The difference among school librarians' self-efficacy levels and the relationship between self-efficacy of school librarians and reading scores.*  
School of Education, May 2020.
- 2016** Old Dominion University, Master of Science, Elementary Education: School Library Media
- 2011** Ashford University, Master of Arts, Education, Educational Technology Leadership
- 2009** Ashford University, Bachelor of Arts, Social Science, Education

## PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

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Postgraduate Professional License, Commonwealth of Virginia  
**Certification areas:** Elementary Education Pre-K – 6; Library Media Pre-K - 12

## EXPERIENCE

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- 2021 to present**      **Lecturer - Program Coordinator**  
School Library Media program  
Department of Educational Technology and Foundations  
College of Education
- 2018 to present**      **Adjunct Faculty and University Supervisor**  
Library and Information Studies Program  
Darden School of Education, Old Dominion University
- 2017 to present**      **Associate Faculty**  
College of Education

University of Arizona Global Campus, formerly known as Ashford University

- 2014 – 2021**      **School Librarian**  
Tye River Elementary School, Nelson County, VA
- 2011-2014**      **Instructional Technology Resource Teacher**  
Nelson County Public Schools
- 2005-2011**      **Computer Lab Instructor**  
Tye River Elementary School, Nelson County, VA
- 2003-2005**      **Special Education Instructional Assistant**  
Tye River Elementary School, Nelson County, VA
- 2002-2003**      **Preschool Teacher**  
Amherst Presbyterian Nursery School
- 2000-2001**      **Preschool Teacher Assistant**  
Tuckahoe Preschool and Primary
- 1999-2000**      **Preschool Teacher Assistant**  
Amherst Presbyterian Nursery School

## **TEACHING**

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Courses Taught – **University of West Georgia**

**MEDT 7451** Administration of School Media Centers

**MEDT 7452** Multiple Literacies

**MEDT 7454** Promoting Children’s Literature in the School Library Media Program\*

**MEDT 7455** Selection, Organization, & Curation of Materials\*

**MEDT 7461** Instructional Technology, Media, & Design

**MEDT 7464** Designing Technology-Enhanced Instruction

**MEDT 7476** Assessing Learning in Technology Enhanced Instruction

**MEDT 7487** Practicum - School Library Media

**MEDT 8461** Diffusion of Innovations

\*Received Quality Matters Certification 2024

Instructional Support Mentor - **University of West Georgia**

**MEDT 7461** Instructional Technology, Media, & Design

**MEDT 7464** Designing Technology-Enhanced Instruction

**MEDT 7476** Assessing Learning in Technology Enhanced InstructionCourses Taught- **Old Dominion University****LIBS 110** Information Literacy for the Digital Age**LIBS 668** Internship in Library Workplaces: Instructor & Supervisor of Field Experience**LIBS 669** Internship in School Libraries: Instructor & Supervisor of Field Experience**LIBS 676** Library Media Services and the CurriculumCourses Taught – **University of Arizona Global Campus (formerly Ashford University)****EDU 302** Foundations of Library & Information Science**EDU 306** Library Programs & Services**EDU 308** Reference & Research Services**EDU 367** Elementary & Secondary School Media**EDU 401** Literature for Children**EDU 411** Reading & Cognition**EDU 440** Information Literacy**EDU 441** Research & Analysis Skills**EDU 443** Literature for Children & Teens**EDU 495** Library Science & Media Capstone**EDU 673** Instruct. Strat. for Differentiated Teach & Learning**ECD 310** Exceptional Learning and Inclusion**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Peer-Reviewed Publications:**

Baylen, D. & **Thompson, J.** (2024) Be not afraid of a meme: Developing visual and media literacy skills. *Libraries Empowering Society through Digital Literacy*. IFLA (Chapter accepted, book launching Fall 2024)

**Thompson, J.,** & Strimel, M. (2023). The School Librarians Self-Efficacy Instrument (SLSEI): An Instrument to Measure School Librarians' Self-Efficacy (Submitted to *School Library Research - in revision.*)

**Thompson, J.** (2021). Cultivating our self-efficacy as school librarians. *Knowledge Quest* 50(2), 50-52.

**Thompson, J.,** Barthlow, M. Paynter, K. (2021) School librarians' self-efficacy: A predictor of reading scores? *School Library Research*. 24.

[www.ala.org/aasl/slr/volume24/thompson-barthlow-paynter](http://www.ala.org/aasl/slr/volume24/thompson-barthlow-paynter)

**Non-Refereed Journal Publications:**

**Thompson, J.** (2015) Ladies, and fairies, and cats, oh, my! Innovative library promotion. *School Library Connection*, 1(1), 18-19.

**Thompson, J. & Haslam, A. (2015)** Snowy visit to the Windy City. *VAASL Voice*, 4(1), 10-11.

### **Blog Post:**

**Thompson, J. & Haslam, A. (2015, Feb. 2).** Snowy visit to the Windy City. *Knowledge Quest*.  
<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/snowy-visit-windy-city/>

## **GRANTS AWARDED**

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Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2019) Omegaman assembly for TRES students.

Award amount: \$700

Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2018) Submitted to purchase a Rigamajig Jr. set for the library. Award amount: \$500

Smyth Foundation Travel Grant Awarded (2016) Funds to travel to ALA in Orlando, FL, and was given the opportunity to visit Sea World, Kennedy Space Center, and The Wizarding World of Harry Potter to share information and reading inspiration with my staff and students. Award amount: \$3565

Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2017) To purchase Dash and Dot robots for the school library. Award amount: \$599.96

Bound to Stay Bound First-Timers Travel Grant (2015) Travel to AASL in Columbus, OH. Award amount: \$750

Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2013) To purchase a Mimio Teach for teaching purposes. Award amount: \$279

Nelson County Nelson County Education Foundation Grant (2008) To create a Palm Pilot lab for student use. Award amount: \$1000

## **AWARDS**

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COE Service Award Nominee (2024)

Utility Player Award for Education Technology & Foundations (2023). Nominated by Program Chair. Award amount: \$1,000

Most Outstanding Dissertation Award Nominee– Nomination by Dr. Michelle Barthlow, Liberty University (Dissertation Chair) (2021)

Smyth Foundation Award (2008) Peer nominated award. Award amount: \$1,000

## **SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED**

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Full Scholarship – ODU/IMLS – NextGen<sup>2</sup> for Master of Science degree and Library Science Certification (2014). The scholarship included tuition for 34 credits, a laptop and software, selected textbooks, and travel stipends.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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Burns, E. & **Thompson, J.** (2023, July 20). *Practicum experiences in school library preparation*

- programs*. Prepared by Burns & Thompson, presented by Burns on our behalf. International Association of School Librarians. Greece
- Thompson, J.** (2023, March 17). *5 kinds of nonfiction*. Georgia Conference on Children's Literature. Athens, GA.
- Thompson, J.** & Sheneman, L. (2022, July 11-15). *Hyperdocs: Organized, simple, and efficient digital learning spaces*. International Association of School Librarians 2022 Hybrid Conference and Research Forum. Presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** (2022, June 7-9) *Stupendous storytime: Getting students engaged and excited during storytime*. 6th Annual UAGC Early Childhood Conference. Presented virtually.
- Croft, L., Sheneman, L. & **Thompson, J.** (2022, June 17-78). *Fostering authentic connections via asynchronous video discussions*. UWG Innovations in Pedagogy Conference. Presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** & Hayden, T. (2021, Oct. 20) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 5 building capacity and community*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** & Hayden, T. (2021, Sept. 15) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 4 shifting mindsets*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** & Hayden, T. (2021, Aug. 18) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 3 learning partnerships*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Discala, J. & **Thompson, J.** (2021, May 19) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 2 building knowledge for CRT*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Discala, J. & **Thompson, J.** (2021, April 14) *Culturally responsive librarianship: Part 1 building awareness of CRT*. VAASL PD Series presented virtually.
- Thompson, J.** (2020) Guest Lecturer for ODU LIBS 655 Methods and Strategies for School Libraries on assessment in the library. Virtual.
- Thompson, J.** (2018) *Reading freedom!* Session presented at the ODU Summer Institute, Norfolk, VA
- Thompson J.** (2018, Nov. 29 - Dec. 1) *Reading freedom!* Session presented at the Virginia Association of School Librarians Annual Conference. Williamsburg, VA
- Thompson, J.** (2016, Oct. 20-22) *Super simple STEM, STEAM, and STREAM*. Session presented at the Virginia Association of School Librarians Annual Conference, Norfolk, VA
- Haslam, A. & **Thompson, J.** (2014, Nov. 6-8) *For the love of technology*. Session presented at the Virginia Association of School Librarians Annual Conference, Roanoke, VA

### **Podcasts**

- Thompson, J.** (2023, May 10). *Collaborations with librarians*. Invited guest on Early Childhood Chatter with Dr. Stephanie Heald and Dr. Tisha Shipley.  
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/early-childhood-chatter/id1535562678>

## **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Georgia Library Media Association Liaison between GLMA and GA SLM Prep Programs	2021-Present
International Society for Technology in Education	2021-2023
Georgia Association for Instructional Technology	2021-2022
Association for Educational Communications & Technology	2021-2022
American Library Association	2013-Present
American Association of School Librarians	2013-Present
Educators of School Librarians Section (ELSL)	2015-Present
Association for Library Service to Children	2023-Present
Virginia Association of School Librarians	2013-Present
Awards & Scholarships Committee Chair 2023, 2024	
Professional Development Co-Chair for the 2021 board	
Director of the Shenandoah Region, Nov. 2017- Nov. 2018 and Nov. 2019-Nov. 2020	
Director-Elect of the Shenandoah Region from Nov. 2016- Nov. 2017 and Nov. 2018-Nov. 2019	
National Education Association	2010-2021
Virginia Education Association	2010-2021
Nelson County Education Association	2010-2021
Treasurer from 2012-14, President from 2014-2016	

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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2024	Library Learning Commons Certification Advisory Board Member - Cobb County
2024	AASL Standards Focus Group
2024	IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
2023-2024	GAPSC Media Specialist Task Force (to update rule for SLM Prep Programs)
2023-2024	GLMA Liason to GA SLM Prep Programs
2023	AERA SIG Peer Reviewer
2023	AASL Workgroup - Anti-Defamation Leauge Lesson Plan Alignment for Echoes & Reflections of the Holocaust/AASL Standards
2023-2024	VAASL Awards and Scholarships Committee Chair
2023	Admin of the FB group School Librarians Using AASL Standards
2023	AASL Travel Grant Reveiwer
2023-2024	AASL Distinguished Administrator Award Committee

2015-2023	School Library Connection Book Reviewer
2023	AASL National Conference program reviewer Research Empowering Research Concurrent sessions
2023	AASL First Timers Grant reviewer
2023	Organized and facilitated Edcamp SLM@UWG 2023
2023	IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
2023	UWG ETF SLM faculty member search committee
2022-2023	Program Coordinator for UWG SLM Program
2022-2024	Faculty Governance Committee - UWG Vice-Chair - 2022-2023 COE Committee Coordinator - 2023-2024
2022-2024	School Library Research Editorial Board member
2022	AASL Distinguished Administrator Award Committee
2022	AERA 2023 Design and Technology SIG reviewer
2022	VAASL Annual Awards judge
2022	AASL Research Grant judge
2022	AECT Conference Presentation Reviewer
2022	UWG SLM EdCamp Facilitator
2022	UWG ETF IT faculty member search committee
2022	IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards Judge
2021	Diversity Audit Taskforce, Virginia Libraries member
2021	VAASL Annual Awards judge
2021	Division Code of Conduct Revision Committee for NCPS member
2021	AASL National Conference program reviewer
2021	IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards judge
2021	Professional Development Committee for VAASL co-chair
2020-2021	NCPS Lead Innovator Team member – SEL Lead for Tye River Elementary
2020-2021	Mentor for a new staff member at Tye River Elementary School
2020	VAASL Covid-19 Education Response and Recovery Strategy Session Group member
2020	NCPS Taskforce for Cultural Responsiveness member
2020	IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards judge
2019	IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards judge
2018-2019	Mentor for a new staff member at Tye River Elementary School
2017	AASL BTSB First-Timers Travel Grant judge
2010-2021	NCPS Division Technology Committee member

### Consulting Work

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2022	Mentored Liberty University doctoral student through dissertation proposal
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