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EDUCATION

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| University of Kansas Ed.D. Curriculum and Instruction | 2017 |
| Kansas State University M.S. Curriculum and Instruction | 2010 |
| Washburn University B.A. English Education | 2005 |
| University of Kansas B.S. Journalism-Advertising | 2001 |

CERTIFICATIONS

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| National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Accomplished License-Adolescent/Young Adult English Language Arts | 2010-2020 |
| Kansas State Department of Education Secondary Language Arts 7-12 | 2005-2010 |

EXPERIENCE

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| <u>Heartland Learning Center</u> Founder/CEO | 2018-Present |
| <u>Kansas State Department of Education</u> Project Director – Kansas Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Manage \$27 million federal striving readers grant▪ Supervise KSDE Striving Readers Staff▪ Collaborate with KSDE fiscal, legal and human resources departments | 2013-Present |
| Coordinator of Standards <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Advise KSDE staff throughout model and assessed standards review processes▪ Represent standards staff in agency meetings | |

- Organize and coordinate joint efforts for all KSDE standards staff members

Education Program Consultant – Language Arts and Literacy/Writing

- ELA Standards Development – Lead
- Council of Chief State School Officers – State Professional Development Team
- Council of Chief State School Officers – State Standards Implementation Team
- ELA Virtual Communities of Practice Model – Creator and Lead
- Career, Standards, and Assessment Team – Communication Lead
- ELA Training-of-Trainers – Lead
- ELA State Summative Assessment – Lead

Additional Responsibilities

- Kansas Professional Learning Team – Co-Lead
- Visiting International Teacher Program – Responsible Officer
- Kansas Focus and Priority Schools – Team Member
- Division of Learning Services Visioning Committee
- Deputy Commissioner’s Strategic Planning Committee
- Professional Development Council
- National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Out Loud – Project Director
- Career and Technical Education A/V Communications Pathway – Lead
- KASCD Executive Board

Baker University

2014-Present

Adjunct Instructor

MAEd Program - On-Ground, Hybrid, and Online Courses

Courses Taught:

- Learning Theories and Instruction
- Focus on Comprehension
- Enhancing Communication and Embracing Understanding

Atchison County USD 377

2010-2013

District Curriculum Director K-12

- Professional Learning Communities Initiative – Lead
- Advisory and Intervention Planning - Lead
- Curriculum Map Review and Revision – Lead
- Materials Adoption – Lead

English Teacher

Courses Taught:

- English 10
- Honors English 10

- Yearbook
- Senior Language for Life
- Strategic Reading

Additional Responsibilities

- Professional Development Council - Record Keeper
- Site Council - Record Keeper
- Junior Class - Prom Sponsor

Auburn-Washburn USD 437

2005-2010

English Teacher

District Language Arts Curriculum Committee

- Resource Evaluation Team – Grade level representative
- Curriculum Map Review Committee

Courses Taught:

- English 10
- English 10 CSS
- Honors English 10
- English 11
- English 11 CSS

Additional Roles Responsibilities

- Literary Magazine – Co-Sponsor
- Creative Writing Club – Co-Sponsor
- Sophomore PLC Team – Lead
- National Honor Society – Co-Sponsor
- Site Council – Record Keeper

LEADERSHIP

Collaboration and Teams

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| Led Striving Readers Grant Writing Team | 2016 |
| Co-Created Orientation Week for Visiting International Teachers | 2016-2017 |
| Co-led State Text Complexity Workgroup | 2014 |
| Co-planned Writing Conference Annual Literacy Conference | 2013-Present |
| Presented to U.S. Dept. of Education during USDE Monitoring Visit | 2013 |

Supervision

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| Supervise Striving Readers Grant staff | 2017-Present |
| Presented Standards Review and Adoption to Kansas State Board of Education | 2016-2017 |
| Supervised practicum student through Washburn University | 2009 |
| Supervised student teacher through Washburn University | 2008 |
| Supervised practicum student through Washburn University | 2007 |
| Mentored teachers new to profession in District Mentor Program | 2007-2009 |

Instructional Leadership

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| Developed and managed ELA Workshops: 6 sites, 500 teachers | 2017-Present |
| Developed and led Kansas Writing Workshops: 6 sites, 500 teachers | 2015 |
| Observed and coached Visiting International Teachers | 2016 |
| Completed Executive Leadership Program with Learning Forward Kansas | 2015-2016 |
| Trained in Teacher Expectations and Student Achievement (TESA) | 2006 |

Innovation & Development

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| Developed pilot for English Language Arts virtual communities of practice | 2015-2016 |
| Led data review for virtual communities of practice pilot | 2016 |
| Led revision of virtual communities of practice program and implementation | 2016-2017 |
| Led pilot of A/V Communication Peer Pathway Review | 2015 |
| Led writing and review for Kansas' Summative Assessment Performance Task | 2014-2015 |
| Rubric Led ELA Training-of-Trainers events | 2013-Present |
| Co-authored & implemented pilot program for Literature Circles | 2008-2010 |

MEMBERSHIPS

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| Kansas Reading Association | 2017-Present |
| State Coordinators of English Language Arts | 2016-Present |
| Council of Chief State School Officers-ICCS Team | 2013-Present |
| Kansas Association of School Curriculum Developers | 2013-Present |
| Executive Board | 2013- |

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| Present Executive Board for Kansas Association for Teachers of English | 2006-Present |
| Senior Past President (2015-2016) | |
| Immediate Past President (2014-2015) | |
| President (2013-2014) | |
| Vice President/2013 Conference Chairperson (2012-2013) | |
| Second Vice President (2011-2012) | |
| Editor, <i>KATE Update</i> (2009-2011) | |
| National Council of Teachers of English | 2005-Present |
| Kansas Association for Teachers of English | 2005-Present |

HONORS and AWARDS

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| Gordon R. Alley Partnership Award, University of Kansas | 2018 |
| Friend of the Writing Conference Award, The Writing Conference LLC | 2013 |
| Civic Voices Fellowship, Birmingham, AL | 2011 |
| National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, University of Kansas | 2010 |
| Outstanding Educational Leader Award, The Writing Conference LLC | 2009 |
| Outstanding Writing Teacher Award, The Writing Conference LLC | 2009 |
| Glenn Teacher of Excellence Nominee, University of Kansas Literature Festival | 2008 |
| Educator of Excellence Six-time Nominee, Washburn Rural High School (Spring 2008, Spring 2007, Fall 2007, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Fall 2005) | |
| Flint Hills Writing Project Fellowship, Kansas State University | 2006 |
| Outstanding Secondary Student Teacher Award, Washburn University | 2005 |

SERVICE

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| Kansas Masonic Literacy Center – Board of Directors | 2017-Present |
| <i>Kansas English</i> – Editorial Review Board | 2017-Present |
| Kansas Masonic Literacy Center – Search Committee | 2016-2017 |
| Kansas National Board Breakfast – Invited Panel Speaker | 2016 |
| Fort Riley Middle School, KS – External Assistance Team | 2014-2016 |

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| Poetry Out Loud State Contest – Judge | 2015 |
| Dynamic Learning Maps Assessment – Reviewer | 2014 |
| Heartland Committee to Promote Lifelong reading – Reader-Contributor | 2012-Present |
| Writing Conference, Inc. Writing Contest – Secondary Level Judge | 2011-2013 |
| Literature Festival – Student Discussion Facilitator | 2010-2013 |
| Kansas Association of Teacher of English KATE Update – Editor | 2010-2014 |
| Assembly on Adolescent Literature – Book Reviewer | 2006 |

PUBLICATIONS

- Myers, S. (2017). *Virtual communities of practice: A study of capacity-building professional learning for teachers* (Doctoral dissertation).
- Myers, S. & Vest, J. (2016). From Lenin to Lennon: Using music to revive the classics. In L. Johnson & C. Goering (Eds.) *Recontextualized: A framework for teaching English with music* (pp. 113-128). Rotterdam: Sense Publishers.
- Oertel, S., Seeger, V., & Shaw, K. (2014) Kansas ELA College and Career Ready Standards: Best Practices and Misconceptions, *Kansas Journal of Reading*, 30.
- Oertel, S. (2011, Fall). First Years. *Kansas English*, 93:2.
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PRESENTATIONS

- Myers, S. (2018). Kindergarten Readiness Snapshot Tool – Adoption Process. Presented at National Convening of Striving Readers Project Directors, Washington, D.C..
- Myers, S. (2016, November). *Revision Focused Assessment*. Presented at Big Cat Conference, Goddard, KS.
- Myers, S., Adams, L. (2016, October). *Balanced Assessment Systems for English Language Arts*. Presented at Kansas State Department of Education Annual Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Myers, S. (2016, September). *ELA Curriculum Planning with a Vision*. Presented at Shawnee Mission Public Schools, Shawnee Mission, KS.
- Myers, S. (2016, February). *Kansas Assessment Program Data*. Presented at meeting of implementation coaches for Kansas Focus and Priority Schools, Hutchinson, KS.
- Myers, S., Gifford, D. (2016, February). *Writing with Evidence*. Presented at Kansas Exemplary Educators Network Annual Conference, Topeka, KS.
- Myers, S., Gifford, D. (2016, February). *Writing from sources*. Presented at USD 501 professional development day.
- Myers, S. (2016, January). *Literacy for our kids*. Follow-up presentation to PreK-12 educators at Holton Public Schools, Holton, KS.
- Eyre, R, Myers, S. (2015, December). *From the Inside Out: How Kansas improved internal communications to support standards implementation*. Presented at Council of Chief State School Officer’s Communications Topical Meeting, Miami, FL.
- Gifford, D., Myers, S. (2015, November). *Writing within the Social Studies curriculum*. Invited opening presenter at Kansas State Social Studies Conference, Topeka, KS.
- Jones, J., Myers, S. (2015, October). *Stronger Than Fiction: The Power of the Stories We Tell Ourselves*. Presented at Kansas Association of Teachers of English Annual Conference, Wichita, KS.

- Myers, S. Schapaugh, D. (2015, October). *Measuring student learning in English Language Arts*. Presented at Kansas State Department of Education Annual Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Myers, S. (2015, October). *Writing for the Kansas College and Career Ready Standards*. Presented to preservice educators at Washburn University, Topeka, KS.
- Myers, S., Gifford, D. (2015, August). *Literacy for our kids*. Presented to PreK-12 educators at Holton Public Schools, Holton, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2015, October). *Learning resource sets: a model for building integrated instruction for improved student learning*. Presented at Kansas Association of Teachers of English Annual Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Oertel, S., Gifford, D. (2015, October). *Writing within the curriculum*. Presented to K-12 paraprofessionals at USD 501, Topeka, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2015, February). *Multidisciplinary Performance Task*. Presented half-day session at USD 501, Topeka, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2015, February). *Multidisciplinary Performance Task*. Presented session at Kansas' Learning Forward Kansas Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2015, January). *Multidisciplinary Performance Task*. Presented session at Logan Elementary School, Topeka, KS.
- Krehbiel, M., Oertel, S. (2015, January). *Writing in Science*. Co-presented session at USD 437 for 9-12 Science Teachers.
- Oertel, S. (2014, October). *Kansas Assessment Program changes*. Presented session at Kansas Association of Teachers of English Annual Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2014, October). *Kansas Assessment Program changes*. Presented session at Kansas Reading Association Annual Conference, Emporia, KS.
- Oertel, S., Lakin, J. (2014, October). *Learning resource sets: a model for building integrated instruction for improved student learning*. Presented webinar hosted by Metametrics, Raleigh, NC.
- Oertel, S. (2014, August). *Writing within the curriculum*. Presented one-day workshop to K-12 teachers, Central Heights Schools, KS.
- Shaw, K., Oertel, S. (2014, June). *Learning resource sets: a model for building integrated instruction for improved student learning*. Presented at Summer Institute for School Librarians, Emporia, KS.
- Oertel, S., Jones, J. (2014, April). *So you say I have to teach writing?* Presented at Literacy Conference, Emporia, KS.
- Oertel, S., Gifford, D. (2014, March). *Paving the path to student success*. Presented at evening meeting for parents of students attending USD 500 schools, Kansas City, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2014, February). *Multidisciplinary Performance Task*. Presented at Kansas Learning Forward Annual Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2013, November). *Using Music to Teach English, From A to Jay-Z*. Presented at Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), Boston, MA.
- Copeland, M., Oertel, S. (2013, October). *Revision-Focused Assessment: Using Student-Generated Rubrics to Fuel Writing and Revision*. Presented workshop at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, Emporia, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2013, October). *Heartland Books for Young Adults*. Presented at Annual Kansas Association of Teachers of English (KATE) Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Oertel, S., Morris, S. (2013, October). *Kansas College and Career Ready Standards: Osage City Curriculum Mapping*. Presented a one-day workshop to USD 420, Osage City, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2013, October). *Kansas College and Career Ready Standards: Training Availability*. Presented session at Quarterly State Curriculum Leaders Meeting, October, 2013.
- Oertel, S., Boyd, C. (2013, September). *Text Complexity and Close Reading*. Presented one-day workshop to USD 501, Topeka KS.
- Oertel, S. (2013, September). *Kansas College and Career Ready Standards in the ELA Classroom*. Presented a one-day workshop to USD 501 Secondary English Language Arts teachers, Topeka, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2012, Fall). *Assessing Before Grading: Fueling Student Writing and Revision*. Presented at Annual Kansas Association of Teachers of English (KATE) Conference, Wichita, KS.
- Oertel, S., Jones, J. (2011, Fall). *Creative Common Core-Aligned Lessons, Projects, and Strategies for the Secondary Language Arts Classroom*. Presented at Annual Kansas Association of Teachers of English (KATE) Conference, Wichita, KS.

- Goering, C., Sitomer, A., Oertel, S. (2009, November). *Making the Classroom Pop: Teaching Literature and Literacy Skills through Music*. Presented at the meeting of the Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), Philadelphia, PA.
- Oertel, S. (2009, October). *On Their Terms*. Invited Luncheon Speaker at Kansas Association of Teachers of English Annual Conference (KATE). Wichita, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2009, September). *Revision Focused Assessment*. Presented in-service to Haysville USD 261 Secondary English teachers, Haysville, KS.
- Oertel, S. (September 2009). *Student 2009: Creatively Connecting Yesterday's Content to Today's Students*. Presented at the meeting of the National Teachers Hall of Fame Conference, Overland Park, KS.
- Copeland, M., Oertel, S. (2009, January). *Assessing before grading: fueling student writing and revision*. Presented workshop at the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, Emporia, KS.
- Goering, C., Oertel, S., & Erickson, K. (2008, November) *Using popular music, text messaging, and social networking to teacher literature in the 21st Century*. Presented at the meeting of the Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English, San Antonio, TX.
- Copeland, M., Oertel, S. (2008, October). *Assessing before grading: fueling student writing and revision*. Presented at the meeting of the Annual Conference of the Kansas Association of Teachers of English, Wichita, KS.
- Goering, C., & Oertel, S. (2008, October). *Finding common ground: Strategies for reaching and teaching 21st Century Kids*. Presented workshop at the meeting of the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence, Emporia, KS.
- Goering, C., & Oertel, S. (2008, July). *Tunes, texts, and social networks as engaging literacy practices in the teaching of literature*. Presented at the meeting of the Whole Language Conference, Tucson, AZ.
- Goering, C., Caswell, R. & Oertel, S. (2007, November). *Connecting in their context: Practical methods of using adolescent's literacies to teach English today*. Presented at the meeting of the Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), New York, NY.
- Oertel, S. (2007, October). *First Years*. Invited Luncheon Speaker at Kansas Association of Teachers of English Annual Conference (KATE). Wichita, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2007, October). *Radio show podcasting project*. Presented at the meeting of the Annual Conference of the Kansas Association of Teachers of English, Wichita, KS.
- Oertel, S. (2006, October). *At play in the secondary classroom: A lighthearted approach to teaching heavy content*. Presented at the meeting of the Annual Conference of the Kansas Association of Teachers of English, Wichita, KS.
- Goering, C., Armstrong, E., Brady, J, Hill, E, & Oertel, S., (2006, October). *Discovering the courage within: Surviving and thriving as an early career teacher*. Presented at the meeting of the Annual Conference of the Kansas Association of Teachers of English, Wichita, KS.

REFERENCES

Available upon request