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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership <i>School Technology Leadership Specialization</i> University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky	08/2019
Masters in Business Administration University of Hawaii, Manoa, Hawaii	2012
Bachelor of Arts in English California Baptist University, Riverside, California	2004

Research Interests

- Online learning and educational technology leadership in higher education institutions
- Cross-cultural learning experiences in online modalities
- Institutional support for the practice of teaching and learning in higher education
- Technology implementation and mediation of 21st century learning environments

Subject Area Expertise

- Higher education leadership
- Leadership theories and applications
- School technology leadership
- Technology integration and instructional design

Professional Experience

Assistant Professor of eLearning & Instructional Design <i>Southern Wesleyan University</i>	July 2019 - Present
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- Teaching at the undergraduate and graduate level, face-to-face, and in online courses.
- Coordinates and develops curriculum in the Master in Education in e-Learning and Instructional Design.
- Program development and student recruitment and preparation of national reports.
- Scholarship in the discipline through active research and/or publishing in journals.

- Servant-leadership through engagement in service activities within the university and the larger community.

Associate Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Clemson University

November 2016 - June 2019

- Served as co-director of Clemson Online in an interim capacity.
- Oversaw the development of online and blended programs and courses across the university.
- Supervised a team of eight faculty development professionals and instructional designers, providing strategy and direction for design projects, faculty training initiatives and program development.
- Worked with a variety of departments to implement new online initiatives and consult on areas of faculty development.
- Served as project lead for LMS implementation for the entire university, coordinating communications, training and support for its use.
- Provided individualized instructional design consultation and assistance to academic and non-academic departments across the university.

Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence
Southern Wesleyan University

July 2015 - October 2016

- Oversaw all faculty development, distance learning, and curriculum initiatives for all university programs with over 50 courses developed and evaluated within a single year.
- Coordinated the evaluation and adoption of new teaching and learning systems for the entire institution.
- Served as director of the Lifelong Programs working directly with corporate partners to develop customized training solutions.
- Supervised a team of faculty development professionals and instructional designers.
- Served as primary administrator for the institutional learning management system and coordinated training and support for its use.
- Maintained distance authorization status and ensured compliance with other accrediting bodies in areas of teaching and learning.
- Provided individualized instructional design consultation and assistance to instructors.

**Assistant Director of Online Learning
& the Center for Teaching Excellence**
Bainbridge State College

October 2013 - July 2015

- Provided group training and one-on-one assistance to instructors in various teaching practices including active learning and technology-enhanced learning.
- Assisted in oversight of *Quality Course Design* QEP with over 40 courses developed and reviewed.
- Coordinated the evaluation, testing and adoption of new teaching and learning technology
- Served as one of the administrators for the LMS, providing direct faculty support and training
- Provided instructional design consultation and assistance to instructors

Associate Dean for Teaching & Learning
Broward College Vietnam

September 2011 - September 2013

- Coordinated all instructional technology and online learning programs
- Provided strategic planning, implementation and management of LMS.
- Designed and instructed workshops for student and staff development, particularly in the realm of effective teaching methods and digital resources
- Managed Learning Resources team of five members

- Renovated library collection and textbook acquisition operations including development of library and textbook database
- Provided written policies for operations and academic procedures, ensuring alignment with accreditation standards.
- Provided instruction in program courses and advised students in academic planning and transfer opportunities.

In-Country Representative

January 2008 - March 2009

Volunteers in Asia

- Coordinated orientations, conferences, tour of posts and regular updates to provide support for the volunteers and local partners.
- Surveyed and evaluated new posts for VIA volunteers with three new posts opened.
- Acted as a liaison between local partners and home office in all business-related aspects.
- Provided teaching feedback, intercultural training, and support to volunteer teachers.
- Managed all necessary accounts, financials, and paperwork related to the program in Viet Nam
- Advised program director and board of directors with education sector information and updates.
- Represented VIA interests in meetings, conferences and other events in the field of education between Viet Nam and the US.

Instructor

August 2005 - June 2008

Volunteers in Asia (An Giang University / Friends of Huế Foundation Shelter)

- Designed English curriculum to complement Vietnam's existing primary and secondary education curriculum for a vocational training center
- Taught a variety of English language courses to students enrolled in classes from K-12 to university level and within continuing education programs
- Designed course curriculum and taught courses in American Literature
- Provide English resource assistance to university faculty and staff
- Coordinated a joint summer program between American and Vietnamese college students with over 100+ participants

University Teaching

Clemson University

- HON 2020 - Motivation and Learning
Spring 2019

Southern Wesleyan University

- BUSI 3403 - Management Information Systems
Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017, Spring 2018
- EDUC 6033 - Online Learning Instructional Practices
Spring 2020
- EDUC 7013 - Foundations of Curriculum
Fall 2019
- EDUC 7023 - Research Tools
Spring 2020
- EDUC 2113 - Foundations of Education
Fall 2019

Bainbridge State College

- MMGT 2140 - Management & Supervision
Summer 2014

Broward College

- EAP0120 - Reading I
Summer 2013
- HFT1941 - Operations and Service Practicum
Spring 2013
- SLS1001 - Strategies for Success
Summer 2012, Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Summer 2013

An Giang University

- American Literature
Fall 2006
- English Listening & Speaking 2 & 3
Fall 2005, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring 2007

Publications

Peer-Refereed Journals:

Watts, T. D. (2019). Enabling online initiatives: The role of teaching and learning center leaders at small, private colleges. *Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration*, 22(4).

Presentations

National Conferences:

Watts, T. D., Franklin, K., & Pelt, A. (2019, Apr.). *Faculty experiences within a liaison model of instructional design support*. Presentation at the Distance Learning Administration Conference, Jekyll Island, GA.

State/Regional Conferences:

Watts, T. D. (2015, Apr.). *Universal design for online learning*. Presentation at the University System of Georgia, Teaching and Learning Conference, Athens, GA.

Invited Talks:

Watts, T. D. (2018, Jun.). *Approaching conceptual and theoretical frameworks as a novice researcher*. Guest lecturer for EDL 770 Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks. University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY.

Watts, T. D. (2017, Feb.). *Management and mediation of digital learning environments*. Guest speaker for EDHD 9310 Learning Environments. Clemson University, Clemson, SC.

Watts, T. D. (2014, Nov.). *Identity in a global world*. Guest speaker for International Education Week. Bainbridge State College, Bainbridge, GA.

Professional Service

- POD Network & Faculty Guild Working Group - Creating a Framework of Professional Competence, 2019.
- Search Committee Member for Teaching & Learning faculty positions, Clemson University, 2018.
- Consultant for Ed.D. in Curriculum and Assessment, Southern Wesleyan University, 2018.
- Selection Committee Member for university-wide assessment software, Clemson University, 2017.
- Search Committee Member for Associate Director of Governance & Quality (Clemson Online), Clemson University, 2017.
- Selection Committee Member for university-wide training management system, Clemson University, 2017.
- Search Committee Member for Associate Director of Learning Technologies (Clemson Online), Clemson University, 2017.
- Project Lead for university wide transition from Blackboard to Canvas LMS, 2016-17.
- Chair of Technology Selection Committee, Southern Wesleyan University, 2015-16.
- Taskforce Member of advising and early alert software implementation, Southern Wesleyan University, 2016.
- Taskforce Member of Adult and Graduate Studies evaluation, Southern Wesleyan University, 2015-16.
- Representative to Adult Learning Consortium (University System of Georgia), Bainbridge State College, 2015.

Professional Associations

- Fulbright Specialist, 2018-2022
- Institute for Emerging Leadership in Online Learning (IELOL), 2018 Cohort Member
- Online Learning Consortium - since 2015
- Professional and Organizational Development Network - since 2017
- Association for Professional, Continuing, & Online Education - since 2016
- ASHE Council for International Higher Education (CIHE) Mentoring Program - 2014-15