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Education

- 1973 B.A., Education — Glenville State College
- 1978 M.A., Communication Studies — West Virginia University
- 1987 Ph.D., Rhetorical Theory/Philosophy, Educational Administration — Ohio University

Experience

Previous Employment

- 1973 - 1979 Gilmer County High School
Teacher, English and Communication Studies
- 1979 - 1988 Glenville State College
Assistant Professor, Communication Studies
Honors Program Director
- 1988 - 1990 Governor's Office, Gaston W. Caperton
Communications Director
- 1990 - 1993 Satellite Network of West Virginia
Continuing Education Director
- 1993 - present Marshall University
Graduate School of Education and Professional Development
Professor, Leadership Studies

Related Professional Experience

- 2008 Invited visiting professor, American University — Cairo, Egypt
- 2004 Invited delegate, 15th Ethics and Educational Leadership Conference — Exeter College, Oxford University, England
- July 2002 Visiting professor, University of Glasgow — Glasgow, Scotland, July
- June 2001 Council for International Exchange of Educators Fellow — University of Ulster at Coleraine, Northern Ireland, June

- May-June 2000 Visiting professor, Charles University — The Czech Republic
- 1996 Council for International Exchange of Educators Fellow — St. Petersburg and Moscow Universities, Russia
- 1995 Fulbright Fellow — Stockholm and Uppsala Universities, Sweden
- 1994 Exchange Faculty — Universidade Federale do Espirito Santo, Brazil

Professional Affiliations

- Alliance of Universities for Democracy
- American Association of University Women
- American Educational Research Association
- National Council of Professors of Educational Administration
- Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration — Reviewer, SRCEA Journal

Selected Publications

- 2016 The Problem with School Vouchers, Besides Their Segregationist Roots. Charleston, WV: Charleston Gazette-Mail, p. A11. December 10 <http://www.wvgazettemail.com/gazette-op-ed-commentaries/20161210/bobbi-nicholson-the-problem-with-school-vouchers-besides-their-segregationist-roots-effects#sthash.XA3x7r6s.dpuf>.
- 2016 The Bubble-Wrapped Student: Are Trigger Warnings Necessary in Higher Education? Journal of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration. In press.
- 2016 Beware the False Equivalence Trap. Charleston, WV: Charleston Gazette-Mail, p. A4. October 7. <http://www.wvgazettemail.com/gazette-op-ed-commentaries/20161007/bobbi-nicholson-beware-the-false-equivalence-trap-gazette-mail>.
- 2015 On Science or Their Own Principals, State School Board Ignores Facts. Charleston, WV: Charleston Gazette-Mail, p. C1. January 4. <http://www.wvgazettemail.com/article/20150104/ARTICLE/150109881>.
- 2014 Zombie Ideas in Education Reform: More Testing and More Central Authority Are Not Working. Charleston, WV: Charleston Gazette-Mail, p. C1. April 13.
- 2013 Undermining Authority: Restoring Intellectual Relevance in an Anti-Intellectual Democracy. Journal of the Alliance of Universities for Democracy, 4, 38-53.
- 2013 “Education “Reform”: If You Like Testing and Administration, It’s a Success. Charleston, WV: Charleston Gazette, p. A4. April 27.
- 2013 2013. Evaluation of the Advanced Placement Project at Ripley High School: A Longitudinal Study. Charleston, WV: Center for Professional Development.
- 2012 Education Board Wrong About “Teach for America.” Charleston, WV: Charleston Gazette, p. A4. October 13. <http://www.wvgazettemail.com/Opinion/201210120196>
- 2012 Marijuana-induced hyperemesis: A case study. Accepted by West Virginia Medical Journal for publication in November, 2012. (With Rachael Trout and Molly John.)

- 2010 Cocaine abuse among patients: A study at the Charleston Area Medical Center. *West Virginia Medical Journal*, 106(4), 80-83. (With Michael Cunningham and Rachael Trout.)
- 2009 The primary “R”: Relationships in small conversion schools. Charleston, WV: Edvantia/Columbus, OH: KnowledgeWorks Foundation.
- 2009 Administrative perspectives on technology integration. NY: WorldWideWorkshop Foundation (With doctoral student Bill Chapman).
- 2008 Social (in)justice properties in merit-based aid. *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, 12(2), 145-149.
- 2006 Changes in comprehensive assessment strategies in MA programs. The Electronic AIR Tallahassee, FL: Association for Institutional Research. (With Dr. Leonard Deutsch.) Available <http://www.airweb.org/page.asp?page=203>.

Selected Presentations

- 2016 Diversifying the College: Representation, Recruitment and Perceptions of Both. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Charleston, WV, October 2.
- 2015 Crowdsourcing Research: The Potential Use of Commercial Online Platforms in Social Science Research. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Atlanta, GA, November 18.
- 2015 How Much Sensitivity is Too Much? Affinity Housing, Trigger Warnings and Intolerance on the Nation’s Campuses. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Atlanta, GA, November 17.
- 2014 Valuing Oneself: How Women in the Academy Evaluate Their Work. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Atlanta, GA, October 31.
- 2014 Increasing Student Achievement in Low-SES, High-Minority Elementary Schools: A Case Study in Staff Longevity. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Atlanta, GA, October 31.
- 2013 Valuing Faculty Engagement in Democratic Practices: What is the Role of Faculty Advancement Policies? Paper presented to the International Alliance of Universities for Democracy, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, October 13.
- 2013 Preparing Researchers: Dissertation Quality Questions in Educational Leadership. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Oklahoma City, OK, October 25. (With doctoral student Briana Cicero-Johns.)
- 2013 “Get With the Program”: Is the College Board’s Push for Advanced Placement Expansion Right for Students? Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Oklahoma City, OK, October 25. (With doctoral student Christina Jones.)
- 2013 Faculty Engagement: Do Institutional Policies Help or Hinder? Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Oklahoma City, OK, October 24. (With doctoral student Anthony Underwood.)
- 2012 Principals’ Assessment of the Efficacy and Appropriateness of Their Training. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, New Orleans, LA, September 7.
- 2011 Undermining authority: Restoring intellectual relevance in an anti-intellectual democracy. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the International Alliance for Universities for Democracy, Dubrovnik, Croatia, October 23. (With Dr. Teresa Eagle.)

- 2011 Perceptions of teachers in selected Globaloria schools on the transition from teacher to learner. Paper presented to the Globaloria Research Symposium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 8.
- 2011 A question of authority: Methodological preferences in research in educational administration. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration, Portland, OR, August 2. (With doctoral students Amy Blankenship and Brian Brown.)
- 2010 Constructivist implications of using Vygotsky's theoretical model in a computer-mediated environment. Paper presented to the Globaloria Research Symposium, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, September 7.
- 2010 Complementary rivals: The epistemic dimensions of an inter-institutional research collaborative. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Savannah, GA, October 25. (With Dr. Michael Cunningham, Dr. Cynthia Kolsun and doctoral student Rachael Trout.)
- 2010 Theoretical implications of a quasi-experimental investigation comparing academic outcomes of honors and non-honors students in a Globaloria biology course. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Savannah, GA, October 25. (With doctoral student Brian Eerenberg.)
- 2009 Analysis of the effects of a technology program on students' academic performance: Are these Vygotsky's children? Presentation to the annual meeting of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration, San Antonio, TX, August 6. (With doctoral students Rachael Alley, Jeff Green and David Lawson).
- 2009 Leadership in school conversions: Perceptions of principals whose schools were converted to smaller learning communities. Presentation to the annual meeting of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration. San Antonio, TX, August 5.
- 2008 21st century school leadership: 1984 or Brave New World? Paper presented to the WV Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Bridgeport, WV, November 20.
- 2008 Perfect allies: How we learned to stop worrying and love Ayn Rand. Paper presented to the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration. Charleston, WV, October 23. (With doctoral student Jeff Green.)
- 2008 Perspectives on technology integration of the Globaloria's "MyGLife" program. Paper presented to the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration. Charleston, WV, October 23. (With doctoral student William Chapman.)
- 2007 Recognition is not realization: Tipping the scales in favor of social justice in pre-service programs. Paper presented to the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration, Chicago, August 2.
- 2007 Re-Imagining equity: The exclusionary properties of merit-based aid. Paper presented to the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Kansas City, November 2.
- 2006 Productive reform or pointless routine? The effects of Reading First in rural districts in Appalachia. Paper presented to the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Jacksonville, FL, November 3. (With doctoral students Bill Chapman and Lesa Hines.)
- 2006 Professional development for school leaders in the accountability era: Assessing the needs of first-year principals. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration, Lexington, KY, August 4. (With doctoral students Lisa Beck and Trecia Peterson.)
- 2006 Access denied, opportunity missed: The leadership vacuum in the debate on merit-based student aid. Paper presented to the annual meeting of the Southern Regional Council on Educational Administration, Jacksonville, FL, Nov. 2. preparation. Paper presented to annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, April 4.

Current and Recent Evaluation Projects

October 2016 - May 2017	Assessing Attitudes Toward Diversity in the College of Education and Professional Development
October 2013 - April 2014	Faculty Practices in a Low-SES, High-Minority Elementary School (McKinley Elementary School, Parkersburg, WV)
2011 - present	Advanced Placement program at Ripley High School for the Center for Professional Development)
2007 - present	Globaloria "My GLife" project in 45 WV schools for the Worldwide Workshop Foundation, New York)
2008 - 2009	Ohio High School Transformation Initiative for Edvantia WV and KnowledgeWorks OH
2006 - 2008	21st Century Leadership Institute for the WV Department of Education
2006	PROMISE Scholarship, initial evaluation for the WV Higher Education Policy Commission
2005 - 2009	Principals' Leadership Academy for the WV Center for Professional Development
2004	Principals' professional development practices in a four-state region for the Appalachian Education Laboratory