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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research and teaching interests include school librarian leadership and administration, library advocacy, distance learning, digital resources in collection development, early literacy, equity, diversity, and inclusion, diversity in literature, and technology applications. My scholarly interests extend to the school librarians' leadership role in reading achievement, especially early and adolescent literacy. My teaching philosophy reflects my commitment to encouraging active student learning in a participatory, collaborative environment.

## DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

*Urban principals' perceptions of school librarians' technology leadership roles*

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Information	
Florida State University School of Information	Tallahassee, Florida
M.S. Information (MSI)	
Florida State University School of Information	Tallahassee, Florida
M.Ed. Early Childhood Education	
School of Education, University of St. Thomas	Houston, Texas
B.A. Psychology/Anthropology	
Department of Psychology, Rhodes College	Memphis, Tennessee

## CERTIFICATES

Early Childhood – PK-6	1981
Language/Learning Disabled – PK-12	
Kindergarten – PK-KG	
Elementary Psychology – 1-8	
Elementary Self Contained – 1-8	
Learning Resources Endorsement – PK-12 (School Librarian)	1999
Technology Applications Teacher – 8-12	
Master Reading Teacher – EC-12	

## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

### Assistant Professor

College of Education, Library Science, University of Houston Clear Lake 2017–present

### Adjunct Instructor (online, part-time)

College of Education, Library Science, University of Houston Clear Lake 2016-2017

## **FACULTY COURSELOAD**

SLIS 5532	Selecting Literature Materials for Young Adults
SLIS 6134	School Librarian Collection Development
SLIS 6234	Librarians Empowering Librarians through Advocacy and Leadership
SLIS 6338	School Library Systems and Services
SLIS 6739	School Library Practicum

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<b>Manager</b>	2016-2017
Department of Library Services, Houston Independent School District, Houston, Texas	
<b>Library Services Specialist</b>	2004-2016
Department of Library Services, Houston Independent School District, Houston, Texas	
<b>School Library Media Specialist</b>	2000-2004
Jack Yates High School, Houston Independent School District, Houston, Texas	
<b>School Librarian</b>	1998-2000
Golfcrest Elementary School, Houston Independent School District, Houston, Texas	
<b>Magnet Coordinator</b>	1993-1998
Dodson Elementary Montessori Magnet, Houston Independent School District, Houston, Texas	

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Graduate Research Assistant	2009-2010
Partners Advancing Library Media (PALM) Center, Florida State University	

## **LEADERSHIP**

Coretta Scott King Book Award Committee	Chair-Elect	2021-2022
Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education		2020-2021
Maker SIG	Chair	
Association of College and Research Libraries		2020
Distance and Online Learning Section		
Member of the Month Committee	Chair	
Texas Library Association Black Caucus Round Table		2020
Conference Stipend Committee	Co-Chair	
Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education		2019-2021
Maker SIG	Co-Chair	
Texas Library Association		
Library Instruction Round Table	Councilor	2019-2020
Library Instruction Round Table	Alternate-Councilor	2018-2019
University of Houston System Black Leadership Network		2018-2020
Membership Committee	Chair	
Texas Library Association		
Diversity and Inclusion Committee	Chair	2018-2019
Diversity and Inclusion Committee	Co-Chair	2016-2018
World Federation of Associations of Teacher Education		
Transportation Committee	Chair	2018-2019
Texas Library Association Executive Board	Representative-at-Large	2016-2019
Texas Library Association TALL Texans Institute	Mentor	2016
Texas Library Association Award Committee		
<i>Upstart Innovative Programming Award</i>	Chair	2015-2017

Texas Library Association Award Committee		
Upstart Innovative Programming Award	Vice-Chair	2014
Texas Library Association Distance E-Learning	Councilor-Alternate	2014-2016
Texas Library Association Strong Libraries, Strong Scores		
Conference Committee	Co-Chair	2014
Texas Library Association Annual Conference Local Arrangements		2009
Hospitality Committee	Co-Chair	
Texas Library Association Black Caucus Round Table		2007-2009
Chair/ Chair Elect/ Immediate Past Chair		
Houston Association of School Librarians	Treasurer	2007-2009
Houston Association of School Librarians	President	2005-2006

## **ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Texas State Library and Archives Commission	Reviewer	2020-2021
Letters about Literature Texas		
American Association of School Librarians	Member	2019-2020
CAEP Coordinating Committee		
Coretta Scott King Award	Member	2019-2021
Membership Standing Committee		
Young Adult Library Services Association	Member	2019-2020
Promoting Professional Success for Underrepresented Groups		
Association of College & Research Libraries-Distance Learning Section		2019-2021
Membership, Events and Fundraising Committee	Member	
Texas Library Association	Member	2019-2020
Executive Director Search Task Force Committee		
Council for Accreditation of Teacher Educator Preparation	Program Reviewer	2019
TEA/ETS TExES School Librarian Educator Certification		2015
TExES (state exam) Item Developer		
Texas Library Association Diversity Task Force	Member	2012-2014
National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education	Program Reviewer	2012
Teaching History Commons Focus Group		2010
Teacher Representative		
Texas Library Association Book Festival Committee	Member	2009-2011
Teaching with Primary Sources (TPS-UCF)	Training Partner	2009-2010
University of Central Florida		
National History Education Clearinghouse	Media Representative	2009
Library of Congress		2008-2011
Professional Development Review Committee		
Texas Library Association Program Committee	Member	2008-2009

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **2021**

“School Librarians as Diversity Influencers”

Co-Presenter, Texas Library Association School Administrators Conference - Virtual 2021 Conference

“Reflection, Worldview, and Connection: Inclusive School Library Collections”

Texas Library Association Virtual 2021 Conference

“TexasSTREAMS: Creating Pedagogical Supports and Professional Development Opportunities through Portable Makerspaces and Learning Studios”

Co-Presenter, Association of Teacher Educators, Virtual

Discussion with Five Academics: Changing Views of Teaching and Learning  
Co-Presenter, Association of Teacher Educators, Virtual

## **2020**

“Portable makerspaces and learning studios as pedagogical supports and professional development”  
Co-Presenter, International Society for Educational Planning, Virtual

“Five academics and changing understandings of curriculum and curricular engagement: Pedagogy, andragogy and heutagogy”  
Co-Presenter, International Society for Educational Planning, Virtual

“Three Higher Education Faculty: Diffusions of Innovations in Distance Learning”  
Co-presenter, Texas Distance Learning Association, Fort Worth, Texas

“Developing the Project TexasSTREAMS Concept: Portable Makerspaces and Learning Studios”  
Co-presenter, Texas Distance Learning Association, Fort Worth, Texas

“Makerspaces and Learning Studios as Opportunities to Differentiate Instruction and Learning Engagement”  
Co-presenter, Association of Teacher Educators, Atlantic City, New Jersey

“Project TexasSTREAM Concept Model; Real World Pods of Impact”  
Co-presenter, Association of Teacher Educators, Atlantic City, New Jersey

## **2019**

“Bridging the Landscape from Makespaces to Learning Studios: Learning Design Environments versus Experiential Learning Environments”  
Co-presenter, Association of Literacy Educators and Researcher, Corpus Christi, Texas

“TexasSTREAM: Bridging STEM into STEAM and now STREAM as an Inclusive Realization of Reading Engagement”  
Co-presenter, Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers, Corpus Christi, Texas

“Reflection, Worldview, and Connection: Inclusive School Library Collection Development”  
Co-presenter, Setting the Trend, Houston, Texas

“Planting the Seeds of Perspective Consciousness: Titles to Inspire Compassionate Global Citizens”  
Co-presenter, Setting the Trend, Houston, Texas

“Mind the Gap: Pre-K Literacy and Language Development”  
Co-presenter, Setting the Trend, Houston, Texas

“Facilitating Critical Thinking Through Technology”  
Co-presenter, Setting the Trend, Houston, Texas

## **2017**

“Building with books: A service learning project to foster early literacy through home libraries”  
Co-presenter, Texas Library Association District 8 Fall Conference

## **2016**

“Raising Readers: Old School Meets New School”  
Co-presenter, Texas Computer Education Association Annual Conference

“Digital Storytelling”

Co-presenter, Houston Independent School District Elementary Literacy Summit

“PD Tools and Digital Resources”

Co-presenter, Houston Independent School District Elementary Literacy Summit

## **2015**

“Tips, Tactics, and Tools to Sync Technology with Early Literacy”

Presenter, Using Technology to Increase Literacy in Young Children and Families Professional Development, University of Houston-Clear Lake

“Tips, Tactics, and Tools to Sync Technology with Early Literacy”

Co-presenter, Technology and Curriculum Conference of Aldine (TCCA)

“Raising Readers: Old School Meets New School”

Co-presenter, Technology and Curriculum Conference of Aldine (TCCA)

“Tips, Tactics and Tools to Sync Technology with Early Literacy”

Co-presenter, Texas Library Association, District 8 Fall Conference

“Building a Culture of Reading”

Co-presenter, Houston Independent School District, Texas Association of School Library Administrators Annual Workshop

“Digital Storytelling: Sync Technology with Literacy”

Co-presenter, Texas Library Association Annual Conference, Black Caucus Round Table Pre-Conference

## **2014**

“Lexiles for High School Students”

Co-presenter, Houston Independent School District Summer Leadership Institute: Leading Literacy

“Digital Storytelling”

Co-presenter, Houston Independent School District Summer Leadership Institute: Leading Literacy

## **2010**

“Name That Book Contest: Motivating K-12 Readers”

Co-presenter, Texas Library Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas

## **2009**

“Library Services in Difficult Economic Times” <https://janicemnewsom.com/>

University of North Texas Houston All School Day, Houston, Texas

“Where the Money Is: IMLS Support of School Library Media

American Association of School Librarians’ 14th National Conference, Charlotte, North Carolina

“Free and Easy Web Pages for Librarians and Teachers

“Co-presenter, Texas Library Association District 9 – District Meeting, Lubbock, Texas

## **2008**

“Free and Easy Web Pages for Librarians and Teachers”

Co-presenter, Texas Computer Educators Association, Austin, Texas

“Lexiles for Learning: An Overview”

Co-presenter, Houston Independent School District Principals’ Meeting, Houston, Texas

## **PANELS, PROGRAMS, AND PAPERS**

### **2019**

“Differentiated Instructional Engagement through Makerspaces and Learning Studios”

Co-presenter, American Association for Teaching and Curriculum, Birmingham, Alabama

“Bridging STEM to STEAM to STREAM through Project TexasSTREAM Concept

Co-presenter, American Association for Teaching and Curriculum, Birmingham, Alabama

“Serving Underserved Populations at Your Library: Implications from the Research”

Co-panelist, Texas Library Association Annual Conference, Austin, Texas

### **2010**

SIG Program #14 School Library Media: “Innovations and Forces Shaping School Library Programs” Co-panelist, ALISE ’11 Annual Conference, San Diego, California

### **INVITED PANELS 2009**

“Library Services in Difficult Economic Times”

University of North Texas Houston All School Day, Houston, Texas

“Where the Money Is: IMLS Support of School Library Media”

American Association of School Librarians’ 14th National Conference

Charlotte, North Carolina

### **POSTERS 2015**

“Urban Principals’ Perceptions of School Librarians Technology Roles” ALISE ’15, Annual Conference Chicago, Illinois

### **2009**

“Project: Librarian Initiative for Better Schools”

American Association of School Librarians’ 14th National Conference

Charlotte, North Carolina

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Andrews, S., **Newsom**, J. M., Crawford, C. M., & Moffett, N. L. (2021). Sisyphus leans into the professoriate: Faculty discuss careers and the academic landscape. In N. L. Moffett (Ed.), *Navigating post-doctoral career placement, research, and professionalism* (pp. 185-226). IGI Global. DOI: 10.4018/978-1-7998-5065-6.ch009

Crawford, C. M., **Newsom**, J. M., White, S. A., & Wallace, J. Y. (2020). Supporting Community Engagement Through Real-World Instructional Learning. In Khosrow-Pour D.B.A., M. (Ed.), *Handbook of Research on Modern Educational Technologies, Applications, and Management* (pp. 415-431). IGI Global. <http://doi:10.4018/978-1-7998-3476-2.ch025>.

Crawford, C. M., **Newsom**, J. M., White, S. A., & Wallace, J. Y. (2020). Creativity and Impactful Learning Through Implicit Cognitive Vulnerability. In Khosrow-Pour D.B.A., M. (Ed.), *Handbook of Research on Modern Educational Technologies, Applications, and Management* (pp. 744-761). IGI Global. <http://doi:10.4018/978-1-7998-3476-2.ch046>

- Newsom, J. M.** (2020). In Cheryl Craig, Laura Turchi, and Denise McDonald (Ed.), *Leading from the shadows: School librarian leadership (chapter in book titled: Cross-disciplinary, cross-institutional collaboration in teacher education: Cases of learning while leading)* (pp. 221-235). New York, NY: Palgrave McMillan.
- McDonald, D. M., Auzenne-Curl, C., Divoll, K., Kiekel, J., **Newsom, J.**, & Williams-Duncan, O. (2020). Involvement in the Faculty Academy research community yields unexpected skills: Stories of leading and learning. In C. Craig, L. Turchi, & D. M. McDonald (Eds.), *Cross-disciplinary, cross-institutional collaboration in teacher education: Cases of learning while leading* (pp. 45-82). New York, NY: Palgrave McMillan.
- Crawford, C. M., **Newsom, J. M.**, & Hendrix, E. Y. (2020). In N. Cossa, A. Babino, J. J. Araujo, & R. D. Johnson (Ed.), *TexasSTREAMS: Bridging STEM into STEAM, then STREAM into STREAMS as an inclusive realization of reading engagement* (vol. 42, pp. 157-176). Richmond, Kentucky: Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers.  
<https://www.aleronline.org/general/custom.asp?page=yearbook> or  
<https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.aleronline.org/resource/resmgr/yearbooks/9781883604097.pdf>
- Andrews, S., **Newsom, J. M.**, Crawford, C. M., & Moffett, N. (in press). In Moffett, N. L. (Ed.), *Navigating Post-Doctoral Career Placement, Research, and Professionalism*. IGI-Global. Hershey, PA.: Sisyphus Leans into the Professoriate: Faculty Discuss Career Considerations and the Academic Landscape. doi: 10.4018/978-1-7998-5065-6
- Newsom, J. M.**, & Delker, B. (2020). Anti-Black racism in schools: A racial trauma-informed framework for school librarians. *Young Adult Library Services Association, 19*(1), 12-16.  
<http://yalsjournal.ala.org/publication/?i=699344>
- Newsom, J.** (2016). Tech and the race to read: The case for early literacy. *School Library Journal*. Retrieved from <http://www.slj.com/2016/04/literacy/tech-and-the-race-to-read-the-case-for-early-literacy/>.
- Awani-Holmes, E., Dennis, G., & **Newsom, J.** (2016). In pursuit of partnerships: Promoting the culture of reading. *School Library Journal*. Retrieved from <http://www.slj.com/2016/05/feature-articles/partnerships-promote-culture-of-reading-in-texas/>.
- Newsom, J.** (2016). School collection development and resource management in digitally rich environments: A literature review. *School Libraries Worldwide, 22*(1), 97-109.
- Mardis, M., Elbasri, T., Norton, S., & **Newsom, J.** (2012). The digital lives of U.S. teachers: A research synthesis and trends to watch. *School Libraries Worldwide, 18*(2), 70-86.
- Mardis, M., Everhart, N., Smith, D., **Newsom, J.**, & Baker, S. (2010). From Paper to Pixel: Digital Textbooks and Florida Schools (white paper). The Florida State University PALM Center. Retrieved from [https://www.nsf.gov/sbe/sbe\\_2020/2020\\_pdfs/Everhart\\_Nancy\\_33.pdf](https://www.nsf.gov/sbe/sbe_2020/2020_pdfs/Everhart_Nancy_33.pdf).
- Newsom, J.** (2003) Picture books: Positive values for young adult readers. In Abrahamson, R. (Ed.). *The Twentieth Century's most significant English-language novels for children and young adults* (pp. 201- 224). Houston: University of Houston Honors College.

## **OTHER PUBLICATION ACTIVITIES**

### **2020**

Manuscript reviewer, *School Libraries Worldwide*

Conference Proposal reviewer, *Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education*

### **2019**

Manuscript reviewer, *School Libraries Worldwide*

### **2017**

Manuscript reviewer, *School Libraries Worldwide*

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Texas Library Association Black Caucus Roundtable 2009  
Catherine Lee Encouragement Award

Dean's List, Florida State University Fall & Spring 2007; 2008; 2009  
Houston Independent School District Librarian of the Year 2004  
Houston Teachers Institute Fellow 2003

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

Lift Every Voice: Why African American Poetry Matters 2019  
Library of America \$1,200.00

AASL Frances Henne/YALSA/VOYA Research Award 2010  
Co-recipient  
"Are Boys Radically Changing? A Fresh Exploration of Boys' Internet Use in Public Libraries"  
\$1,000.00

AASL Heinemann Raintree Research Grant 2010  
Co-recipient  
"Science in the City: A mixed method cooperative inquiry into boosting STEM achievement in the  
Houston Independent School District \$2,500.00

Partnerships for Advancing Library Media (PALM) Center Graduate Assistant 2009-2010

Institute of Museum and Library Services "Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program" 2007  
Co-Principal Investigator  
*Project Librarian Initiative for Better Schools (LIBS)* \$787,126.00

## **HONOR SOCIETIES**

Member, Phi Delta Kappa International, University of St. Thomas

Member, Phi Kappa Phi, Florida State University

Member, Beta Phi Mu, Gamma Chapter at Florida State University

Member, Golden Key International Honour Society at Florida State University

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association of School Librarians

American Library Association

Association for Library and Information Science Education

Association of College and Research Libraries

Association of Literacy Educators & Researchers

Association of Teacher Educators

Houston Association of School Librarians

Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education  
Texas Computer Education Association  
Texas Distance Learning Association  
Texas Library Association  
World Federation of Associations of Teacher Education