

EDUCATION

University of Pittsburgh, June 2025

Doctor of Education: Urban Education

University of Arkansas, December 2016

Master of Education: Educational Leadership

Slippery Rock University, December 2009

Bachelor of Science: Elementary and Special Education

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Point Park University

Assistant Professor of Education

ACBTE Candidate Supervisor, 2025-26

Student Teacher Supervisor, 2025-26

Belonging & Inclusion Faculty Committee, 2025-26

Faculty Search Committee, 2025-26

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Point Park University

Undergraduate

EDUC 101 Technological Literacy for Education

EDUC 220 Family and Community Diversity

EDUC 228 Educational Psychology

EDUC 305 Methods of Mathematics I

EDUC 315 Methods of Mathematics II

SPED 180 Special Education & Inclusive Practices

SPED 280 Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

SPED 281 High Incidence Disabilities

Graduate

EDUC 525 Human Behavior and Classroom Management

SPED 535 Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

SPED 536 Evidence Based Effective Instruction: High Incidence Disabilities

University of Pittsburgh

Undergraduate

SOCWRK 1050 Race and Social Problems

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Just Discipline Project

Executive Director & Staff Supervisor, January 2024 - Present,
Director of Operations & Staff Co-Supervisor, June 2022 - December 2023,
School-Based Restorative Practice Coordinator, June 2021 - May 2022

Memphis Scholars South Campus

Assistant Principal & Staff Supervisor, 2020 - 2021

KIPP Public Charter Schools

Memphis Region

Assistant Principal & Staff Supervisor, 2019 - 2020

Lead First Grade Teacher, 2014 - 2015

First Grade Special Education Teacher, 2013 - 2014

Founding Kindergarten Teacher, 2012 - 2013

Nashville Region

Middle School Special Education Teacher, 2010 - 2012

Aspire Public Schools,

Memphis Region

Regional K-2 Instructional Teacher-Leader, 2018 - 2019

School-Based Director of Read to Be Ready Summer Program, 2017 - 2019

Mentor Teacher for Alder Graduate School of Education, 2017 - 2019

Second Grade Teacher, 2017 - 2019

Second & Third Grade Special Education Teacher, 2016 - 2017

Third Grade Teacher, 2015 - 2016

PDE CERTIFICATIONS

Principal PK - 12

Special Education PK - 12

Elementary K - 6

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

Leyshon, M. (2025). *Building a Restorative Classroom Community* (Publication No. 32038057) [Doctoral Dissertation, University of Pittsburgh]. ProQuest.

Huguley, J., Haynik, R., Moon, D., **Leyshon, M.**, Wang, M.-T., & Thomas, S. (2024, January). *Understanding restorative practices: Using implementation science to explore the nuances of school climate intervention effectiveness*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research 28th Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Haynik, R.H., Huguley, J.P., Thomas, S., **Leyshon, M.** (January, 2023). *Challenge Periods in School Discipline: Identifying Consistent Patterns in out-of-School Suspension Usage throughout the School Year*. Paper presentation at the Society for Social Work and Research National Conference, Phoenix, AZ.