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EDUCATION

- May 2011 University of Pittsburgh
Ed.D., Reading Education
- August 2001 University of Virginia
M.Ed., Education
- December 1997 Pennsylvania State University
B.S., Elementary Education

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- August 2020-
present **Associate Professor of Education**
Coordinator, M.Ed. in PreK-4 Education and M.Ed. in Athletic Coaching
Point Park University, School of Education
- August 2016-
present **Assistant Professor of Education**
Coordinator, M.Ed. in Athletic Coaching
Point Park University, School of Education
- August 2013-
July 2016 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Education**
Point Park University, Education Department
- July 2011-
August 2013 **Compliance and Field Experience Coordinator**
Point Park University, Education Department
- August 2008-
May 2011 **Research and Teaching Assistant**
University of Pittsburgh, School of Education

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Point Park University

Undergraduate Courses

- EDUC 101- Technological Literacy for Education
EDUC 120- Building Family Partnerships
EDUC 251- Art and Music in Teaching
EDUC 252- Children's Literature

EDUC 302- Reading Methods I
EDUC 303- Reading Methods II
EDUC 311- Methods of Language Arts
EDUC 321- Content Area Literacy
EDUC 401- Differentiated Reading for the Developing Child
EDUC 305- Math Methods I
EDUC 315- Math Methods II
EDUC 432- Student Teaching Seminar

Graduate Courses

EDUC 505- The Art and Science of Athletic Coaching
EDUC 514- Athletic Coaching Practicum
EDUC 515- Foundations of Literacy
EDUC 525- Human Behavior and Classroom Management
EDUC 532- 21st Century Schools
EDUC 535- Technological Applications across the Curriculum
EDUC 569- Reading Specialist Practicum
EDUC 595- Literacy I with Imagine Charter School
EDUC 596- Literacy II with Imagine Charter School
EDUC 623- Student Teaching Seminar: PreK-4
EDUC 900- Dissertation Writing

SUPERVISORY

University Student Teaching Supervisor

2008-current

*Point Park University
University of Pittsburgh*

University Reading Specialist Supervisor

2008-2011

*University of Pittsburgh, School of Education
Reading Specialist Intern Program*

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Teaching Abroad Program Coordinator

2018-present

Ireland and Spain, Point Park University

NYU Steinhardt Global Program

Summer 2008

London and Oxford, England, Institute of Education

Participated in courses covering literacy learning and teaching through global perspectives. Program included multiple visits to UK schools.

K-12 TEACHING

Third Grade Teacher (2003-2008)

St. Paul's School
Brooklandville, MD

Kindergarten Teacher (2002-2003)

Takoma Park Elementary School
Montgomery County Public Schools, MD

Second Grade Teacher (1998-2002)

Takoma Park Elementary School
Montgomery County Public Schools, MD

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Transforming Integrative Makerspace Education for STEM

National Science Foundation: Improving Undergraduate STEM Education Grant
Primary Investigator, October 2021-present

The Representation of Other Cultures in Award-Winning Picture Books from the United States, Australia and Great Britain (1960-2009)

Dissertation Study, Spring 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Hall, V. (2011). Caldecott Medal Picturebooks from the 1970s and 2000s: Promoting or Hindering Cross-Cultural Understanding? *Childhood Education*.

Hall, V. (2011). Books without Boundaries: Children's Literature that Supports Global Awareness. *Global Book Review*.

Hall, V. (2010). Expecting the Unexpected: Explorations into Historical Research. *History of Reading News* 34(1), 3-10.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Chambers, V. & York, K. (2022). T.I.M.E. for STEM. *Workshop presented at the Hawaii University International STEM/STEAM & Education Conference, June 9, 2022, Honolulu, Hawaii.*

Chambers, V. & York, K. (2022). T.I.M.E. for STEM. *Workshop presented for Remake Learning Days, May 23, 2022, Pittsburgh, PA.*

Chambers, V., Marnich, M., & York, K. (2022). Transforming Integrative Maker Education for STEM. *Research presented at the International Conference on Humanities, Social, and Educational Sciences, April 22, 2022, Los Angeles, California.*

Chambers, V. (2021). Embracing the 4 C's through Poetry and Makerspaces. *Research presented at the UKLA International Conference, July 3, 2021, Oxford, England.*

Chambers, V. & York, K. (2021). T.I.M.E. for STEM. *Research presented at the Women Ed US Virtual Unconference, July 23, 2021.*

Chambers, V. (2012). A Century of Children's Literature. *Guest Lecture presented at The Frick Art and Historical Center, March 2012, Pittsburgh, PA.*

Hall, V. (2010). Caldecott Award Books from the 1970s and 2000s: Promoting or Hindering Cross-Cultural Understanding? *Paper presented at International Reading Association Annual Meeting, April 25-28, 2010, Chicago, Illinois*

Hall, V. (2009). A Comparison of Two American Readers: 1936 and 2009. *Paper presented at National Reading Conference Annual Meeting, December 1-6, Albuquerque, New Mexico*

Hall, V. (2009). Nietz Old Schoolbook Collection: Comparing Cultural Diversity in American Readers from 1865, 1936 & 2009. *Poster Presentation, International Research Society for Children's Literature Biennial Congress, August 8-12, 2009, Frankfurt, Germany*

SERVICE

Faculty Tenure Fourth Year Review, Chair

Point Park University, 2021-2022

School of Education Faculty Search Committee

Point Park University, 2021

Campus Academic Resources Committee, Chair

Point Park University, 2021-2022

Learning Management System Review Committee

Point Park University, 2021-present

Maker Ed Regional Hub University Participant

Point Park University, 2020-present

Dissertation Chair

Point Park University, 2016- 2021

Pennsylvania Department of Education Major Program Review Coordinator

Point Park University, 2015-present

Title II Assessment Coordinator

Point Park University, 2015-present

Future Educators of America Faculty Representative

Point Park University, 2013- present

St. Paul's Episcopal Nursery School Executive Board Member

2016-2022

Matt's Makerspace Board Member

2018-present

Act 48 Workshop Presenter

Frick Art and Historical Center, 2012

Varsity Tennis Coach

Mt. Lebanon High School, 2009-2012

Coach of the Year (USTA Middle States AMD), 2011

St. Paul's School, 2004-2007

Western Pennsylvania Platform Tennis Association Board, President

2019- 2021

Jefferson Elementary School Parent Teacher Association Board, President

2022-present

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Literacy Association

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics

Children's Literature Association

United States Board on Books for Young People

International Research Society for Children's Literature

CERTIFICATIONS

Reading Specialist Certification (K-12)
Maryland Standard Professional II (K-6)
Pennsylvania Instructional I (K-6)