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## **JOB TITLE**

Associate Professor of Teacher Education  
Graduate and Undergraduate Faculty  
Appointed Fall 2003

## **ACADEMIC DEGREES**

Ed. D. (2002) Curriculum and Instruction, Louisiana Tech University, Ruston, LA  
Dissertation: *A Study of the Implementation of the National Geography Standards and Their Alignment with Classroom Instruction in United States PK-12 Schools*

Ed. S. (1992) Elementary Education, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, LA  
Thesis: *A Handbook of Resources for Teachers for the Implementation of the Whole Language Philosophy*

M. Ed. (1979) Elementary Education, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, LA

B. A. (1976) Early Childhood Education, Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, LA

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2003-present	Western Kentucky University	Associate Professor, School of Teacher Education
1994-2003	Ouachita Parish Schools, Monroe, LA	Elementary teacher
1976-1994	Franklin Parish Schools, Winnsboro, LA	Elementary teacher

## **GRANTS RECEIVED**

2009. Faculty Scholarship Award Grant (\$1,953): *Italians in North Louisiana*

2008. National Geographic Society Grant (\$50,000): *Mapping Kentucky Through the Kentucky Geographic Alliance*

2007. National Geographic Society grant (\$50,000): *Moving Forward with the Kentucky Geographic Alliance*

2006. National Geographic Society grant (\$50,000): *Reaching the Commonwealth: Outreach Through the Kentucky Geographic Alliance*

2006. Jr. Faculty Scholarship (\$1200) *Impact of NCLB on the Teaching of Social Studies*

2006. Co-authored (with Darrell Kruger, Illinois State University) Fulbright Group Projects Abroad grant (\$70,000): *Understanding South Africa through Segregation, Reconciliation, and Creolization*

2005. National Geographic Society grant (\$50,000): *Continuity and Change: Restructuring the Kentucky Geographic Alliance*

### **GRANTS SUBMITTED**

2009. Kentucky Geographic Alliance Strategic Planning Grant (\$23,000) to the National Geographic Society

2004. *Across the Social Studies Curriculum: Understanding Small Town Kentucky through Reading, Writing, and Exploration* (\$50,000) to the Kentucky Department of Education [unfunded]

### **HONORS/AWARDS**

2009. Research/Creativity Award for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Western Kentucky University

2009. Distinguished Educator for Higher Education for the National Council for Geographic Education

2007. Featured in *The Western Scholar*, Volume 7 Number 2, *A Passion for Social Studies*

2007. Awarded Fulbright Senior Specialist status for five years

2007. Distinguished Educator for the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators

2007. Nominated for Teaching Award for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Western Kentucky University

2007. Nominated for Research/Creativity Award for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Western Kentucky University

2006. Nominated for Research/Creativity Award for the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences at Western Kentucky University

2005. Nominated for Vice President for the Curriculum and Instruction Committee for the National Council for Geographic Education

2005. Article "Teaching the Election Process in Ten Days" selected by Association of Educational Publishers as finalist for 2005 Distinguished Achievement Awards

2005. Selected by Goethe Institut of Atlanta for study/travel seminar to Germany

2005. Selected by Western Kentucky University for travel seminar to China

2003. Recipient Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad Program *Heritage and Humanity: Exploring the Origins of Art, Culture and Human Behaviour in Africa* to South Africa

2003- 2008. Selected as Field Reader to review grant applications for Fulbright-Hays Seminars Abroad programs

2002. Teacher Guide representing the National Geographic Society in a trek across America with *American Frontiers: A Public Lands Journey*

### **PUBLISHED WORKS**

Gandy, S. Kay (2009). Public lands in the elementary curriculum, *The Stewardship of Public Lands: Politics and the Yellowstone Ecosystem* [in press].

Gandy, S. Kay (2008). Geography never tasted so good, *The Geography Teacher* 5(1): 42-44.

Gandy, S. Kay (2008). Legacy of the American west: Indian cowboys, black cowboys, and vaqueros, *Social Education* 72(4): 189-193.

Gandy, S. Kay (2007). Developmentally appropriate geography for elementary-aged children, *Social Studies and the Young Learner* 20(2): 30-32.

Gandy, S. Kay (2007). Connections to the past: Creating time detectives with archaeology, *Social Education* 71(5): 267-271.

Gandy, S. Kay (2006). Mapping skills and activities with children's literature, *Journal of Geography* 105(6):267-271.

Gandy, S. Kay (2005). Teaching social studies on a shoestring budget, *Social Education* 69(2), 98-101.

Gandy, S. Kay (2004). Teaching the election process in 10 days, *Social Education*, 68(5), 332-338.

Gandy, S. Kay & Matthew, Kathleen (2009). Origin Stories: Geography, Culture and Belief, *Social Studies and the Young Learner* [in press].

Gandy, S. Kay; Pierce, Judy & Smith, Alicia B. (2009). Collaboration with community partners: Engaging teacher candidates, *The Social Studies* 100(1): 41-45.

Gandy, S. Kay & Kruger, Darrell P. (2004). An assessment of influences on the implementation of the National Geography Standards. *Journal of Geography*, 103(4), 161-170.

Kruger, Darrell P.; Gandy, S. Kay; Berchard, Amber; Brown, Randy; & Williams, Diane (2009). Writing a Successful Fulbright Group Projects Abroad: Voices from the Journey to South Africa, *Journal of Geography* [in press].

Kruger, Darrell P., Gandy, S. Kay, Murley, Lisa D., & McConnell, John. (2009). Whatever Happened to Social Studies in the Elementary Curriculum? *Southern Social Studies Journal* [in press]

Kruger, Darrell P. & Gandy, S. Kay. (2006). Main Street in the Curriculum: A 15 Town Case Study, *Journal of Geography* 105(2): 73-86.

Kruger, Darrell P. & Gandy, S. Kay. (2004). South Africa's changing heritage landscape through the lens of the Fulbright-Hays 2003 seminar, *Pennsylvania Geographer* 42(1), 51-73.

Kruger, Darrell P. & Gandy S. Kay, (2003, January). The status of geography education in Louisiana: Progress, promise, and challenge. *International Research in Geographical and Environmental Education*, 11(2), 194-197.

### **MEDIA PUBLICATIONS**

Gandy, S. Kay (2006). Teaching social studies on a shoestring budget, On *Colonial Williamsburg: Exploring History* [CD], Williamsburg, VA: Colonial Williamsburg Productions, Education Outreach.

Gandy, S. Kay & Kruger, Darrell P. (2003). *Teaching Social Studies Using Main Street*, social studies teaching resource kit for K-12 teachers published through the Louisiana Geography Education Alliance.

Gandy, S. Kay (2004). *The American Trail System*, lesson plan published at <http://americanfrontiers.net/pdfs/AmericanTrailSystem.pdf>

Gandy, S. Kay (2004). *Backyard Habitats*, lesson plan published at <http://americanfrontiers.net/pdfs/BackyardHabitats.pdf>

Gandy, S. Kay (2004). *Postcards from the Edge*, lesson plan published at <http://americanfrontiers.net/pdfs/PostcardsFromTheEdge.pdf>

Gandy, S. Kay (2004). *Public Lands Super Heroes*, lesson plan published at <http://americanfrontiers.net/pdfs/PublicLandsSuperheros.pdf>

### **PUBLICATIONS SUBMITTED**

Gandy, S. Kay (2009). Oracle bones and writing wtones: The geography of script, *Journal of Geography*.

Lucey, Thomas A.; Gandy, S. Kay; Murley, Lisa D.; Kruger, Darrell P. & Giannangelo, Duane, M. (2009). Interpreting teacher preparation models: Comparing the confidence of graduates from three institutions, *Teacher Educators' Journal*.

### **WORK CITED**

Gandy, S. K. & Kruger, D. P. (2005). Professional development for teachers helps them know and teach to the geography standards. In D. Rutherford (Ed.) *What works in geography education*, (p. 14). Washington, D.C.: National Geographic Society Education Foundation.

## **TEXTBOOK AND BOOK REVIEWS**

*School: An Introduction to Education*, Wadsworth Thomson Learning

Turner, T.N. (2004). *Essentials of elementary social studies*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Boston: Pearson.

## **RESEARCH/PROJECTS**

2009. *Italian Settlement in Northeast Louisiana*, study with Darrell Kruger at Illinois State University

2008-2009. *Geographic Influences on the Shaker Settlements in Kentucky and New York*, study with Cynthia Resor at Eastern Kentucky University

2008-2009. *Student Attitudes v. Student Success*, study with Lisa Murley and Pamela Jukes at Western Kentucky University

2007-2009. *Teacher Preparation and Teaching Content Efficacy: A Study of Graduates from Three Institutions*, study with Illinois State University, University of Memphis, and Western Kentucky University

2006-2007. *National Geography Advanced Professional Endorsement*, study with 15 state geography Alliances, the National Geographic Society, and the National Council for Geographic Education

2004-2006. *Observations of the Teaching of Social Studies by Teacher Candidates in Illinois and Kentucky*, a two year study with Illinois State University and Western Kentucky University

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **International:**

2009. *Oracle Bones and Writing Stones: The Geography of Script*, paper presented at the National Council for Geographic Education conference in San Juan, Puerto Rico

2007. *Internationalizing In-Service Teacher Professional Development: South Africa 2006 Fulbright Group Projects Abroad*, paper presented at the Geography of the Americas Conference in La Serena, Chile

2007. *Engaging Parents and their Children in Geography Education*, paper presented at the Geography of the Americas Conference in La Serena, Chile

2006. *SWIFT: Students Will Integrate Field-based Technology*, poster presented at the Hawaii International Conference on Education in Honolulu, Hawaii.

2005. *Maya of the Yucatan*, lecture presented at Chongqing Business and Technical University in Chongqing, China.

2004. *The Changing South African Heritage Landscape*, Poster presented at the International Geographical Union Commission on Geographical Education in Glasgow, Scotland

### **National:**

2009. *Utilizing University and Public School Partnerships to Collect and Analyze Data*, paper presented with Pamela Jukes and Lisa Murley at the National Education Institute conference in Louisville, KY
2009. *Collaboration with Community Partners: Engaging Teacher Candidates in Leadership Roles*, paper presented with Lisa Murley (and three WKU teacher candidates) at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) conference in Chicago, IL
2008. *Whatever Happened to Social Studies in the Elementary Curriculum?*, paper presented with Darrell Kruger, Associate Dean in Curriculum & Instruction at Illinois State, at the National Council for Geographic Education conference in Dearborn, MI
2008. *Interpreting Teacher Preparation Models: Comparing the Confidence of Graduates from Three Institutions*, paper presentation with Illinois State and the University of Memphis at the Association of Teacher Educators conference in Washington, D.C.
2007. *Maps in Children's Literature*, paper presentation in session "Tried and True Geography Practices for the Elementary School Classroom" at the National Council for the Social Studies conference in San Diego
2007. *Developmentally Appropriate Geography*, paper presentation in session "Best Practice in Elementary School Geography" at the National Council for the Social Studies conference in San Diego
2007. Moderator for papers INTASC as *Formative Assessment* and *Climbing Mount Assessment: One Department's Plan* at the National Council for Geographic Education conference in Oklahoma City, OK
2007. *Access to the World Through Fulbright Grants*, paper presentation at the National Council for Geographic Education conference in Oklahoma City, OK
2006. *A Comparison of Two Rivers: The Mississippi and the Yangtze*, poster presented at the American Association of Geographers conference in Chicago
2006. *Reconciliation, Segregation, and Creolization*, Workshop presented at the National Council for Geographic Education conference in Lake Tahoe, NV
2006. *Shakers: The Effect of Geography on Utopia*, Paper presented at the National Council for Geographic Education conference in Lake Tahoe, NV
2005. *Climographs and Culture: German Elements*, Paper presented at the National Council for Geographic Education conference in Birmingham, AL
2004. *Messages for Standards Authors*, Panel discussion presented at the National Council for Geographic Education conference in Kansas City MO
2004. *Cajun Folk and Fairy Tales*, Paper presented at the National Council for Geographic Education conference in Kansas City, MO
2004. *The Changing South African Heritage Landscape*, Poster presented at the American Association of Geographers conference in Philadelphia, PA

**Regional:**

2008. *Whatever Happened to Social Studies in the Elementary Curriculum?* paper presented at the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies in Louisville, KY
2008. *Collaboration with Community Partners: Engaging Teacher Candidates in Leadership Roles*, paper presented with Lisa Murley at the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educator's annual conference in Georgetown, KY

2008. *Let's Go GPSing Through the Park*, presentation with Dr. Kathleen Matthew at the Kentucky Association for Environmental Educators conference in Cumberland Falls, KY
2007. *GPSing at Mammoth Cave*, presentation with Dr. Kathleen Matthew at the Kentucky Association for Environmental Educators conference in Cave City, KY
2007. *The Teacher Work Sample as Authentic Assessment*, presentation with Dr. Lisa Murley for Engaging the Spirit Conference at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY
2007. *Integrating Geography into the Colonial Area*, workshop presentation for the Teaching American History Grant Teacher Workshop in Bowling Green, KY
2007. *A Not so Standard Look at Standards*, Paper presented with Dr. Lisa Murley at the Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference (KTLC) in Louisville, KY
2006. *Iconographic Representations of Ethnic Groups in South Africa*, presentation for the Illinois Geographic Alliance Fall Conference in Normal, IL
2006. *Shakers: The Effect of Geography on Utopia*, Paper presented at the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies conference in Lexington, KY
2005. *Kentucky Geographic Alliance Update*, Paper presented at the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies conference in Louisville, KY
2005. *Maya of the Yucatan*, Paper presented at the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies conference in Louisville, KY
2004. *Cajun Folk and Fairy Tales*, Paper presented at the Kentucky Council for the Social Studies conference in Lexington, KY

#### **WORKSHOPS/TEACHER INSTITUTES**

2009. Coordinated with Indiana, Pennsylvania, Illinois, and D.C. Alliances to host a Lincoln Tri-State Teacher Summer Institute, June 21-30
2009. Coordinated Social Studies Mini-Conference for pre-service teachers at Western Kentucky University through the Kentucky Geographic Alliance, May 1
2009. Collaborated with Kathleen Matthew and Rico Tyler to present "Navigation and Stargazing at Mammoth Cave, Hamilton Lake Valley, April 24 & 25
2009. Collaborated with Scott Dobler and Kate Fischer to host the state Geographic Bee at South Campus, WKU, April 3
2009. Coordinated GPS Day at WKU for parents and kids, March 28
2009. Coordinated with Nystrom to present "Integrating Geography and Economics into History" workshop for Warren County Teachers, March 19 at Briarwood Elementary
2009. Presented Earth Force Training for undergraduate students at WKU, March 6
2009. Collaborated with Cynthia Resor at Eastern Kentucky University to present a Pre-Service Teacher Mini Conference, February 18
2008. Collaborated with Terry Wilson to present sessions at an Environmental Education summer teacher institute at Land Between The Lakes, KY
2008. Coordinated summer teacher institute for the Kentucky Geographic Alliance at Natural Bridge State Park, KY entitled *Bridging Geography into Classrooms*
2008. Coordinated Social Studies Mini-Conference for pre-service teachers at Western Kentucky University through the Kentucky Geographic Alliance
2007. Coordinated Social Studies Workshop Day for pre-service teachers at Western Kentucky University through the Kentucky Geographic Alliance

2006. Coordinated summer teacher institute for the Kentucky Geographic Alliance at Western Kentucky University entitled *Geography and Technology*
2005. Presented with the *SWIFT Advocacy Group*, for the e-train Technology Conference at Western Kentucky University
- 2004-2009 Presented Population Connection workshops for pre-service and in-service teachers
- 2004-2007 Presented Goethe Institute workshops for in-service teachers

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

- ELED 407 Materials and Methods in Social Studies
- EDU 250 Introduction to Teacher Education
- EDU 489 Student Teaching Seminar
- ELED 345 Teaching Strategies 1
- ELED 507 Advanced Materials and Methods in Social Studies
- ELED 355 Student Diversity in the Classroom
- EDU 507/GEOG 507 Geographic Concepts and Skills for Teachers

### **GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES**

Committee Member, Jamie Martin, Western Kentucky University, Ed.D. in Teacher Leadership

Committee Member, Clovis Perry, Texas State University, Ph.D. in Geography Education

Committee Member, Amy Semour, Western Kentucky University, Master's Degree in Geography

### **SERVICE**

#### **Internal**

- 2003-2009 CEBS International Programs Committee
- 2006-2009 C&I Tenure and Promotions Committee, Chair
- 2005-2009 Graduate Advisor for Master's, Rank 1 and Rank 2 students
- 2003-2009 University recruitments
- 2008 Chaperoned visiting CTBU professors from Chongqing, China to Washington, DC and New York City
- 2008 CEBS Faculty Excellence Awards Committee
- 2007-2008 Faculty Senate, alternate committee member
- 2007-2008 Mary Lee Hensley Lecture Series committee member
- 2007-2008 CEBS College Library Committee member
- 2006-2008 University Committee for Undergraduate Student Research Conference Task Force
- 2003-2005 CEBS Curriculum Committee
- 2004-2008 Professional Development Sub-Committee, Chair (from the CEBS International Programs Committee)
- 2003-2005 Educators Cadre of e-train Technology Committee, Team Leader
- 2004-2005 CEBS Conceptual Framework Committee (Elementary), Chair
- 2005-2006 C&I Faculty Evaluations Committee, Chair

**External**

- 2008-2010 Enhancement of Geographic Literacy Award Selection Subcommittee for the National Council for the Social Studies
- 2009 Board Member, KCTCS GeoSpatial Center
- 2007-2008 Instructor for Super Saturday Program sponsored by the WKU Center for Gifted Studies (Map Mania)
- 2005-2009 Comprehensive School Improvement Plan Committee for Warren County School District
- 2004-2009 Coordinator/Reader for Kentucky State Geography Bee
- 2006-2009 Board Member, Southern Kentucky Concert Band
- 2004-2009 Coordinator, Kentucky Geographic Alliance
- 2004-2009 Steering Committee, Kentucky Council for the Social Studies

**COURSES TAKEN (toward M.S. Degree in Geography)**

- GEOG 465G Geography of Asia
- GEOG 540 Advanced Regional Geography
- GEOG 474G Environmental Planning
- EVED 520 Introduction to Environmental Education
- EVED 580 Instructional Strategies of Environmental Education
- GEOG 500 GeoScience Research and Literacy
- GEOG 510 Globalization and Leadership
- GEOG 530 Cultural Geography

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2009. Earth Force Training; Charleston, SC January 13-16; Washington, D.C. June 8-11 ; Bowling Green, KY Aug 10-11
2009. National Council for the Social Studies conference in Atlanta, GA
2008. Southern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG) conference
2008. TSONline Advanced training for Tegrity Program
2008. TSONline training for Tegrity Program
2007. Teacher Mentoring Workshop
2006. American Educational Research Association (AERA) conference
2006. Core Content and Depth of Knowledge Training by the Kentucky Department of Education
- 2005-2009. National Geographic Society Education Foundation Coordinator Trainings
2005. Thoughtful Classroom
- 2005-2009. American Democracy Project
2006. Webpage Development
2004. Internal Grant application training
2004. Teacher Education Summit
2004. Population Connection Teacher Training Institute
2004. Curriculum and Instruction Data Analysis Retreat
- 2004-2008. CEBS Assessment System Inter-Rater Reliability Training and Teacher Work

## Sample Study

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE)

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

Association of American Geographers (AAG)

Kentucky Association for Environmental Education (KAEE)

Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators (KATE)

Kentucky Council for the Social Studies (KCSS)

Kentucky Geographic Alliance (KGA)

National Council for Geography Education (NCGE)

National Council for Social Studies (NCSS)

Southeastern Division of the Association of American Geographers (SEDAAG)