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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, Texas Tech University, Texas (May, 2010)

Major: Curriculum and Instruction (Emphasis on Mathematics Education)

Dissertation Title: *Middle school mathematics: A study of private and public school teachers' instruction*

Master's in Education, Freed-Hardeman University, Tennessee (May, 2005)

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Bachelor of Science, Freed-Hardeman University, Tennessee (May, 1999)

Major: Mathematics

CERTIFICATION

Mental Health First Aid USA (USA Youth Mental Health First Aid, 2019)

Population Education (PopEd) Trainer Certification (Population Connection, 2018)

Alabama Math, Science, & Technology Initiative (AMSTI): Math Grade 3, Year 1 and Year 2 Certification (Alabama Department of Education, 2011)

European Computer License from Dataforeningen (Swedish Information Processing Society, 2002)

Bosnian Mathematics Teaching Certification (University of Sarajevo, 2002)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010-Present **Associate Professor (College of Education, Department of Teaching, Leadership, and Technology)**
University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

2006-2010 **Graduate/Research Assistant/Instructor (College of Education, Science and Mathematics Education)**
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

- 2005-2006 **Instructor (Mathematics)**
Gulf Coast State College, Panama City, FL
- 2004-2005 **Student Teacher (7th grade Algebra)**
Chester County High School, Henderson, TN
- 2004-2005 **Student Teacher (Geometry)**
Chester County Junior High School, Henderson, TN
- 2002-2003 **Middle School English Teacher (English as a Second Language)**
JU 5th Elementary School, Brcko, Bosnia
- 2001-2002 **Middle School Teacher (Mathematics)**
JU Middle School, Brcko, Bosnia

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

University of Montevallo

- ED445/545 Methods and Materials for Teaching Mathematics
- ED448/548 Methods and Materials for Teaching Science
- ED463/563 Teaching the Non-Traditional Learner (OL Course)
- ED506 Reaching Every Learner (OL Course)
- ED571 Current Trends in ELL (OL Course)
- ED533 English Language Learners in Today's Schools
- ED538 Teaching Mathematics at the Secondary Level
- ED538 Teaching Mathematics at the Elementary Level for Elementary/Collaborative Majors
- ED545 Teaching Elementary School Mathematics
- ED401/501 Introduction to Teaching
- ED551 Teaching Mathematics in Special Education Classrooms
- EDF375 School and Society

Texas Tech University

- Elementary Mathematics Methods
- Secondary Mathematics Methods

Gulf Coast State College

Basic Algebra

Intermediate Algebra

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Davis, J., Williams, J.M., & Smajic, A. (2019). Pairing of pre-service and cooperating teachers during the internship semester. *Teacher Education and Practice*.

Smajic, A., Shores, M., Williams, J., & Lawley, J. (December, 2014). Factors that influence mathematics teachers: A case study of public and private schools. *Global Education Journal*.

Smajic, A., Moore, J., Lawley, J., & Riley, J. (January, 2013). Understanding fractions using the number/name approach. *Oklahoma Journal of School Mathematics*.

Lawley, J., Moore, J., & Smajic, A. (December, 2012). Effective communication between pre-service and cooperating teachers. *The New Educator*.

Dissertation

Smajic, A. (2010). *Middle school mathematics: A study of private and public school teachers' instruction*. (Unpublished doctoral dissertation). Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

International

Smajic, A. (2019, March). *Atypical strategies and fun math as tools in understanding basic mathematics concepts*. Presented at The University of Tuzla, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina

National

Moore, J., Lawley, J., & Smajic, A. (2015, March). *Yo soy...clueless: FAQs about addressing the instructional needs of emergent bilingual and multilingual students*. Presented at the Fifth

- Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association for Multicultural Education, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.
- Moore, J., Lawley, J., & Smajic, A. (2014, March). *Identifying and evaluating preconceptions and promoting the appreciation of cultural differences*. Presented at the Fourth Meeting of the Alabama Association for Multicultural Education, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.
- Moore, J., Lawley, J., & Smajic, A. (2013, March). *Strategies for preventing and addressing bullying in the elementary classroom*. Presented at the Alabama Region 4 National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) Conference, Montevallo, AL.
- Smajic, A., Moore, J., & Lawley, J. (2012, November). *Factors that influence mathematics instruction in private and public middle schools*. Presented at the School Science and Mathematics Association (SSMA) Annual Conference, Birmingham, AL.
- Cooper, S., Thomas, J., Smajic, A., Lan, W., Runnels, M., Narayan, R., To, Y., Zaier, A., Gosselin, K., Bunuan, R. L., & Clem, D. (2007, November). *Creating a strategy instruction curriculum to improve math students' learning*. Presented at the School Science and Mathematics Association (SSMA) Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

Regional/ State

- Davis, J. & Smajic, A. (2018, November). *Earth by the Numbers*. Presented at the Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM), McWane Center, Birmingham, AL.
- Davis, J., Smajic, A. & Williams, J. (2017, November). *Millions, billions, and double trouble*. Presented at the Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM), McWane Center, Birmingham, AL.
- Davis, J., Williams, J.M., & Smajic, A. (2016, March). *Using perception tools in the elementary classroom to promote authentic discussions about diversity*. Presented at the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association for Multicultural Education (AAME), University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.
- Davis, J., Williams, J., & Smajic, A. (2015, October). *Curriculum for a crowded world*. Presented at the Social Studies Council of Alabama (SSCA) Annual Conference, Samford University, Birmingham, AL.
- Moore, J., Lawley, J., & Smajic, A. (2015, March). *Hands-on activities for a very popular planet*. Presented at the Environmental Education Association of Alabama (EEAA), Columbiana, AL.
- Davis, J., Williams, J., & Smajic, A. (2014, October). *Real-world math for earth's sake*. Presented at the Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Conference, McWane Science Center, Birmingham, AL.

Lawley, J., Moore, J., & Smajic, A. (2013, October). *Core issue: Bullying and prevention strategies for the elementary classroom*. Presented at the Social Studies Council of Alabama (SSCA) Annual Conference, Samford University, Birmingham, AL.

Lawley, J., Moore, J., & Smajic, A. (2012, October). *Using new technology strategies to modernize your old lesson plans*. Presented at the Social Studies Council of Alabama (SSCA) Annual Conference, Birmingham, AL.

Smajic, A., Moore, J., & Lawley, J. (2011, October). *Factors that influence mathematics instruction in private and public middle schools*. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Education (SRATE) Annual Conference, Savannah, GA.

Lawley, J., Moore, J., Whitsett, G., & Smajic, A. (2010, October). *Finding the balance between cooperating and pre-service teachers*. Presented at the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Education (SRATE) Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

Local

Smajic, A., Davis, J., & Williams, J. (2017). *Walking in the shoes of english language learners*. Presented at the Diversity Speaker Series, University of Montevallo, AL.

Williams, J.M., Davis, J., & Smajic, A. (2016, April). *Designing and administering “brain-friendly” assessments in elementary, secondary, and post-secondary learning environments*. Presented at Dine and Dialogue Professional Development, Malone Center for Excellence in Teaching, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.

Davis, J., Williams, J.M., & Smajic, A. (2015, March). *Teaching American history through powerful social studies strategies*. Presented at the American Village Colonial Wars Workshop, Montevallo, AL.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

2019 (June) Southeast Conference on Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, Savannah, GA.

2019 (March) Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy, Geneva, Switzerland.

2018 (November) Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Conference, McWane Science Center, Birmingham, AL.

2018 (March) 14th Annual Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.

2017 (November) Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Conference, McWane Science Center, Birmingham, AL.

2017 (March) 13th Annual Advancing Teaching and Learning Conference, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX.

2016 (October) Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Conference, McWane Science Center, Birmingham, AL.

2015 (October) Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Conference, Samford University, Birmingham, AL.

2015 (March) Environmental Education Association of Alabama, Columbiana, AL.

2015 (March) The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association for Multicultural Education, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.

2014 (October) Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Conference, McWane Science Center, Birmingham, AL.

2014 (March) The Fourth Meeting of the Alabama Association for Multicultural Education, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.

2013 (November) Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Conference, Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL.

2013 (October) Social Studies Council of Alabama 2013 Annual Conference, Samford University, Birmingham, AL.

2013 (March) The Third Annual Alabama Region 4 National Association of Multicultural Education Conference, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.

2012 (November) School Science and Mathematics Association Conference, Birmingham, AL.

2012 (October) Social Studies Council of Alabama 2012 Annual Conference, Birmingham, AL.

2012 (May) Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages Conference, Orlando, FL.

2012 (March) Teaching Tolerance – National Association of Multicultural Education Conference, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL.

2011 (October) Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators Conference, Savannah, GA.

2010 (October) Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators Conference, Millennium Maxwell House Hotel, Nashville, TN.

2007 (November) School Science and Mathematics Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN.

NON-PUBLISHED ACTIVITIES

Funded Grants

2018 University of Montevallo Claudia Williams Grant, Mental Health First Aid for Classroom Certification, notified 2018, funded 2018.

2017 University of Montevallo Teaching and Learning Grant (Faculty Development Advisory Committee), High Impact Teaching Practices, notified 2017, funded 2018

2016 Malone Center for Excellence in Teaching, Developing and Administering Brain Friendly Assessments in Elementary, Secondary, and Post-Secondary Learning Environments Grant, \$2000, funded

2013 University of Montevallo Faculty Learning Community Grant, Learning to Identify and Appreciate Personality Spectrum, \$900.00, funded

2012 University Teaching Fellows, Real-Time Analysis and Assessment in Interactive Environments, \$2,000.00, funded

2011 University Teaching Fellows Grant, Integrating SmartBoard Technology into the University Classroom and Beyond, \$1,754.00, funded

2006 Maxi-grant Offered by the College of Education State Organized Research Funds at Texas Tech University, Creating a Strategy Instruction Curriculum to Improve Math Students' Learning, \$5000.00, funded

Research

2015-2016 Designing and Administering Brain-Friendly Assessments in Elementary, Secondary, and Post-Secondary Learning Environments, Research conducted with Dr. Ji Ji Davis, Dr. Almir Smajic, and Dr. Jennifer Ray, funded through Malone Center for Excellence in Teaching Faculty Development Grant.

Professional Trainings and Workshops

2019 (June) Southeast Conference on Positive Behavior Interventions and Support, Savannah, GA. (8 hours)

2018 (November) Watermark Montevallo Faculty Training, LiveText, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL. (3 hours)

2018 (October) Population Education Leadership Institute 2018, Emory Conference Center Hotel, Atlanta, GA. (8 hours)

2018 (October) The Ron Clark Academy. RCA Experience: A Revolutionary Professional Development for Educators, RCA, Atlanta, GA. (6 hours)

2018 (March). Sexual Misconduct Prevention (Compliance Training), University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL. (1 hour)

2018 (April). *We Must Say No to The Status Quo* (Faculty Book Study), University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL. (1 hour)

2017 (December) *We Must Say No to The Status Quo* (Faculty Book Study), University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL. (1 hour)

2017 (January) Examining and Applying Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (1 hour)

2016 (November) Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Conference, McWane Science Center, Birmingham, AL (8 hours)

2016 (November) Degree Works Webinar, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (2 hours)

2016 (April) edTPA Workshop, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (8 hours)

2016 (March) National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME) Conference, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL

2015 (September) Safe Zone Training, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (1 hour)

2015 (August) Promoting Inclusivity by Guiding Students through Difficult Conversations, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (2 hours)

2015 (March) The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Alabama Association for Multicultural Education, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (3 hours)

2014 (October) Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Conference, McWane Science Center, Birmingham, AL (3 hours)

2014 (March) The Fourth Meeting of the Alabama Association for Multicultural Education, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (3 hours)

2013 (December) Course Planning PD Session, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (1 hour)

2013 (November) Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Forum, Alabama State University, Montgomery, AL (5 hours)

2013 (August - November) True Colors Training, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (4 hours)

2013 (July) Canvas Basics Training, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (1.5 hours)

2013 (June) Canvas Intermediate Training, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (1.5 hours)

2013 (May) Canvas Training, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (6 hours)

2013 (May) Faculty Learning Community, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (2 hours)

2013 (March) The Third Annual Region 4 Conference of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (5 hours)

2012 (June) Additive Reasoning OGAP (On-going Assessment Project) Training sponsored by AMSTI, Pelham, AL (16 hours)

2012 (June) Multiplicative Reasoning OGAP (On-going Assessment Project) Training sponsored by AMSTI, Pelham, AL (16 hours)

2012 (April) CAPP Training, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, Alabama (1 hour)

2012 (March) Teaching Tolerance – National Association of Multicultural Education, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (8 hours)

2012 (March) Salome Heyward & Associates Conference Services: Access to Technology, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (1.5 hours)

2012 (March) The Greater Birmingham Response to Intervention (Rtl) Collaborative Workshop, Birmingham, AL (5 hours)

2012 (February) UMOL: Introduction to Teaching Online Course, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (20 hours)

2012 (January) Identity Theft Training, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (1 hour)

2011 (November) Disability Compliance Training, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (2 hours)

2011 (August) University of Montevallo Faculty Institute (breakout sessions: The Digital Immigrant's Guide to Engaging Digital Natives and Talking Tenure Behind Closed Doors), University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (6 hours)

2011 (June) Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative Summer Institute (Math Grade 3, Year 2) Oak Mountain Intermediate School, Birmingham, AL (40 hours)

2011 (June) Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative Summer Institute (Math, Grade 3, Year 2), Oak Mountain Intermediate School, Birmingham, AL (40 hours)

2011 (April) Online Course Development Workshop, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (4.5 hours)

2010 (November) ELL Training, Partners in ESL Education: A Professional Development Opportunity Supported by U.S. Department of Education NPD Grant Projects: Project HEART & Shelby STARS, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (5 hours)

2010 (November) Diversity Workshop, Family Matters: Practices for Welcoming All Families, University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL (1 hour)

2010 (October) Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE) Conference, TN (6 hours)

2010 (August), Alabama Math, Science, and Technology Initiative (AMSTI) 3rd Grade Math/Year 1 Training, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL (8 hours)

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

2017-Present, Member, University of Montevallo's International Student Advisory Committee

2012-Present, Member, University of Montevallo's Human and Animal Subjects Research Committee

2017-2018, Member, Search Committee for the Dean of COE

2016-2017, University of Montevallo, Ad Hoc Evaluation, Tenure, and Promotion (ETP) Revision Committee

2012-Present, Member, Montevallo Connection Committee

2011-2012, Member, University of Montevallo's Graduate Council

COLLEGE COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

2017-2018, Chair, Search Committee for the Early Childhood Education Faculty Position

2012-Present, Member, College of Education Diversity Committee

2011-Present, Member, College of Education Advisory Council

2012-2017, Member and Traditional Program Representative, College of Education, Teacher Education Committee

2011-2012, Member and Elementary Education Representative, College of Education Teacher Education Committee

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES AND SERVICE

2017-2018, Member, Search Committee for the Dean of COE

2013-2015, Member, Search Committee

2012, Presenter, Shelby County College Fair

2012-2014, Presenter, Writing LiveText Reflections, Workshops for Interns
2011-Present, Presenter, Fall Preview Day for Eligible Freshmen and Transfer Students
2011-Present, Evaluator, Secondary Action Research Projects
2009-Present, Advisor, Advising Approximately 35 Undergraduate Students Each Semester

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

2013-Present, Alabama Council of Teachers of Mathematics
2012-Present, National Association of Multicultural Education
2011-2016, School Science and Mathematics Association
2009-2010, National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
2006-2010, Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators in Texas
2006-2010, Texas Council of Teacher of Mathematics
2006-2010, Association of Teacher Educators
2003-2005, Professional Teachers of Tennessee

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE FIELD OF EDUCATION

2018-Present, Member, The Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators of Alabama (AMTEA)
2018-2019, Mentor & Reviewer for a College Student, University Research Day
2015 (ongoing), Manuscript Reviewer, Universal Journal of Educational Research (UJER)
2015-Present, Presenter, Montevallo Elementary School, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade
2010-Present, Presenter, Pelham Ridge Elementary School, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade
2012 (ongoing), Manuscript Reviewer, SAGE Open Publications
2012, Presenter, Montevallo Middle School
2010-2014, Local Planning Committee Member, Helped Organize the 2012 School Science and Mathematics Association (SSMA) Conference in Birmingham, AL

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS COMMITTEE

2011-2014, Committee Member, School Science and Mathematics Association Membership Committee

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

2014-2015, Recipient of the Ernest Award for Outstanding Commitment to Teaching, College of Education, University of Montevallo