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Education:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Language and Literacy with an emphasis in English Education, Purdue University, May 2013
- Master of Education with an Emphasis in English, Olivet Nazarene University, May 2005
- Bachelor of Arts in English Education, Olivet Nazarene University, May 2003

Awards and Honors:

- Craighton T. and Linda G. Hippenhammer Faculty Scholarship Grant Recipient, Fall 2016-Spring 2018, “Shifting the Narrative from *I* to *We*: Using Community-Based Projects to Create Servant Leaders within Honors Programs.”
- Dr. Samuel Mayhew Student-Faculty Scholarship Grant Recipient, Spring 2018, “The Use of Diverse Young Adult Literature Texts in High School English Classroom.”
- Dr. Samuel Mayhew Student-Faculty Scholarship Grant Recipient, Fall 2016, “Kankakee High School Collaborative Literature Circle Project”
- Olivet Nazarene University Faculty Scholarship Project Grant, Spring 2016, “Kankakee High School Collaborative Literature Circle Project”
- Olivet Nazarene University Community Engagement Grant Recipient, Fall 2016-Spring 2017, Fern Chapman, Author Event
- Olivet Nazarene University Community Engagement Grant Recipient, 2014-2015, Candace Fleming, Author Event
- Second place in the Kneale Award for Pedagogy category in Purdue University’s 81st Annual Literary Awards Contest (Spring, 2012). *The Role of Service-Learning in Teacher Education: Creating Servant Leaders.*
- Lottie I. Phillips Award for Excellence in English Education, Olivet Nazarene University, Spring 2003

Teaching Experience:

- Olivet Nazarene University, Fall 2006-Present
 - Courses Taught
 - *College Writing I*
 - *College Writing II*
 - *Advanced Writing*
 - *Teaching Reading in the Content Area*

- *Young Adult Literature*
- *Secondary Methods in English Language Arts*
- *Honors Program: Exploring Faith in Humanity, Human Disciplines, Humanity/Outside Influences, Issues in Society, Junior Research Lab, & Senior Research Lab*
- Supervisor for Student Teachers, Spring 2008-Spring 2010, Purdue University
- Teaching Assistant, Spring 2010, Purdue University
- Manteno High School, English/Communications Teacher, Fall 2003-Spring 2006
 - Courses Taught: English 12 Honors, Creative Writing, Sophomore Writing, Speech, Mythology, and Broadcast Communications I and II. School newspaper, Panther Vision, Class Sponsor, and Technology Committee.

Conference Presentations:

- “Service-Learning: Shifting the Narrative from I to We” (2019, April). Presented at Olivet Nazarene University’s Scholar Week.
- “Young Adult Literature in the High School English Classroom: Choosing and Using Diverse YA Texts to Develop Student Identity” (2018, October) Co-presented at the Illinois Association of Teachers of English Conference.
- “Fostering Candidate Advocacy through University-School Collaborative Projects,” (2016, November). Presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Conference.
- “Shrink the Ratio and Increase Reading: Using University-High School Collaborations to Enhance the Effectiveness of Lit Circles” (2016, October). Co-presented at the Illinois Association of Teachers of English Conference.
- “Third Spaces in Service Learning: Teacher Education Students’ Engagement with Cultural Difference” (2015, April). Presented at Olivet Nazarene University’s Scholar Week.
- “Third Spaces in Service-Learning: Teacher Education Students’ Engagement with Cultural Difference” (2013, November). Presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Conference.
- “Myth Busting Through Texts: An Analytical Approach to Graphic Journalism” (2013, October). Co-Presented at the Illinois Association of Teachers of English Conference.
- “Resistance and Relationship in Teacher Education Service-Learning: Considering ways in which Service-Learning Projects Inform Students’ Understanding of Difference” (2013, July). Presented at the Conference on English Education.
- “Service-Learning as a Gateway for Cultural Proficiency” (2013, March). Presented at Midwest Association of Teacher Educators.
- “Teacher as Researcher?: Navigating the Dual Roles of Teacher and Researcher in the Classroom” (2011, April). Presented at Purdue University’s 5th Annual Graduate Student Educational Research Symposium (AGSERS).
- “Creating Critical Spaces in the 5-12 Classroom” (2012, March). Presented as a part of a round table discussion at Midwest Association of Teacher Educators.
- “Service-Learning: A Junior High School and University Collaboration” (2011, October). Presented at the Illinois Association of Teachers of English.
- “Teaching in a Third Space: Eliminating the Mind/Body Dichotomy in the Classroom” (2010, November). Presented at the National Conference of Teachers of English.
- “Think Before You Speak Write” (2008, October). Co-presented at Olivet Nazarene University’s Professional Development Day.
- “Keys to Success in Behavior Management: A Panel Discussion” (2007, Fall). Contributed as a panel member at Olivet Nazarene University’s Professional Development Day.

- “Grammar in Context” (2007, Spring). Presented at Olivet Nazarene University’s Professional Development Day.

Publications:

- Schurman, E. A. (2015). From service-learning to servant leaders: A rationale for service-learning in teacher education programs. *Illinois Bulletin*, 102(2), 53-82.
- Schurman, E. A. (2013). Third spaces in service-learning: Resistance and relationship in teacher education students’ engagement with cultural difference (Doctoral dissertation). Available from ProQuest Dissertations and Theses database.
- Second Reaction: A Classic Young Adult Fantasy Piece. (2008). *First Opinions, Second Reactions*, 1(3).

Professional Organization Memberships:

- NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English)
- CEE (Conference on English Education)
- ILA (International Literacy Association)
- IATE (Illinois Association of Teachers of English)

Service to the University

- Chair, Department of English, Spring 2017-present
- English Education Coordinator, Fall 2012-Present
- Financial Aid Appeals Committee, Fall 2015-Spring 2017
- Teaching Assistant Coordinator, Fall 2013-Spring 2016
- Author Community Event Committee, Fall 2012-Spring 2016

Service to the Community:

- Kankakee Community Honors Program Service-Learning Projects, Spring 2018
- Gathering Point Church of the Nazarene, Group Speaker for Kindergarten-4th Grade, Spring 2018-present
- Bradley-Bourbonnais Community Swim Club, parent volunteer, 2016-2017
- Kankakee Valley Montessori School Board Member, Fall 2013-Spring 2015
- Service-Learning Project: Collaboration with Reading: Process & Skills class and Kankakee Area YWCA, Spring 2012