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Ed.D.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Major: Social Studies Education

Minors: Reading and Law

M.Ed.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Major: Social Studies Education

B.A.

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Major: History

Minors: Anthropology, Government & Social Studies Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE LEVELAssociate Professor, University of Kansas (1998-present)Assistant Professor, University of Kansas (1992-98)

Responsible for the 6-12 social studies education program. Responsibilities include developing and teaching undergraduate and graduate level courses, overseeing the supervision of middle and high school student teachers/interns, advising undergraduate and graduate students, and serving on master's and doctoral committees.

Undergraduate courses offered:

Teaching Social Studies in the Middle and Secondary Schools

Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary and Middle Schools

Teaching Kansas Government - Elementary/Middle & Middle/Secondary sections

Graduate courses offered:

Research in the Secondary History & Government Classroom

Modern Approaches to Secondary Social Studies

Theory & Research in Social Education

Trends & Issues in Social Studies

Assistant Professor, Virginia Commonwealth University (1990-1991)Director, Virginia Institute for Law and Citizenship Studies (1983-1991)

Responsible for operation of statewide university-based law-related education institute. Responsibilities included: planning and implementation of professional development activities for educators and legal professionals; formation of local and state partnerships; creation, demonstration, and dissemination of curriculum material; development and administration of grant programs; and operation of a statewide curriculum materials clearinghouse. Taught graduate education courses and served as guest lecturer.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (Cont'd)

Graduate Assistant, University of Virginia (1980-83)

Co-Director of a reading clinic, part of University of Virginia Continuing Education Masters Program in Halifax County (June 20 - July 29, 1983)

Responsible for assisting in preparation of early childhood and middle school social studies teachers at the University of Virginia (1982-83)

Associate Director for the Center for Economic Education, University of Virginia (1981-83)

Taught graduate continuing education courses through the University of Virginia:

“New Ideas and Teaching Techniques in Education” - Fall, 1982

“Models of Reasoning” - Spring, 1982

Assistant Director of University of Virginia Taft Institute - sponsored by the Taft Foundation for High School Government teachers - Summer, 1982

Supervised student teachers in middle-high school social studies and assisted in the teaching of the social studies methods course (1980-82)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL

Walsingham Academy, Williamsburg, Virginia, 1977-80. Social Studies teacher and department chairperson. Duties as follows:

- taught U.S. Government, World Geography, Consumer Education & U.S. History courses;
- developed social studies curriculum for grades 8-12;
- coached cross country track and basketball;
- organized and coached girls' cross country and track teams

Flint Hill School, Fairfax, Virginia, 1975-77. Social Studies teacher and department chairperson, 1976-77. Duties as follows:

- taught U.S. history (7th & 8th grade), Ancient History, Economics, U.S. Government, and World History;
- directed Drama club and several intramural leagues;
- served on Curriculum Development and Disciplinary Review Committees

Professional Honors:

Ned Fleming Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of Kansas, 2009

School of Education Budig Teaching Professorship in Education, 2004-05

Del Shankel Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Kansas, 2002

Excellence in Teaching Award for University Level Educators, Kansas Council for the Social Studies, 2001

Archie and Nancy Dykes Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1997.

School of Education Faculty Achievement Teaching Award, 1996.

HOPE Award finalist, University of Kansas, 1996.

HOPE Award nominee, University of Kansas, 1992

Friend of Education award, Virginia Council for the Social Studies, 1991.

Friend of Education award, Virginia Council for the Social Studies, 1988.

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

O'Brien, J.E., "Comparing Presidents & their Actions 'To Provide for the Common Defence,'" *The History Teacher*, 2009.

O'Brien, J., "Traveling with Technology on Route 21," *Social Education*, November/December, 2008.

O'Brien, J., "Are we preparing young people for 21st century citizenship with 20th century thinking? Building a case for a virtual laboratory of democracy," *Contemporary Issues in Technology & Teacher Education*, <http://www.citejournal.org/vol8/iss2/socialstudies/toc.cfm> January, 2008.

O'Brien, J., Strickland, J. & Grill, A. "Who Cares about State Government? Using the Internet to Research State Legislative Issues," *National Council for the Social Studies Bulletin: The Infusion of Technology into Exemplary Social Studies Lessons*, 2007.

O'Brien, Grill, A., Schlicht J. & Schwarz S. "Tracking Current Events: Using the Internet to Explore Unfolding Stories," *Social Education*, April/May, 2006.

O'Brien, J., White, S. Hileman, K, Mortenson, D. & Smith, A. "Recapturing the History Standards: Building a Case for Historical Inquiry," *The Middle School Journal*, March, 2006.

White, S., O'Brien, J., Hileman, K, Mortenson, D. & Smith, A. "Build It and They Will Learn: Creating a History Lab in an Age of Standards," *The Middle School Journal*, March, 2006.

Aust, R., Newberry, B., O'Brien, J. & Thomas, J. "Learning Generation: Innovations with Tomorrow's Teachers and Technology," *Journal of Technology and Teacher Education*, 13(2), 2005.

O'Brien, J.E. & J. Kohlmeier, "A Web-based, Issues Centered Assignment for Teacher Education and High School Students," *Journal of Social Studies Research*, 28(1), 3-15, 2004.

O'Brien, J.E., J. Kohlmeier, & C. Guilfoyle, "Prediction-making Within a Historical Context," *The Social Studies*, November/December, 2003.

O'Brien, J.E. & J. Kohlmeier, "Leadership: Part of the Civic Mission of Schools?" *The Social Studies*, July/ August, 2003.

O'Brien, J.E. & A. Grill, "Increasing Student Awareness and Discussion of Current Events Using TRACKER: An Online Tool For Web Authoring and Discussion," *Computers in the Social Studies*, v. 11 n. 2 May-August, 2003.

O'Brien, J.E., "How will the U.S. Supreme Court Decide?" *The Social Studies*, 2002.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Steven White], "Who Are Your Students' Role Models," *Social Studies and the Young Learner*, September, 2000.

O'Brien, J.E., "Enabling all Students to Learn in the Laboratory of Democracy," *Intervention in School and Clinic*, v 34, n 4, March, 2000.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Steven White] "What is a Hero? An Exploratory Study of Young People's Conception of Heroes," *The Journal of Moral Education*, v 21, n 8, May, 1999.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Steven White] "What is a Hero? Students Explore their Conception of the Heroic," *Social Education*, May/June, 1999.

O'Brien, J.E., "Using Literary Themes to Develop Historical Perspective," *The Social Studies* v 89, n 6, Nov/Dec 1998, pp. 276-280.

O'Brien, J.E., "Statewide Social Studies Assessment: Threat or Treat?" *The Social Studies*, v.88, n. 2, March/April, 1997, pp. 53-58.

O'Brien, J.E., "Kansas: A Case Study in Social Studies Curricular Reform," *Journal of Social Studies Research*, v. 20, n. 2, Fall, 1996, pp. 33-38.

O'Brien, J.E., "The Beginning of Life: A Topic Worthy of Discussion?," *Social Education*, v. 60, n. 1, January, 1996, pp. 32-37, National Council for the Social Studies, Washington, D.C.

O'Brien, J.E., "Divided We Stand?" *Update on Law-Related Education*, v.19, n.1, Winter, 1995, pp. 4-6, American Bar Association, Chicago, IL.

Book Chapters

O'Brien, J.E., "Using Web 2.0 to Transform a Brick & Mortar School into a Participatory Media Rich Civic Learning Environment," *Contemporary Issues in Social Studies*. (Accepted for publication, 2011I)

O'Brien, J.E. & N. Lawrence. "Using Online Collaborative Tools to Foster Middle School Students "Public Voices": Perils, Payoffs and Possibilities," *Educational Technology Integration in Urban Schools*. (Accepted for publication, 2011.)

O'Brien, J. "Consumers or Producers of Democracy: Moving Civic Education from the Information to the Empowerment Age." Chapter in *Technology in Retrospect: Social Studies Place in the Information Age 1984-2009*, Berson, M. & Diem, R., eds. 2010.

O'Brien, J., "Preparing Future E-Citizens to Research Public Policy Issues Online: Old Skills in New Electronic Clothing or Truly Something Different?" chapter in *The Electronic Republic*, Berson, M. & Van Fossen, P., eds., 2008.

Encyclopedia Entry

O'Brien, J. & White, S. "Hero," Entry in *Encyclopedia of Positive Psychology*, S. Lopez, ed., 2009.

Online Material

Track Current Events, <http://www.trackcurrentevents.org> (2002)

Professional Organization's Newsletter Column

O'Brien, J.E. "Reaching Students through Technology, President's Message," (guest columnist), *The Social Studies Professional*, March-April, No. 186, National Council for the Social Studies, 2005.

Professional Organization's Position Statement

Media Literacy Position Statement," National Council for the Social Studies, 2009.

"Technology Position Statement & Guidelines," *Social Education*, National Council for the Social Studies Select Committee on Technology, September, 2006.

Curricular, Instructional & State Assessment Material

"Learning Skills in Information, Communication, and Media Literacy for Social Studies" Partnership for 21st Century Skills, 2nd ed., 2008.

"Learning Skills in Information, Communication, and Media Literacy for Social Studies" Partnership for 21st Century Skills, 1st ed., 2007.

O'Brien, J. & Endacott, J. "What Justifies War?" (Written component of a video case study), *Persistent Issues in History*, (URL), 2007.

O'Brien, J.E., [w/M. Pomplun, D. Glasnapp, & J. Poggio], "1997 Kansas Social Studies Assessment Performance Assessment: Teacher's Guide for all Grades," and "Student Guide for Grades 5, 8, & 11," Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation, University of Kansas, 1997.

O'Brien, J.E., [w/M. Pomplun, D. Glasnapp, & J. Poggio], "1997 Kansas Social Studies Objective Test, Grades 5, 8, & 11, Center for Educational Testing & Evaluation, Univ. of Ks., 1997.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Lori Nebelsick-Gullett, Douglas Glasnapp, and John Poggio], "1996 Kansas Social Studies Assessment Performance Activity," booklet, Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, January, 1996,

O'Brien, J.E., [w/L. Nebelsick-Gullett, J. Kelley, M. Pomplun, D. Glasnapp & J. Poggio], "Results for 1995 Kansas Social Studies Performance Activity & Teacher Survey," Center for Educational Testing & Evaluation, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, January, 1996.

"1995 Kansas Social Studies Assessment Performance Activity," booklet, Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, January, 1995, (primary author of major portion of booklet and assisted in writing of remainder of booklet.)

"1995 Kansas Social Studies Objective Test," Grades 5, 8, & 11, with two forms for each grade, Center for Educational Testing and Evaluation, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS January, 1995, (one of two content specialists, reviewed & selected all items & authored several items)

"Kansas Curricular Standards for Social Studies," August, 1994, Kansas State Board of Education, Topeka, KS (one of major authors and reviewers of publication).

O'Brien, J.E., [with Tracy Warren], "Law in an International and Technological Era," Issue Packets, Virginia Commonwealth University Press, 1993.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Robin McBee], "Issues of Law & Citizenship, 4th ed." Virginia Commonwealth University Press, 1992.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Mark Crockett, Lessie Freeman, Michael Wildasin, and Sandra Wiley], eds., "Lesson Sampler on Virginia Law and Government, V. II," University of Virginia Press, 1991.

O'Brien, J.E., [w/T. Warren & M. Wildasin], "Acting on Principle," Univ. of Va. Press, 1990.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Lynda Dunnigan and Fred Lederer], "Concepts of American Law," Instructional packages, College of William and Mary Press, 1990.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Melanie Biermann, Thomas Long, Michael Wildasin, and Sandra Wiley], eds., "Lesson Sampler on Virginia Law and Government," University of Virginia Press, 1989.

O'Brien, J.E., "State Law and Government Seminar Series Program Manual," Virginia Commonwealth University Press, 1989.

O'Brien, J.E., "Court Service Unit Law-Related Education Program Manual," Virginia Department of Corrections, 1989.

O'Brien, J.E., [w/L. Dunnigan, L. Hanum, F. Lederer, and M. Wildasin], "Aspects of American Law" instructional packages, College of William and Mary Press, 1988 and 1989.

O'Brien, J.E., "Issues of Law & Citizenship," 3rd ed., Va. Commonwealth Univ. Press, 1989.

O'Brien, J.E., ". . . In Search of a New Government: A Simulation of the 1787 Constitutional Convention," Virginia Commonwealth University Press, 1987.

O'Brien, J.E., "Resource Attorney Directory," Virginia Commonwealth University, 1986.

O'Brien, J.E., "You Decide: A Jury Simulation," *UPDATE on Law-Related Education*, v10, n1, Winter, 1986.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Neil Arneson], "Freedom of Press or Libel: The Colonial Case of John Zenger," an instructional package, Virginia Commonwealth University Press, 1985.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Jeffrey Southard], "Issues of Law and Citizenship," 2d ed., case study booklet commissioned by a grant from the Virginia Law Foundation, 1985.

O'Brien, J.E., [with James Alouf, Jerry Moore], "Economics and Energy: A Teaching Bibliography," commissioned by a grant from the Joint Council for Economic Education, 1983.

Ongoing Research Projects

National survey of high school U.S. history teachers use of primary sources, fall, 2010.

State survey of social studies teachers' use of instructional time, fall, 2010 (part of a national study)

National survey of high school world history teachers' use of primary sources, spring, 2011.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS – INTERNATIONAL

O'Brien, J.E., [with Jada Kohlmeier], "Drawing Predictions in the Past in Preparation for the Future," Forum 2000: Building Democratic Villages, U. of Calgary, 2000 (Refereed)

"Technological Advances & Individual Freedom: On a Collision Course?" International Conference in Studies of Society & Environment, U. of Sydney, Australia, 1997. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [with Steven White], "(Re)Discovering Heroes: A Cross Cultural Look at Daredevils and Dreamers," An International Conference in Studies of Society and Environment, University of Sydney, Australia, July, 1997. (Refereed)

"Preparing Preservice Teachers for Citizenship Education," International Symposium on "Preserving a Nation's Constitutional Heritage through Education," National Trust for Historic Preservation, September, 1990. (Invited)

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS – NATIONAL

O'Brien, J.E., et al, "Comparative State Results from the National Study on the State of Social Studies Teachers." College of University & Faculty Association, November, 2010.

O'Brien, J.E., et al. "Perils, Pitfalls & Potential of Web 2.0: Student-Teacher Showcase." National Council for the Social Studies, November, 2010.

O'Brien, J. "Presidents' Efforts to "Establish Justice": Successful or Not?" National Council for the Social Studies Conference, November, 2009

O'Brien, et al, "Social Networks in the Social Studies: Promise & Potential" National Council for Social Studies Conference, 2009

O'Brien, J.E. et al., "Participatory Media & Citizenship Education," American Educational Research Association, April 14, 2009

O'Brien, J.E., "Using Web 2.0 to Transform a Brick & Mortar School into a Participatory Media Rich Civic Learning Environment," The 3rd James F. Ackerman Colloquium on Technology & Citizenship Education, Purdue University, June 18-20, 2009.

O'Brien, J.E., K. Cormack, N. Lawrence, R. Wilbanks & J. Grimes "Application for Citizenship," National Council for the Social Studies conference (Refereed) 2008

O'Brien, J.E., D. Hart & S. Johnson "Writing a Conference Proposal," National Council for the Social Studies conference 2008

O'Brien, J.E., J. Hood & N. Lawrence, *We the People* National Council for the Social Studies, (Refereed) 2008

O'Brien, J.E. et al "Media Literacy Position Statement, National Council for the Social Studies conference 2008

O'Brien, J.E., J. Moore "What can NCSS do for Pre-Service and New Teachers?" NCSS conference 2008

O'Brien, J.E., J. Hood & N. Lawrence, *We the People: Presidents, Groups and Liberty*, National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, Nov-Dec, 2007.

O'Brien, J.E. & Mary MacFarland, *Information & Communication Technologies Literacy Map: A Collaborative Effort between NCSS & Partnership for 21st Century Skills*, National Council for the Social Studies.

O'Brien, J.E., *Are We Preparing Young People for 21st Century Citizenship with 20th Century Thinking? Building a Case for a Virtual Laboratory of Democracy*, Ackerman Colloquium on Technology & Citizenship Education, Purdue University, July, 2007.

O'Brien, J.E., L. Bennett, M. Berson, and A. Friedman, *Integrating the NCSS K-12 Technology Standards into Social Studies Teacher Education*, Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education conference, March, 2007.

O'Brien, J.E., and members of NCSS Select Committee on Technology, *Guidelines & Exemplars of Effective Use of Instructional Technology*, National Council for the Social Studies, December, 2006

O'Brien, J.E., J. Hood & N. Lawrence, *War, Liberty and the Commander-in-Chief: A Volatile Mix*, National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, 2006

O'Brien, J.E. and representative authors of material in *National Council for the Social Studies Bulletin: The Infusion of Technology into Exemplary Social Studies Lessons*, National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, 2006

O'Brien, J.E., *Preparing Future E-Citizens to Research Public Policy Issues Online: Old Skills in New Electronic Clothing or Truly Something Different?* Ackerman Institute, July, 2006

O'Brien, J.E., and members of NCSS Select Committee on Technology, *Guidelines & Exemplars of Effective Use of Instructional Technology*, National Council for the Social Studies, November, 2005

O'Brien, J.E. *What is a more perfect Union? Ask the Presidents*, National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, 2005

O'Brien, J.E. & A. Grill, *Tracking Current Events*, National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, 2005

O'Brien, J.E., and members of NCSS Select Committee on Technology, *Guidelines & Exemplars of Effective Use of Instructional Technology*, National Council for the Social Studies, November, 2004

O'Brien, J.E. & P. Egan, *To War or Not to War: A President's Decision*, National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, 2004

O'Brien, J.E. & A. Smith, *Social Studies Lab*, National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, 2004

O'Brien, J.E. & P. Egan, *High School Students' Understanding of Current Events and Related Contemporary Public Policy Issues*, Conference on Civic Education Research, 2004

O'Brien, J.E., Aust, R., Smith, S. and Newberry, B., "Learning Generation: Inspiring Tomorrow's Teacher with Technology," National Educational Computing Conference, June, 2003

O'Brien, J.E. & Grill, A., "Increasing Student Awareness and Discussion of Current Events Using TRACKER: An Online Tool For Web Authoring and Discussion." Society for Instructional Technology in Education, March, 2003.

O'Brien, J.E. "Tracking Current Events," National Council for the Social Studies conference, Phoenix, November, 2002.

O'Brien, J.E., w/L. Richmond, S. Smith, & S. Smith, "Effective Cohort Development for Engaging Technology Integration by University Faculty," National Educational Computing Conference, Denver, June, 2002

O'Brien, J.E., w/Jada Kohlmeier, "A Web-based, Issues Centered Assignment Between Preservice and High School Students: Generation II," American Educational Research Association conference, New Orleans, March, 2002.

O'Brien, J.E. "How will the U.S. Supreme Court Decide?" National Council for the Social Studies conference, Washington, DC, November, 2001.

O'Brien, J.E. "A Justifiable War: An Oxymoron?" National Council for the Social Studies conference, Washington, DC, November, 2001.

O'Brien, J.E., w/L. Richmond, S. Smith, & S. Smith, "Effective Cohort Development for Engaging Technology Integration by University Faculty," National Educational Computing Conference, Chicago, June, 2001

O'Brien, J.E., w/L. Richmond, S. Smith, & S. Smith, "Power of Technology: Integration through Collaboration," Conference for the Council for Exceptional Children, Kansas City, April, 2001.

O'Brien, J.E., Josh Cox, & Aaron Grill, "Student-generated Technology Innovations in a Teacher Education Program," American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, February, 2001.

O'Brien, J., w/J. Cox, A. Grill, S. Smith, & S. Smith, "Technology Integration through Innovation and Collaboration," American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, 2001

O'Brien, J.E. [w/Jada Kohlmeier], Electronic Collaboration Between Preservice & High School Students: Boon or Boondoggle? Social Studies Education College & University Faculty Association conference, November, 2000.

O'Brien, J.E., "Leaders and Presidents," National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, November, 2000.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Jada Kohlmeier], "Predicting Possible Tomorrows Today," National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, November, 1999.

O'Brien, J.E., "What Can Leaders Teach Students?" National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, November, 1999.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Jada Kohlmeier], "Predicting Possible Tomorrows Today," National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, November, 1998.

O'Brien, J.E., {with Steven White}, "Character: What are the Qualities?" National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, November, 1998.

O'Brien, J.E., [with Steven White], "Students Speak Out about Their Heroes," *National Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, November, 1997. (Refereed)

"Technological Advances and Individual Freedom: On a Collision Course?" *National Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, November, 1997. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [with Kim Rasmussen], "Statewide Performance Assessment: Does It Work?" *National Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, November, 1997. (Refereed)

"Preservice Teachers' Evolving Conception of Social Studies Education," *American Educational Research Association* annual conference, March, 1997. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E. [w/S. White], "A Study of Young People's Conception of Heroes and Role Models," *American Educational Research Association* annual conference, March, 1997. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E. [with Steven White], "Heroes: The Lost Americans?" *National Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, November, 1996. (Refereed)

"Breathing Life into History through Legends and Storytelling," *National Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, November, 1996. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [w/Mark Crockett, & Richard Needham], "Citizenship, Standards, & Assessment: A Three State Perspective," *National Council for the Social Studies*, Nov., 1996. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E. [with Mark Crockett & Richard Needham], "Statewide Assessment: Carrot or Stick?" *National Council for the Social Studies* conference, November, 1995. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [with Lee Chase & Michael Wildasin], "High School Innovations: Meeting the Challenges," *National Council for the Social Studies* conference, November, 1995. (Refereed)

"Diversity in the United States: A Unifying or Dividing Force?" *National Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, November, 1995. (Refereed)

"Abortion & Bioethics: Making Predictions about a Controversial Issue," Democracy & Technology Institute, Center for Research & Development in Law-Related Education at Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC, July, 1995. (Invited)

"Controversial Issues in Children's and Young Adult Literature," *National Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, November, 1994. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [w/M. Crockett & R. Needham], "Social Studies Standards and Educational Reform: A Three State Perspective," *National Council for the Social Studies* conference, Nov., 1994.

O'Brien, J.E., [w/M. Bierman & M. Wildasin], "Interdisciplinary Instruction: A Beginner's Primer," *National Council for the Social Studies* conference, Nov., 1994. (Refereed)

"Biotechnology & Ethics: Deciding on Life" Democracy & Technology : Freedom in the 21st Century summer institute, Center for Research & Development in Law-Related Education, Wake Forest University, July, 1994. (Invited)

O'Brien, J.E., [with Mark Crockett], "Outcome-based Education: A Two State Perspective," *National Council for the Social Studies*, November, 1993. (Refereed)

"Literature and History," *National Council for the Social Studies*, Nov. 1993. (Refereed)

"Privacy: A Lost Right in a Technological Era?" Center for Research and Development in Law-Related Education, Wake Forest University, July, 1993. (Invited)

"Losing Sight of the Forest for the Trees: Instructional Strategies within Law-Related Education," American Bar Association's Law-Related Education Leadership Seminar, January, 1993. (Invited)

O'Brien, J.E., with Susan Bjork O'Brien, "Storytelling and Cultural Diversity," *National Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, November, 1992. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., with Susan Bjork O'Brien, "Respecting Diversity: Developing an Anti-Bias Curriculum for Young People," *National Association for the Education of Young Children* annual conference, November, 1992. (Refereed)

Panelist at the "Leon Jaworski Symposium on Teaching about the Constitution and Bill of Rights in the 21st Century," Washington, D.C., September, 1991. (Invited)

"Law-Related Education in a Juvenile Justice System Setting," *Virginia Juvenile Officers Association* Conference, March, 1989. (Invited)

"A History of Law-Related Education," Association of State Law-Related Education State Project Leaders Meeting, November 6, 1989, St. Louis, MO.

"Privacy and Technology," presentation, Center for Research and Development in Law-Related education, March 11, 1988, Wake Forest University. (Invited)

"Elements of an Effective Lesson Plan," Law in the 21st Century Institute, March 6-12, 1988, Wake Forest University, NC. (Invited)

"Constitutions as Mirrors of a People," presentation, *National Council for the Social Studies*, November 16, 1987, Dallas, TX. (Refereed)

"Using Literary Themes to Teach Historical Thinking," paper, *National Conference for the Social Studies*, November 15, 1986, New York, NY.

"MENTOR: Teacher-Attorney Partnership Program," presentation, *American Bar Association National Outreach Development Seminar*, November 8, 1986, White Plains, NY. (Refereed)

"Law-Related Education: How the Justice Community is Making it Happen" - paper presented, national Conference of Bar Foundations, February 9, 1986, Baltimore, MD. (Invited)

"An Alternative Approach to Social Studies: A Conceptually Based Curriculum" - *National Council for the Social Studies* Conference, November 21, 1985, Chicago, IL. (Refereed)

"What's Happening in the States? Virginia's Plans for the Bicentennial" - paper, *American Bar Association's Law-Related Education Leadership Seminar*, 1985, Chicago, IL. (Invited)

"Managing LRE Projects - What Can We Learn From Each Other?" - *American Bar Association Law-Related Education Leadership Seminar*, November 14, 1984, Washington, D.C. (Refereed)

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS – REGIONAL

"How will the U.S. Supreme Court Decide?" *Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference*, April, 2001 (Refereed)

"A Justifiable War: An Oxymoron?" *Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference*, April, 2001 (Refereed)

"Do Public Heroes Only Live in the Past?" *Truman Presidential Library*, Oct, 2000 (Invited)

"Predicting Possible Tomorrows Today," *Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference*, April, 2000

"Learning about Leaders: The Presidency as a Case Example?" *Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference*, April, 2000. (Refereed)

"Technological Advances and Individual Freedom: On a Collision Course?" *Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference*, April, 1997. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [with Kim Rasmussen], "Kansas State Assessment Program, The Impossible Dream?" *Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference*, 1997. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [w/S. White], (Re)Discovering Heroes: People and Literature in Social Studies," *Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference*, April, 1997. (Refereed)

"Assessing the Standards," *Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference*, April, 1996. (Refereed)

"The Beginning of Life: A Topic Worthy of Discussion?" *Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference*, April, 1996. (Refereed)

"Law in an International and Technological Era," *Southeast Regional Social Studies Conference*, March, 1991. (Refereed)

"When Worlds Collide," *Southeast Regional Social Studies Conference*, 1990, Norfolk, VA.

"Censorship and the Right to Read," paper, *South Atlantic Philosophy of Education Society*, October 17, 1987, Duke University, NC. (Refereed)

"Freedom of Press or Libel?" - presentation, *Northeast Regional Conference for the Social Studies*, May 8, 1986, Boston, MA. (Refereed)

"Effective Utilization of Outside Resource People" *Collegial Association for the Development & Renewal of Educators Eastern Regional Conference*, Nov., 1985, Williamsburg, VA. (Refereed)

"Using Literature to Teach Historical Reasoning" - joint papers presented, *Northeast Regional Conference for the Social Studies*, March 6, 1985, Boston, MA. (Refereed)

"Microcomputer Simulations and the Teaching of History" paper presented, *Southeast Regional Conference for the Social Studies*, March 30, 1984, New Orleans, LA. (Refereed)

"Applications of the Microcomputer in the Social Studies Classroom", *Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference for the Social Studies*, April 24, 1983, Baltimore, MD. (Refereed)

"Making Social Studies Enjoyable Through the Use of Microcomputers" - presentation, *Southeast Regional Conference for the Social Studies*, 1983, Jacksonville, FL. (Refereed)

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS – STATE

"The Presidency: A Look at Leaders," *Kansas Council for the Social Studies*, October, 1999. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [with Steven White], "Are Role Models Important to Study?" *Kansas Council for the Social Studies*, October, 1999. (Refereed)

"Who are Your Leaders? Listen to your Students," *Kansas Council for the Social Studies annual conference*, Fort Hays University, October, 1998. (Refereed)

"What is Going to Happen Tomorrow? Developing Predictions Skills," *Kansas Council for the Social Studies annual conference*, Fort Hays University, October, 1998 (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [with Steven White], (Re)Discovering Heroes: People and Literature in Social Studies," *Kansas Council for the Social Studies annual conference*, October, 1996. (Refereed)

"Technological Advances and Individual Freedom: On a Collision Course?," *Kansas Council for the Social Studies annual conference*, October, 1996. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [with Patricia Weiss], "Teaching Beyond the Pacific War - 1945-1995," *Kansas Council for the Social Studies annual conference*, October, 1995. (Refereed)

"Unity from Diversity: What is an American?" *Kansas Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, October, 1995. (Refereed)

"Genes, Genes, Who Owns the Genes?" *Kansas Council for the Social Studies*, 1994. (Refereed)

O'Brien, J.E., [w/S. Hamil & R. Leighty], "An Update on the Kansas Social Studies Outcomes - Round II," presentation to the Kansas State Board of Education, September, 1994. (Invited)

O'Brien, J.E., [with Sharon Hamil and Richard Leighty], "An Update on the Kansas Social Studies Outcomes," presentation to the Kansas State Board of Education, May, 1994. (Invited)

"Kansas and the Social Studies Outcomes," panel discussion facilitator, Emporia State University, March, 1994. (Invited)

"Controversy and Children's Literature," *Kansas Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, October, 1993. (Refereed)

"When Worlds Collide," *Kansas Council for the Social Studies* conference, 1992. (Refereed)

"The Bill of Rights: Preparing for the Bicentennial and Beyond, Parts I and II," Panelist, Virginia Department of Education televised panel discussion, December, 1990. (Invited)

"Bill of Rights Roundtable," presentation/moderator, *Virginia Council for the Social Studies* annual conference, November, 1990, Richmond, VA. (Refereed)

"John Marshall to Lewis Powell: Justices and the History of the Supreme Court," *Virginia Conference for Social Studies Educators*, November 4, 1989, Richmond, VA. (Refereed)

"Law-Related Education in a Juvenile Justice System Setting," *Virginia Juvenile Officers Association Conference*, March, 1989. (Invited)

"Using Interactive Television to Teach about Law," presentation, *Virginia Council for the Social Studies* conference, October 8, 1988, Roanoke, VA. (Refereed)

"Bringing State Law and Government to Life," presentation, *Virginia Council for the Social Studies*, October 8, 1988, Roanoke, VA. (Refereed)

"Designing Simulations of Local Government Meetings," Virginia Law and Government Curriculum Development Inservice, June 27, 1988, University of Virginia, VA.

"Simulating Constitutional Debates" presentation, ". . . to Form a More Perfect Union. . ." Conference, December 5, 1987.

"Citizenship: Participants or Society Makers?" presentation, *Virginia Council for the Social Studies*, October 23, 1987, Williamsburg, VA. (Refereed)

"Bringing Constitutional Debates to Life Through the Use of Primary Sources," presentation, *Virginia Conference for the Social Studies*, October 26, 1986, Richmond, VA. (Refereed)

"Evolution of a Legal Case" - presentation, *Virginia Conference for Social Studies Educators*, October 23, 1985, Charlottesville, VA. (Refereed)

"The Burger Court and Education" paper presented, *Area VII Phi Alpha Delta Leadership Seminar*, May 4, 1985, Richmond, VA. (Invited)

"Promoting Citizenship Through Child and Adolescent Literature" - presentation, *Children's Literature Conference*, November 10, 1984, Richmond, VA. (Refereed)

"Learning to Participate in Local Civic Affairs" & "2 Ways to Use Computers to Manipulate Data in a Social Studies Classroom," *Virginia Conference for Social Studies Educators*, October, 1984. (Refereed)

"Using Community/Legal Resource People in the Classroom" - paper presented, *Conference for Social Studies Educators in Virginia*, October 28, 1983, Roanoke, VA. (Refereed)

"Teaching Energy Economics in the K-12 Curriculum" - presentation, *Virginia Association of Economics*, March 17, 1983, Lynchburg, VA. (Refereed)

"Technology: Moral Dilemmas" & "Law and Morality," panelist, opening & closing programs, national broadcast, "Aspects of American Law" TV series, 4/14/89 & 10/21/88, WHRO-TV - Norfolk, VA.

"Teaching Concepts of American Law," statewide teacher training broadcast - part of WHRO's "Concepts of American Law" program, August, 1990.

GRANTSMANSHIP

"Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers: The Learning Generation," U.S. Department of Education, 3 year grant w/ annual budget of \$450,000, 1999.

Exploring Students' Understanding of Leadership: An Analysis of 5th, 8th & 11th Graders' Responses to Kansas Social Studies Performance Assessment, Graduate Research Fund, \$4,400, 1998.

"Young People's Conception of Heroes and Role Models and Its Implications for Instruction," KAPDS, \$1,521, 1996.

"What is a Hero? An Exploratory Study of Kindergarteners' through Practicing Teachers' Conception of Heroes & Role Models," Univ. of Kansas Graduate Research Fund, \$4,335, 1996.

Secured the donation of over \$4,000 worth of high school social studies textbooks to the Learning Resource Center, 1994.

"Survey of Kansas and Virginia Council for the Social Studies members on outcome-based education," University of Kansas new faculty grant, \$4,999, 1993-94.

"The U.S. Constitution: A Model for the World," Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, \$48,000, 1991-92.

"Virginia Coalition for Law-Related Education," U.S. Department of Education, \$125,000, 1991-92. (A three year continuation grant budgeted for \$125,000 each year.)

"The Bill of Rights: A View from the Bench" - U.S. Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, \$45,000, 1990-91.

"Law in an International and Technological Era"-U.S. Dept. of Education, \$105,000, 1990-91

"Virginia Law and Government Project," U.S. Department of Education, \$92,130, 1989-90.

"Virginia Coalition for Law-Related Education and Delinquency Prevention," Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, \$29,025, 1989-90.

"Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights Conference Series," Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, \$35,819, 1989.

"Virginia Coalition for Law-Related Education and Juvenile Delinquency Prevention," - Virginia Department for Criminal Justice Services, \$36,943, 1988-89.

"Virginia Law and Government Project" - U.S. Department of Education, \$85,950, 1987-88.

"Constitutional Seminar Series" - Virginia Law Foundation, \$18,471.20, 1987-88.

"Virginia Ratification Convention Simulation Booklet," Virginia Law Fd., \$11,675, 1987-88.

"Court Service Unit Law-Related Education Technical Assistance Project, Phase III," Virginia Department of Corrections, \$19,687, 1987-88.

"Court Service Unit Law-Related Education Technical Assistance Project, Phase I," Virginia Department of Corrections, \$4,023, 1987.

"Bicentennial Programs and Resources Conference Program" - Virginia Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, \$30,535, 1987.

"Constitutional Seminar Series" - Virginia Law Foundation, \$16,535, 1987.

"Constitutional Convention Simulation Booklet" - Virginia Law Foundation, \$9,780, 1986-87.

"MENTOR-An Attorney-Educator Partnership," Virginia Law Foundation,\$4,800, 1986-87.

"Law-Related Education Delinquency Prevention Project" - Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS), \$20,846, 1986-87.

"Constitutional Seminar Series" - Virginia Law Foundation, \$14,574, 1985-86.

"Law-Related Education Delinquency Prevention Project"-Virginia DCJS, \$41,693, 1985-86.

"MENTOR - An Attorney Educator Partnership Project, Fairfax" - Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services, \$4,800, 1985-86.

"Issues of Law and Citizenship Studies, 2nd ed." -Virginia Law Foundation, \$3,782, 1984-85.

"Law-Related Education Delinquency Prevention Project" - Virginia DCJS, \$37,860, 1984-85.

"Journey to Justice" -Virginia DCJS, \$12,000, 1984-85.

SELECTED SCHOLARLY CONSULTATION:

Manuscript reviewer, *Theory & Research in Social Education* and *Teacher & Teacher Education*, 2003-present.

Consultant, *Persistent Issues in History* project, assisted with creation of video case study, 2005-2007.

Grant reviewer, Youth for Justice national grant program, 2003-2004.

"Kansas Local Government," Kansas School Board Association, reviewed material, 2003-04

"Kansas Lawmaker: Learning the Legislative Process," Kansas Legislature, 2000, design consultant.

"Treasury of Teaching Activities for Elementary Language Arts," reviewer, Delmar Publishers.

"Approaches to Preschool Curriculum," reviewer, Glencoe Publishers, published 1994.

"Living the Law by Learning the Law: A K-12 Law-Related Education Curriculum Guide," reviewer, Virginia Commonwealth University Press, 1994.

Curriculum planning: Designed & implemented the early phases of a curriculum revision process for Chesterfield County Schools, Virginia's third most populous district. Also, worked with social studies specialist to address criticism of proposed revision from teachers & community members. 1991-94.

Consulted with several Kansas school districts on how to revise their curricula in accordance with the state social studies outcomes, 1992-93.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Kansas State Assessment Workshops:

In 1994-96 worked with the Center for Education Testing and Evaluation on a series of workshops. The workshops were designed to develop, review and revise the Kansas State Social Studies Assessment program material, as well as to review the results of the piloting of the material in the spring of 1995 and 1997.

Selected Inservices:

"Presidents & the Preamble," Wichita, Kansas

"Kansas Social Studies Outcomes," ESSDEX service center, Kansas.

"Controversial Issues and Children's Literature," KAW Valley service center, Kansas.

"Teaching Problem Solving Skills Through a Study of Law" - Albemarle County Public Schools.

"Technology and the Law" - Chesterfield County Public Schools.

"Using Interactive Teaching Techniques When Teaching About the Law"-Henrico Public Schools.

"Citizenship Skills in the Primary Grades" - Norfolk City Public Schools.

"Law and the Social Studies Curriculum" - Nottoway County Public Schools.

"Integrating a Study of Law into the Social Studies Curriculum" - Portsmouth City Schools.

"Using Open-ended Problems to Discover the Community" - Richmond City School.

Selected Conferences/Institutes: Either individually or in concert with others planned, implemented, and evaluated the following conference/institute

"The Bill of Rights: A View from the Bench," Montpelier, VA., July, 1991.

"Law in an International & Technological Era Curriculum Development Institute," June, 1991.

"Laws in an International and Technological Era Leadership Workshop," January, 1991.

"Seminar on the Virginia Judiciary," Statewide, April 1989, 1990, and 1991, Richmond, VA.

"Students' Conference on the Constitution and International Legal Systems," (Facilitator), Washington, D.C., 1990. (Conducted by Center for Research and Development in Law-Related Education.)

"Diversion in the 1990's," Series of Three Regional Conferences in Virginia, July, 1990.

"Virginia Law and Government Curriculum Development Institute," June 24-30, 1990 and June 26 - July 1, 1988, University of Virginia (offered for graduate credit).

"Keeping Juveniles Out," Regional Conference Series, Richmond, Staunton, Virginia Beach, and Wytheville, Virginia, 1989.

"Virginia Law and Government Seminar Series:" "Judicial Seminar," April 21, 1988; "Legislative Seminar," February 24, 1988; "Executive Seminar," December 10, 1987.

". . . to Form a More Perfect Union . . ." conference series; April 14, 1988, Virginia Beach; March 24, 1988, Richmond; March 17, 1988, Fairfax; December 8, 1987, Roanoke.

"Special Programs in Citizenship Education Institutionalization Institute," August 13-15, 1987, Hamline University, MN (worked as the Co-facilitator).

"The Judiciary: 200 Years" conference series: March 31, 1987, Virginia Beach; March 26, 1987, Richmond; March 5, 1987, Roanoke; November 6, 1987, Fairfax, VA.

"Bicentennial Program and Resources" conference series: Feb. 26, 1987, Va. Beach; Feb.24, Harrisonburg; Feb.19, Abingdon; Feb.18, Roanoke; Feb.12, Richmond; Feb.10, Fairfax, VA.

"Seminar on the Virginia Judiciary," statewide, March 3, 1987, Richmond, VA.

"The People and the Courts: Constitutional Issues of the '80's" - May 15, 1986, Fairfax, VA.

"First Amendment Throughout History" conference series: Richmond, VA, March 20, 1986; Eastern VA, Jan. 24, 1986, Norfolk, VA; Southwest VA, Nov. 9, 1985, Roanoke, VA.

Conferences

"MENTOR - A Law-Related Education Partnership Project" - February 18, 1986, Fairfax, VA.

"The Constitution in a Computer Age" - Central Virginia, April 7, 1985, Richmond, VA.

"Fostering Public-Private Partnerships" - December 7, 1984, Richmond, VA.

"Working Effectively with Local Schools" - conference series, sites: Front Royal, Giles, Williamsburg, and Richmond, VA, fall 1984.

"Mid-Atlantic Phi Alpha Delta - LRE Symposium" - October 13, 1984, Washington, D.C.

"Revitalizing Civic Education" - state meeting, April 24, 1984, Richmond, VA.

"The Juvenile Justice System" - Southwest Virginia, September 17, 1983, Roanoke, VA.

SELECTED EXAMPLES OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND COMMITTEE WORK

University Committee Work:

Department:

Interim Department Chair, Fall, 2010

Chair, Executive Committee, 2008-present

Chair, Search Committee for Secondary English Education Assistant Professor, 2006-07

Member, Ad Hoc Group on Department Division, 2005-2006

Member, Executive Committee, 2004-2006

Member, Personnel Committee, 2001-04, 1995-1996

Member, Operations Committee, 1996-1998

Instructional Leadership Task Force, 1997-1998

Undergraduate Committee, 1992-94, Chair - 1992-1994

Chair, Search Committee - elementary social studies & literacy position, 1994

Member, Early Childhood Education task force, 1993

Member, Search Committee - Assistant Director for Center for Economic Education, 1992

Member, Program Review, 1992

School of Education:

Member, Technology Committee, 2008-present; Chair, 2008-present

Member, Ad Hoc Group on School Governance, 2008-present

Member, Faculty Awards Committee, 2005-2007

Member, Teacher Education Advisory Council, 2003-present

Member, Psychoeducational Committee, 2002- 2003

Member, Technology Council, 2000-2001

Member, Learning Resources Center Ad Hoc Group, 2000-2001

Member, Scholarship Committee, 1998-2001

Member, Personnel Committee, 1998-2000

Member, Teacher Education Division Curriculum Committee, 1998-2000

Member, Project Partnership Curriculum Planning Committee, 1996- 1997

Member, Collaborative Problem Solving Planning Committee, 1996-97

Member, Curriculum Committee, 1994-1995

Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Reorganization, 1993

University:

Member, Student Financial Aid Appeals Committee, 2008-present

University of Kansas Asia Scholars Program, 2008-present

Member, Advisory Group for e Learning Lab, 2007-present

International Graduate Students Advisory Committee, 2004-2005.

General Education Assessment Interview Team, 2003 and 2004.

Presentation at "Cold War" seminar conducted by the Russian and East European Area Studies educator outreach program, 2000.

Reviewer, Continuing Education received a grant from Kansas legislature to design a CD for middle school students on legislative process. Helping with design of CD & instructional material, 1998.

Reviewer, East European Studies' educator outreach program is designing teaching material on Siberia, "Common People/Uncommon Strength." Helping to conceptualize and edit material, 1998.

Presentation at two day held by the Latin American Area Studies' educator outreach program, 1998.

Facilitator, Curriculum Development Workshop, Center for Russian & East European Studies, July, 1997.

Member, Environmental Teacher Training Planning Committee, 1995-96

Member, International Studies Master's Program Committee, 1993-94

Member, Planning committee for the Central Slavic Conference teacher workshop, Center for Russian & East European Studies - Outreach Programs, University of Kansas, 1994.

State Level Committees & Service:

Member, Kansas Social Studies Licensure Standards Committee, 1998-2001.

Judge, Kansas History Day, 1994-2001.

Ad Hoc Member, Kansas Council for the Social Studies Executive Committee, 1992-2001.

Member, Kansas Bar Association Law-Related Education Advisory Committee, 1992-97

Vice-chairperson, Kansas Social Studies Certification Standards Committee, 1994-1996.

Member, Kansas Social Studies Curricular Outcomes Writing Team, 1992-1996.

Member, Kansas Social Studies Advisory Committee, 1992-1994

Co-Chairperson, Steering Committee, 1991 Annual Meeting of Virginia Social Studies Educators and Member, 1990 Annual Meeting of Virginia Social Studies Educators.

Volunteer Teacher, Richmond Open High School, 1990 and 1984.

Member, Virginia Consortium of Social Studies Supervisors and College Educators, 1984-1991, President-elect, 1989-1990, President, 1990-1991.

Member, Virginia Dept.of Educ. Task Force on Social Studies Teacher Certification, 1989-1991

Member, Virginia Department of Education Social Studies Advisory Committee, 1988-1991.

Head of the Advisory Board for the Virginia Law and Government Project, a partnership program among University of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University and the Virginia Department of Education on state law & government, 1987-88, & member of 1989-90 Board.

Member of the Virginia Jefferson Association Board of Directors, 1988-1991.

Member, Virginia Commonwealth U. Bicentennial of U.S. Constitution Committee, 1987-1988.

Steering Committee member of the WHRO Law in Education interactive public television series, 1986-1992. Served as consultant on the scripts and served on several of the televised panels. Secondary school series broadcasted nationwide, 1988-89 & Middle school series in 1990-91.

Member of the Fairfax Bar Association Law-Related Education Committee, 1985-1989.

Planning Committee member for the 1984-90, Virginia Conference for the Social Studies.

Advisor to the Northern Virginia Court Service Unit Law-Related Education Project, 1984-86.

Advisor to the Virginia School Climate Project, 1983-1989.

National & Regional:

Delegate, National Council for Social Studies House of Delegates, representing College and University Faculty Association, 2009-present

Reviewer, Distinguished Fulbright Award in Teaching Program, 2009

Reviewer, technology related papers for CUFA for scholarly award, 2009

NCSS Ad Hoc Group on Recruitment of Underrepresented Social Studies Educators, 2008-present

Member, Ad-hoc group on media literacy, National Council for the Social Studies, 2008-09.

Member, Program Committee, 2008 National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, Atlanta.

Member, Citizenship Committee, National Council for the Social Studies, 2006-present

Consultant, 21st Century Partnership, work on Information & Communications Technology “maps” for use of technology in K-12 social studies, 2006-2009.

Member, Program Committee, 2007 National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, San Diego.

Member, Program Committee, 2006 National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, Washington, DC.

Member, Program Committee, 2005 National Council for the Social Studies annual conference, Kansas City, Missouri, 2004-2005.

Member, Technology Committee, National Council for the Social Studies, 2000-present & Co-chair, 2004-06.

Co-Chair, Program Committee, Rocky Mountains/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference, 1999-2001.

Member, Membership Committee, National Council for the Social Studies, 1994-1997.

Member, Planning Committee, 1997 Rocky Mountains/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference, 1996-1997.

Selected as judge, National finals of the "We the People..." program, April 26-29, 1996.

Member, Study Group, Law-Related Education Evaluation Project - Phase I, undertaken by Westat and funded by the U.S. Department of Education, 1994-1995.

Member, Science & Society Committee, National Council for the Social Studies, 1992-1994

Delegate, National Council for the Social Studies House of Delegates, 1991, 1990, and 1989.

Member, Center for Research and Development in Law-Related Education Board of Trustees, Wake Forest University, 1985-90. President 1988-1989; past-president, 1990. Served as the chairperson of the Search Committee for a new executive director, 1988.

Planning Committee member for the “Special Lessons in Law-Related Education” project. Meeting attended by representatives from organizations such as American Bar Association, ERIC Clearinghouse, Social Science Education Consortium, and U.S. Bicentennial Commission.

Manuscript & Conference Reviewer

Manuscript reviewer: *Journal of Social Science Research & Practice; Social Education; Theory & Research in Social Education; Teacher & Teacher Education*

Conference session proposal reviewer: American Educational Research Association; College & University Faculty Association; and, National Council for the Social Studies

Membership in Professional Organizations:

American Educational Research Association
 American Historical Association
 Kansas Council for the Social Studies
 National Council for History Education
 National Council for the Social Studies
 Phi Delta Kappa
 World History Organization

