

## **DeAnna (DeeDee) Mower**

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### **EDUCATION**

Doctor of Philosophy | Education, Culture, & Society May 2014 University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

Master of Arts | Linguistics | Bilingual Education December 2002 University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT

Bachelor of Science | Elementary Education December 1994 Weber State University, Ogden, UT

### **LICENSE / CERTIFICATIONS**

Professional Educator License, State of Utah, Level III, Grades 1-8, 1994-Present

Teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement

**HIGHER EDUCATION TEACHING Weber State University, Ogden, UT,**  
Assistant Professor (2014-present) Courses Taught:

EDUC 3240: Reading Instruction Intermediate Grades

EDUC 3280: Social Studies Methodology

EDUC 4320: Elementary Language Arts Methods

EDUC 4210: Elementary Level III Practicum

EDUC 4850: Managing Diverse Classrooms and Student Teaching Seminars

EDUC 4950: Sec Student Teaching Seminar

MED 6000: Introduction to Graduate Studies

MED 6110: Classroom Management

MED 6313: Content Instruction in Elementary Schools, Social Studies

MED 6316: Language Arts Instruction in Elementary Schools

**Westminster College**, SLC, UT, Adjunct Professor (2009-2010) Courses Taught:

EDUC 319 & 320: Teaching in a Diverse Society

**University of Phoenix**, SLC, UT, Adjunct Professor (2010) Courses Taught:

SPE300 & SPE513: Orientation to the Exceptional Child

**Southern Utah University, Jordan School District Extension**, SLC, UT (2006-2009) Instructor: ESL Endorsement Courses Instructed both modified online courses as well as face-to-face Courses Taught:

EESL 5300 Foundations of Bilingual/ESL Instruction

EESL 5330 Methods & Materials for Bilingual/ESL Classrooms

EESL 5320 Assessment for a Diverse Linguistic Population

EESL 5340 Integrating Language Acquisition into Content

EESL 5350 Family/Parent Involvement in Education Programs

**University of Utah, Linguistics, Jordan School District Extension**, SLC, UT (2000-2004) Facilitator: ESL Endorsement Courses Taught:

Ling 5941: Workshop in Minority Language Issues

Ling 5811/6811: Second Language Methodology: K-12

**Weber State University, Education, Granite School District Extension**, SLC, UT (2002-2003) Instructor: ESL Endorsement Courses Instructed both online courses as well as face-to-face Courses Taught:

Ling 5941: English Language Acquisition

**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY TEACHING**

**Rose Creek Elementary**, 3rd & 4th Grade Teacher, Jordan School District Team Leader (2013) Riverton, UT (2000-2014)

**Jordan School District Office**, ESL Teacher Specialist K-12 Sandy, UT (1996-2000)

**Jordan School District**, Migrant Summer School Site Coordinator Midvale, UT (1998-1999)

**Mountain Shadows Elementary**, 3rd grade Teacher, Jordan School District South Jordan, UT (1995-1996)

**Upward Bound, ESL Reading & Writing Instructor**, University of Utah Salt Lake City, UT (1990-1993)

**Jordan School District**, Adult & K-12 ESL Tutor Sandy, UT (1986-1995)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### *International:*

"Professional Development through the Creation of Cross-cultural Educational Materials." International Society for Teacher Education, May 13-18, 2018, Japan

"Analyzing Teacher Usage of Sixth Grade Mathematics Summative Assessments Across Similar Educational Boundaries" International Society for Teacher Education, April 24-28, 2017: Aarhus, Denmark. Presented with Dr. Sheryl Rushton.

"Featuring Phonics" Thailand Educational Needs Analysis, May 1-10, 2016: Phuket, Thailand.

"Discourses that Fragment Suburban Educational Spaces" Eleventh East-West Philosophers' Conference, May, 2016 Honolulu, Hawaii.

"Deviance to Diminish Educational Disparity." 32nd International Social Philosophy Conference. William Jewell College, Liberty, MO. July 16-18, 2015

### *Regional:*

"Honing our Culturally Responsive Teaching Skills." International Society for Exploring Teaching and Learning, October 11-13, 2018, Tempe, AZ.

"Empowering Prospective Dual Language Parents Through Improved Informational Practices". 2017 La Cosecha Dual Language Conference, Albuquerque, NM. Nov 1-4, 2017. Presented with master student Amy Thomas.

"Educational Surveillance Plagues: Foucault Bentham and the Panopticon" Intermountain Philosophy Conference (IPC), Nov 4, 2016. Weber State University, Ogden, UT.

"Celebrating Children's Language Experiences," Four Corners Conference: The Promise of Hope, September 11-12, 2015; Farmington, NM. Presented with Dr. Wrosch and Dr. Hofland.

*State & Local:*

"Engaging in a Culturally-Relevant Life: Literacy at their Fingertips." Utah Literacy Association, November 1, 2018. Provo, UT.

"A Hitchhiker's Guide to Teaching: A Tale of Two Literatures" Keynote speaker for FEA Conference, Weber State University, December 1, 2017, Ogden, UT.

"Invisible Ink: Writing through the Content" Utah Council of the International Reading Association (UCIRA) Conference, October 14-15, 2016, SLC, UT.

"Rethinking Rubrics for Elementary Writers" Utah Multi-Tiered System of Supports (UMTSS), June 22-23, 2016; Utah Valley University, Orem, UT. Presented with Dr. Nadia Wrosch.

"Rethinking Rubrics for Elementary Writers" Utah Association of Teacher Educators (UATE) Conference, February, 2016; Utah Valley University, Orem, UT. Presented with Dr. Nadia Wrosch.

"Formative Assessments: Working Smarter Not Harder" UEA Conference, October 15, 2015; Sandy, UT. Presented with Dr. Nadia Wrosch.

"Teaching Students to be Historians through the Creation of Oral History

Documents” Joint Social Studies Conference, UCSS, Butler Middle School, Cottonwood Heights, UT, October 2014. Presented with Dr. Clay Rasmussen.

### Community Groups & Organizations

“Reading to Kids.” FEA Presentation March 17, 2015: Weber State.

“Language Games” FEA Presentation March 15, 2016: Weber State

“History in the Making” FEA Presentation Nov 21, 2016: Weber State

“From Paraprofessional to Professor” TAPT Presentation Feb 12, 2016: Weber State

"Security Question: Who's Your Favorite Teacher" FEA Presentation Dec 1, 2017

### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

International Literacy Association, July 2017, Orlando, FL

Utah Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Nov 2016, Provo, UT

Utah Multi-Tiered System of Supports, June 2016, Layton, UT

AVID Proven Achievement, Lifelong Advantage, December 2015, San Diego, CA

Utah Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Nov, 2016, Provo, UT

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Mower, D. (2014). Using (hi)story in elementary cross-grade social studies curriculum in Carmon, Judith Flores & Luschen, Kristen V. (Eds). *Critical Stories: Toward Pedagogies and Methodologies of Collaboration, Inclusion, and Voice*.

Mower, D. (2016) “Deviance to diminish educational disparity” *Social Philosophy Today*, Volume 32. Education and Social Justice 73–81 doi:

10.5840/socphiltoday20163235

Mower, D. & Rasmussen, C. (2017) “The Impact of Using Oral Histories in a Fourth- Grade Social Studies Class” *Georgia Social Studies Journal*

Wrosch, N. & Mower, D. (2017). “Rethinking rubrics for elementary writers” *Utah Journal of Literacy*, Vol. 20, Number 1 (Spring 2017)

## **PROFESSIONALLY RELATED SERVICE & COMMITTEES**

Chair: Weber State University Storytelling Festival, 2016-Present

President: Utah Literacy Association (Previously Utah Council of the International Reading Association), 2017-2018

Faculty Advisor: Future Educators’ Association, 2014-2016

Committee Member:

College Curriculum Committee, Sept 2018-Present

Research Visioning Committee, April 2018-Present

Hiring Committee (Chair, Oct 2015-March 2016), (Member, Nov 2017-March 2018)

Celebrate Teaching Committee, 2016-2017

Teacher Education Literacy Committee Chair, 2015-2016

Utah Deans’ Conference Committee, 2015

Admissions & Retention Committee, 2014-Current

Master Committees, 2014-Present

Weber Book Links Utah Humanities Book Festival: Board Member, 2018-Present

SchoolLibraryPALS: Board Member, 2018-Present

## **INVITED TEACHER TRAINING PRESENTATIONS AND SEMINARS**

Sheltered Instructional Observational Plan (SIOP) Workshop. 2-Day Training for K-12 Teachers (2006-Present)

Mentor Teacher to Provisional Teachers and Student Teachers. (2003-Present) Respecting Ethnic and Cultural Heritage (REACH). Certified Trainer. 2-Day Workshop for K-12 Teachers. (1997-2014)

### **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

Interactive English Stories for Thai Orphans: 2017 Hemingway Award \$8,020 in Collaboration with Drs. Byrd, Stewart, Wrosch, Fry, and Rague.

International Literacy Association: Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

DonorsChoose Grant. iPods and Art Materials (2011). Amount: \$1,000.

Oral History Grant. Utah Humanities Council/Utah State History (2007-2008). Amount: \$3,000.

Redd Center for Western Studies Research Grant. Brigham Young University. "Indigenous Historical Figures in Utah." (2007-2008). Amount: \$500. Oral History Grant. Jordan Education Foundation. (2007-2008). Amount: \$500.

Teacher of the Year, Rose Creek Elementary. South Valley Chamber of Commerce (2008).

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

International Literacy Association (ILA)

Utah Literacy Association (ULA)

Utah Council for the Social Studies (UCSS)

Utah State Historical Society (USHS)

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