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Professional Experience: University and College Teaching

University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Assistant Professor. 2009-2010.
Winthrop University. Associate Professor and Coordinator of Middle Grades Education Graduate Program, 2000-2009.
University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Lecturer, 1998-2000. Coordinator, M.Ed., Option Two (Preservice Teacher Education) Program, 1999-2000. Teaching responsibilities included undergraduate courses in Children's Literature and Language Arts, and graduate level supervision courses.

Professional Experience: Related Areas

President, Blackburn Consulting Group, 1998-2007.
Marketing Representative and Curriculum Specialist, Scholastic, Inc., 1994-1997.
Regional Marketing Manager, Jostens Learning Corporation, 1992-1994.
Educational Consultant, Scott Foresman, 1988-1992.

Professional Experience: Public School Teaching

Crest Junior High School, Cleveland County Schools, Shelby, NC, 1983-1988.
Teaching responsibilities included language arts (regular and remediation classes) and social studies.
Marion Elementary School, McDowell County Schools, Marion, NC, 1983. Teaching responsibilities included reading, math, science, and social studies.
Jefferson Elementary School, Shelby City Schools, Shelby, NC, 1983. Responsibilities included working as a Title One Reading Assistant.
North Carolina Licensure: Elementary School Teaching, Middle School Language Arts and Social Studies Teaching; School Administration (Principalship).

Educational Record

Ph.D. Curriculum and Teaching, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, 2000.
M.A. School Administration and Middle School Language Arts, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC, 1987.
B.S. Education, Kindergarten-Grade Nine, concentrations in Language Arts and Social Studies, Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC, 1982

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Honors and Awards

Outstanding Junior Professor Award, Winthrop University, 2006. Promoted to Associate Professor, Winthrop University, 2006. Awarded Tenure, Winthrop University, 2006. Awarded Graduate Faculty Status, Winthrop University, 2002. Consultant of the Year, Southeast Region, Scott Foresman, 1990. Who's Who Among Young American Professionals, 1988. Teacher of the Year, Crest Junior High School, 1984-1985. Runner-up Teacher of the Year, Cleveland County Schools, 1984-1985. Recipient, North Carolina Summer Graduate Writing Institute Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1984. Recipient, North Carolina Humanities Institute Fellowship, Wake Forest University, 1985.

Publications and Major Presentations

Books

Blackburn, B. (2012). *Rigor made easy: An introduction*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2011). *Rigor in your school: A toolkit for leaders*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2010). *Rigorous schools and classrooms: Leading the way*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2010). *Study Guide: The principalship from A to Z*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2009). *The principalship from A to Z*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Blackburn, B. (2008). *Rigor is NOT a four-letter word*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Blackburn, B. (2008). *Literacy from A to Z*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Blackburn, B. (2007). *Classroom instruction from A to Z: How to promote student learning*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Blackburn, B. (2007). *Study guide for classroom instruction from A to Z: How to promote student learning*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Blackburn, B. (2006). *Study guide for classroom motivation from A to Z: Engaging your students in learning*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Blackburn, B. (2005). *Classroom motivation from A to Z: Engaging your students in learning*. Larchmont, New York: Eye on Education.

Journal Articles

National/International Publications

Blackburn, B. & Armstrong, A. (2011). It's all about me. *Catholic Journal*.

Blackburn, B. & Williamson, R. (2011). Four myths of rigor. *The Charter Voice*.

- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2010). Recognizing rigor in the classroom: 4 tools for school leaders. *Principal Leadership*
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2009). Increasing rigor. *Principal Leadership*, 28-31.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2010). Dealing with resistance to change. *Principal Leadership*, 73-75.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2010). Sustaining a vision of rigor. *Principal Leadership*. 78-80.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2010). Supporting student learning. *Principal Leadership*, 76-78.
- Blackburn, B. & Williamson, R. (2010). Press forward with professional development. *Principal Leadership*, 10(5), 68-70
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2010). Tools to advocate for your school. *Principal Leadership*, 10(6), 61-63
- Williamson, R. (2009). The schedule as a tool to improve student learning. *Instructional Leadership*, 22(3), 6-9.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2009). Beginnings and Endings: A Reflection of School Culture. *Instructional Leadership*, 22(4), 6-9.
- Blackburn, B. & Williamson, R. (2009). The characteristics of a rigorous classroom. *Instructional Leadership*, 22(6), 6-9.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2009). Adding rigor. *Principal Leadership*, 10(1), 60-62.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2009). A school culture audit. *Principal Leadership*, 10(2), 60-62.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2009). Personal and shared vision: A commitment to increased rigor. *Principal Leadership*, 10(3), 56-58
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2009). Data: More than numbers. *Principal Leadership*, 10(4), 64-66
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (October, 2006). Leadership for effective teaming. *Middle Matters* 15 (2).
- Blackburn, B., & Harrison, J. (2005). The southern forum to accelerate middle grades reform. In Anfara, V. A., Andrews, G., & Mertens, S. B. (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of middle grades education* (pp.345-346). Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishers.
- Meyers, J., & Blackburn, B. (2005). The national association of professors of middle level education. In Anfara, V. A., Andrews, G., & Mertens, S. B. (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of middle grades education* (pp. 301-302). Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishers.
- Blackburn, B, Vare, J. & Costner, B. (2004). Designing advanced degree programs: The elements of a model process. *Current Issues in Middle Level Education*, 10 (2), 50-67.
- Blackburn, B. (December, 2004). Invited book review: Making the most of middle school. *Teachers College Record* (106),12, 2273-2276.
- Blackburn, B., Dewalt, M., & Vare, J. (2003). A case of authentic redesign: Collaborating with National Board certified teachers to revise an advanced middle level education program. *Research in Middle Level Education Online*. Available at: http://www.nmsa.org/research/rmle/spring03/rmle_303_article4.htm.
- Blackburn, B., McNulty, C., & Peck, S. (March, 2003). Workforce development in the classroom. *Techniques*. Available at:

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http://www.acteonline.org/members/techniques/mar03_story4.cfm.

Blackburn, B. (2000). Instructional uses of the Lexile Framework in North Carolina. *Popular Measurement: Journal of the Institute for Objective Measurement* (3), 1, 22-24.

State/Regional Publications

Blackburn, B. (2007). Motivating middle level students. *South Carolina Middle School Association Journal* (XIV).

Blackburn, B. & Norton, T. (2004). Content Area Literacy: One District's Efforts to Integrate Reading and Writing Across the Curriculum. *South Carolina Middle School Association Journal* (XII).

Blackburn, B., Johnson-Taylor, C., & Young, E. (2004). Effective communication: The foundation of an internship experience. *Teacher Education Journal of South Carolina*.

Blackburn, B., Medford, L., Pendarvis, P., & Splittgerber, F. (2004). A research agenda for middle level education in South Carolina. Columbia, South Carolina: The South Carolina Middle School Association.

Blackburn, B., Cooley, C., & Young, E. (2003). Effective communication: The key to a successful internship experience. *Teacher as Leader* (5).

Blackburn, B. (2003). Authentic assessment in a culture of high-stakes testing: One district's experience. *South Carolina Middle School Association Journal* (XI), 1, 35-37.

Blackburn, B. (2002). Beginning the change process: One district's look at grading. *Teacher as Leader* (4), 25-28.

Blackburn, B. (2002). The Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform: A Force for Middle Level Education. *South Carolina Middle School Association Journal* (X), 1, 18-19.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

National/International Presentations

Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2012). Rigorous schools and classrooms: Strategies to impact progress. National Association for Secondary School Principals.

Blackburn, B. (2012). Rigor is not a four-letter word. Illinois State Connections Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2012). Content literacy strategies for the young and the restless. Illinois State Connections Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2012). Motivating the unmotivated. Illinois State Connections Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2012). Instructional strategies lead to increased growth. Illinois State Connections Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2011). Keynote Address. Wyoming AdvancED Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2011). Rigor and the common core state standards. Wyoming AdvancED Conference

- Blackburn, B. (2011) Raising the level of rigor in schools and classrooms. Central Southeast Ohio High Schools that Work
- Blackburn, B. (2011). Keynote Address. RESA 8 National Conference for School Administrators, West Virginia.
- Blackburn, B. (2011). Rigor and the common core state standards. RESA 8, West Virginia
- Blackburn, B. (2011). Rigor is not a four-letter word. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2011). Content literacy strategies for the young and the restless. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2011). Motivating the unmotivated. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2011). Instructional strategies lead to increased growth. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2011). Rigorous schools and classrooms: Leading the way. National Association for Secondary School Principals.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2010). Rigorous schools and classrooms: Five strategies for leaders. National Association for Secondary School Principals.
- Blackburn, B. (2010). Rigor is not a four-letter word. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2010). Content literacy strategies for the young and the restless. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2010). Motivating the unmotivated. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2010). Instructional strategies lead to increased growth. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2009) Keynote Address, Berkely Schools, Illinois.
- Blackburn, B. (2009). Rigor is not a four-letter word. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2009). Content literacy strategies for the young and the restless. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2009). Motivating the unmotivated. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2009). Instructional strategies lead to increased growth. Illinois State Connections Conference.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2009) Five leadership Tools. National Association of Secondary School Principals.
- Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2009) Rigorous schools and classrooms: Leading the way. National Association of Secondary School Principals.
- Blackburn, B. (2009) Rigor is not a four-letter word. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2009) 5 strategies for school leaders. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2009) Motivating the unmotivated. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2009). Teaching strategies strand. Southern Regional Education

Board Focus Conference, Hilton Head, SC.

Blackburn, B. (2009). Keynote Address. Diocese of Philadelphia.

Williamson, R. & Blackburn, B. (2008) Five leadership Tools. National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Blackburn, B. (2008). Rigor is not a four-letter word. Illinois State Connections Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2008). Content literacy strategies for the young and the restless. Illinois State Connections Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2008). Motivating the unmotivated. Illinois State Connections Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2008). Instructional strategies lead to increased growth. Illinois State Connections Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2008). Motivating and engaging instructional strategies. National Middle School Association.

Blackburn, B. (2008). Keynote Address. Shelby County Schools, Memphis.

Blackburn, B. (2008) Rigor is not a four-letter word. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2008) Instructional strategies that work. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2008) Motivating the unmotivated. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2008) Five tools for leaders. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2007) Rigor is not a four-letter word. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2007) Instructional strategies that work. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2007) Motivating the unmotivated. Southern Regional Education Board National Staff Development Conference.

Blackburn, B. (2006). The ABC's of classroom motivation. Presentation at the National Middle School Association Conference, Nashville, TN.

Blackburn, B. (2006). The ABCs of student motivation. Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Chicago, IL.

Blackburn, B.(2005). Motivating students for success: As easy as ABC?. Presentation at the 32nd Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association. Philadelphia, PN.

Blackburn, B., Dore, E. & Hertzog, J. (2005). NAPOMLE business session. Presentation at the 32nd Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association. Philadelphia, PN.

Smith, T.W., Blackburn, B., & McEwin, K. (2005). An inheritance of leadership: The middle level education legacy project. Presentation at the 32nd Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association. Philadelphia, PN.

Blackburn, B., Williamson, R., and Armstrong, A. (2005). Leadership for student success: Sustaining team effectiveness. Presentation at the 32nd Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association. Philadelphia, PN.

- Williamson, R., Blackburn, B. (2005). Sustaining teams: The relationship between leader behavior and team performance. Presentation at the Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association, Montreal, Canada.
- Blackburn, B., Smith, T.W., & McEwin, K. (2005). Bringing history into the higher education classroom: The middle level education legacy project. Presentation at the Teacher Preparation Symposium. Columbus, Ohio.
- Blackburn, B. & Theriot, S. (2005). Collaborating to make a difference: State-based professors' networks. Presentation at the Teacher Preparation Symposium. Columbus, Ohio.
- Theriot, S., Blackburn, B., & Hertzog, J. (2004). NAPOMLE business session. Presentation at the 31st Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association. Minneapolis, MN.
- Smith, T.W., Blackburn, B., & McEwin, K. (2004). An inheritance of leadership: The middle level education legacy project. Presentation at the 31st Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association. Minneapolis, MN.
- Blackburn, B. (2004). Research chat session. Presentation at the 31st Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association. Minneapolis, MN. Facilitated chat on Teacher Preparation Research.
- Blackburn, B. & Pendarvis, P. (2004). Creating state-based professors' networks. Presentation at the National Middle School Association Affiliate Leaders' Conference. Columbus, Ohio.
- Blackburn, B., & Williamson, R. (2003). Leadership for effective teaming in the middle school. Presentation at the 30th Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Vawter, D. & Blackburn, B. (2003). Success for ALL middle school students through differentiated instruction. Presentation at the 30th Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association. Atlanta, Georgia.
- Blackburn, B., & Williamson, R. (2002). Leadership for effective teaming in the middle school. Presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Blackburn, B., & Dewalt, M. (2002). Research poster session: Integrating National Board standards into graduate programs. Presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Blackburn, B., Dewalt, M., & Vawter, D. (2002). High-stakes testing: Balancing what's best for young adolescents. Presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Vawter, D., Blackburn, B., & Dewalt, M. (2002). Success for ALL middle school students through differentiated instruction. Presentation at the 29th Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association, Portland, Oregon.

Invited Addresses

- Workshop Blackburn, B. (2011) Rigor, motivation, high expectations. Hillsborough County Schools, Florida.
- Workshop Presenter. (2010) Rigor. Chicago Public Schools, Area 3.
- Workshop Presenter. (2010) Rigor, Regional Service Center, Wisconsin Dells,

Wisconsin.

- Blackburn, B. (2010). Rigorous schools and classrooms. National Youth At-Risk Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2009). Rigor for teachers. National Youth At-Risk Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2009). Rigor for leaders. National Youth At-Risk Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2008). Rigor for teachers. National Youth At-Risk Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2008). Rigor for leaders. National Youth At-Risk Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2007). Rigor. Closing the Achievement Gap Conference, North Carolina.
- Blackburn, B. (2007). Motivating the unmotivated. National Youth At-Risk Conference.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). High-performing middle schools..Lead Presenter, South Carolina Middle Level Institute, Charleston, South Carolina.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Instructional strategies that motivate students. Featured presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Orlando, FL.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Rigor is not a four-letter word. Featured presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Orlando, FL.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Content literacy strategies for the young and the restless. Featured presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Orlando, FL.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Effective staff development: Lessons from award winning schools. Featured presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Orlando, FL.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Rigor is not a four-letter word. Keynote presentation at the Lexile National Reading Conference: Developing Tomorrow's Readers Today, Atlanta, GA.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Instructional strategies that motivate students. Featured presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Orlando, FL.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Rigor is not a four-letter word. Featured presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Orlando, FL.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Content literacy strategies for the young and the restless. Featured presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Orlando, FL.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Effective staff development: Lessons from award winning schools. Featured presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Orlando, FL.
- Blackburn, B. (2006). Instructional strategies that motivate students. Workshop Strand presentation at the Quality Teaching Strategies that Raise the Bar Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Hilton Head, SC.
- Blackburn, B. (2005). Motivating at-risk students: As easy as ABC?. Presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Nashville, TN.

- Blackburn, B. (2005). Challenging middle grades work: More than high school preparation. Presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Nashville, TN.
- Blackburn, B. (2005). Effective staff development practices. Presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Nashville, TN.
- Blackburn, B. (2005). High performing middle schools: Models of school reform. South Carolina Middle Level Summer Institute, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.
- Powell, S. & Blackburn, B. (2004). Middle level philosophy, organization, & conceptual framework. Presentation at the Middle Level Teacher Education Symposium, Conway, South Carolina.
- Blackburn, B. & Powell, S. (2004). SCPOMLE and CMLA organization and initiatives. Presentation at the Middle Level Teacher Education Symposium, Conway, South Carolina.
- Blackburn, B. (2004). Content area reading strategies for the young and the restless. Presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Blackburn, B. (2004). Effective staff development practices. Presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Blackburn, B. (2003). Content area reading strategies for the young and the restless. Presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Blackburn, B. (2003). Effective staff development practices. Presentation at the National Staff Development Conference of the Southern Regional Education Board, Nashville, Tennessee.
- Blackburn, B. (2002). High-performing middle schools; Interdisciplinary instruction; Role of the principal in supporting teacher leadership. Multiple presentations at the Middle Level Leadership Institute for the National Middle School Association, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- Blackburn, B. (2001). Leadership Institute post-conference session. Presentation at the 28th Annual Meeting of the National Middle School Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Blackburn, B. & Pedigo, M. (2001). Effective staff development. Presentation at the Middle Level Leadership Institute for the National Middle School Association, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Regional Presentations

- Blackburn, B. (2004). Elements of high-performing middle schools. Presentation at the "I Teach" Regional Conference, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- Blackburn, B. (2004). Content area reading strategies for the young and the restless. Presentation at the "I Teach" Regional Conference, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
- Blackburn, B. (1991). The role of encouragement. Presentation at the Southeastern Regional International Reading Association Conference, Winston-Salem, North

Carolina.

State Presentations

Blackburn, B. (2006). Classroom motivation: As easy as ABC? Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B., Miles, M., & Matkovich, C. (2006). Writing a Schools-to-Watch application. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. & Miles, M. (2006). Content literacy strategies for the young and the restless. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B.(2006). Classroom motivation: As easy as ABC? Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Smith, T.W., Blackburn, B., & McEwin, K. (2005). The middle level legacy project: Using the past to guide the future. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2005). Effective staff development practices. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. & Miles, M. (2005). Content area reading strategies for the young and the restless. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B., Baldwin, N., & Cheek, S. (2005). Building a culture of literacy in your school. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B., Heath, R., Zimmerman, P. & Williams, A. (2004). The professional development school: A community of learners. Presentation at the South Carolina Teacher Leaders Symposium, Columbia, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B., Johnson-Taylor, C., & Young, E. (2004). Effective communication: The key to a successful internship experience. Presentation at the South Carolina Teacher Leaders Symposium, Columbia, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2004). Effective staff development practices. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2004). Content area reading strategies for the young and the restless. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2004). Effective staff development practices. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2004). Content area reading strategies for the young and the restless. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2003). Effective staff development practices. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. & Smith, T. (2003). Writing strategies for the young and the restless. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Middle School Association, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. & Vawter, D. (2003). High-stakes testing: What's best for young adolescents. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. & Savage, C. (2002). Schools to Watch: National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2002). Effective staff development practices. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. & Maguire, C. (2002). What am I going to do with all this stuff? Real-world applications for math instruction. Presentation at the Minority and At-Risk Student Achievement Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. & Bumgardner, K. (2002). Targeting Reading Instruction for at-risk students using End-of-Grade testing. Presentation at the Minority and At-Risk Student Achievement Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2001). Effective staff development practices. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the South Carolina Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B., Bumgardner, K., & Renfro, A. (2001). Tipping the scales: Using tools and reading strategies to promote high achievement for all students. Presentation at the Minority and At-Risk Student Achievement Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. & Bumgardner, K. (2000). Utilizing test data in instructional situations: A profile of Gaston County Schools. Presentation at the North Carolina Testing and Accountability Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (1999). Targeting minority and at-risk students for reading growth using the Lexile Framework. Presentation at the Minority and At-Risk Student Achievement Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (1999). Targeting minority and at-risk students for reading growth using the Lexile Framework. Presentation at the Minority and At-Risk Student Achievement Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. & Davis, S. (1998). Linking instruction and assessment with the Lexile Framework. Presentation at the North Carolina Testing and Accountability Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (1997). Technology tools to link instruction and assessment: The Lexile Framework. Presentation at the North Carolina Educational Technology Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (1996). Technology tools to link instruction and assessment: The Lexile Framework. Presentation at the North Carolina Educational Technology Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina.

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Blackburn, B. (1996). Linking instruction and assessment with the Lexile Framework. Presentation at the North Carolina School Administrators' Conference, Pinehurst, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (1985). The Phantom Tollbooth and language arts instruction. Presentation at the North Carolina English Teachers' State Convention, Asheville, North Carolina.

Selected Workshops and Consulting Activities

Workshop Presenter. (2011). Rigor. Everett School District, Washington.

Workshop Presenter (2011). Rigor. Maplewood K-8 School, Louisiana.

Workshop Presenter (2010) Rigor. Garland ISD, Texas.

Workshop Presenter (2011) Rigor. East Lyme High School, Connecticut.

Workshop Presenter. (2011) Rigor for teachers. Pearland ISD, Texas.

Workshop Presenter. (2011). Rigor, motivation, and engagement. Meigs School District, Tennessee.

Workshop Presenter. (2011). Rigor. Adams-Friendship Schools, Wisconsin.

Workshop Presenter (2010) Rigor. Garland ISD, Texas.

Workshop Presenter. (2010). Istrouma High School, Baton Rouge.

Workshop Presenter. (2010). Rigor, Motivation, Content Literacy, and Engagement. Murfreesboro, TN Schools.

Workshop Presenter. (2010). Leadership for Rigor. Spartanburg, SC.

Workshop Presenter. (2010). Leadership for Rigor. Pasadena, Texas

Workshop Presenter. (2010). Rigor made easy. Pasadena, Texas

Workshop Presenter. (2009). Rigor. Chicago Public Schools, Area 10.

Workshop Presenter. (2009) Rigor. Sedalia Schools, Missouri.

Workshop Presenter. (2009). Rigor, motivation, and engagement. Lexington, SC.

Workshop Presenter. (2009). Engaging instruction for career/technology teachers. Clarke County Schools, TN.

Workshop Presenter. (2008). Rigor and Content Literacy. Horry County Schools, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Workshop Presenter. (2008). Rigor, motivation, and engagement. Jamestown School District, New York.

Workshop Presenter. (2008). Rigor. Union County Schools, North Carolina.

Workshop Presenter. (2008). Motivation, rigor, and instruction. Lindale Schools, Baltimore, MD.

Workshop Presenter (2006). Assessment and motivation. Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, Illinois.

Blackburn, B. (2005). Classroom motivation. Presentations at individual schools in Chester County Schools, South Carolina.

Project Coordinator (2003-2005). Integrating reading throughout the content areas. Sumter 17 School District, Sumter, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2004). High performing middle schools. Presentation at the South Carolina Middle Level Summer Institute, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2004). Change agency and the change process. Presentation at the South Carolina Middle Level Summer Institute, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Workshop Presenter (2003). Curriculum alignment to improve student achievement. Burns Middle School, Lawndale, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2003). High performing middle schools. Presentation at the South Carolina Middle Level Summer Institute, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2003). Change agency and the change process. Presentation at the South Carolina Middle Level Summer Institute, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2003). Highly effective middle schools. Presentation at the South Carolina Middle School Association Piedmont Regional Meeting, Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Project Coordinator (2000-2003). Redesigning assessment and grading. Cleveland County Schools, Shelby, North Carolina.

Workshop Presenter (2002). Content area reading strategies. Kings Mountain High School, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Workshop Presenter (2002). Transitioning to a high-performing middle school. Clover Junior High School, Clover, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2002). High performing middle schools. Presentation at the South Carolina Middle Level Summer Institute, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2002). Change agency and the change process. Presentation at the South Carolina Middle Level Summer Institute, Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2002). High-performing middle schools. Presentation at South Carolina Middle School Association Piedmont Regional Meeting, Gaffney, South Carolina.

Workshop Presenter (2001). Curriculum alignment and integration. Kings Mountain High School, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Workshop Presenter and Leadership Team Facilitator (2001). Transitioning from K-8 schools to middle schools. Wilkes County Schools, Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

Workshop Presenter (2001). Instructional strategies for transitioning ninth grade English students. Lincoln County Schools, Lincolnton, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (2000). Supervising student teachers: A journey. Presentation at the Teacher Leadership Conference, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (1986). Effective teaching. Presentation for Cleveland County Schools, Shelby, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (1985). The writing process: Classroom integration, K-12. Presentation for Kings Mountain District Schools, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (1985). The writing process: Classroom integration, K-12. Presentation for Shelby City Schools, Shelby, North Carolina.

Blackburn, B. (1984, 1985). The writing process: Classroom integration, K-12. Presentation for Cleveland County Schools, Shelby, North Carolina.

Curriculum/Instructional Materials

Blackburn, B. (2007). Modeling “good writing” for students: A critical part of the writing process. Published in the *Writing Everyday* handbook for the Chicago Public Schools.

Blackburn, B. and others. (2005). Sumter 17 middle school literacy handbook.

Blackburn, B., Blades, C., Dawson, C., Greene-Costner, B., Shive, S., & Young, E. (2003). Curriculum and assessment guide for grades one through six. Charles I. Wilson II Academy, Phoenix, Arizona.

Blackburn, B., Blades, C., Dawson, C., Jefferson, A., & Shive, S. (2001). Middle School Curriculum and assessment guide for grades seven and eight.. Charles I. Wilson II Academy, Phoenix, Arizona.

Blackburn, B. (1985). The North Carolina game: From the mountains to the coast.

Blackburn, B., Editor. (1985-1986). The writer’s connection, Cleveland County Schools.

Other Activities Utilizing Scholarly Expertise

Grant Evaluator, Math Science Partnership, Cleveland, Rutherford, and McDowell County Schools. 2007-2010.

Team Leader. (2006). Technical Assistance Visit for Making Middle Grades Work, Southern Regional Education Board. Led school evaluation for Willard Middle School, Willard, Ohio.

Project Evaluator. (2004-2005). Sixth Grade Transition Academy Pilot Program, Sumter17 School District, Sumter, South Carolina.

Team Leader. (2005). Technical Assistance Visit for Making Middle Grades Work, Southern Regional Education Board. Led school evaluation for Crofton Middle School, Crofton, Maryland.

Online course facilitator (2004), *Reading and Writing for Learning*. Southern Regional Education Board.

Reviewer. (2004). Proposed Adolescent Development Textbook, McGraw Hill Higher Education Division.

Team Leader. (2004). Technical Assistance Visit for Making Middle Grades Work, Southern Regional Education Board. Led school evaluation for Palmetto Middle School, Anderson, South Carolina.

Team Leader. (2004). Technical Assistance Visit for *Making Middle Grades Work*, Southern Regional Education Board. Led school evaluation for inner-city middle school in Jackson, Mississippi.

Courses Instructed

UNC-Charlotte

Graduate Courses

MDLG 5130: The Middle Grades Experience. (3) Current curricular and instructional programs and their impact on the learning of contemporary

adolescents. Reform efforts currently underway in American schools that attempt to address issues surrounding these and other current practices. Developmental characteristics of the early adolescent learner. Extensive clinical experience required.

MDLG 6225: Issues in Middle Grades Education. (3) Examination of educational practices in the middle grades (6-9) including trends and issues unique to that philosophy. Emphasis on broadening understanding of foundational components, organizational patterns, instructional programs and management techniques. (Spring) (Evening)

Winthrop University Graduate Courses

EDCI 600: Philosophy, Organization, and Curriculum of the Middle School (Fall, 2000; Spring, 2001; Spring, 2002; Spring, 2003; Fall, 2004; Fall, 2005; Fall, 2006, Fall, 2008).

EDCI 610: Early Adolescence in Contemporary Society (Spring, 2001; Fall, 2002, Fall, 2004, Spring, 2005; Fall, 2006; Fall, 2007, Spring, 2009).

EDCI 630: Pedagogy and Assessment in the Middle School (Spring, 2002; Spring, 2003, Spring, 2005; Spring, 2006; Spring, 2007).

EDCI 690: Capstone and Advanced Field Experiences in the Middle School (Fall, 2002; Fall, 2003; Fall, 2005; Fall, 2006, Fall, 2007; Spring, 2008; Summer, 2008)).

EDCI 636: Trends and Issues in Curriculum and Instruction (Fall, 2003; Fall, 2004; Fall, 2005; Fall, 2006; Fall, 2007; Fall, 2008).

READ 621: Advanced Strategies for Teaching the Integrated Language Arts (Summer, 2002; Fall, 2002; Summer, 2003; Summer, 2004; Summer, 2005; Summer, 2006; Summer, 2007; Summer, 2008; Summer, 2009).

READ 623: Written Expression in Elementary and Middle School (Summer, 2005)

READ 645: Teaching Content Area Reading (Summer, 2001).

READ 661: Methods and Materials for Reading Instruction (Summer, 2006).

READ 691: Practicum in the Teaching of Reading (Fall, 2002; Spring, 2006; Spring, 2007; Spring, 2008; Spring, 2009).

Winthrop University Undergraduate Courses

READ 321: Elementary and Middle School Language Arts (Fall, 2001; Summer, 2003; Summer, 2004).

READ 322: Elementary and Middle School Language Arts Lab (Fall, 2001; Summer, 2003; Summer, 2004).

EDUC 392: Field Experiences in Teaching (Fall, 2000; Fall, 2001, Fall, 2002; Fall, 2003; Fall, 2004).

EDUC 475: Internship in Reflective Practice (Fall, 2000; Spring, 2001; Fall, 2001; Spring, 2002; Fall, 2002; Spring, 2003; Fall, 2004; Spring, 2005; Spring, 2006; Spring, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010).

READ 510: Literature for Children (Fall, 2000).

Major Committee and/or Administrative Assignments

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Member, Culminating Portfolio Review Team (2010).

Winthrop University

Member, Winthrop University Junior Professor and Outstanding Professor Awards Committee (2007-2009).

Member, Winthrop University Kinard Award Committee (2006-2008).

Member, Research Council Chair, Admissions Advisory Committee (2002-2003).

Member, Admissions Advisory Committee (2001-2004).

Richard W. Riley College of Education

Chair, Elections Committee (2006-2007). Member, Elections Committee (2005-2007). Secretary, Faculty Assembly (2004-2005). Chair, Faculty Development Committee (2002-2003). Member, Richard W. Riley College of Education NCATE Subcommittee: Standard Five

Committee (2003). Member, Richard W. Riley College of Education NCATE Subcommittee: Graduate

Assessment Committee (2002-2003). Member, Richard W. Riley College of Education NCATE Subcommittee: Graduate

Conceptual Framework (2002-2003). Member, Faculty Development (2001-2002).

Member, Convocation Committee (2000-2001).

Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Chair, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Education: Reading/Literacy (2006-2007).

Chair, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Education: Reading/Literacy (2005-2006).

Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Education: Middle Level Education (2004-2005).

Middle Level Education NCATE Departmental Liaison with the National Middle School Association and the State Department of Education (2002-2007).

Department Liaison for Website (2002-2007).

Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Education: Middle Level Education (2002-2003).

Development of Program Proposal, B.S. in Middle Level Education (2001-2002).

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Education: Special Education (2001-2002).

Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Education: Elementary Education (2000-2001).

Professional Development School Activities

Sullivan Middle School. (2001-2005). Faculty Broker (*Please note that the term broker refers to a Winthrop University faculty member that is assigned to work with a public school that is part of the Professional Development School Network*). Major projects included facilitation with development of school PDS action plan, formation of PDS Committee, coordination of development of internship program, including series of internship seminars, assistance with development of ten grant applications, facilitation and coordination of diversity program, including "The Sullivan Connection", a minority mentoring program for seventh and eighth grade students, creation of series of DVDs of model middle school lessons, and ongoing data collection related to effectiveness of PDS activities and impact of the PDS on first year teaching.

Clover Middle School. (2000-2001). Faculty Broker. Major projects included: development of school PDS action plan, formation of PDS committee, coordination of "E*A*G*L*E Family Night", assistance with development of two grant applications, and assistance with refinement of M*A*L*L* (Multi-Academic Learning Lab)

Grants

South Carolina Professors of Middle Level Education. (2005). Middle Level Education Research. \$25,000. With Powell, S. and Virtue, D.

Winthrop University Research Council Grant. (2005-2006). Middle Level Legacy Project. \$1,500.

Tolbert Award, Richard W. Riley College of Education. (2005). Middle Level Legacy Project. \$650.

South Carolina Teacher Quality Grant. (2004). Building and Improving Middle Level Education Teacher Preparation Programs. \$10,400.

Alumni Relations Grant, Richard W. Riley College of Education. (2004). Development of a Recruiting DVD for the B.S. in Middle Level Education Program. \$500.

Kappa Delta Pi I Teach Grant. (2004) Development of a Middle Level Education Recruiting Video in Partnership with Sullivan Middle School. \$350. With McNulty, C. & Land, B.

Winthrop University Research Council Grant (2004-2005), Middle Level Legacy Project. \$3,948.

South Carolina Higher Education Grants Program, Improving Teacher Quality. (2003). Solving problems in math: Enhancing content knowledge and pedagogy of middle school teachers. \$149,990. With Costner, B., & Pullano, F.

South Carolina Middle Level Teacher Initiative Grant (2002), Middle Level Education at Winthrop University. \$5,000.

Winthrop University Research Council Grant (2001-2002), Leadership to Support Effective Teaming for Increased Student Achievement in the Middle School. \$2,000

Professional Memberships and Offices

President, National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education, 2004-2006.
President-Elect, National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education, 2002-
Higher Education Representative, Board of the South Carolina Middle School
Association, 2002-2005.

President, South Carolina Professors of Middle Level Education (Special Interest
Group of the South Carolina Middle School Association), 2003-2005.

Chair, Research Committee, South Carolina Middle School Association, 2003-2005.

Associate, ASCD, 1992-2005. Member, National Middle School Association. Member,
National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education.

Member, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Member,
Association of Educational Research. Member, South Carolina Middle School
Association. Member, North Carolina Middle School Association.

Other Professional Experiences

Selected Editorial and Review Responsibilities

Editor. (2006). *South Carolina Middle School Journal*, South Carolina Middle School
Association.

Co-Editor. (2006). *North Carolina Middle School Journal*, North Carolina Middle
School Association.

Reviewer. (2005-2006). *Current Issues in Middle Level Education*, National
Association of Professors of Middle Level Education.

Reviewer. (2004-2006). *Research in Middle Level Education Online*, National Middle
School Association.

Reviewed program proposals for Middle Level Education Professional Development
Day, Winthrop Olde English Consortium Middle Level Education Task Force. (2002).

Other

Chair, Field Experiences Content Quality Network, South Carolina Content Quality
Grant Network, 2004-2005.

Member, Committee for Middle School Standards and Preparation Issues for the
South Carolina State Department of Education, 2004.

Reviewer for Middle Level Education Program Reviews (NMSA/NCATE) for the
South Carolina State Department of Education, 2003-2004.

Blackburn

Chair, Higher Education Subject Area Meeting, South Carolina Middle School
Association, 2001-2003.

Member, No Child Left Behind Middle Level Committee for the South Carolina State
Department of Education, 2002-2003.

Member, Middle Level Subcommittee of the Teacher Education Performance
Standards Committee, 2001-2002.

Selected Civic Organization Memberships and Activities

Member, School Improvement Team, Balfour Alternative School, Hendersonville, NC, 2010-2011.

Teacher, Providence Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC. 2008-2009

Member, Education Council, Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, 2001-2004.

Presenter and Facilitator, Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church Ministerial Staff Leadership Retreat: Change and the church: What is your role? (2001). Sparta, North Carolina.

Chair, North Carolina-American Heart Association Schoolsite Program Committee, 1995-1996.

Vice-Chair, North Carolina-American Heart Association Education and Community Programs Committee, 1995-1996.

Member, North Carolina-American Heart Association Schoolsite Program Committee, 1993-1996.

Selected Continuing Education

Participant, The Common Core State Standards. (2011)

Participant, Teaching Blog Traffic School. (2011).

Participant, Web2.0 Tools (2009).

Participant, SMART Podiums. (2009).

Participant, Strategies for English Language Learners. (2008)

Participant, Developing and Teaching Online Courses, One. (2007). LEARNNC.

Participant, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Conference. (2006). Chicago, Illinois.

Participant, National Middle School Annual Conference. (2005). Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Participant, Tomorrow's teachers today: A symposium on middle level teacher preparation. (2005). Columbus, Ohio.

Participant, National Middle School Annual Conference. (2004). Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Participant, Southern Regional Education Board's literacy facilitator training. (2003). Atlanta, Georgia.

Participant, Tomorrow's teachers today: A symposium on middle level teacher preparation. (2003). Charlotte, North Carolina.

Participant, Bullying: Stopping the bully without becoming one. (2002). Greensboro, North Carolina.

Participant, National Middle School Annual Conference. (2003). Atlanta, Georgia.

Participant, National Middle School Annual Conference. (2002). Portland, Oregon.

Participant, Publishing for middle level education. (2001) National Middle School Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. Participant, National Middle

School Annual Conference. (2001). Washington, D.C. Participant, Carolinas 2001.

(2001). Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Participant, Showcasing best practices in middle level and high school education. (2001).

Blackburn, 2011 Vitae

Southwest Regional Alliance, Charlotte, North Carolina. Participant, Third SUNRAY Academy. (2000). Fairmont, West Virginia.
Participant, National Middle School Annual Conference. (2000). St. Louis, Missouri.
Participant, Carolinas 2000. (2000). Winthrop University, Rock Hill, South Carolina.
Participant, South Carolina middle level summit. (2000). Charleston, South Carolina.
Participant, Dimensions of learning. (1999). Gastonia, North Carolina.