

Academic Identification

Name

Kirsten D. Abel

Position

Lecturer

August 2020 - present

Elementary Education

Department of Teaching & Learning

Clemson University

Academic Background

Literacy Coach

July 2011 - June 2020

Highcroft Drive Elementary School

Wake County Public Schools

Cary, NC

Classroom Teacher

July 2007 - June 2011

Highcroft Drive Elementary

Wake County Public Schools

Cary, NC

ESL Adjunct Instructor

February - August

Wake Technical Community College

2015

Raleigh, NC

Classroom Teacher

2003 - 2007

Floral Street Elementary School

Shrewsbury Public Schools, MA

Classroom Teacher

1994 - 2000

Read Pattillo Elementary

Spruce Creek Elementary

Volusia County Schools, FL

Professional Certifications

NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION

2013 - present

Literacy: Reading – Language Arts

Early and Middle Childhood

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR'S LICENSE, NC

2007 - present

Reading K-12

Elementary Education K-6

Academic Degrees

Doctorate of Education in Leadership:
Curriculum and Instruction July 2020
University of North Carolina, Wilmington
Dissertation: *“Difficult Roads Lead to Beautiful Places:” Newcomer Youth and Caregiver Experiences in U.S. Elementary Schools*

Master of Education in Literacy and Language May 2007
Framingham State University, Framingham, MA

Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education May 1991
Westfield State University, Westfield, MA

Research

Dissertation

Abel, K. D. (2020). “Difficult Roads Lead to Beautiful Places:” Newcomer Youth and Caregiver Experiences in U.S. Elementary Schools.

Publications

Parker, M.A., Higgins, H. J., **Abel, K.D.**, Brown, C., Fales, H., Smith, J., Holley, B. (2019). When the students became teachers: International field experience in Ethiopia. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Abel, K.D., Brown, C., Ramseur, A. (2019). Beginning the unfinished: How radical hope can propagate a growth mindset. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Regional & State Conferences

Presentations

Abel, K. D. (June, 2021). *Recess: A Right or a Privilege?* Curriculum Dialogues presentation at the Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative Conference at Georgia Southern University in Savannah, GA.

Abel, K. D. (June, 2020). *Embracing Newcomers in American Elementary Schools.* Curriculum Dialogues presentation at the Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative Conference at Georgia Southern University in Savannah, GA.

Service to the University

Member: Faculty Senate (2021-2022)
Advisor: Teaching Fellows (8/21- present)
Member: Bookstore Advisory Committee (2021-2022)

Member: Faculty Search Committee for Early Childhood/Elementary Field Placement Coordinator (5/21)

Member: Curriculum Reconfiguration Committee (1/21- present)

Judge: Graduate Research and Discovery Symposium GRADS 3 Minute Thesis Competition (2020-2021)

Presenter: *Perfecting Your Roar* Seminar (1/21)

Teaching

Teaching

Department of Teaching and Learning, Clemson University

August 2020 -
present

EDEL 4480 *Elementary Methods in Language Arts Teaching*

EDEL 4010 *Elementary Field Experience Seminar*

EDEL 4820 *Elementary Field Capstone Seminar*

EDEL 3100. *Arts in the Elementary School*

ED 8480 *Teacher Residency Seminar*

ED 8250 *Cultural Diversity*

Professional Affiliations

International Literacy Association (ILA)

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)