

## Faculty Interest and Capability

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<b>Discipline:</b>	K-12 Education (Curriculum and Instruction)
<b>Subdiscipline(s):</b>	Middle Grades Education (4-8)
<b>Areas of Research Interests:</b>	High-Stakes Testing, Instructional Methods, Educational Policy Educational Policy, State Assessment Systems, Integrated Curriculum
<b>Skills:</b>	Writing, Speaking, Evaluation, SPSS Data Analysis, Grant-Writing, Consulting
<b>Research Summary (current, performed in the past 5 year; 300 words or less)</b>	<p>Within the last five years, my research has centered on three areas: educational policy and high stakes testing. Recent publications include one journal article, two (2) book chapters, and three (3) policy briefs in collaboration with the Southern Regional Educational Board (SREB). I've made five (5) paper presentations at professional meetings and twelve (12) conference presentations. I've worked as a consultant for the Southern Regional Educational Board in their research on post-NCLB educational policy under the Obama administration. I've also worked as a consultant for the Preparing Critical Faculty for the Future (PCFF) grant and a mentor and judge for the undergraduate research program. Last spring, I obtained a Title III grant to study STEM early education and through my work as Director of the Summer Learning Academy, I conduct research on the efficacy of STEM teacher training.</p>
<b>Keywords (5 maximum)</b>	High stakes testing, LEAP, NCLB waivers, standards, assessment