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### **Degrees Earned**

Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, Oklahoma State University, 1996

M.Ed. in Curriculum and Teaching, Midwestern State University, 1993

B.S.Ed. in Social Behavior, Texas Christian University, 1981

### **Professional Licensure and Certifications**

Texas Certification for teaching Social Studies, 7-12

### **Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions**

#### **Articles**

Ezell, B.R., & Edgington, W.D. (In press). Connecting middle school students to social studies: Creating a historical profile of a family member. *Middle Ground*.

Edgington, W.D., Ezell, B.R., Johnson, D.D., Rice, M.P., & Sullivan, S. (2007). A bird's eye view of the Middle East: Using Google Earth as a resource. *Learning and Leading with Technology*, 35 (3), 30-31.

Edgington, W.D. (2007). Using literature for children and adolescents in character education. *The Social Studies Texan*, 23 (3), 56-59.

Johnson, D.D., Rice, M., Edgington, W.D., & Williams, P. (2005). For the uninitiated: How to succeed in classroom management. *Kappa Delta Pi Record*, 42 (1), 28-32.

Edgington, W.D., & Hyman, W. (2005). Using baseball in social studies instruction: Addressing the five fundamental themes of geography. *The Social Studies*, 96 (3), 113-117.

Shuttlesworth, B. & Edgington, W.D. (2005). Preparing non-historians to teach history: The coaching history playbook. *American Historical Association Perspectives*, 43(5), 35-38.

Edgington, W.D. (2002). To promote character education, use literature for children and adolescents. *The Social Studies*, 93(3), 113-116.

Edgington, W.D. (2001). Solving problems with twenty questions. *Social Education*, 65(6), 179-182.

Waller, L., & Edgington, W.D. (2001). Using songs to help teach the Civil War. *The Social Studies*, 92(4), 147-150.

Brabham, E.G., Boyd, P., & Edgington, W.D. (2000). Sorting it out: Elementary students' responses to fact and fiction in informational storybooks as read-alouds for science and social studies. *Reading Research and Instruction*, 39(4), 265-289.

Edgington, W. D., Brabham, E. G., & Frost, J. B. (1999). Assessing values in historical fiction written for children: A content analysis of winners of the Scott O'Dell historical fiction award. *Journal of Children's Literature*, 25(2), 36-49.

Edgington, W. D. (1999). Emphasizing divergent and convergent thinking: Structured freedom in elementary social studies. *Social Studies and the Young Learner*, 11(3), 24-26.

Edgington, W. D. (1998). The use of children's literature in middle school social studies: What the research does and does not show. *The Clearing House*, 72 (2), 121-125.

Edgington, W. D., & McKinney C. W. (1997). The effects of nonsupporting data on undergraduates' acquisition of two generalizations. *Journal of Social Studies Research*, 21 (1), 27-33.

McKinney, C. W., & Edgington, W. D. (1997). Issues related to teaching generalizations in elementary social studies. *The Social Studies*, 88 (2), 78-81.

Edgington, W. D. (1996). Prayer in the public schools. *Journal of Social Studies Research*, 20 (1), 5-11.

Edgington, W. D., & Wilmore, E. L. (1996). The debate over equal access. *Journal of Social Studies Research*, 20 (1), 16-19.

### **Books Reviews**

Edgington, W.D. (2007). Not just for primary students: In praise of picture books. *The Social Studies Texan*, 23 (3), 40-41.

Edgington, W.D. (2007). Review of John, Paul, George, and Ben by Lane Smith. *The Social Studies Texan*, 23 (2), 56.

Edgington, W.D. (2007). Review of Dizzy by Jonah Winter. *The Social Studies Texan*, 23 (1), 38.

Edgington, W.D. (2007). Review of Duke Ellington: The piano prince and his orchestra by Andrea Davis Pinkney. *The Social Studies Texan*, 23 (1), 38.

Edgington, W.D. (2007). Review of Ella Fitzgerald: The tale of a vocal virtuosa by Andrea Davis Pinkney. *The Social Studies Texan*, 23 (1), 38.

Edgington, W.D. (2007). Review of The buffalo soldier by Sherry Garland. *The Social Studies Texan*, 22 (3), 35.

Edgington, W.D. (2006). Review of Hammerin' Hank: The life of Hank Greenberg. *The Social Studies Texan*, 22 (2), 41.

Edgington, W.D. (2006). Review of Jackie's bat by Marybeth Lorbiecki. *The Social Studies Texan*, 22 (2), 41.

Edgington, W.D. (2000). Review of Celebrating Chinese new year by Dianne Hoyt-Goldsmith. *Social Education*, 64 (4), 224.

Edgington, W. D. (1994). Review of Zlata's diary: A child's life in Sarajevo by Zlata Filipovic. *Practice and Theory in Public Education*, 2 (2), 68

### **Artistic Performances**

Edgington, W.D. (2002). Coordinated the production of, wrote, and narrated the video "Texas, Yesterday and Today: The Forts of Texas," an instructional classroom and staff development video produced by the Texas Education Agency.

Edgington, W.D. (2001). Coordinated the production of, wrote, and narrated the video "Texas, Yesterday and Today: The Fort Worth Stockyards", an instructional classroom and staff development video produced by the Texas Education Agency.

### **Research Monographs and Technical Reports**

Edgington, W.D., Kracht, J. & Wiggins, K. (2003). Developed the training manual *Instructional Leadership in Social Studies for Administrators* published by the Texas Education Agency.

Bass, H., Edgington, W.D., & Kracht, J. (2001). Developed the training manual *TEKS Tools for Social Studies* published by the Texas Education Agency.

### **Funded External Grants**

Social Studies Center for Professional Development in Curriculum and Assessment grant funded by the Texas Education Agency, Austin, TX, 2002, Funding: \$20,367. Principle Investigator: Edgington, W.D. (Sam Houston State University). Co-PIs: Kracht, J. (Texas A&M University), Bednarz, S. (Texas A&M University), Stribling, D. (Region VI Educational Service Center), Wiggins, K. (Texas A&M University), Shuttlesworth, B. (Region VI Educational Service Center).

Social Studies Center for Professional Development in Curriculum and Assessment grant funded by the Texas Education Agency, Austin, TX, 2001. Funding: \$18,839. Principle Investigator: Edgington, W.D. (Sam Houston State University). Co-PIs: Kracht, J. (Texas A&M University), Bednarz, S. (Texas A&M University), Stribling, D. (Region VI Educational Service Center), Wiggins, K. (Texas A&M University), Bass, H. (Region VI Educational Service Center).

Social Studies Center for Professional Development in Curriculum and Assessment grant funded by the Texas Education Agency, Austin, TX, 2000. Funding: \$17,287. Principle Investigator: Edgington, W.D. (Sam Houston State University). Co-PIs: Kracht, J. (Texas A&M University), Bednarz, S. (Texas A&M University), Stribling, D. (Region VI Educational Service Center), Wiggins, K. (Texas A&M University), Burlbaw, L. (Texas A&M University), Bass, H. (Region VI Educational Service Center).

## **Peer-Review Presentations/Posters**

### Papers Presented at International, National and Regional Conferences

- Johnson, D., Rice, M., Johnson, E., Sullivan, S., Crocker, C., Edgington, W.D., & Miller, B. (2008, February). *Designing and delivering for diversity: Incorporating teacher work sample into an on-line post-baccalaureate certification program*. To be presented at the Annual Conference of the Association of Teacher Educators, New Orleans, LA.
- Edgington, W.D., & Hyman, B. (2008, January). *Take me out to the ballgame: Using baseball to teach the five fundamental themes of geography*. Presented at the Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI.
- Hyman, B., & Edgington, W.D. (2008, January). *Integrating nutrition and social studies using world food capitals*. Presented at the Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education, Honolulu, HI.
- Edgington, W.D., & Hyman, B. (2007, December). *Making geography relevant*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies, San Diego, CA.
- Rice, M., Ezell, B., Johnson, D., Sullivan, S., Edgington, W.D., Robinson, K., & Robinson, G. (2007, April). *Google Earth: A tool to assist pre-service teachers in learning to effectively implement interdisciplinary units*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education, San Antonio, TX.
- Edgington, W.D. (2007, April). *Integrating reading and writing into social studies*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Edgington, W.D. (2005, November). *Using music to aid in social studies instruction*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Middle School Association, Philadelphia, PA.
- Zuehlke, J. & Edgington, W.D. (2005, November). *Differentiating for Understanding*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies, Kansas City, MO.
- Edgington, W.D. (2003, November). *Teaching the Civil War with music*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies, Chicago, IL.
- Bullion-Mears, A., Arp, K., Edgington, W.D., & McCauley, J. (2003, February). *Rubrics: Assessment for the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Jacksonville, FL.
- Edgington, W.D. (2002, November). *Character education and children's literature: A perfect match*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies, Phoenix, AZ.
- Edgington, W.D. & Shuttlesworth, B. (2001, November). *The Texas Social Studies Center: Statewide model for professional development*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies, Washington, D.C.
- Edgington, W.D., Bednarz, S., & Shuttlesworth, B. (2001, November). *Designing Statewide Social Studies Initiatives*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Social Studies Supervisors Association, Washington, DC.

Edgington, W.D. (2000, November). *Using children's literature throughout social studies instruction*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies, San Antonio, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (1999, November). *Emphasizing thinking skills in the elementary and middle school classroom*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies, Orlando, FL.

Brabham, E., Boyd, P., & Edgington, W. D. (1999, April). *Teaching and learning facts embedded in fictional read alouds*. Presented at the Annual International Conference of the Association for Childhood Education International, San Antonio, TX.

Edgington, W. D. (1998, November). *Linking historical fiction and character education*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council for the Social Studies, Anaheim, CA.

Edgington, W. D. (1997, June). *"Constructing" character education*. Presented at the meeting of the Eighth Early Childhood Constructivist Institute, Auburn, AL.

Edgington, W. D. (1997, April). *Teaching character education: The values in John R. Tunis's sports books for children and adolescents*. Presented at the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference, Overland Park, KS.

Edgington, W. D. , McKinney, C. W. , Thomas, C. K. , Henderson, S. A. , & Redmon, R. J. (1996, April). *Using children's and young adult sport fiction to teach values*. Presented at the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference, Denver, CO.

McKinney, C. W. , Thomas, C. K. , Edgington, W. D. , Henderson, S. A. , & Redmon, R. J. (1996, April). *Studying Africa through young adult literature written by Africans*. Presented at the Rocky Mountain/Great Plains Regional Social Studies Conference, Denver, CO.

McKinney, C. W. , Edgington, W. D. , Thomas, C. K. , Nickels, M. , Chasteen, J. , & Nethery, K. (1996, January). *What do elementary and middle school students read?* Presented at the meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.

McKinney, C. W. , Thomas, C. K. , Edgington, W. D. , Dixey, B. , Reynolds, S. V. , & Henderson, S. A. (1996, January). *A comparison of Newbery and Canadian Young Adult Award winning books*. Presented at the meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.

Edgington, W. D. (1995, January). *Prayer in the public schools: Past, present, and future*. Presented at the meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association, Dallas, TX.

#### Papers Presented at State and Local Conferences

Edgington, W.D. (2008, February). *Using music to help teach the Civil War*. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Middle School Association, Austin, TX.

Edgington, W.D., & Hyman, B. (2007, March). *A new ballgame: Making geography relevant*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Middle School Association, Fort Worth, TX.

Shuttlesworth, B., & Edgington, W.D. (2006, March). *Coaching history*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Middle School Association, Galveston, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (2006, January). *Teaching Texas history concepts as more than vocabulary words*. Presented at the Texas History Conference, Education Region Service Center VI, Huntsville, TX.

Edgington, W.D. & Johnson, M. (2005, October). *Comparing social studies methods courses*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Council for the Social Studies, Galveston, TX.

Edgington, W.D. & Hyman, B. (2005, October). *Using baseball to help teach geography*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Council for the Social Studies, Galveston, TX.

Zuehlke, J., & Edgington, W.D. (2005, February). *Social studies and language arts: A winning combination*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Middle School Association, Corpus Christi, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (2004, October). *Concepts, concepts everywhere!* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Council for the Social Studies, Dallas, TX.

Edgington, W.D., & Crippen, S. (2003, February). *Social studies and language arts: Perfect companions in the middle grades*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Middle School Association, Fort Worth, TX.

Kracht, J., Wiggins, K., Edgington, W.D., & Shuttlesworth, B. (2003, February). *From social studies TEKS to TAKS: Get on the superhighway of curriculum alignment*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Middle School Association, Fort Worth, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (2002, October). *The social studies/language arts connection*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Council for the Social Studies, Austin, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (2002, September). *Bridging the gap: Teaching to diverse populations*. Presented at the Annual Conference on Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Populations, Huntsville, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (2002, February). *Concepts, concepts everywhere*. Presented at the Annual Young Child Winter Conference, Huntsville, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (2001, October). *Character education in primary and elementary grades*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Council for the Social Studies, Galveston, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (2000, October). *Using children's literature in character education*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Council for the Social Studies, Grapevine, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (2000, September). *Conceptual awareness and instruction in elementary and middle grades*. Presented at the Annual Conference on Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Populations, Huntsville, TX.

Edgington, W.D. (2000, February). *Character education and younger children*. Presented at the Annual Young Child Winter Conference, Huntsville, TX.

Workshops presented:

*Social studies and TEKS: The journey to plant the flag* (2004, June). Presented for Tomball I.S.D., Tomball, TX.

*Social studies and data-driven decision making* (2004, June). Presented for Tomball I.S.D., Tomball, TX.

*The social studies and reading connection* (2004, June). Presented for Tomball I.S.D., Tomball, TX.

*Instructional leadership in social studies for administrators* (2003, April). Presented with Kracht, J., & Wiggins, K. at the Annual Meeting of the Texas Social Studies Supervisors Association, Austin, TX.

*Building the foundation with the elementary school curriculum* (2001, December). Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Sabine Neches Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development, Beaumont, TX.

*Elementary social studies: Building the foundation* (2001, August). Texas Education Service Center, Region 18, Midland, TX.

*Secondary social studies: Making the connections* (2001, August). Texas Education Service Center, Region 18, Midland, TX.

*The Social Studies Center: TEKS Tools training* (2001, June). Presented with Bass, H. and Kracht, J., Texas Education Service Center, Region XI, Bedford, TX.

*The Social Studies Center: TEKS Tools training* (2001, June). Presented with Bass, H. and Kracht, J., Texas Education Service Center, Region I, Edinburg, TX.

*The Social Studies Center: TEKS Tools training* (2001, June). Presented with Bass, H. and Kracht, J., Texas Education Service Center, Region VIII, Midland, TX.

*The Social Studies Center: TEKS Tools training* (2001, June). Presented with Bass, H. and Kracht, J., Texas Education Service Center, Region IV, Fort Bend, TX.

*The Social Studies Center: TEKS Tools training* (2001, April). Presented with Bass, H. and Kracht, J. for Texas Social Studies Supervisors, Austin, TX.

*The Social Studies Center: Pilot TEKS Tools training* (2001, March). Presented with Bass, H. and Kracht, J., Texas Education Service Center, Region X, Richardson, TX.

*Germany and German reunification* (2000, October). Presented with Kracht, J. and Kracht, E. at German Week at Texas A&M, College Station, TX.

*It's elementary: Teaching in grades K-6* (2000, September). Presented at the Annual Celebration of Teaching Conference, Huntsville, TX.

*Reading across the middle school curriculum* (1997, August). Presented at Opelika Middle School, Opelika, AL.

*Writing in the social studies classroom* (1997, July). Presented at The Sunbelt Writing Project, Auburn University, Auburn, AL.

*The Reading-social studies connection* (1997, February). Presented at Opelika Middle School, Opelika, AL.

### **Work or Professional Experiences**

2007-present, Assistant Department Chair, Dept. of Curriculum and Instruction, Sam Houston State University

2005-Present, Associate Professor of Education, Sam Houston State University

1999-2005, Associate Professor of Education, Sam Houston State University

1996-1999, Assistant Professor of Education, Auburn University

1994-1996, Graduate Teaching Assistant, Oklahoma State University

1986-1994, Middle School Social Studies Teacher and Coach, Henrietta, TX, Independent School District

1985-1986, Middle School Social Studies Teacher, High School Government and Economics Teacher and Coach, Nocona, TX, Independent School District

1983-1985, Middle School Social Studies Teacher and Coach, Quanah, TX, Independent School District

1981-1983, Middle School Science Teacher and Coach, Crowell, TX, Independent School District

### **Honors and Awards**

College of Education Outstanding Award in Research, Sam Houston State University, 2007

Finalist, College of Education Outstanding Award in Research, Sam Houston State University, 2006

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2002

SGA/College of Education Professor of the Year, Auburn University, 1999

Outstanding Young Man of America, Outstanding Young Americans Program, 1998

Outstanding Graduate Student, College of Education, Oklahoma State University, 1996

Helen Jones Scholarship for Graduate Student in Curriculum and Instruction, Oklahoma State University, 1995