

# Robin M. Dever

## Education

### 2008 **Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction**

Kent State University; Kent, OH

Concentrations: Middle Childhood Education

Dissertation: An examination of how middle school teachers use common planning time to foster professional learning. Co-advisors: Dr. Alexa Sandmann and Dr. Martha Lash

### 2002 **M.Ed. Curriculum and Instruction**

Kent State University; Kent, OH

Concentration: Middle Childhood Education

### 1998 **B.Ed. Elementary Education**

University of Toledo; Toledo, OH

## Teaching Certification

Valid Through 2027

State of Ohio, Elementary Education, Grades 1-8  
K-12 Reading Endorsement

## Professional Experience

2022- present **Kent State University Geauga/Twinsburg Academic Center**  
Interim Assistant Dean

2018-present **Kent State University Geauga**  
Associate Professor in Middle Childhood Education  
Middle Childhood Education Program Coordinator

2012- 2018 **Kent State University Geauga**  
Assistant Professor in Middle Childhood Education  
Middle Childhood Education Program Coordinator

2008-2012 **Heidelberg University**  
Assistant Professor of Middle Childhood Education

2007-2008 **Kent State University**  
Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant

2004-2007 **Washington Park Community School**  
6th/7th/8th grade ELA, Social Studies, Math, Science

- 2003-2004     **Saint Francis de Sales School**  
7th/8th grade Math & Religion
- 2002-2003     **Nordonia Hills School District**  
6th grade- Self Contained
- 2000-2002     **Saint Rita School**  
4th grade ELA/Social Studies
- 1999-2000     **Our Lady of Peace School**  
3rd grade Self Contained

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **International Refereed**

- Dever, R., & Raven, S.** (2017). [Intersection of principles: How \*This We Believe\* and International Baccalaureate align](#). *Middle School Journal*, 48(4), 36-44.
- Dever, R., & Clement, S.** (2016). [Middle school pre-service teachers' sense of self-efficacy in relation to authentic learning experiences](#). *Electronic Journal of Science Education*, 20(5), 39-52.
- Dever, R., & Lash, M.** (2013) [Using common planning time to foster professional learning](#). *Middle School Journal*, 44(9), 12-17.
- White, P., Ross, D., Miller, J., **Dever, R.**, & Jones, K. (2013). [Ohio's middle childhood licensure study](#). *Research in Middle Level Education Online*, 37(1), 1-22.

### **National Invited**

- Dever, R.** (2016). [Forging partnerships outside the classroom](#) . *AMLE Magazine*, 4(2), 44-45.

### **National Refereed**

- Dever, R.** (2020). [Middle level faculty and change](#). *Current Issues in Middle Level Education*, 25(1), 8-18.
- Dever, R., & Previts, J.** (2014). [Middle level teacher candidates as readers](#). *Reading in the Middle*, 6(1), 3-7.

Dever, R., Ross, D., Miller, J., White, P., & Jones, K. (2014). [Parallels between a collaborative research process and the middle level philosophy](#). *Current Issues in Middle Level Education*, 19(1), 1-5.

### State Refereed

Dever, R. (2018). [Motivation behind lesson planning](#). *Ohio Journal of Teacher Education*, 32(1), 5-15.

Dever, R. (2017). [Academic partnerships to strengthen College Credit Plus](#). *Association for the Regional Campuses in Ohio (AURCO) Journal*, 23, 31-41.

Dever, R., & Previts, J. (2015). [Teacher candidates as readers](#). *Electronic Journal for the Ohio Middle Level Association*, 2(1).

### Book Chapters

Dever, R. (2019). How the International Baccalaureate MYP works in middle schools. In Virtue, D. (Ed.) *International Handbook of Middle Level Education Theory, Research, and Policy*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Dever, R. (2016). [Professional Learning Communities](#). In Mertens, S., Caskey, M., & Flowers, N. (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Middle Grades Education* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 304-307). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

Dever, R. (2016). [Teacher Professional Development](#). In Mertens, S., Caskey, M., & Flowers, N. (Eds.). *Encyclopedia of Middle Grades Education* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed., pp. 388-391). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

## PRESENTATIONS

### National/International Refereed

Dever, R. & Previts, J. (2021, November). Using Virtual Bookshelves to Promote Middle Level Literacy. Association for Middle Level Education: Louisville, KY.

Dever, R. (2020, October). Creating a University/Middle School Mentoring Partnership. Best Practice and Research from the National Professors of

Middle Level Education, Association for Middle Level Education; Virtual.

- Dever, R.** (2020, May). Middle Level Faculty and Change. Southeast Middle Level Professors Symposium; University of North Carolina- Asheville.  
\*Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Dever, R.** (2020, April). International Baccalaureate (IB) Teachers, Perceptions of the Middle Years Programme (MYP). IB Educator Certificate Conference: Melbourne, Australia. \*Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- Dever, R.** (2019, November). International Baccalaureate (IB) Teachers, Perceptions of the Middle Years Programme (MYP); Best Practice and Research from the National Professors of Middle Level Education, Association for Middle Level Education; Nashville, TN.
- Dever, R. & Menger, A.** (2018, July). International Baccalaureate (IB) teachers' perceptions of the Middle Years Programme (MYP); IB Educator Certificate Conference; Bath, England.
- Dever, R., & Previts, J.** (2016, October). Using contemporary literature to explore social issues in the classroom; Association for Middle Level Education; Austin, TX.
- Dever, R., Lash, M., Miller-Marsh, M., & Hosteller, R.** (2016, July). Case Study of School/University Initiatives Creating Collaborative Partnerships. International Baccalaureate Conference of the Americas; Toronto, ON.
- Dever, R., & Clement, S.** (2016, January). The impact of teaching science within an environmental setting on pre-service teachers and middle level student; Association for Science Teacher Education Conference; Reno, NV.
- Dever, R., Baka, K., Elliott, J., Larson, L., & White, D.** (2015, October). Using the past to shape the future. Association for Middle Level Education; Columbus, OH.
- Dever, R., White, P., & Ross, D.** (2015, October). Who will carry the torch? Mentoring the next generation of middle level advocates. Symposium on Middle Level Preparation; Columbus, OH.
- Dever, R., White, P., Ross, D., Miller, J., & Jones, K.** (2014, November). Springboard Ohio to the nation: An examination of the enactment of the middle level licensure. Best Practice and Research from the National Professors of Middle Level Education, Association for Middle Level

Education; Nashville, TN.

**Dever, R.,** White, P., Ross, D., Miller, J., & Jones, K. (2014, November). Springboard Ohio to the nation: An examination of the enactment of the middle level licensure. Association for Middle Level Education; Nashville, TN.

**Dever, R.,** & Previts, J. (2014, November). Middle grades teacher candidates as readers. Best Practice and Research from the National Professors of Middle Level Education, Association for Middle Level Education: Nashville, TN.

**Dever, R.,** & Previts, J. (2014, May). Middle grades teacher candidates as readers. Middle School Special Interest Group Program, International Reading Association; New Orleans, LA.

**Dever, R.,** Ross, D., & Miller, J. (2013, November 8). Parallels between a collaborative research process and the middle level philosophy. Best Practice and Research from the National Professors of Middle Level Education, Association for Middle Level Education; Minneapolis, MN.

**Dever, R.** (2012, November 9). Using pop culture to teach literature. Association for Middle Level Education; Portland, OR.

**Dever, R.,** & Lash, M. (2010, April 30). An examination of how teachers use common planning time to foster professional learning American Education Research Association; Denver, CO.

White, P., Ross, D., Miller, J., **Mis, R.,** & Jones, K. (2009, November). Living 'This we believe' through collaborative research: Ohio's middle level licensure study. National Middle School Annual Conference; Indianapolis, IN.

White, P., Ross, D., Miller, J., **Mis, R.,** & Jones, K. (2008, October). Ohio's middle level licensure study. Symposium on Middle Level Preparation; Las Vegas, NV.

**Mis, R.,** & Wiehe, R. (2006, February). Using personal narratives. Phi Delta Kappa National Conference; Washington D.C.

### **National Invited**

**Dever, R.** (2009, November). Pathways to publication. National Middle School Annual Conference; Indianapolis, IN.

### Local/State Refereed

- Garlough, D., Bogan, J., **Dever, R.**, & Judd, T. (2022, January). Teacher efficacy: Pathways to preparation. Dean's Compact/OCTEO Conference; Virtual.
- Dever, R.** (2011, October 15). Using Pop Culture to Teach Literature. Literacy on the street; Educator workshop; Heidelberg University; Tiffin, OH.
- Dever, R.** (2010, February 4). An examination of how teachers use common planning time to foster professional learning. Faculty Research Symposium; Heidelberg University; Tiffin, OH.
- Pytash, K.E., Previts, J., & **Mis, R.** (2008, February). Writing and reading: The driving force behind content area learning. Ohio Middle School Conference; Columbus, OH.
- Mis, R.** (2007, March 17). Literacy tools for middle childhood. Education Alumni college; University of Toledo; Toledo, OH.
- Mis, R.**, & Wiehe, R. (2006, April). Using personal narratives. Ohio Middle School Conference; Columbus, OH.
- Mis, R.** (2006, March). Using personal narratives. Education Alumni College. University of Toledo; Toledo, OH.
- Mis, R.** (2005, March). Giving ownership to middle school students. Education Alumni College. University of Toledo; Toledo, OH.

### Local/State Invited

- Dever, R.** (2013, March). Uncommon ways to meet Common Core state standards. Education Summit on Assessment. Heidelberg University; Tiffin, OH.

### Grants

- 2019 Cleveland Foundation; Lake/Geauga Fund PI  
Rising Scholars at Kent State Geauga: Creating a Pathway for Success in College, Careers and Beyond  
\$14,079 (funded)
- 2018 Cleveland Foundation; Lake/Geauga Fund PI  
Rising Scholars at Kent State Geauga: Creating a Pathway for Success in College, Careers and Beyond  
\$15,000 (funded)

- 2018 Frohring Foundation- PI  
Rising Scholars at Kent State Geauga: Creating a Pathway for Success in College, Careers and Beyond  
\$7,500 (unfunded)
- 2018 Reinberger Foundation- PI  
Rising Scholars: Creating a Pathway to College and Beyond  
\$24,936.82 (unfunded)
- 2016 Cleveland Foundation; Lake/Geauga Fund- Co-PI  
Gauga Consolidation and Shared Services Pilot Project  
\$29,364.02 (funded)
- 2014 Cleveland Foundation; Lake/Geauga Fund- PI  
The Impact of Teaching Science within an Environmental Setting on Pre-Service Teachers and Middle Level Students  
\$26,477 funded out of \$39,753.39 requested
- 2014 Roddick Fund- PI  
The Impact of Teaching Science within an Environmental Setting on Pre-Service Teachers and Middle Level Students  
\$5,000 (unfunded)
- 2011 Aigler Faculty Grant; Heidelberg University  
Impact of Student Experiences with Working a Diverse Population on Teacher Candidates  
\$1000.00 (funded)

## **University Courses Taught**

### **Kent State University:**

[MCED 40006 Reading and Writing in Middle Childhood](#)  
[MCED 40007 Teaching Reading with Literature in Middle Childhood](#)  
[MCED 49525 Inquiry into Professional Practice: Middle Childhood](#)  
[US 00006 Study Strategies for College Success](#)  
[US 10097 DKS: First Year Experience](#)

## **Service**

### **Service to Profession**

2019-present **National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education**  
Executive Council: Director, Northern Region

- 2018-present **Current Issue in Middle Level Education**  
Reviewer
- 2012-present **Middle School Journal**  
Reviewer  
Editorial Board member 2016-2018
- 2015-2016 **Ohio Department of Education**  
Scorer of Resident Educator Summative Assessments
- 2015-2020 **Ohio Department of Education**  
Grade 6 English Language Arts Content Advisory Committee
- 2015-ongoing **Association for Middle Level Education**  
Reviewer of SPA reports for CAEP accreditation
- 2014 **Ohio Board of Regents**  
Middle Level Panel to Review Middle Level Licensure
- 2014-ongoing **Electronic Journal of Ohio Middle Level Association**  
Peer Reviewer
- 2013-ongoing **Ohio Association of College for Teacher Education**  
Member of Board of Trustees  
Member of Professional Advancement Committee  
Member of Inquiry Committee- Co-chair
- 2013-ongoing **Teacher Performance Assessment Scorer- Pearson**  
Secondary English/Middle School English Language Arts
- 2013 **Handbook on Middle Level Education volume 10**  
Editorial Review Board
- 2012 **Future Educators of America**  
Conference Session Reviewer
- 2005-2016 **Phi Delta Kappa**  
Past President- North Coast Ohio chapter 2013-2014  
President- North Coast Ohio chapter 2012-2013  
Chapter Member Liaison 2005-2009  
Vice President for Membership- Kent State University Chapter 2006-2007
- 2011-2021 **Ohio Middle Level Professors Association**



Board of Directors 2010-2021  
President 2011-2013, 2015-2016  
President Elect 2010-2011  
Faculty Representative for Heidelberg University 2008-2012

- 2007      **Voices from the Middle: Narratives For, By, and About the Middle Level Community**  
Editorial Review Board
- 2008-2010      **Ohio Middle Level Journal**  
Editor 2008-2010  
Peer Reviewer 2006-2010
- 2005-2010      **Ohio Middle Level Association**  
Board Member 2008-2010  
Regional Affiliate for Northeast Ohio 2005-2007

### **Service to College**

#### **University**

Search Committee- Rising Scholars Director 2018  
COVID Reopening Scheduling Committee 2020  
COVID Reopening Regional Committee 2020-2021  
Regional Campus Fall Convocation Planning Committee Co-Chair 2020

#### **College of Education, Health and Human Services**

CAEP Self-Study Writing Team-2021  
Associate Dean Review Committee- 2021  
EHHS Curriculum Committee 2019-2020  
Search Committee - Director of Teacher Education 2017  
Taskstream Adoption Committee 2017  
College Advisory Council 2015-2017, 2019-present  
Search Committee - Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education 2015  
International Baccalaureate MYP Coordinator 2015-present

#### **School of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Studies**

Faculty Advisory Committee 2013-2017

### **Service to Campus**

#### **Kent State University Geauga**

Search Committee Chair ADN 2021  
Search Committee Community Outreach 2020  
Faculty Mentor Liaison 2019-present

Handbook committee 2019-present  
Faculty Chair 2019-2021  
    Chair Ad hoc RPT Committee 2019-2020  
Rising Scholars Coordinator 2017-present  
Faculty Council 2012-present  
CARE team (alternate member) 2012-2014  
Search Committee – Security Officer 2013  
Search Committee Academic Advisor 2013  
Anniversary Committee 2013  
Grievance Committee member 2013-2018  
Peer Reviewer (Bailey, Kananian, Yakovac)  
Professional Development Committee 2014-present  
Search Committee Marketing Director 2015  
Search Committee TT Sociology 2015  
Search Committee Administrative Assistant 2014  
Search Committee Dean’s Administration Assistant 2018  
Marketing Committee 2014-2015  
Geauga Research Committee 2015-2016  
Budget Committee 2015-2016  
Search Committee Assistant Dean 2016  
Faculty Professional Development: Student Engagement 2016-2017  
Search Committee- EMMS Director II 2018

### **Heidelberg University**

Collegiate Middle Level Association; Faculty Advisor  
Faculty Mentor  
Calendar committee  
Writing ability task force  
Teacher Education Advisory Committee; member  
Women’s Leadership Initiative Committee  
Faculty chaperone of students to National Middle School Association  
    Conference in Indianapolis, IN and Denver, CO  
Writing Assessment Team  
Judicial Appeals Board; 01/2009, 07/2009  
Search Committee - Director of Library  
Volunteer Liaison with Seneca Soil & Water Conservation District and HU

### **Professional Memberships**

Ohio Middle Level Association, 2000-present  
Association for Middle Level Education, 2000-present  
Phi Delta Kappa, 2004-2015  
American Educational Research Association, 2006-2015  
    SIG Middle Level Research Education  
International Literacy Association, 2013-2015  
    SIG Middle School Reading

National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education, 2012-present  
Ohio Middle Level Professors, 2006-present

**Honors**

- 2008 Outstanding Achievement in Service and Leadership Student Award; Kent State University
- 2008 Nominated for Phi Delta Kappa Upcoming Young Leader Award
- 2007 Nominated for Phi Delta Kappa Upcoming Young Leader Award
- 2005 Outstanding Young Alumna Educator; University of Toledo