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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

2025-present Kent State University

Associate Professor

2022- 2024 Kent State University Geauga/Twinsburg Academic Center

Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs

2018-2025 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

PUBLICATIONS

International Refereed

- Mis, R., & Durham, B.** (2025). Keeping Native American culture present in middle level education. *Middle School Journal*, xxx.
- Dever, R.,** Hurd, E., Miller, N., Whitaker, N. (2024). Middle-Level Teacher Certification/Licensure: Current Status and Future Directions. *Educ. Sci.* 2024, 14, x. <https://doi.org/10.3390/xxxxx>
- Dever, R.,** Hurd, E., Miller, N., & Whitaker, N. (2024). Middle level licensure and certification. In Brinegar K.B., Moulton, M., Falbe, K., Rintamaa, M., and Ellerbrock, C. (Eds.). Navigating Opportunities for Middle Level Education: A Research Agenda. *Research in Middle Level Education (RMLE) Online*, 47(8), 25-53.
- 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* (2nd 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* (2nd ed., pp. 388-391). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

PRESENTATIONS

National/International Refereed

Durham, B. & Dever, R. (2025, June) From Lane Deer to Detroit: Illuminating possibilities with and through culturally sustaining/revitalizing pedagogy. Social Studies Education Consortium Conference: Detroit, MI.

Dever, R. & Wilfong, L. (2024, November). How Middle Schools Respond to Mandated Professional Development. Best Practice and Research from the National Professors of Middle Level Education, Association for Middle

Level Education; Nashville, TN.

Dever, R. & Previts, J. (2023, October). Reignite Your Passion for Teaching: Why

We're Burnt Out and How to (Re)Discover Your Spark. Association for Middle Level Education: Orlando, FL.

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

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. (2023, November). Teacher preparation efficiency. OCTEO Conference; Columbus, OH.

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

- 2024 Ohio Department of Higher Education: Key Personnel
Launching preservice and practicing teachers the "write" way: Teaching and curriculum updates to address the Science of Reading
\$6000

- 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:

[C&I 6/77319 Diagnosis and Remediation in Reading](#)
[ECED 40402 Teaching Readers Elementary](#)
[MCED 20000 Learning and Experience in Middle Childhood Education](#)
[MCED 40005 Effective Use of Phonics](#)
[MCED 40006 Reading and Writing in Middle Childhood](#)
[MCED 40007 Teaching Reading with Literature in Middle Childhood](#)
[MCED 47745 Critical Inquiry and Integration: Science/Social Studies Grade 5](#)
[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

- 2024-present **The Handbook of Research in Middle Level Education (series)**
Co-Editor
- 2023-present **American Education Research Association**
Session Reviewer- Division K
Session Reviewer- Middle Level Education Research SIG
- 2019-present **National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education**
Executive Council: Director, Northern Region
President Elect 2024-2026
- 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**
Lead reviewer of SPA reports for CAEP accreditation
SPA Auditor for all reports
- 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
- 2013-2023 **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, 2019-2022, 2024-2025
Search Committee - Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education 2015
International Baccalaureate MYP Coordinator 2015-2020

School of Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Studies
Faculty Advisory Committee 2013-2017, 2024-2025

Service to Campus

Kent State University Geauga
Handbook Committee Chair 2024-2025
Search Committee Chair ADN 2021
Search Committee Community Outreach 2020
Faculty Mentor Liaison 2019-present
Handbook committee 2019-2022
Faculty Chair 2019-2021
Chair Ad hoc RPT Committee 2019-2020
Rising Scholars Coordinator 2017-2023
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 2014-2019
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-present
Division K
SIG Middle Level Research Education
International Literacy Association, 2013-2015
SIG Middle School Reading
National Association of Professors of Middle Level Education, 2012-present
National Council of Teachers of English 2023-present
Ohio Council of Teachers of English 2023-present
Ohio Middle Level Professors, 2006-2014

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