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SUMMARY

I thrive on change and have seen much of it in my teaching career. I am continuously learning to teach in three evolving learning environments: face-to-face, online, and now inworld (immersive).

My research interests focus on how the virtual can enhance the actual (and vice versa) when we learn and teach in online Web 2.0 and Web 3D virtual environments. My primary focus is on how we can learn through literature and how we can use new technologies and media to explore multiple realities and encourage critical literacy and social justice.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- North Carolina Bookcast Festival: Teens across the state are invited to produce videos in response to young adult literature. Sponsored by the North Carolina Reading Association.
- PD in 3DV: Professional Development in the 3D virtual world of Second Life. www.bookosphere.net Sponsored by United Star Distance Learning Consortium (USDLC).
- SciVi Field Trips: Science Virtual Field Trips developed for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). www.estuaries.gov

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Education, North Carolina State University, 1998

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Dissertation: Writing Life, publication and video

MA Ed. Education, East Carolina University, 1976

Intermediate with Concentrations in English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies; Graduate Reading Certification

BA Ed. Education, Intermediate. Concentrations: English Language Arts, Math, and Social Studies

Additional Education Experience

EdTech Leaders Online, Graduate of the Facilitating and Implementing Online Professional Development Program and the Online Course Design and Delivery program, 2009. See <http://www.edtechleaders.org/programs/pd/> for details about these programs.

Developing Web-based Courses, Diane Kester, East Carolina University (Spring 1999)

“Literature, Documentary Studies, and Community Service,” Course with Robert Coles,

Harvard Medical School Professor, Author, and Founder of the Duke University Center for Documentary Studies

Internship in Documentary Video, Marine Grafics (Fall 1997)

Frameworks Facilitators Training facilitated by Brian Cambourne (1995)

Accelerated Schools Coaches' Training, Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA (1994)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2000-Present Director, Professional Development, United Star Distance Learning Consortium, Flowery Branch, GA; Adjunct Assistant Professor, Reading Education, Literacy and Language, Department of Curriculum, Instruction & Counselor Education, College of Education, North Carolina University, Raleigh, NC; Writer and Producer, Educational and Environmental Videos

1999-2000 Post-Doctorate, College of Education, English and Reading Education, North Carolina State University and University of Virginia, Raleigh, NC

1998-1999 Visiting Lecturer, School of Education, Reading Education, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC

1996 - 1998 Research and Teaching Assistant and Full-Time PhD Candidate, College of Education, Reading Education, North Carolina State University

1991 - 1996 State-wide Consultant, Compensatory Education, North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC

1984 - 1991 Regional Consultant, English Language Arts, North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, NC

1983-1984 Full-time Student, Computer Science and Journalism, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC. Part-time Editorial Assistant, *The News & Observer*, Raleigh, NC.

1980 - 1983 Director of Reading Education and Instructor, Education Department, Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, NC

1979-1980 Coordinator, Right-to-Read Middle Grades Reading Project, Moore County Schools, Carthage, NC

1976-1979 Reading Teacher, Lillian Black Elementary School, Cumberland County Schools, Fayetteville, NC

HONORS

SOGIL (Online Learning) Award "Highly Recommended," International Society for Technology in Education, 2007. Retrieved Aug. 13 from http://www.iste.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Membership/SIGs/SIGOL_Online_learning_/SIGOLOnlineLearningAward/PastAwardWinners/Past_Award_Winners.htm

Reading Educator of the Year, North Carolina Reading Association, 1995.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

North Carolina Division of Certification, Department of Public Instruction, Teaching Certification:

- Graduate Level in Middle Grades (6-9) for English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Social Studies
- Graduate Level Reading Certification (K-12)
- Intermediate (Grades 4-6)
- Elementary Education (K-6)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND SERVICE

- International Society for Technology in Education
- National Council of Teachers of English
- International Reading Association
 - Chair, Southeastern Regional Conference, Winston-Salem, NC, 1991
- North Carolina English Teachers Association
- North Carolina Reading Association
 - Chair, Adolescent Reading Committee, Current
 - North Carolina Bookcast Festival, Project Founder & Director, Current
 - State Young Authors Project, Founder & Director, 1984-1991

GRANTS

Crissman, C. (2009). "Idea Grant: Taking the young adult literature graduate course online and inworld. DELTA (Distance Education and Learning Technologies Applications), \$8,000.

Crissman, C. (1998). "It takes a village to raise a child: Video project." North Carolina Reading Association, \$6,000.

Crissman, C. (1994). "Teacher Advancement Project (TAP): Literacy Education Project," North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, \$100,000.

Crissman, C. (1994). "Teacher Advancement Project (TAP): Mathematics Education Project," North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, \$100,000.

Vasu, E. S., Pope, C. A., Steelman, J. & Crissman, C. (1997). "Mid-Tech - Development of web site for middle grades education. Philip Morris, \$10,000.

PUBLICATIONS

Crissman, C. (under review). Learning my way: How PLENK 2010 changed the way I learn and teach. Submitted to Meridian Electronic Journal for publication, November 5, 2010.

- Spires, H.A., Crissman, C., Mason, C. L., Jackson, A. (Spring, 2001). Exploring the academic self within an electronic mail environment. *Research and Teaching in Developmental Education*, 17, 2, 5-14.
- Crissman, C., Spires, H. A., Pope, C. A. & Beal, C. (2000). Creating pathways of change: One school begins the journey. *Urban Education*, 35 (1), 104-120.
- Crissman, C. (2000). The Marshian chronicles: Looking back to see the future of EstuaryLIVE. *Meridian: An Online Journal*. Retrieved Aug. 13, 2010 from <http://www.ncsu.edu/meridian/2000wint/estuary/estuary3.html>
- Spires, H. A., Pope, C. A., Crissman, C. & Beal, C. (1999). Reculturing teacher education: One college begins the journey. *Action in Teacher Education*, 21, 51-57.
- Crissman, C. (1999). Review of the book *Particularities: Collected essays on ethnography and education*. *North Carolina Journal of Teacher Education*, 10, 146-150.
- Crissman, C. (1998). Writing life. Unpublished Dissertation, NC State University.
- Crissman, C. (1996). Chapter 1 Supports Literacy Professionals. *The Literacy Professional*, 5, (1), 3. Newark, NJ: International Reading Association.
- Crissman, C. (Ed.). (1992). *Everybody has a story to tell: A publication of the North Carolina Reading Association*. Raleigh, NC: Chamblee's Graphics.
- Crissman, C. (Ed.). (1991). *Special delivery: A publication of the North Carolina Reading Association*. Raleigh, NC: Chamblee's Graphics.
- Crissman, C. (Ed.). (1990). *The Tar Heel family album: A publication of the North Carolina Reading Association*. Raleigh, NC: Chamblee's Graphics.
- Crissman, C. (Ed.). (1989). *Books that ring a bell: A publication of the North Carolina Reading Association*. Raleigh, NC: Chamblee's Graphics.
- Crissman, C. (Ed.). (1988). *Seasoned with love: A publication of the North Carolina Reading Association*. Raleigh, NC: Chamblee's Graphics.
- Crissman, C. (Ed.). (1987). *Tar Heel folks: A publication of the North Carolina Reading Association*. Raleigh, NC: Chamblee's Graphics.
- Crissman, C. (Ed.). (1986). *A kid's guide to North Carolina: A publication of the North Carolina Reading Association*. Raleigh, NC: Chamblee's Graphics.
- Crissman, C. (Ed.). (1985). *A kid's guide to western North Carolina: A publication of the Great Smokies Reading Council*. Raleigh, NC: Glover Printing Company.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

- Crissman, C. (2010, Nov.) Retribalizing, literary style: Virtual Bookclubs and bookcasts. Global Education Conference, 2010. Retrieved November 23, 2020 from <http://www.globaleducationconference.com> Elluminate session archived at <https://sas.illuminate.com/site/external/recording/playback/link/table/dropin?sid=gec2010&suid=D.C61C88E8556F8E92CA791944CAEFF7>
- Crissman, C. (2009, July). The purple cow purposeful podcast project: Teaching creativity digitally. National Educational Computing Conference, International Society for Technology in Education, Washington, DC.
- Crissman, C., Clark, A., Ibanez, A., & Lovin, B. (2009, June) A whole new world: Expanding ecological identities with scivi field trips. National Educational Computing Conference, International Society for Technology in Education, Washington, DC.
- Crissman, C. (2008, June). You only live thrice: Virtual book clubs in Second Life, National Educational Computing Conference, International Society for Technology in Education, San Antonio, TX.
- Crissman, C. (2007, June). Literacy to learn, State Educational Technology Directors Association, Fall Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Crissman, C. (2007, June). The connected learning project, National Educational Computing Conference, International Society for Technology in Education, Atlanta, GA.
- Spires, H. A., Cuper, P., & Crissman, C. (2001, March). Literacy junction: Exploring narrative theory and books for youth in a cyberworld. Proceedings of the 12th International Conference for the Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education, Orlando, FL.
- Crissman, C. (2000, April). Writing life in Blurring genres, media and voices (Chair: Thomas E. Barone). American Educational research Association, New Orleans, LA
- Crissman, C. (2000, April). Why I use technology. (2000). In Why we use technology (Chair: David Fetterman; Organizer: Cris Crissman). American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Crissman, C., Pope, C. A., Spires, H. A. (1999, April). Shake, rattle, and roll: Dancing the tension of the dissertation in Shaking the ivory tower: Writing, advising, and critiquing the postmodern dissertation. (Chair: Thomas E. Barone; Discussants: Elliot Eisner and Howard Gardner; Organizer: Cris Crissman). American Educational Research Association. Montreal, CAN.
- Hsiang, M., Vasu, E., Pope, C., Crissman, C., Alibrandi, M., Munro, M., & Steelman, J. (1998, July). Bringing us closer through the world wide web: In-service and pre-service teacher education. ICCE98, Beijing, China.

Spires, H., Mason, C., Jackson, A. & Crissman, C. (1998, April). Creating the academic self within an electronic mail environment in Real life in virtual communities: The light side and the dark side. (Chair: D. Fetterman, Discussants: N. Noddings, & G. Noblitt, Organizer: Cris Crissman), American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.

Spires, H., Crissman, C. & Mason, C. (1997, March). Assessing the progress of North Carolina Accelerated Schools: Toward a model of participatory evaluation. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL.

Spires, H., Pope C., Crissman, C., & Beal, C. (1996, April). North Carolina partnership for accelerated schools: Creating pathways for educational excellence and equity through institutional reculturing. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.

REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: STATE AND REGIONAL

Phillips, C., Crissman, C., Robertson, A. (2010, August). "The Zen Garden Approach to Course Design: Creating Balance Through Social Media," Elon University's 7th Annual Teaching and Learning Conference, Elon, NC.

Robertson, A., Crissman, C., Phillips, C. (2010, April). The Zen garden approach to course design: Creating balance through social media, University of North Carolina's Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference. Virtual presentation in Second Life. Session archived at <http://www.ustream.tv/recorded/6198389>

Crissman, C. & Lovin, B. (2010, April). Through the looking glass: Bridging the virtual and actual in real-time. University of North Carolina's Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference. Virtual presentation in Second Life.

Crissman, C. (2010, March). You can't stop the waves but you can learn how to surf: Learning and teaching with Web 2.0 tools. North Carolina Reading Association, Greensboro, NC.

Crissman, C., Nobles, J., Wells, S. (2009, April). Is Second Life a disruptive Innovation in K-12 schools? University of North Carolina's Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference. Virtual presentation in Second Life.

Crissman, C. (2009, April). The future is already here: Virtual book club with author Tom Boellstorff, University of North Carolina's Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference. Virtual presentation in Second Life.

Curtis, A., Aiman-Smith, L., Kimbrough, C., Taylor, A., Stanton, L., Crissman, C. (2008, April). Triumphs and tribulations of teaching in a virtual world: Voices of experience. University of North Carolina's Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference, Raleigh, NC.

- Curtis, Al, Aiman-Smith, L., Stanton, L., Taylor, A., Crissman, C. (2008, April). Second Life: Real teaching and learning in a virtual world. University of North Carolina's Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference, Raleigh, NC.
- Crissman, C. (2007, April). Virtual book clubs, University of North Carolina's Teaching and Learning with Technology Conference, Raleigh, NC.
- Crissman, C. (2008, Nov.). Virtual book clubs. North Carolina English Teachers Association. Winston-Salem, NC.
- Crissman, C. (2005, March). The trilogy project. North Carolina Reading Association, Winston-Salem, NC and the North Carolina Distance Learning Association, Asheville, NC. Videoconference with Lois Lowry and project classes in North Carolina and Germany culminating in the Virtual Author's Study with Lois Lowry. Streamed live on the Web to both conferences from NCDPI, Raleigh, NC.
- Spires, H. A., Crissman, C. & Cuper, P. (2000, October). Literacy junction: Where minds meet, explore, and change. Paper presented at the North Carolina Association for Teachers of English, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Crissman, C., Dehu, K, Mense, M., Miller, S., Moritz, C, Ouzts, K. (1999, March). Thank a teacher: A readers' theatre performance of a dialogue among beginning and experienced teachers of reading. North Carolina Reading Association, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Crissman, C. & Spires, H.A., (1995, March). Teacher advancement project (TAP). North Carolina Reading Association, Raleigh, NC.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Crissman, C. (2010, October). Retribalizing, literay style: Virtual Bookclubs and bookcasts. eT@lking series for LearnCentral. Elluminate session archived at <http://www.learncentral.org/event/112459>
- Crissman, C. (2010, July). New tools for news literacy. Workshop for Newspapers in Education, Chapel Hill, NC.
- Crissman, C. (2010, March). Top ten tech tools for teachers. PreConference Institiute, North Carolina Reading Association State Conference, Greensboro, NC.
- Crissman, C. (2010, April). Virtual author study with Laurie Halse Anderson. Virtual event in the Bookhenge on USDLC's Star Island, Second Life. Archived at www.bookosphere.net
- Crissman, C. (2009, April). Virtual author study with Neal Shusterman. Virtual event in the Bookhenge on USDLC's Star Island, Second Life.

Crissman, C. & Bill Lovin (2009, March). PD in 3DV: Professional development in Second Life, PreConference Institute, North Carolina Technology in Education Society, Raleigh, NC.

Crissman, C. (2008, April). Virtual author study with John Green. Virtual event in the Bookhenge on USDLC's Star Island, Second Life. Archived at www.bookosphere.net

Crissman, C. (2008, Winter). Learning and Teaching New Literacies with Web 2.0 Tools. Webinar for EdTech Leaders Online. Archived at <http://edtechleaders.org/resources/chat/>

Crissman, C. (2007, April). Virtual author study with Rick Riordan. Live event at Ravenscroft School, Raleigh, NC, streamed live on the Web. Archived at <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/distancelearning/classroom/fieldtrips.html>

Crissman, C. (2006, April). Virtual author study with John Marsden. Streamed live on the Web.

Crissman, C. (2005, March). Virtual author study with Lois Lowry. Videoconference with the author and students across the state and Germany streamed live on the Web.

Crissman, C. & the Eva Perry Regional Library Mock Printz Teen Book Club (ongoing each Feb. beginning in 2002). Melinda awards for young adult literature. Produced at NCDPI, Raleigh, NC. Streamed live on the Web. 2006 to present archived at www.bookosphere.net and <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/distancelearning/classroom/fieldtrips.html>

Courses Taught

North Carolina State University

- Teaching Literature for Young Adults, Graduate-level for MA Ed. and MAT students. Learn more <http://courses.ncsu.edu/eci521/common/crissman/>
- Teaching Reading in the Secondary School, Graduate-level for MA Ed., MAT, and Certification-Only (Lateral entry)

East Carolina University

- Reading in the Content Areas, Undergraduate and Graduate
- Reading Methods Courses (Elementary), Undergraduate

Mars Hill College

- All Reading Certification courses, Undergraduate

New Literacies Collaborative, Friday Institute for Educational Innovation

- Teaching and Learning with Web 2.0 Tools

United Star Distance Learning Consortium

- The Purple Cow Purposeful Podcasting Project

