

Paula B. Major, Ed.D.

Associate Professor

Tenure Track

Initial Faculty Appointment (2008)

Program: Division of Elementary Education, emphasis in Social Studies & Multicultural Education

EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Degrees

Ed.D.	2006	University of Mississippi	Curriculum and Instruction
ESL	2006	University of Mississippi	Certification
M.A.T	2000	Wayne State University	Elementary Education
B.A.	1995	Howard University	Political Science Spanish; fluent 18+ yrs.

Licenses

116 Elementary Education (K-3), Mississippi
117 Elementary Education (4-8), Mississippi
117 English as a Second Language, (K-12), Mississippi
Elementary K-5, K-8 self contained, Michigan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

20013-present	University of Hawai`i-West O`ahu <i>Associate Professor of Elementary Education</i>
Summer of 2010	American Samoa <i>Assistant Professor of Elementary Education</i> for University of Hawai`i Manoa
2008-2013	University of Hawai`i-West O`ahu <i>Assistant Professor of Elementary Education</i>
2006 to 2008	University of Mississippi, Oxford & Tupelo Campus <i>Visiting Assistant Professor</i>
Summer of 2005	Liuzhou, Guangxi, China English Teacher volunteer
2004 to 2006	University of Mississippi, Oxford Campus <i>Graduate Instructor</i>
2002 to 2004	University of Mississippi, Oxford Campus <i>Graduate Assistant</i>
2000 to 2002	International School of Monagas, Maturin, Venezuela <i>First Grade Teacher</i>
1999 to 2000	Nichols School, Detroit, MI <i>Second Grade Teacher</i>
1997 to 1999	Stellwagen Elementary, Detroit, MI <i>First Grade Teacher</i>
1996 to 1997	Burbank Middle School, Detroit, MI <i>Sixth Grade Teacher</i>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu

Courses taught:

- Educational Media & Technology
- Social Studies Methods I and Social Studies Methods II
- Early Field Experience
- Introduction to Teaching as a Career
- Student Teaching
- Block A and Block B Practicum

Courses developed:

- Diversity in American Education [WI]
- Teaching Culturally Linguistic Diverse Learners [WI]
- Block 3 Practicum w/ Seminar
- Block 1 Practicum w/ Seminar

Courses taught in the University of Hawai'i System

- ITE 322 442 Elementary Social Studies Methods [Taught in Am. Samoa]
- ITE 322 443 Elementary Social Studies Methods [Taught in Am. Samoa]

The University of Mississippi

Spring 2008	EDCI 352	Human Development and Diversity
	EDCI 353	Planning/Teaching Strategies for Effective Classroom Practice
	EDEL 401	Social Studies Methods
Fall 2007	EDCI 351	Foundations for Professional Growth
	EDCI 352	Human Development and Diversity
	EDEL 401	Social Studies Methods
Spring 2007	EDCI 352	Human Development and Diversity
	EDCI 353	Planning/Teaching Strategies for Effective Classroom Practice
	EDLE 464	Student Teaching in the Elementary Schools
Fall 2006	EDCI 351	Foundations for Professional Growth
	EDCI 352	Human Development and Diversity
	EDEL 401	Social Studies Method
	EDRD 414	Reading Diagnosis and Intervention
Spring 2006	EDCI 353	Planning/Teaching Strategies for Eff. Classroom Practice
	EDEL 414	Classroom Management
	EDLE 464	Student Teaching in the Elementary Schools

RESEARCH INTEREST

Currently

- Identifying ways to use culturally responsive materials to stimulate classroom discussions, awareness and appropriateness with regards to various cultural contributions to academic learning
- Comparing in-class social studies best practices to current social studies practices with regards to NCLB
- Examining the inconsistency of social studies teaching practices throughout local school districts

In the Future

- Identifying the various levels of resistance to class discussions and to implementations of cultures concepts/approaches within lesson planning across subject areas

PUBLICATIONS

Mathis, P. & Boyd, N. (Under Review). Peanut butter and jelly is more than just a sandwich! *Social Studies Research and Practice*.

Boyd, N. & **Mathis, P.**, Swift E. (2011). Our Friend Martin, more than a movie: Using culturally relevant video to initiate critical conversations about race in an urban classroom. *Curriculum and Teaching Dialogue*, Vol. 13, Number 1.

Mathis, P. & Boyd, N. (2009) Who is teaching Social Studies?: Pre-Service teachers' reaction. *Social Studies Research and Practice*. Volume 4, Number 3, Winter 2009.

GRANTS

Mathis, P. (2012) \$506, travel grant from Budget Resource Committee, UHWO

Mathis, P. & Alexander, E. (2011). \$850 grant from Women's Campus for Traveling Multicultural Book Bags

Mathis, P. (2010). \$1200 travel award from Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence (CTLE)

Mathis, P. (2008) \$390 travel grant from the University Research Council

Love, F., Moore, J., Thompson, J., & **Mathis, P.** (2003). \$185,000 Reading Institute: Integrating Literacy Skills in the Content Areas for Middle School Teachers

CONFERENCE ATTENDANT

February 2016 American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Las Vegas 2016

December 2015 Moving from Culturally Relevant to Culturally Sustaining Pedagogy, Hawai'i P-20 Honolulu, HI

February 2015 Praxis Performance Assessment for Teachers, Hawai'i Teacher Standard Board Honolulu, HI

March 2014 Developing an Ethical Framework for Teachers-Student Relationship; a Continuum-of Responsibility, Hawai'i Teacher Standard Board, Honolulu, HI

November 2010 National Council for Accreditation for Teacher Education, Honolulu, HI

November 2010 WASC: Details for Program Review Workshop, San Jose, CA

August 2010 Hawai'i National Great Teachers Seminar, Big Island, HI

January 2010 WASC Workshop: Retreat on Student Learning and Assessment, Level II, Honolulu, HI

May 2009 Community College National Center for Community Engagement. Phoenix, AZ

PRESENTATIONS

October 2011 **Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education (SITE), Honolulu, HI**
Topic: Using Video Podcasting to Support Student Reflections

April 2011 **UHWO Center for Teaching & Learning Excellence, Honolulu, HI**
Topic: To Thoroughly know something, Teach it to Others Hawaii Great Teachers Seminar 2010

February 2011 **UHWO Center for Teaching & Learning Excellence, Honolulu, HI**
Topic: Be a Bloggie and Play Videos on Demand via Lualima!

January 2011 **Hawai'i International Conference on Education. Honolulu, HI**
Topic #1: Culturally Linguistic Diverse Learners Benefit from Trade Books (*N. Boyd & T. Williams-Hayes*)
Topic #2: Using Technology to Enhance Teacher Education Course (*N. Boyd & T. Williams-Hayes*)

PRESENTATIONS continued

- January 2009 **Hawai'i International Conference on Education. Honolulu, HI**
Topic: Social Studies is Electrifying via The World Wide Web [Poster]
- January 2009 **Hawai'i International Conference on Education. Honolulu, HI**
Topic: It's Our Responsibility to Create Centered-Cared Environments
- January 2008 **Alabama Mississippi Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Mobile, AL.**
Topic: One on One Interview with Mississippi Teachers
- November 2007 **National Association for Multicultural Education Conference. Baltimore, MD**
Topic: Its' in the Bag: Bring Multicultural Literature to Life for Students and their Parents (*in place of T. Williams-Hayes*)
- January 2007 **Alabama Mississippi Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Mobile, AL.**
Topic: Mississippi Teachers Express Concerns for English Language Learners
- January 2007 **Mississippi Blackboard Users Guide. Biloxi, MS**
Topic: Enhancing Community Encounters through Blackboard (*N. Boyd*)
- October 2006 **National Association for Multicultural Education Conference. Phoenix, AZ**
Topic: Justice for English Language Learners (*N. Boyd*)
- January 2006 **International Reading Association Conference (IRA). Mobile, AL**
Topic: Let's Talk: Academic and Conversational Language (*N. Boyd*)
- June 2006 **Mississippi Department of Education Summer Conference. University, MS**
Topic: Differentiated Instruction for the Diverse Learner
(*N. Boyd & S. Rowland*)
- October 2005 **Faculty Brown Bag Luncheon, University of Mississippi. University, MS**
Topic: Class 5: English Summer Camp in Liuzhou, Guangxi, China
- October 2005 **The Graduate School, University of Mississippi. University, MS**
Topic: Woman to Woman: Mentoring Graduate Students

SERVICE

Service to the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu, Pearl City, HI

- **Faculty Senate Representative** for Education Division; 2016-present
- **Budget and Recourse Committee**, co-chair, 2016-present
- **Faculty Search Committee**, Mathematics Methods, committee member 2016
- **Faculty Search Committee**, Special Education, committee member 2015
- **Faculty Personnel Committee for Education**; chair FA2015
- **Faculty Personnel Committee for Education**; chair FA2014
- **Faculty Senate Representative** for Education Division; 2013-2015
- **Faculty Personnel Committee for Education**; chair FA2013
- **Distance Education Committee**; co-chair; 2013-2015
- **Instructor for Economics Search Committee**; Elem. Ed representative; 2013-2014
- **Distinguished Visiting Scholar Committee**; selected representative by VCAA, 2010-present
- **Outstanding Teaching Laulima Innovation Award**; chair 2010-2015
- **Academic Advisor** to UHWO students in Teacher Education Program, 2008-present
- **Distance Education Committee**; Elem. Ed representative; 2009-2013

Service to the University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu, Pearl City, HI

- **National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)**, wrote report for social studies standards, and conceptual framework; 2011-2012
- **Educational Testing Service**; Elem. Ed representative; 2012
- **Faculty Senate Representative** for Education Division; 2010-2011
- **WASC Steering Committee**, responsible for Elem. Ed Report; 2009-2011
- **UHWO's Assessment Committee**, responsible for Elem. Ed Report; 2009-2010
- **Curriculum Committee**; Elem. Ed representative; 2010-2011
- **Educational Effectiveness Committee**, Chair, 2008-2010
- **Hawai'i Food Bank**; Campus Representative, 2009-2010 raised \$1,870 in cash, \$370 in merchandise purchased for a total of \$2,240. 265lbs of canned goods.
- **Added service learning component** to EDEE 415 course; Read Aloud America, 2009
- **Participated Career Fair** at Nanakuli High and Intermediate School 2/2010
- **Participated Career Fair** at Moanalua High School's Career Fair on 1/30/2009
- Served on three **Faculty Search Committees**; Drs. Laszlo, Biffle and Jones

Service to the University of Hawai'i System, HI

- **Hawai'i National Great Teacher Seminar**, facilitator for 24th Annual, 2012
- **3rd Annual Winter Institute for Black Studies**, planning committee member; 2009
- **Summer 2010**; taught ITE 322 for UH-Manoa in American Samoa

Service to Professional Associations

- Editor for Social Studies Research and Practice, 2012-present [edited MS 06514, MS 06491]
- Editor for National Teacher Education Journal; 2011- present [edited 4 journals]
- Convener for Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education [AACE] Conference 10/18 to 10/21/2011

Service to Neighborhood, City, County, or State Communities

- **Hawai'i Chapter**, The Links, Inc., active/financial member 2012-present
- **Read Aloud America**, member of book committee, 2009-present
- **Read Aloud America**, volunteer reader & supervisor, 2009-present
- Delta G.E.M.S, **mentor teenage girls** ages 14 to 17 years of age, 2009-2011
- Delta Sigma Theta, Inc. Hawai'i Alumnae Chapter; active/financial member since 2004
- **Worked election polls** at Naanunu Elementary School on 11/4/2008
- **Unit Review Team** for Chaminade University's Education Division, wrote elementary report for Hawaii Teacher State Board, 4/18/09 to 4/22/09

The University of Mississippi, University, MS

- School of Education Protocol Committee- 2007-2008
- Scholar Day Committee, 2007-2008
- AMTESOL Proposal Co-chair, 2007-2008
- Diversity Committee, 2007-2008
- Faculty Protocol Committee, 2007-2008
- Phi Delta Kappa; Treasurer 2000-2008
- Kappa Delta Pi; President 2004-2008
- NCATE Standard III: Diversity Committee, 2005-2006
- Student Under-Represented Mentoring Committee, 2005-2008
- Recruitment Team/Plan Committee, 2005-2006
- STAI Trainer Assistant for Tupelo Campus, 2006

The University of Mississippi, University, MS

- Coordinator for Social Studies Methods course, 2004-2006
- Faculty Search Committee, 2004-2008 (math, reading, & recruitment counsel)
- Writing a 5-Day STAI Lesson Plan Trainer Assistant for Oxford Campus, 2005
- Teacher Work Sample Based on your 5-Day STAI Lesson Trainer for Desoto Campus, 2004

Lafayette County, MS

- Bramlett Elementary; Reading Fair Judge, 2007
- Family Crisis and Domestic Services; crisis hotline volunteer, 2002-2006
- Oxford Elementary; Science Fair Judge, 2005

Liuzhou, Guangxi, China

- English Teacher volunteer; summer of 2005

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- ❖ National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME)
- ❖ Phi Delta Kappa (PDK)
- ❖ Kappa Delta Pi (KDP)
- ❖ International Reading Association (IRA)
- ❖ Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

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