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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Higher Education**

Murray State University, Murray, KY

2014-present Assistant Dean, College of Education & Human Services

My responsibilities are broad, ranging from program accreditation and assessment oversight to recruitment and retention. I was co-lead of a recent CAEP visit and actively collaborate with department chairs to ensure continuous improvement progress. My professorial experience is with graduate programs, so I am intimately familiar with the pitfalls and promise of graduate programs and the advisement of graduate students. I represent Murray State University on the current Principal Redesign Committee at the Education Professional Standards Board, and was part of that process in 2009.

2011-2014 Professor & Chair, Dept of Educational Studies, Leadership & Counseling

2009-2011 Associate Professor & Chair, Dept of Educational Studies, Leadership & Counseling

2006-2009 Associate Professor, Dept of Educational Studies, Leadership & Counseling

2001-2006 Assistant Professor, Dept of Educational Studies, Leadership & Counseling

2000-2001 Lecturer, Dept of Educational Studies, Leadership & Counseling

PK-12

Marshall County High School, Benton, KY

1996-2000 Assistant Principal

Henderson County High School, Henderson, KY

1990-1996 Teacher, Science and Math Departments

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- MSU College of Education & Human Services Charles and Marlene Johnson Outstanding Professor Award: 2014
- MSU College of Education Award for Outstanding Research: 2003, 2004, 2006, 2007
- ELC Nominee for the Board of Regents Award for Teaching Excellence: 2004, 2005

PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED

International

- McCall, M., Lyons, R., & Dunham, M. (2013, December). A comparison of student ratings in traditional and interactive television courses. *Educational Research Quarterly* 37(2).
- Lyons, R. & Barnett, D. (2011, January). Scholastic audits and school improvement: Exploring the variance point concept. *International Journal of Leadership and Education Policy* 6(1). Available at <http://journals.sfu.ca/ijepl/index.php/ijepl/article/view/255/104>.

National

- Rideout, D., McCall, M., Dunham, M., & Lyons, R. (in review). Norm-referencing time-on-task for elementary students.
- Musselman, M., Crittenden, M., & Lyons, R. (in press). A comparison of collaborative practice and teacher leadership between low-performing and high-performing rural Kentucky high schools. *The Rural Educator*.
- Dunham, M., Phelps, T., & Lyons, R. (2014). Military deployment and elementary student achievement. *Educational Research Quarterly*, 33(4), 37-52.
- Jones, T. P., Dunham, M. & Lyons, R. (2010). Military deployment and elementary student achievement. *Educational Research Quarterly*, 33(4), 37-52.
- Lyons, R. (2004, March). Measuring the gap: The state of equity in student achievement in Kentucky. *Educational Research Quarterly*, 27(3), 10-21.
- Lyons, R. (2004, August 5). The influence of socioeconomic factors on Kentucky's public school accountability system: Does poverty impact school effectiveness? *Education Policy Analysis Archives*, 12(37). Available at <http://asu.edu/epaa/v12n37/>

State

- McCall, M., Lyons, R., & Dunham, M. (2012). A comparison of student ratings in traditional and interactive television courses. *Explorations*.
- Lohman, C., Lyons, R., & Dunham, M. (2008, October). Disabilities and the GED: An analysis of pass rates, test scores, and accommodations. *Kentucky Counseling Association Journal*, 27(1), 1-9.
- Douget, R., Dunham, M., & Lyons, R. (2006, October). Psychological profiles of adults with ADHD and learning disabilities. *Kentucky Counseling Association Journal*, 25(1), 14-25.

PRESENTATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED

National

- Lyons, R., Musselman, M., Walker, A., & Whaley, D. (2014, February). *Components of rigor in teacher education coursework: A case study*. AACTE Conference: Indianapolis.
- Novak, G. & Lyons, R. (2009, July). *An evaluation of a university academy for new principals*. Presentation at the 2009 meeting of the National Council of Professors of Education Administration, San Antonio, TX.

- Barnett, D. & Lyons, R. (2008, July). *School audits and school improvement*. Presentation at the 2008 meeting of the National Council of Professors of Education Administration, San Diego, CA.
- Barnett, D., Lyons, R., & Fiene, J. (2008, July). *Kentucky's leadership continuum*. Presentation at the 2008 meeting of the National Council of Professors of Education Administration, San Diego, CA.
- Lyons, R. & Barnett, D. (2006, August). *Current practices in eLearning in school administration*. Presentation at the 2006 meeting of the National Council of Professors of Education Administration, Lexington, KY.
- Barnett, D., Baker, D., Biggin, R., Lyons, R., & Weaver, R. (2006, August). *Educational leadership reform: The response of Kentucky's educational leadership preparation programs*. Presentation at the 2006 meeting of the National Council of Professors of Education Administration, Lexington, KY.
- Rinehart, J., Barnett, D. & Lyons, R. (2005, November) Symposium: *Leading Change: Kentucky's Statewide Preparation Initiative*. University Council for Educational Administration Convention, Nashville, TN.
- Douget, R., Dunham, M., & Lyons, R. (2005, March). *Psychological profiles of adults with ADHD and learning disabilities*. Poster presented at the annual convention of the National Association of School Psychologists, Atlanta, GA.

Regional

- Lyons, R. P., & Musselman, M. (2012, November). A comparison of collaborative practice and teacher leadership. Poster presentation at meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association, November 7-9, Lexington, KY.
- McCall, M., Dunham, M., Lyons, R. (2012). A comparison of student ratings in traditional and interactive television courses. Poster presentation at meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association, November 7-9, Lexington, KY.
- Lyons, R. P., & Barnett, D. (2008, November). *Intersections of success in Kentucky secondary schools*. Poster presentation at the Annual Conference of the Mid-South Regional Educational Research Association, Knoxville, TN.
- Lyons, R. P. & Dunham, M. (2005, November). *Special education identification rates and the use of certified school psychologists in Kentucky*. Presentation at the Annual Conference of the Mid-South Education Research Association, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Lyons, R. P. (2003, November). *Impact of block scheduling on student achievement*. Poster session presented at the 32nd Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association, Biloxi, Mississippi.
- Lyons, R. P. (2003, February). *A study of the impact of school and community factors on Kentucky's public school accountability system*. Paper presented at the 26th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association, San Antonio, Texas.
- Lyons, R. P. (2003, February). *A characterization of the achievement gap in Kentucky's public schools*. Paper presented as the 26th Annual Meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association, San Antonio, Texas.

State

- Lyons, R. P., & Dodson, R. (2012, October). *Learning to lead: An examination of field experiences completed in a school leadership program*. Presentation at the Fall 2012 Conference of the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators, Georgetown, KY.
- Lyons, R., Harrison, K., Baker, D., & Scott, T. (2008, July). *Turning up the heat on principal preparation in Kentucky*. Presentation at the 39th Annual Conference of the Kentucky Association of School Administrators, Louisville, KY.
- Lyons, R. P., Harader, D., & McCuiston, K. (2004, September). *Successful teaching in alternative settings*. Presentation at the 10th Annual Safe Schools - Successful Students Conference, Louisville, KY.
- Holcomb, T. F. & Lyons, R. P. (2003, October). *Teaming, advocacy & leadership through data management: A role for the professional school counselor*. Presentation at the Kentucky Counselor Association, Louisville, KY.
- Lyons, R. P., Hansen, J., Harader, D., & Umstead, E. (2003, April). *A survey of classroom management needs of 2000-2001 MSU teacher interns*. Presentation at the Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Louisville, KY.
- Campoy, R. W., Hansen, J., Islam, C., Lyons, R., Navan, J., Niffenegger, J., Patmor, G., & Robertson, J. (2002, September). *Are good reflectors good teachers? An analysis of the relationship between student teachers' written reflections and the quality of their instruction*. Presentation at the Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators.

CREATIVE ACTIVITY

Professional Development

Title: School Culture Audits

Dates: Fall 2008

Summary: Marshall County contacted me to assess the culture of schools in their district.

Role: Created, administered and interpreted school culture instrumentation for Marshall County Schools.

Title: Livingston County Schools Administrative Retreat

Dates: Fall 2007

Summary: Organized administrative retreat that addressed Response to Intervention approaches.

Role: Researched Rtl instrumentation and regulations and developed a planning tool to use with the district administrators.

GRANTS

External: State Agency

Title: Successful Teaching in the Alternative School

Source/ Date: Education Professional Standards Board - September 2003

Amount: \$38,747

Product/Purpose: To develop content for an on-line course to be delivered through the EPSB website.

Internal: CISR

Title: An investigation of the underlying constructs of teacher leadership.

Source/Date: CISR 2008

Amount: \$1,200

Product/Purpose: To identify characteristics, behaviors and attitudes of teacher leaders in regional schools for the purpose of providing support from the university.

Title: Determining adequate yearly progress toward the equity goals of No Child Left Behind in Kentucky: Do parametric tests over-identify inequity.

Source/ Date: CISR - July 2003

Amount: \$800

Product/ Purpose: To examine student testing data using an alternate methodology to determine equity.

Title: An Evaluation of School Day Schedules: Examining the Impact of School Size and Socioeconomics on High School Schedule Formats

Source/ Date: CISR - July 2002

Amount: \$800

Product/ Purpose: To research student achievement trends with regard to school day scheduling formats.

Title: The influence of socioeconomic factors on Kentucky's public school accountability system: Does poverty impact school effectiveness as measured by CATS?

Source / Date: CISR - July 2001

Amount: \$1,500

Product / Purpose: To investigate whether socio-economic indicators predicted CATS accountability results.

Internal: Stewardship

Title: West Kentucky Academy for District Superintendents & School Leaders.

Source/Date: Office of Regional Stewardship – August 2010

Amount: \$35,928

Product/ Purpose: To collaborate with the West Kentucky Education Cooperative to provide support and professional development for service area districts and schools implementing SB1 initiatives, and to provide support for first year administrators.

Title: School Administrator's Leadership Academy

Source/Date: Office of Regional Stewardship

Amount: \$50,000

Product/ Purpose: To provide support for new administrators, and the region with regard to professional growth and development of school administrators.

Title: New and Aspiring Principal Mentor Program

Source/Date: Office of Regional Stewardship – August 2008

Amount: \$25,000

Product/ Purpose: To provide support for first year principals in lieu of the Kentucky Principal Internship Program.

Internal: Other

Title: COE Graduate Program Redesign

Source/Date: MSU President's Office – May 2006

Amount: \$15,000

Product/Purpose: To support the redesign several new masters degree programs in collaboration with area school districts.

Title: eLearning Strategies and Technologies

Source / Date: COE Minigrant – March 2006

Amount: \$1,798

Product / Purpose: To develop professional development in the development of online curricula and to implement new technologies to enhance online learning.

PUBLICATIONS: NOT PEER-REVIEWED

Publications reprinted in an anthology

Lyons, R. (2006). The influence of socioeconomic factors on Kentucky's public school accountability system: Does poverty impact school effectiveness? In J. A. Hargis & R. Kane (Ed.), *An active guide to education*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Publishing Company.

Lyons, R. (2005). The influence of socioeconomic factors on Kentucky's public school accountability system: Does poverty impact school effectiveness? In J. A. Hargis (Ed.), *Introduction to education: An anthology* (pp. 277-304). Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Publishing Company.

Non-refereed On-line Manuscripts

Lyons, R. P. (2004). *Successful teaching in alternative settings*. On-line training for alternative school teachers available through the Education Professional Standards Board (<http://www.kyeducators.org>).

Lyons, R. P. & Yeatts, M. L. (2003). *Instructional technology and the principal's role*. On-line professional development underwritten by the Gates Leadership Grant, available at www.kvhs.org.

Yeatts, M. L. & Lyons, R. P. (2003). *Technology standards for administrators*. On-line professional development underwritten by the Gates Leadership Grant, available at www.kvhs.org.

PRESENTATIONS: NOT PEER-REVIEWED

- Lyons, R. & Dunham, M. (2007, June). *The unintended consequences of Rtl*. Presentation at the WKEC Response to Intervention Conference, Eddyville, KY, June 15, 2007.
- Dunham, M. & Lyons, R. (2007, January). *Response to intervention: Issues for administrators*. Presentation at the Legal Issues in Public Schools Conference, Murray, KY, January 9, 2007.
- Lyons, R.P. (2006, April). *Reframing teacher leadership for graduate program revision*. Presentation at the Researcher's Roundtable, Frankfort, KY, April 4, 2006.
- Lyons, R. P. & Van Horn, B. (2004, September). *ITV best practices*. Presented at the 7th Annual Teaching and Technology Forum, Murray State University, September 16-17, 2004.
- Lyons, R. P. (2003, December). *Teachers, administrators and the interpretation of assessment data*. Presentation at the 1st Annual Teacher Quality Research Conference, Richmond, KY, December 5, 2003.
- Talk to terrific teachers* (2003, September). Served as a panelist at the Regional Future Teachers of America Conference, Murray State University, September 22, 2003.
- Lyons, R. P. (2003, February). *A study of the impact of school and community factors on Kentucky's public school accountability system*. Paper presented at the Researcher's Roundtable, Frankfort, KY, February 11, 2003.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

To the Profession

- Member and Co-chair, Commonwealth Collaborative for School Leader Preparation (2001 to 2013)
- University Representative, SACS Diagnostic Team for AdvancED (2014)
- Member, Superintendent Redesign Task Force (2012 - 2014)
- Member, KDE Principal Professional Growth & Development Steering Committee (2012-2013)
- Member, Editorial Board of the *Business Teacher Education Journal*, (2011-2012).
- Panelist, Educational Testing Services, (2010)
- Member, EPSB Principal Program Screening Committee (2008 -2012)
- Reviewer, Educational Leadership Licensure Consortium (2009-2011)
- Panelist, Educational Testing Service (2009)
- Representative, Education Leadership Redesign Task Force (2006-2007)
- Reviewer, American Education Research Journal (2006 to 2008)
- Reviewer, Mid-South Educational Research Association Publications Committee (2004 to 2005)

To the University

- Member, MSU President's Ad Hoc Commission on Athletics (2014)
- Member, Racer Round-up Team, Henderson/Daviess Counties (2013- present)
- Member, College of Education Dean Selection Committee (2010-2012)
- Member, SACS 2014 Institutional Audit, Reaffirmation Committee (2011-2014)
- Thesis Committees for Psychology Department (2008-present)

- Coordinator, African-American Administrator Recruitment (2001 to 2012)
- Member, MSU Research Policy Committee (2005 to 2010)
- Member, MSU Institutional Review Board (January 2004 to 2006)
- Member, SACS Graduate Studies Committee (2003/2004)

To the College

- Member, COEHS Transitions Committee (2014)
- Member, College of Education Budget Prioritization Review Committee, 2012-2013.
- Chair, Teacher Education Admission Committee, (2011-present)
- Interim Coordinator, Human Development and Leadership Program (2009-2010)
- Program Coordinator, School Administration (2000 to present)
- Chair, NCATE Standard 6 Committee (2005-2007)
- Member, COE Teacher Leader Masters Degree Redesign Committee (2006-2008)
- Member, COE Technology Committee (2004 to 2006)
- Coordinator, Kentucky Principal Internship Program (2002 to 2007)
- Data Analysis Consultation (2001 to present)

To the Schools

- Evaluator, Flipped Classroom (2012-present)
- Evaluator, WKEC Science Academy, (2011-present)
- Evaluator, TAHOE (2007 to 2012)
- Parent Member, Murray Elementary SBDM, (2003 to 2006)
- Data Consultant, Murray Independent Schools (2004 to 2006)
- Member, School Safety Assessment Team (October 21, 2004; September 29, 2005)
- Participant, Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership (2004-2005)
- Member, Tuition Committee, Murray Independent Schools, (2005)
- Member, Calendar Committee, Murray Independent Schools, (2004)

EDUCATION

The University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

Ed.D., Leadership and Policy Studies, May 2001

Dissertation: Supporting adequate student outcomes: The establishment of adequate resource allocation levels based upon student achievement.

Murray State University, Murray, KY

M.A., Secondary Education, August 1993

B.S., Physics, May 1989