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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Psychology, Grand Canyon University

- Emphasis: Integrating Technology, Learning, and Psychology
- Dissertation: How School Librarians Describe Their Experiences Within Facebook Groups for Professional Learning
- Dissertation Chair: Dr. Toi Dennis

M.S., Library Media, Alabama State University

B.S., Education, Columbus State University

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

K-5 School Librarian

9-12 School Librarian

Instructional Technology Coach

ESC (Education Service Center) Project Coordinator of Distance and Digital Learning

SimpleK12 Professional Development Provider

Dissertation Committee Content Expert

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## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Project Manager of Distance and Digital Learning for Region 13

#TLChat Twitter Chat Co-Founder

EdCamp Atlanta Co-Founder

ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) Librarians Network President

TL News Night Co-Founder

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## CERTIFICATIONS

Class A, School Library-Media Specialist (101) Grade Level: P-12 Library-Media (0H6)

Class B, Elementary (75A) Grade Level: K-6 Elementary Education (0N1)

Class B, Secondary (16A) Grade Level: 6-12 General Social Science (022)

Google Certified Teacher Level 1

Google Certified Teacher Level 2

Google Certified Trainer

Public Health-480 (CITI Program)

## PUBLICATIONS

Robertson, Nikki D. (2014). Put your Twitter glasses on and bring professional learning into focus. *School Librarian's Workshop*, 34(5), 11–12.

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<https://www.iste.org/explore/classroom/library-centers-allow-students-be-masters-their-own-learning>

Robertson-Griffin, N. (2024). How School Librarians Use Social Media to Stay on Top of Issues and Trends as Digital Leaders. *Knowledge Quest*, 52(5), 52–57. ERIC.

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## AWARDS AND GRANTS

ASLA Ann Marie Pipkin Technology Award  
AASL Bound to Stay Bound Grant  
AASL Program Pioneer Social Media Superstar  
Hutto ISD Professional Support Staff of the Year

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## PRESENTATIONS

#Edupassions Conference Presenter  
5th Annual Digital Learning App Smash For Future Ready Librarians® Webinar  
AEA (Alabama Education Association) Minority Leadership Conference Presenter  
AETC (Alabama Educational Technology Conference) Presenter  
ArLA (Arkansas Association of School Librarians) Conference Keynote Speaker and Featured Presenter  
ASLA (Alabama School Library Association) Conference Presenter  
Columbus State University Instructional Technology Conference Keynote Speaker and Featured Presenter  
Dodge County School District Professional Development  
EdCamp Atlanta Co-Founder and Presenter  
EdCamp Birmingham Presenter  
EdCamp Cardigan Presenter  
EdCamp Leander Presenter  
EdCamp Lockhart Presenter  
EDU Goals MOOC

ELAR: Leadership Forum Presenter  
ESU SLIM KASL Summer Institute for School Librarians Keynote Speaker and Featured Presenter  
FETC (Florida Educational Technology Conference) Presenter  
Follett Community Webinar Presenter  
Future Ready Librarians Webinar: Back To School with Future Ready Librarians! Tips and Tricks from Experts  
GaETC (Georgia Educational Technology Conference) Presenter  
GISL (Georgia Independent School Librarians) Conference Presenter  
GLMA (Georgia Library Media Association) Summer Conference Keynote Speaker and Featured Presenter  
Hacking School Libraries Conference  
Heard County Schools T3 Conference  
HippoCON Presenter  
Idaho School Librarians Summer Summit for School Librarians Keynote Speaker and Featured  
ISTE (International Society for Technology in Education) Conference Presenter  
LearnFest ATX Conference  
Library iCon: Library Resources Conference Presenter  
METC (Midwest Education Technology Community - now innovate) Conference Keynote and Featured Presenter  
Metro Nashville Public Schools Conference Keynote Speaker  
Model Schools Conference (International Center for Leadership in Education)  
Modern Libraries, Now! A Panel Discussion Webinar  
NATC (North Alabama Teaching Conference) Presenter  
NCCE (Northwest Council for Computer Education) Library Summit Keynote Speaker and Featured Presenter  
NJASL (New Jersey Association of School Librarians) Webinar Keynote Speaker and Featured Presenter  
North Carolina School Library Media Association Annual Conference Keynote Speaker and Featured Presenter  
Northwest GA RESA Presenter  
OKSTE (Oklahoma Society for Technology in Education) Featured Presenter  
Palm Beach County Librarians Conference Keynote Speaker and Featured Presenter  
SCASL (South Carolina Association of School Librarians) Conference Keynote and Featured Presenter  
School Librarians AI Summit  
Shawnee Mission School District Professional Development  
SimpleK12 Presenter  
TCEA (Texas Computer Education Association) Conference  
TEKSCON Presenter Texas  
STEM Conference Presenter  
TLA (Texas Library Association) Conference  
TxLA: Tech Camp (Texas Association of School Librarians) Conference Keynote Presenter  
West GA RESA Presenter

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## RESEARCH

Doctoral Research:

How School Librarians Describe Their Experiences Within Facebook Groups for Professional Learning

Abstract:

The purpose of this qualitative descriptive study is to understand how certified public school librarians in the United States describe their experiences within librarian Facebook groups for their self-directed professional learning. Two data sources with 14 semi-structured interviews and two focus groups with 7 participants each were conducted. Connectivism, a learning theory for the digital age, was the theoretical foundation for this study in which four research questions were created. All four questions centered around how certified public school librarians in the United States described their experiences within Facebook groups for their self-directed professional learning. Participants were asked to describe their experiences within Facebook groups for their decision to access and participate, their experiences of sharing and accepting resources, their experiences of social support, and experiences with diverse people. The resultant themes that emerged from this research study were: (1) professional learning outside of what is provided by the school, district, and state (2) joining Facebook groups (3) open to sharing resources (4) not open to sharing resources (5) open to accepting resources (6) social support (7) diverse group members and their perspectives (8) diverse group members found in different types of groups. Based on the resultant themes, a better understanding of certified public school librarians in the United States descriptions of their experiences within librarian Facebook groups for their self-directed professional learning was achieved. The researcher recommends more research be conducted on librarians' professional learning needs.

Keywords: Librarians, certified, public school, Facebook, self-directed learning, professional learning, professional development, connectivism, agency, openness, connectedness, and diversity

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

1:1 Digital Initiatives, School Libraries, Educational Technology, STEM, STEAM, Education, Psychology, Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, Gamification, Social Media, Connectivism, Collaborative Learning, TPACK, SAMR