

Amanda Koonlaba, Ed. S.

Curriculum Vitae

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Current Academic Appointments

Artful Literacy™ - Founder Party in the Art Room™ - Founder
Mississippi Whole Schools - Teaching Artist Coordinator

Education

Specialist in Education- Educational Leadership, Principalship Concentration	Arkansas State University Jonesboro, Arkansas December 2015
Master of Science in Education- Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment	Walden University Minneapolis, MN December 2010
Bachelor of Science in Education- Elementary	Mississippi State University Starkville, MS December 2004

Licensure and Certification

Mississippi: K-8, English 7-12, Social Studies 7-12, Art Education K-12	Class AAA Current until 2024
Mississippi: Standard Career Level Administrator License	Current until 2024
National Board Certified Teacher in Elementary/Middle Art	Current until 2023

Professional Merit, Recognition, Enrichment, and Achievement

<p>ASCD Champion of Education 2023</p>	<p>ASCD/ISTE Emerging Leaders International Presenter- Educational Leadership Through the Arts 2022- St. Johns County School District, St. Augustine, Florida 2023- Clark County School District, Las Vegas, Nevada 2023- Columbus City Schools, Columbus, Ohio 2023- Kingston, Jamaica 2024- Canada (slated for March)</p>
<p>ASCD EDAdvantage Whole Teacher Editorial Board 2019</p>	<p>NEMS Daily Journal Top 40 Under 40 Person of the Year 2019</p>
<p>Visual Art Showcases in Oxford, MS/Biloxi, M/Starkville, MS for Blog About the South Series (traveling art exhibition)</p>	<p>Visual Art Showcases in Tupelo, MS for Blog About the South Series</p>
<p>2017 Greenville Arts Council Biennial Invitational Showcased 3 Photographs from Blog About the South Series</p>	<p>2017 Meridian Museum of Art Bi-State Competition Showcased 3 Photographs from Blog About the South Series</p>
<p>DreamWakers DreamTeacher Fellow 2017</p>	<p>Association for Excellence in Education Innovation in the Classroom Award Recipient for <i>Dreamwaking</i> (Partnership with DreamWakers and using technology in the classroom) 2017</p>
<p>Elementary Arts Educator of the Year, State of Mississippi (Mississippi Arts Education Association) Daily Journal Story 2016</p>	<p>Weekly BAT Action Award Badass Teachers Association December 11, 2016 Arts Education Advocacy</p>
<p>Thad Cochran Distinguished Arts Educator, State of Mississippi (Mississippi Alliance for Arts Education) Award Recipient for Media Arts Integration (video) 2016</p>	<p>Association for Excellence in Education Innovation in the Classroom Award Recipient for Lawhon Arts Festival 2016</p>
<p>Managing the Arts Integrated Classroom, Education Closet, Online Course Creator</p>	<p>Weekly BAT Action Award Badass Teachers Association June 12, 2016 Arts Education Advocacy</p>
<p>Association for Excellence in Education Grant Recipient <i>Papermaking Installations: A Murmuration of Handmade Paper Birds</i></p>	<p>Tupelo Public Schools G.I.F.T (Getting Involved for Teachers) Award Recipient for <i>Arts Integration and Community Projects</i></p>

2016	2016
National Summit on Teacher Leadership Designee for Mississippi 2016	Network for Public Education Teacher Evaluation Policy Report Planner, Data Analyzer, Writer 2016
Mississippi Arts Commission Whole Schools Initiative Summer Institute Session Presenter <i>A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words</i> <i>Art is at the Core</i> 2016	Tupelo Public School District May Institute Curriculum Track Presenter 2016, 2015, 2014
BAM! Radio Network ASCD Learn Teach Lead Radio Host 2016	National Arts Education Association National Conference Ticketed Workshop Presenter <i>Art is at the Core</i> 2016
The Art of Education Graduate Studies Instructor for Creativity, Curriculum, Integrating Art History, and Project-Based Art Room 2016	Association for Excellence in Education Grant Recipient <i>Fourth Grade's Fabulous Fibonacci</i> 2014, 2015
ASCD Emerging Leader Class of 2015	Editorial Board <i>Arts and Activities Magazine</i> Contributing Editor 2015, 2016
Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation Annual Report Reviewer 2015	Delta Kappa Gamma Eta Chapter Member 2015
Mississippi Arts Commission Whole Schools Initiative Summer Institute Workshop Presenter <i>Curriculum Mapping for Visual Arts Educators</i> 2015	Rick Smith Radio Show Guest Teacher Evaluation Discussion goo.gl/f1DYHy 2015
Teacher Leadership Initiative NEA, CTQ, and NBPTS Social Justice Cohort 2015	Mississippi Arts Commission Mini-Grant Recipient 2018, 2017, 2015, 2012
Mississippi Arts Commission Whole Schools Initiative Arts Integration Service Award Recipient 2015	E.R. Carpenter Foundation Grant Recipient <i>Auditorium Needs New Curtains</i> 2015

Donors Choose Grants Recipient Over \$5,000 received total 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012	Association for Excellence in Education Grant Recipient <i>Extreme Makeover: Courtyard Edition</i> 2014
Association for Excellence in Education Grant Recipient <i>4 Corners: Art Around the World</i> 2014	World Class Teaching Program Visual Arts National Board Assessment Trainer 2014
Mississippi Arts Education Association Fall Conference Workshop Presenter <i>Curriculum Mapping for Art Teachers</i> 2014	Empowered Educators Day National Education Association and National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Delegate 2014
CREATE Teacher of Distinction Award Recipient 2014	Lawhon Elementary School Teacher of the Year 2013
Croft Institute for Asian Studies at the University of Mississippi , <i>Asia for Educators</i> Alumni 2013	Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Recipient 2013
Association for Excellence in Education Grant Recipient <i>The Start of Something Big</i> 2012	CREATE Teacher of Distinction Award Nominee 2012
Tupelo Public School District Board of Education Recognition for Very Special Arts 2012	Association for Excellence in Education Grant Recipient <i>Authors and Artists</i> 2010

Educational Passions

Arts Education, Arts Integration, Visual Arts Education, Educational Policy, Equity, Assessment, Accountability, Teacher Evaluation, Teacher Leadership, School Choice, Teacher Quality, State Education Policy, Federal Education Policy, Funding, Teacher Preparation Programs, Teacher Voice, Educational Leadership, Curriculum, Grant Writing, Poverty Impacts, Special Needs, Teacher Professionalism, School Culture and Climate, Classroom Culture and Climate, District Policy, Systematic Program Implementation, Research

Published Works and Significant Blog Posts

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Koonlaba, A. (2016, Summer). What's been most satisfying about being a change agent? Elevating the Arts. <i>Educational Leadership</i> . ASCD. Retrieved from http://goo.gl/haNaMv .
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Koonlaba, A. (2016, Spring). Finding My Teacher Voice: Why I Became a Blogger. <i>Delta Kappa Gamma Collegial Exchange</i> . Retrieved from http://goo.gl/EESczh .
Koonlaba, A. (2016, Spring). Teachers Talk Back: Educators on the Impact of Teacher Evaluation. Network for Public Education Policy Report. Retrieved from http://goo.gl/DJw1Nx .
Koonlaba, A. (2016, February). Art is at the Core: Jesus Morales. <i>Arts and Activities Magazine</i> , volume 159 (Issue 1), 10.
Koonlaba, A. (2016, February). Looking at Art with Students: Activities That Enhance Learning. <i>ASCD Inservice</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/YmdbtZ .
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Koonlaba, A. (2015, December). Art is More Than Just Added Flavor: Differentiated Instruction within a Single Art Form. <i>ASCD Inservice</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/pSdt0R .
Koonlaba, A. (2015, December). How to Teach Math by Teaching Art. <i>Education Week Teacher</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/MPpEQc .
Koonlaba, A. (2015, December). Art Helps Students Become Whole. <i>Diane Ravitch's Blog</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/O7KtYB .
Koonlaba, A. (2015, December). Art is at the Core: Wassily Kandinsky. <i>Arts and Activities Magazine</i> , volume 158 (Issue 4), 11.
Koonlaba, A. (2015, November). The Facts about School Choice. <i>Diane Ravitch's Blog</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/a2yOZD .
Koonlaba, A. (2015, October). Art is at the Core: Frida Kahlo. <i>Arts and Activities Magazine</i> , volume 158 (Issue 2), 12.
Koonlaba, A. (2015, October). Can the People of Mississippi Save Their Public Schools? <i>Diane Ravitch's Blog</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/QHyhGL .
Koonlaba, A. (2015, October). Portraits of Frida. <i>Arts and Activities Magazine</i> , volume 158 (Issue 2), 23.

Koonlaba, A. (2015, September). Using Visual Art to Develop Empathy. <i>ASCD Inservice</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/03nkxD .
Koonlaba, A. (2015, June). Creative Collaboration. <i>Arts and Activities Magazine</i> , 27.
Koonlaba, A. (2015, June). #TeachingIs About All of Us. <i>Living in Dialogue</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/1IN2rT .
Koonlaba, A. (2015, May). #TeachingIs Not About Me. <i>Designing Teachers, CTQ Collaboratory</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/Kc6ZBB .
Koonlaba, A. (2015, March). 3 Visual Artists- and Tricks- for Integrating the Arts into Core Subjects. <i>Education Week Teacher</i> . Retrieved from goo.gl/9v08Df .
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Mentions and Quotes

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Educational Leadership. (2015, May). How I'm Using Mobile Technology. Retrieved from goo.gl/LIK5Yd .
Boaler, J. (2016). Mathematical Mindsets: <i>Unleashing students potential through creative math, inspiring messages, and innovative teaching</i> . San Francisco, CA. Jossey-Bass "A Wiley Brand." p.185.

Academic Service

ASCD National Emerging Leader Selection Committee 2019, 2017	Mississippi Association for Arts in Education Board Member 2017-present
National Education Association edCommunities Group Facilitator K12 Visual Art 2017	Mississippi ASCD Board Member Founding Affiliate Member 2017
Elevating and Celebrating Excellent Teachers and Teaching, Rise Mississippi: Celebrating Our Calling, Planning Committee 2016-2017	National Art Education Association Elementary Division Southeast Region Representative 2017
Member, Teacher Leadership Taskforce, Mississippi Department of Education, 2016	Peer Reviewer, ASCD Publications, 2016
Member, Mississippi Association of Educators Social Justice Award Committee, 2016	Project Director, Mississippi Arts Commission, Whole Schools Initiative, Lawhon Elementary School, 2012-2016
Representative, Tupelo Public School District Arts Integration District Focus Group, 2012-2016	Chair, Lawhon Elementary School Positive Behavior Support Committee, 2016
Member, National Art Education Association, 2014-2016	Member, ASCD, 2013-2016
Member, Mississippi Association of Educators, 2005-2016	Coordinator, Lawhon Elementary School Arts Festival, 2016
Member, Lawhon Elementary School Teacher Support Team and Response to Intervention Committee, 2015-2016	Representative, Association for Excellence in Education, Lawhon Elementary School, 2012-2016
Member, Fed Up with 50th (Grassroots Support for Mississippi's Public Schools) Steering Committee, 2015-2016	Participant, Mississippi State Department of Education Teacher Evaluation Open Feedback Committee, 2015
Member, Badass Teachers Association State Administrators Committee, 2015-2016	Volunteer, Better Schools Better Jobs, 2015-2016
Volunteer, Parents Campaign, 2015-2014	Volunteer, 42 for Better Schools, 2015
Member, Mississippi Equity Lab Committee with State and U.S. Departments of Education, 2016	Teacher, Tupelo Public School District's Parent Academy, 2016
Reviewer, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards New National Board Assessments, 2014-2015	Teacher, Gumtree Museum of Art Summer Art Camps, 2012-2014

Volunteer, Gumtree Arts Festival, Children's Make and Take Art Tent, 2012-2014	Tutor, Lee County and Tupelo Public School District Homeless Shelters, 2013-2014
Public Reviewer, National Coalition for Core Arts Standards, 2013	Trainer, Mississippi Arts Commission, Whole Schools Initiative, Visual Arts 101, 2012-2013
Participant, Mississippi Arts Commission, Whole Schools Initiative Summer Institute Steering Committee, 2013	Teacher, Gumtree Museum of Art Saturdays at the Museum in Partnership with Tennessee Valley Authority, 2013
Teacher, Boys and Girls Club Summer Art Camp, 2012	Participant, Mississippi Arts Commission, Whole Schools Initiative Tracking Tool and Goals Feedback Committee, 2012
Member, Thomas Street Elementary School Arts Committee, 2009-2011	Cooperating Teacher, Blue Mountain College Classroom Observations, 2011
Member, Tupelo Public School District Textbook Adoption Committee for Math, 2010	Member, Pierce Street Elementary School Grant Writing Committee, 2010

Public and Community Service

Member, Northeast Mississippi Art Association, 2012-2017	Member, Tupelo Running Club, 2014-2017
Member, Friends of the Lee County Library, 2014-2017	Member and Confirmed Visual Artist, Mississippi Arts Commission, Visual Arts Directory, 2014-2017
Organizer and Volunteer, Salvation Army's Weekend Soup Kitchen, 2015	Volunteer, Helping Hands Helping Homeless, 2012-2015
Volunteer, Brooks Museum of Art, 2014-2015	Volunteer, <i>Boern to Run</i> Kids Challenge, 2014
Organizer, Tupelo Azalea Arts Festival, 2012	Volunteer, Elvis Presley Festival, 2012

Official Teaching Experience

<p>2011-2018 Second, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grades Visual Art Instructor Arts Integration Director Lawhon Elementary School Tupelo Public School District</p>
<p>2008-2011 First Grade Regular Education Teacher Thomas Street Elementary School Tupelo Public School District</p>
<p>2006-2008 First Grade Regular Education Teacher Pierce Street Elementary School</p>

Tupelo Public School District

2005-2006

Third Grade Regular Education Teacher

Pierce Street Elementary School

Tupelo Public School District