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Education

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Doctor of Philosophy, December 2017
Dissertation Topic: *“Still Runnin’ the Underground”*: Exploring Emancipatory Pedagogy with a Middle School Male

Concentration: **Foundations of Education**

Columbia College, Columbia, SC
Master of Education, May 2012
Action Research: *The Effects of Mentoring on Students in Poverty*
Concentration: **Divergent Learning**

University of South Carolina Aiken
Bachelor of Arts in Education, December 2010
Concentration: **Middle School Mathematics and English**

Professional Experience

Research Assistant Scientist
Research, Evaluation, and Measurement Center
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
04/2024 – present

Research Associate
Research, Evaluation, and Measurement Center
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
04/2022 – 04/2024

Cooperating Teacher
Columbia College, Columbia, SC
01/2020 – 05/2020

Instructor: Schools and Communities
The University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Fall 2016, Spring 2018

Graduate Research Assistant
Office of Program Evaluation
The University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
06/2016 – 05/2017

Heart4Schools Director
Midtown Fellowship, Columbia, SC
05/2017 – 06/2018

Professional Service and Appointments

Subcommittee Chair, Research and Evaluation Subcommittee
Arts in Education Task Force, South Carolina Arts Commission
March 2025 – January 2026

Advisory Board Member, ArtsNOW
2023 – Present

Invited Panelist, Governor’s Awards in the Arts Selection Panel
South Carolina Arts Commission, 2026

Evaluation and Research Projects

Arts Grow SC Comprehensive Evaluation (2022-present)

ArtsNOW Impact Evaluation (2023-present)

Community Access to the Arts in Rural Education (CARE) Evaluation (2022-present)

Engaging Creative Minds Impact Evaluation (2023-2024)

Evaluation Reports and Technical Briefs

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A., Newson, T., Wei, X. (2025). *Arts Grow SC Evaluation Report: Year 4.*

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A. (2025). *Community Access to the Arts in Rural Education (CARE) Project Rural Coordinators’ Interview Synthesis.*

Shingler, D. (2025). *ArtsNOW Impact Survey: Funder-specific analysis and data visualization briefs.*
Commissioned technical reports prepared for foundation and federal grant stakeholders.

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A. (2024). *Community Access to the Arts in Rural Education (CARE) Project Evaluation Report: Year 3.*

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A., Turner, V. (2024). *Arts Grow SC Evaluation Report: Year 3.*

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A., Montpeirous, B., Wei, L., Watts, J., Newson, T. (2024). *Engaging Creative Minds Impact Evaluation Report.*

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A. (2023). *Community Access to the Arts in Rural Education (CARE) Project Evaluation Report: Year 2.*

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A., Leighton, L., Wei, X., Watts, J., & Arrasmith, K. (2023). *Arts Grow SC Evaluation Report: Year 2.*

Shingler, D., Leighton, L., Lewis, A.A., Coleman, D., Wei, X., & Watts, J. (2023). *ABC Institute Schools Study.*

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A. (2023). *Boys and Girls Club of the Crescent Region Arts Integration Units Evaluability Assessment Report.*

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A. (2023). *Site Visit Report for the Community Access to the Arts in Rural Education (CARE) Project.*

Wei, X., **Shingler, D.,** & Lewis, A.A. (2023). *REM Center Evidence Brief: Arts Integration Outcomes (July 2023).*

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A., Coleman, D., & Leighton, L. (2022). *Arts Grow SC Evaluation Report: Year 1.*

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A., Coleman, D., & Leighton, L. (2022). *Engaging Creative Minds Summer 2022 Evaluability Assessment Report.*

Professional Presentations and Guest Lectures

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A. “Refining the Narrative: Using the Data You Have to Show the Strength of Your Arts Programming.” Invited presentation at the ArtsNOW Principal’s Network Conference. Spring 2025.

Shingler, D., Mollette, M. “Charting the Course: Measuring the Impact of ArtsNOW.” Invited presentation at the ArtsNOW Principal’s Network Conference. Spring 2024.

Lewis, A.A., **Shingler, D.** “Exploring the Impact of Arts Grow SC.” Invited presentation at South Carolina Arts in Education Forum. Winter 2024.

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A. “Moving Forward with Impact: Exploring Steps Towards Improving Student Achievement with Arts Integration.” Invited presentation at Palmetto State Arts Education in Columbia, SC. Fall 2023.

Shingler, D., Lewis, A.A., Walker, P., & Crabb, C. “Using Creativity to Foster the Profile of a SC Graduate Competencies.” Presentation at Palmetto State Arts Education in Columbia, SC. Fall 2022.

Shingler, D. “The Day Ma’Khia Died”: A Discussion about the Implications of the Stories We Tell. Presentation at the Equity in Education Conference in Columbia, SC. Spring 2022.

Shingler, D. “Black 180”: Recognizing and Celebrating Black Thought in the Classroom. Presentation at Richland School District Two District Inservice in Columbia, SC. Fall 2021.

Shingler, D. “Interrogating the Stories We Tell”: Approaching Culturally Relevant Pedagogy Through Storytelling. Guest Lecture for EDSE A312 by Dr. Deborah McMurtrie at the University of South Carolina Aiken. Fall 2021.

Shingler, D. “The Day Ma’Khia Died”: Understanding How Negative Social Imagery Impacts Teaching and Learning. Presentation at the SC Midlands Summit in Columbia, SC. Fall 2021.

Shingler, D. Engaging Students with Illustrative Mathematics. Presentation at the Richland School District Two Inservice in Columbia, SC. Fall 2019.

Shingler, D. “Still Runnin’ the Underground”: Exploring Emancipatory Pedagogies with a Middle School Male of Color. Individual paper presented at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX. Spring 2017.

Williams, D., Ranade, N., Lewis, A.A., Dickenson, T. & Coleman, D. “Professional Development for Instructional Coaches”: Recommendations Based on the Evaluation of Two Coaching Initiatives. Group paper presentation at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX. Spring 2017.

Williams, D. “I Feel Like I Stole Their Innocence”: A Conversation about Raising the Sociopolitical Consciousness of Middle School Students. Individual paper presented at the American Educational Studies Association (AESA) Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX. Fall 2015.

Williams, D. “Hi! I’m Data.” – How to engage teachers in conversations about data-informed instruction. Presentation at Dent Middle School, Columbia, SC. Fall 2015.

Williams, D. “Centergize” – How to incorporate centers in your middle school classroom. Presentation at Dent Middle School in Columbia, SC. Spring 2015.

Awards and Honors

Bryant A. and Jacqueline F. Meeks Scholarship
University of South Carolina at Columbia, Fall 2016 – Spring 2017

Teachers of Promise Invitation
Richland School District Two – Middle-Level Leadership Team
Spring 2016

Training Administrators Program Participant
Richland School District Two – Administrative Team
Fall 2015 – Spring 2016

Asa Hilliard III and Barbara Sizemore Research Institute Fellow
American Educational Research Association – Research in Black Education Special Interest Group,
Spring 2015

Leading Up Academy Participant
Richland School District Two
Fall 2014 – Spring 2015

K-12 Teaching Experience

Dent Middle School, Columbia, SC
Technology & Learning Coach, 08/2020 - 4/2022

Dent Middle School, Columbia, SC
*6th Grade Mathematics Teacher in Magnet Program 6th
Grade Mathematics Team Leader, 08/2018 – 06/2020*

Dent Middle School, Columbia, SC
Mathematics Intervention Specialist, 08/2015 – 06/2016

Dent Middle School, Columbia, SC
6th Grade Mathematics Teacher, 08/2013 – 06/2015

Alcorn Middle School, Columbia, SC
6th Grade Mathematics Teacher, 08/2011 – 05/2013

Chestnut Oaks Middle School, Sumter, SC
7th Grade Mathematics Teacher, 12/2010 – 06/2011