# Cynthia A. Dollins, Ed.D. Curriculum Vitae

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#### **ACADEMIC HISTORY/Education**

- **Ed.D.** Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, CA
  Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Administration, and Policy
- **M.S.** California State University, Fullerton
  Master of Science in Educational Administration
- **M.A.** California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Master of Arts in Education Curriculum and Instruction
- **B.A.** California State Polytechnic University, Pomona Bachelor of Arts Liberal Studies

## **CREDENTIALS**

California Administrative Services Credential California Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential California Supplementary Credentials English/Language Arts History/Social Science

## **UNIVERSITY TEACHING**

Azusa Pacific University, Orange Regional Campus, CA (2019 – Present)

Assistant Professor, Graduate School of Education

Pepperdine University, Los Angeles, California

Senior Lecturer, Pepperdine Graduate School of Education and Psychology

California State University, Dominguez Hills, CA

**Adjunct Professor** 

California State University, Fullerton, CA

Adjunct Professor, Extended Education

# **Glendora Unified School District**

Principal – Stanton Elementary School, Glendora, CA

## West Covina Unified School District,

Teacher - Vine Elementary School, West Covina, CA

# SCHOLARLY WORK: PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### **Publications**

#### **Books**

**Dollins, C. A**. (2008). *The ABC's of Literacy: Preparing Our Children for Lifelong Learning*. Nashville, Tennessee: Cumberland House Publishing.

## **Articles and Book Chapters**

- **Dollins, C. A.** (2020). A critical inquiry approach to mentor texts: Learn it with EASE. *The Reading Teacher*, 74(2), 191-199.
- **Dollins, C. A.** (2017). 1000 words for English learners: Using Nonfiction Mentor Texts to Support Writing Development. *California English Journal*, 22(4), 27-28.
- **Dollins, C. A.** (2016). Crafting creative nonfiction: From close reading to close writing. *The Reading Teacher*, 70(1), 49-58.
- **Dollins, C. A.** (2014). Expanding the power of read-alouds. *Young Children*, 69(3), 8-13.

## **Author Consultant and Writing Contributor**

Borich, G. (2016). *Effective Teaching Methods: Research-Based Practice, 9th Ed.* New York: Pearson.

## **CONFERENCE ACTIVITY**

## **Refereed Conference Papers**

- Once Upon a Time...The End: Scaffolding Students to Write Sophisticated Narratives,
  Presentation at the California Reading Association (CRA) Professional Development
  Institute, City of Industry, CA
- Equity is Worth a Thousand Words: Access to Writing for ALL, Presentation at the English/Language Arts Conference, Pacific Grove, CA

Write Like This: Mentor Texts to Invite, Investigate, and Inspire, Presentation at the California Reading Association 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Professional Development Institute, Visalia, CA

# **Keynote, Endnote, and Featured Speaker**

- Empowering Teachers Through and Beyond the Common Core, Featured Speaker, Presentation at the Early Intervention for School Success (EISS) Research Institute, Cathedral City, CA
- Don't Forget Expository Text: Using Nonfiction to Teach Literacy Skills, Featured Speaker:
  Presentation at the California Reading Association Professional Development Institute,
  San Diego, CA
- A Thousand Words: Building Breadth and Depth of Vocabulary, Keynote Speaker: Presentation at the Early Intervention for School Success (EISS) Research Institute, San Francisco, CA

## **Awards**

Finalist for the Howard A. White Teaching Excellence Award
Wiley Publishers Award for most downloads of article in 2017
Article Title: Crafting Creative Nonfiction: From Close Reading to Close Writing