

## Curriculum Vita

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### Academic History:

Ed. D.	2002	SC State University	School Administration
Ed. S.	1996	The Citadel	School Administration
M. Ed.	1992	The Citadel	School Administration
B. S.	1986	Baptist College	Elementary Education

**Dissertation:** Sobolewski, Kathy. (2002). *Gender equity in classroom questioning* [Doctoral Dissertation, South Carolina State University, 2002], University Microfilms Inc.

### Higher Education Experience

2020- present	College of Education, Charleston Southern University Assistant Professor of Education
2020-2021	Director of the Master's in Education program
2016-2019	Adjunct Professor at Charleston Southern University

### Courses Taught at Charleston Southern University:

EDUC 201: Foundations of Education

EDUC 413: Science Methods for Elementary Teachers

EDUC 436: Student Teaching in the Elementary School

EDUC 441: Student Teaching in the Middle School

EDUC 601: Action Research

EDUC 645: Supervision of the Instructional Program

EDUC 681: Administrative Internship 1 for the Elementary Teacher

EDUC 682: Administrative Internship 2 for the Elementary Teacher

EDUC 683: Principalship for Elementary School Administration

EDUC 684: Administrative Internship 1 for the Secondary Teacher

EDUC 685: Administrative Internship 2 for Secondary Teacher

EDUC 686: Principalship for Secondary School Administration

EDUC 701- Theories of Leadership (to be taught in Summer 1, 20230)

EDUC 703: Accountability in Leadership

EDUC 705: Creativity

EDUC 755: Operations and Management

**Other coursework taught for college credit:**

1994-1996 The Citadel, Curriculum Leadership Institute

1994-1996 The Citadel, Administrative Leadership Institute

1989-1994 The Citadel, Foundational Approaches in Science Teaching

1993-1994 Southern Wesleyan University, Physical Science

**Dissertation Chair** for 10+ students.

**Dissertation Committee** for 10+ students.

**Publications:**

- Sobolewski, K. (2022). Excellence, Beyond the buzzword, South Carolina Association of School Administrators.
- Sobolewski, K. (2022). Empathy- The critical skill for 2023, Submitted on 11-15-22 to South Carolina Association for Teacher Education.
- Sobolewski, K. (2021). Courageous conversations. South Carolina Association of School Administrators. Palmetto Administrator ,40, Spring, 2021, 20–23.  
[www.scasa.org//Files/Spring%202021%20PA.pdf](http://www.scasa.org//Files/Spring%202021%20PA.pdf).

**Presentations:**

- Creating a Culture of Accountability, October 2023, Submitted on 4-19-23 to the South Carolina Association of Teacher Educators
- Courageous Conversations, October 2022, CSU Student Leadership Forum.
- Empathy: An Essential Leadership Skill, October 2022, SCATE conference
- Empathy: An Essential Leadership Skill, August 2022, CSU Fall Kick-Off
- Interview Preparation, Guest speaker for CSU undergraduate class
- Interview Preparation, CSU administration internship program, Zoom, 4-8-21
- Interview Preparation, Dorchester School District 2 administration internship program, Zoom, 3-31-21.
- “Accountability Conversations”, Berkeley County School District Professional Development Day, Cane Bay High School, 2020.
- “Ten Things You Really Need to Know About Palmetto’s Finest”, SC Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, SC, 2007

- “Creativity”, Panelist for Spoleto Education Foundation, Charleston, SC, 2006
- “Goal Setting with Students”, SC Middle School Association, Myrtle Beach, SC., 2005.
- “Gender Equity”, presented at the Oxford Roundtable, Oxford University, England, to national leaders in gender equity, 2003.
- “Qualities of an Effective School”, Laing Middle School, to selected school leaders throughout Charleston County School District, 1999.
- “SC Statewide Systemic Initiative”, National Science Teachers Association National Convention, St. Louis, MO, 1996.
- “Nuts and Bolts of the Change Process”, South Carolina Science Council.
- “The Pendulum”, 1995, Model lesson taught at the Business-Higher Education Consortium Conference, Columbia, SC., 1995.
- “Effective Science Instruction”, selected tri-county school administrators as part of the Leader 1-2-3 program, 1995.
- “Cooperative Learning”, presented to all Berkeley County School District middle school science teachers, 1989.

### **Grants and Scholarships:**

2023, Teacher Preparation Materials, Walmart Inc, Grant is currently being written.

2022, Teacher Preparation Materials, Target Inc. Funded for \$500.

2020, Gifted and Talented Endorsement for SC Teachers, Not Funded

1996-2000, Grant evaluator for SC State Dept. of Educ. Eisenhower Grants

1995- National Science Foundation grant evaluation training.

1995- Project Inquiry- National Science Foundation funded Berkeley County School District \$1M to establish science resource centers in all elementary schools. This provided a prototype for Charleston and Dorchester County schools.

1995- Science Toolkit, SC Science Council, \$1,000

### **IRB submissions:**

#2022-104- Approved- Academic Resilience: Protections and Perceptions in an Ed. D. Education Leadership Program.

### **Certifications: South Carolina Certification # 145846**

1986, Middle School Science Teacher

1994, Administration

1996, Superintendent

## **Awards and Honors:**

- Score of “100” on US Federal Report Card, Rollings Middle School of the Arts, 2014.
- SCASA Middle School Principal of the Year, finalist, 2013, 2014.
- Tri County Counseling Association, Principal of the Year, 2013.
- SC ART Education Association, Outstanding Middle School Principal of the Year, 2009.
- Palmetto Gold Award, Rollings Middle School of the Arts, 2004-2007.
- SC State Resolution honoring Rollings Middle School of the Arts and Dr. K. Sobolewski, 117<sup>th</sup> Session, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007.
- Blue Ribbon Lighthouse Award, Rollings Middle School of the Arts, 2007
- Carolina’s First Palmetto’s Finest, SCASA award for middle-level division, 2007
- Principal’s Recognized, The Citadel, 2005.
- Distinguished Alumni, Charleston Southern University, 2005.
- SC State Dept. of Educ. Showcase School, Rollings Middle School of the Arts, 2004-2007.
- Closing the Achievement Gap, Rollings Middle School of the Arts, 2004-2007.
- Promoting Excellence in Teaching Award, nominee, National Board Certification Council, 2001.
- Promoting Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, nominee, National Science Teachers Association, 1992.
- Teacher of the Year, nominee, Westview Middle School, 1992.

## **Other Professional Experience:**

2022-2023- Evaluator for Palmetto’s Finest applications

2022-2023- Site evaluator for Palmetto’s Finest school finalists.

2022-2023- Advanced Placement Exam scorer in the area of research.

2018-2020- ADEPT evaluator of teachers for Dorchester School District #2 and Allegro Charter School.

2004-2007, 2010-2018- Principal of Rollings Middle School of the Arts in Dorchester School District #2. Professional development included aligning the school with the best middle school practices, community outreach, hiring and evaluation of teachers, increasing the integration of the arts throughout the curriculum, and creating a climate focused on maximizing student achievement. In 2007, the entire faculty traveled to NYC for an arts immersion professional development experience.

2007-2010- Principal of River Oaks Middle School in Dorchester School District #2. Professional responsibilities include all aspects of opening a new school:

- Collaboration with the construction management company.

- Community outreach to facilitate the transition of students to River Oaks Middle School.
- Hiring of 60+ new faculty members
- Professional development for new faculty based on the unique needs of opening a new school.
- Planning and implementing a contingency plan for the delayed opening of the school.
- Development of the school's vision and mission, and operating procedures

1999-2004 Principal at Laing Middle School in Charleston County School District. Professional responsibilities included creating a climate for maximum student achievement, hiring, and evaluating teachers, professional development of teachers, and all aspects of school management and leadership.

1996-1999 Assistant Principal of Laing Middle School in Charleston County School District. Professional responsibilities included teacher evaluation, management of textbook inventory, the discipline of students, and professional development of teachers.

1994-1996 Working through a National Science Foundation grant, Science Specialist for Berkeley-Dorchester Math and Science Hub.

1989-1994 Middle school science teacher, science department chairperson, Teacher of the Year finalist, at Westview Middle School, Berkeley County School District.

1986-1989 Middle school science teacher and team leader at Berkeley Middle School, Berkeley County School District

### **Service to the Profession:**

- 2022, South Carolina Association of School Administrators, Palmetto's Finest application scorer and site visitation judge.
- 2022-2023- M. Ed. Advisory Board
- 2020-2022 Faculty Search Committee, Charleston Southern University
- 2020-2021 Graduate Council, Charleston Southern University
- 2022-AP exam scorer
- 2014-2017 SCASA Middle-Level Board of Directors
- 2007-2014 Palmetto's Finest Judge, SCASA
- 2006-2013 Summerville Principal Association Chairperson, Dorchester School District #2
- 2006- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, accreditation team leader for Richland School District One
- 2004-2018 Mentor of CSU administrative interns
- 2005 SC Teaching Fellows, served on the judging panel for CSU and CERRA

- 2002, Executive Board, Charleston Math and Science Hub

**Professional Associations:**

- South Carolina Association of School Administrators
- South Carolina Association of Teacher Educators
- National Art Educators Association