

## EDUCATION

- **University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA**  
Ed.S Educational Leadership, May 2017
- **University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA**  
Ed.S. Media and Instructional Technology, May 2012
- **University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA**  
M.Ed. Secondary Education - Social Studies, May 2011
- **Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR**  
B.S.E. Secondary Education - Social Sciences, December 2001
- **Teacher Certification:** Professional/T-6 Social Science (4-12), Reading (4-8), Gifted Endorsement, Ed Leadership Technology Certification: Google Educator

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Director of UWGLive Simulations and Clinical Instructor**, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA  
August 2017- Present
- **K-12 Digital Integration Specialist**, Rome City Schools, Rome, GA  
**K-12 Social Studies Coordinator**, Rome City Schools, Rome, GA  
July 2014 - July 2017
- **Social Studies Teacher**, Carrollton Junior High School, Carrollton, GA  
August 2005 – May 2014
- **Social Studies Teacher**, Mt. Zion Middle and High School, Mt. Zion, GA  
August 2003 - June 2005
- **American History/Arkansas History Teacher**, Trumann Junior High School, Trumann, AR  
August 2002 - June 2003

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Rome City Schools 2017 Top 10 Digital School District
- 2014 Georgia Teacher of the Year Top 10 Finalist
- Featured in West Georgia Living “Getting Creative in the Classroom” (July/August 2013)
- Carrollton City Schools Teacher of the Year, 2012-2013
- Carrollton Junior High Teacher of the Year, 2012-2013; Nominee, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2008, 2007, 2006

## PUBLICATIONS

- Mann, K. D., Parson, R., Clemmons, D., Linn, A., **Ponder, T.**, Thomas, T., Tipps-Holder, S., Way, J. (2004). Life interrupted: *The Japanese American experience in WWII Arkansas (Curriculum units for secondary social studies)*. Little Rock: University of Arkansas.
- (Contributor) Roberts, E, & Coffey, D. (2013). *Keys to Literacy Instruction for the Net Generation: Grades 4-6*, Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Butler, J. & Ponder, T. (2017, November). *Preparing to Teach in the 21st Century*. National Council for the Social Studies, San Francisco, CA
- Ponder, T. (2017, October). *All Things Google*. Georgia Association of Teacher Educators, Cordele, GA
- Ponder, T. & Leann Goya (2017, October). *Triple Threat: Three Tech Tools for Inquiry-Based Learning*. Georgia Council for the Social Studies, Athens, GA
- Ponder, T. & Leann Goya (2017, September). *The Classics in 1:1 CRBK*. West Georgia RESA Instructional Technology Conference, Columbus, GA
- Ponder, T. (2016, October). *Turnt up for text: Differentiating reading and writing in the social studies classroom*. Georgia Council for the Social Studies, Athens, GA
- Ponder, T. (2016, September). Guest Speaker. *Are you shifting with me?* University of West Georgia Education Conference, Carrollton, GA
- Ponder, T. (2016, February). *Using digital tools to blaze the path in building bridges*. Kennesaw State University ESOL Conference, Kennesaw, GA.
- Ponder, T. (2015, November). *Tattoo trouble: What does your digital tattoo say about you?* Georgia Educational Technology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Ponder, T. (2015, November). *Turnt up for text: Differentiating reading and writing in the digital age?* Georgia Educational Technology Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Ponder, T. (2015, August). *What does your digital tattoo say about you?* Georgia Department of Education Data Conference, Athens, GA.
- Ponder, T. & Butler, J. (2014, October). *Technology and differentiation: A match made in Heaven*. Georgia Council for the Social Studies, Athens, GA.
- Ponder, T. & Butler, J. (2013, October). *BYOT? What is a teacher to do?* Georgia Council for the Social Studies, Athens, GA.
- Ponder, T. (2013, February). *Embrace change...One tech tool at a time*. Georgia Middle Schools Association, Savannah, GA.
- Butler, J., Baylen, D., & Ponder, T. (2011, October). *Improving middle grades' teaching using technology*. Georgia Council for the Social Studies, Athens, GA.
- Butler, J., Baylen, D., & Ponder, T., & Smalls, L. (2011, October). *Using Comic Life to teach middle grades economics' standards*. Georgia Council for the Social Studies, Athens, GA.
- Ponder, T. & Ponder, J. (2007, October). *I am not a reading teacher!...Comprehensive strategies in the social studies classroom*. Georgia Council for the Social Studies, Athens, GA.
- Ponder, T. & Ponder, J. (2006, October). *Insanity in the classroom? Self-assessment in a middle school social studies classroom*. Georgia Council for the Social Studies, Athens, GA.
- Ponder, T. & Ponder, J. (2006, February). *Life interrupted: The Japanese-American experience during WWII*. Georgia Middle Schools Association, Savannah, GA.
- Ponder, T. & Ponder, J. (2005, October). *Life interrupted: The Japanese-American experience during WWII*. Georgia Council for the Social Studies, Athens, GA.

- **Ponder, T.** (2003, March). *Cultural issues and social anthropology of Peru*. Arkansas State University Center for Medical Imaging in Bioanthropology: Peru 2003, Jonesboro, AR.
- Ponder, J. & **Ponder, T.** (2002, November). *Incorporating literacy skills in a content classroom*. Arkansas Reading Association, Little Rock, AR.
- **Ponder, T.** (2002, April). *Cultural issues and social anthropology of Peru*. Arkansas State University Center for Medical Imaging in Bioanthropology: Peru 2003, Jonesboro, AR.

### **PROFESSIONAL & SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- Keynote Speaker, Georgia Association of Teacher Educators, *How to Shift When Shift Happens*, October 2017
- Panel Participant, Georgia Association of Teacher Educators, October 2017
- Trojan University Community Council, Carrollton City Schools, 2017-18
- Co-Founder and Co-Organizer Edcamp Rome 2015, 2016, 2017
- Northwest Georgia and Georgia Instructional Technology Advisory Committee 2015-16
- State Schools' Superintendent's Teacher Advisory Council, 2013-16
- Commissioner, Georgia Professional Standards Commission, 2013-17
- Georgia House Bill 244, TKES Testimony to Georgia House of Representatives Education Committees Georgia Senate Education Committees, 2013
- Guest Speaker (18 engagements), University of West Georgia College of Education, Various Teacher Education Courses (Graduate and Undergraduate), Teaching with Technology in PonderLand and Embrace Change...One Tech Tool at a Time, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014
- Guest Speaker (2 engagements), University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Various Teacher Education Courses (Graduate), Teaching with Technology in PonderLand, 2012
- Chaperone & Group Leader, Education First Tours of France and Spain (2015), China (2014), Italy (2014), London and Egypt (2012), and Greece and the Greek Isles (2007)
- Participant, Korean Studies Workshop for Educators, South Korea, Summer 2006
- Master Teacher, Life Interrupted: The Japanese American Experience in World War II Arkansas, Spring 2003
- Assistant Director, Arkansas State University Center for Medical Imaging in Bioanthropology Peru, Spring 2002
- Participant, Arkansas State University Center for Medical Imaging in Bioanthropology Peruvian Field Study (Excavation, Radiography and Curriculum Development for the Chiribaya civilization), June 2001

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- International Society for Technology in Education
- Georgia Association of Curriculum & Instructional Supervisors
- National Council for the Social Studies
- Georgia Council for the Social Studies
- Georgia Teacher of the Year Association

