

# Melanie Lewis Croft, Ed.D.

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## **EDUCATION**

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Doctor of Education: Curriculum and Instruction, Liberty University, 2018.

Master of Arts in Education: School Librarianship, Azusa Pacific University, 2007.

Master of Arts in Education: Teaching, Learning, and Technology, Point Loma Nazarene University, 2002.

Bachelor of Science: Liberal Studies, San Diego Christian College, 1997.

## **CREDENTIALS & CERTIFICATES**

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California Administrative Services Credential [Certificate of Eligibility]

California Clear Library Media Teacher Services Credential

California Professional Clear Multiple Subject Teaching Credential

California Clear Cross-Cultural, Language and Academic Development Certificate

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

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Assistant Professor in Media, Department of Educational Technology and Foundations, University of West Georgia, Carrollton, GA, 2018-present.

- Courses taught:
  - EDUC 2110: Investigating Critical and Contemporary Issues in Education
  - MEDT 7452: Multiple Literacies for School Library Media (Quality Matters Certified February 2022)
  - MEDT 7461: Instructional Design
  - MEDT 7472: Introduction to Distance Education
  - MEDT 7487: Practicum [School Library Media]
  - MEDT 8468: The Instructional Leadership Role of the School Library Media Specialist
  - EDSI 9998: Research for Doctoral Dissertation

Affiliate Faculty, School of Education, Southern Wesleyan University, Central, SC, 2021-present.

- Dissertation Committee Member

Adjunct Faculty, School of Education, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2020-present.

- Course taught: ADM 745: Digital Leadership in Schools
- Thesis Mentor, Teacher Librarian Program

Assistant Professor of Education, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2014-2018.

- Program Director, Teacher Librarian Program
- Courses taught:
  - LIB 705: Information Technologies
  - LIB 710: Instructional Partnerships
  - LIB 715: Administration of the School Media Program
  - LIB 725: Information Services
  - LIB 736: Evaluation and Promotion of Young Adult Literature
  - LIB 792: Field Studies in School Librarianship
  - LIB 798/799: Project/Thesis School Library Media
  - ET 720: Developing Technology-Rich Curriculum
- Thesis Mentor, Teacher Librarian Program and Educational Technology Program

Professional Developer of Instructional Technology, Madera County Making it R.E.A.L. Project, Madera County Office of Education, Madera, CA, 2015-2017.

Coordinator of Learning Resources, Golden Valley Unified School District, Madera, CA, 2012-2014.

- District Administrator of Technology, Library Services, and Curriculum
- Liberty High School Self-Study Coordinator, Accrediting Commission for Schools - Western Association of Schools and Colleges

Adjunct Faculty, Teacher Librarian Program, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2010-2012.

- Course taught: LIB 725: Information Services in the School Library Program

Library Media Specialist, Liberty High School & Ranchos Middle School, Golden Valley Unified School District, Madera, CA, 2006-2012.

- Member, Liberty High School Site Leadership Team
- Member, Liberty High School Site Council
- Independent Study Coordinator
- Book Club Advisor
- District Librarian/Textbook Coordinator
- Chair, District Technology Committee

Teacher, Grade 5, 186th Street Elementary School, Los Angeles Unified School District, Gardena, CA, 2003-2006.

Teacher, Extended Learning Program

- Master Teacher, Loyola Marymount University & California State University at Dominguez Hills
- Lead Teacher, Grade 5 Science
- Member, Technology Committee

Teacher, Grade 5, Hermosa Elementary School, Alta Loma School District, Alta Loma, CA, 2002-2003.

- Member, Technology Committee
- Talent Show Coordinator

Teacher, Grade 3, Christian Elementary School, West Campus, Christian Unified Schools of San Diego, El Cajon, CA, 1998-2002.

- Grade Level Chair, Elementary Curriculum Committee
- Yearbook Editor
- Student Council Advisor
- Chapel Music Leader
- Sixth Grade Camp Counselor

Teacher, Grade 3, Bostonia Elementary School, Cajon Valley Union School District, El Cajon, CA, Summer, 1998.

Teacher, Grade 3, W.D. Hall Elementary School, Cajon Valley Union School District, El Cajon, CA, 1998.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Refereed Publications**

Croft, M. L., & Barnhart, A. C. (2022). LibraryDen: A tool for learning about research and information literacy pedagogy. *Knowledge Quest*, 50(5), 54-59.

Croft, M. L. (2022). How school librarians can partner with K-12 school district leadership to support school libraries. *Knowledge Quest*, 50(4), 58-60.

Lewis, M. (2021). Enabling school librarians to serve as instructional leaders of multiple literacies. *School Library Research*, 24, 1-30.

Lewis, M. (2020). Advocating for the school library through relationships. *Knowledge Quest*, 49(1), 46-51.

Lewis, M. (2019). Administrators' instructional leadership perspective of the role of instructional coaches and teacher librarians: A comparative examination. *School Libraries Worldwide*, 25(2), 16-33.

Lewis, M. (2018). *A collective case study to examine administrators' instructional leadership perspective of the role of instructional coaches and teacher librarians in California public schools* [Doctoral dissertation, Liberty University]. Scholars Crossing.

Lewis, M. (2016). Professional learning facilitators in 1:1 program implementation: Technology coaches or school librarians? *School Libraries Worldwide*, 22(2), 13-23.

### **Practitioner Articles**

Lewis, M. A., & McNamara, K. (2021). A certified school librarian is a professional learning powerhouse. *The Learning Professional*, 42(4), 52-55.

Lewis, M. A. (2019). Instructional coaches vs. teacher librarians: What's the difference? *CSLA Journal*, 42(2), 11-15.

Lewis, M. A. (2019). ELA professional development: A new perspective. *Leadership*, 48(3), 20-25.

Lewis, M. A. (2018). The power of models. *CSLA Journal*, 42(1), 5-7.

Lewis, M. (2012). Making an impact through literature: An author profile of J.L. Powers. *Library Media Connection*, 31(1), 42-43.

### **Blog Posts**

Croft, M. L. (2022, April 22). Restoring lost focus through the school library. *Knowledge Quest*.  
<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/restoring-lost-focus-through-the-school-library/>

Croft, M. L. (2022, April 7). I heart the codex. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/i-heart-the-codex/>

Croft, M. L. (2022, February 17). The distracted school librarian mind. *Knowledge Quest*.  
<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/the-distracted-school-librarian-mind/>

Croft, M. L. (2022, January 24). Professional reading goals for the new year. *Knowledge Quest*.  
<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/professional-reading-goals-for-the-new-year/>

Croft, M. L. (2021, November 11). Partnering with parents to improve student literacy. *Knowledge Quest*.  
<https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/partnering-with-parents-to-improve-student-literacy/>

Croft, M. L. (2021, October 11). The library lab school. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/the-library-lab-school/>

Croft, M. L. (2021, September 8). Equipping school leaders to support school librarians. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/equipping-school-leaders-to-support-school-librarians/>

Lewis, M. (2021, July 23). The quiet space cure. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/the-quiet-space-cure/>

Lewis, M. (2021, June 11). School librarians are knowledge builders. *Knowledge Quest*. <https://knowledgequest.aasl.org/school-librarians-are-knowledge-builders/>

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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Croft, M. L. (2022, March 10). *Equipping school leaders to support media specialists* [Conference session]. South Carolina Association of School Librarians Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Croft, M. L. (2022, March 9). *Cultivating expertise in multiple literacies* [Conference session]. South Carolina Association of School Librarians Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Croft, M. L. (2021, October 22). *Research empowering practice: Standards & literacy - Enabling school librarians to serve as instructional leaders of multiple literacies* [Conference session]. American Association of School Librarians National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Croft, M. L. (2021, October 22). *Cultivating expertise in multiple literacies* [Conference session]. American Association of School Librarians National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Barnhart, A., & Croft, M. L. (2021, October 7). *LibraryDen: A tool for learning about research and information literacy pedagogy* [Conference session]. Georgia Libraries Conference, Virtual.

Lewis, M. (2021, July 13). *Enabling school librarians to serve as instructional leaders of multiple literacies* [Conference session]. International Association of School Librarianship 2021 Annual Conference, Virtual.

Lewis, M. (2021, June 8). *Enabling media specialists to serve as instructional leaders of multiple literacies* [Conference session]. Georgia Library Media Association Summer Institute, Savannah, GA.

Barnhart, A., Insenga, A., Gezon, L., Lewis, M., & Parker, M. (2021, May 19). *"I definitely learned a lot": LibraryDen's pilot year and what's next* [Panel discussion]. University of West Georgia Innovations in Pedagogy Conference, Virtual.

Carroll, K., Lewis, M., Kordeliski, A., Stewart, C., & Pakowski, K. (2021, Apr. 13). *The rules still apply: Information literacy during a pandemic* [Panel discussion]. American Association of School Librarians Town Hall, Virtual.

Barnhart, A., Lewis, M., & Parker, M. (2021, Mar. 26). *Test driving the pilot: Experiencing and creating and using a digital information literacy course* [Conference session]. Georgia International Conference on Information Literacy, Virtual.

Lewis, M. (2020, Feb. 8). *The power of the paraprofessional library assistant* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, City of Industry, CA.

Lewis, M. (2020, Feb. 7). *Cultivating expertise in multiple literacies* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, City of Industry, CA.

- Lewis, M. (2020, Feb. 6). *Critical reflection for school library leaders*. [Speaker address]. California School Library Association Conference: Administrative Leadership Day 2020, City of Industry, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2019, Nov. 15). *School librarians can (and should) be valued instructional leaders!* [Conference session]. American Association of School Librarians National Conference, Louisville, KY.
- Lewis, M. (2019, June 11). *Media specialists can (and should) be valued instructional leaders!* [Conference session]. Georgia Library Media Association Summer Institute, Peachtree City, GA.
- Lewis, M. (2019, Feb. 8). *Instructional coaches vs. teacher librarians: Administrators' perspectives* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, City of Industry, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2019, Feb. 7). *Developing the instructional leadership role of the teacher librarian* [Conference workshop]. California School Library Association Conference, City of Industry, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2018, May 29). *A collective case study to examine administrators' instructional leadership perspective of the role of instructional coaches and teacher librarians*. The International Association of School Librarianship Virtual Research Conference.
- Lewis, M., & Petropulos, M. (2018, Feb. 3). *Certificated librarians & classified librarians: What's the difference?* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, Fish Camp, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2018, Feb. 1). *The instructional leadership role of the teacher librarian* [Conference workshop]. California School Library Association Conference. Fish Camp, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2017, Oct. 17). *Recruiting and equipping qualified candidates* [Presentation]. California Department of Education: County Office of Education Library and Media Leaders Fall Summit, Sacramento, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2017, Feb. 5). *What about math?* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, Rohnert Park, CA.
- Lewis, M., & Petropulos, M. (2016). *Instructional leadership: The role of the teacher librarian in California schools* [Webinar presentation]. Fresno Pacific University EdTips Webinar, Fresno, CA.
- Lewis, M., & Petropulos, M. (2016). *Teacher librarians: The key to student success in CA CCSS for ELA/Literacy* [Conference session]. California Reading Association Professional Development Institute, Visalia, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2016). *The digital shift: Surviving the transition to 1:1* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2015). *The digital revolution: Teacher librarians & mobile learning programs* [Conference session]. American Association of School Librarians Conference, Columbus, OH.
- Lewis, M. (2015). *The digital revolution: The call for teacher librarians to lead the transition to digital learning* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2014). *The digital revolution: A journey through the implementation of BYOD and 1:1 programs* [Conference session]. Fresno Pacific University Teacher Librarian Leadership Day, Fresno, CA.
- Lewis, M. (2014). *The digital revolution: A journey through the implementation of BYOD and 1:1 programs* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, San Diego, CA.

Lewis, M. (2014). *Rigor, relevance, & relationships in the library* [Conference session]. California School Library Association Conference, San Diego, CA.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Library Association/American Association of School Librarians/Educators of School Librarians Section  
Georgia Library Media Association  
International Society for Technology in Education  
Learning Forward  
National Association for Media Literacy Education  
South Carolina Association of School Librarians

### **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

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#### **Conferences, Workshops, and Meetings Attended**

Quality Matters Course: Applying the QM Rubric, 2021  
Quality Matters Course: Designing Your Online Course, 2020  
International Literacy Association Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2019  
National Association for Media Literacy Education Conference, Washington, DC, 2019  
American Library Association Midwinter Meeting: Educators of School Librarians Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2019  
Georgia Educational Technology Conference, 2018  
Distance Teaching and Learning Virtual Conference, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2018  
Association for Library and Information Science Educators Conference, Denver, CO, 2018  
American Library Association Midwinter Meeting: AASL-CAEP Program Reviewer Training and Educators of School Librarians Meeting, Denver, CO, 2018  
American Association of School Librarians Conference: Educators of School Librarians Section Research Symposium, Phoenix, AZ, 2017  
International Association of School Librarians Conference, Long Beach, CA, 2017  
Guided Inquiry Design Workshop, Selma Unified School District, Selma, CA, 2017  
Council for Christian Colleges and Universities: New Faculty Institute, Grand Rapids, MI, 2017  
The Council of Independent Colleges: Workshop for Department and Division Leaders, Kansas City, MO, 2017  
Kagan Faculty Training, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2016  
Association of Educational Communications and Technology Conference, Las Vegas, NV, 2016  
American Association of School Librarians Conference: Educators of School Librarians Section Research Symposium, Columbus, OH, 2015  
CUE Conference, Palm Springs, CA, 2015  
International Society for Technology in Education Conference, San Diego, CA, 2012

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

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American Association of School Librarians Research Grant, 2022  
"Notable Dissertations 2019," *American Libraries*, 2019  
Graduate with High Distinction, Liberty University, 2018  
School Library Journal/Cengage New Leader, 2010  
*Good Ideas!* Award, California School Library Association, 2008  
*Award for Excellence in Mathematics Education*, Los Angeles City Teachers' Mathematics Association, 2005  
*Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 2005

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### **University**

University of West Georgia

- Program Coordinator, School Library Media Program, College of Education, 2020-present
- Member, Search Committee: Assistant Professor of School Library Media, Spring 2022
- Member, Search Committee: Lecturer of School Library Media/Instructional Technology, Spring 2021
- Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment (CIA) Leader, College of Education, 2018-2021

Fresno Pacific University

- Member, Individualized Master of Arts Program Committee, 2016-2018
- Chair, School of Education Graduate Grant Committee, 2014-2016
- Faculty Development Presenter: *Introduction to Copyright and Fair Use in Online Teaching*, 2016
- Member, Search Committee: Math Education Faculty, 2016
- Member, Search Committee: Designated Subjects Program Director, 2016
- Member, Search Committee: School of Education Assessment and Student Success Coordinator, 2016
- Member, Search Committee: Administrative Services Program Director, 2015

### **Professional Organizations**

American Association of School Librarians

- *Knowledge Quest* Blogger, 2021-2022
- Member, *School Library Research* Editorial Board, 2020-2022
- Member, Practice Committee, 2019-2021
- AASL-CAEP Accreditation Program Reviewer, 2018-2020
- Member, AASL Learning Standards and Program Guidelines Focus Group, 2016

California School Library Association

- Member, Legislative Committee, 2017-2018
- President, Northern Section, 2010-2011
- Member, Curriculum Committee, 2008-2009

Future Ready Schools: Gear Refresh Committee: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, 2019

Georgia Library Media Association

- Member, Judging Committee: Distinguished School Administrator Award, 2018-2019
- Member, Judging Committee: Exemplary Library Media Program Award - High School, 2019-2020

National Association for Media Literacy Education

- Member, Core Principles of Media Literacy Education Focus Group (Higher Education), 2022
- Reviewer, *Journal of Media Literacy Education*, 2020-present

### **Educational Community**

Member, Carroll Allied Libraries, Carrollton, GA, 2021-present

Consultant, Rock Hill Schools Library Program, Rock Hill, SC, 2022

Coordinator, Edcamp SLM @ UWG, Carrollton, GA, February 11, 2022

Facilitator, West Georgia School Library Consortium, Carrollton, GA, 2021-present

Consultant, Carroll County School District Library Program, Carrollton, GA 2019-present

Member, Cognia Accreditation Team, Carrollton City Schools, 2021

Facilitator, Central Valley School Library Consortium, Fresno, CA, 2014-2018

Member, Fresno City College Library Technology Program Advisory Board, Fresno, CA, 2014-2018

Facilitator, Teacher Librarian Leadership Day, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA, 2016

Reviewer, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing Program Assessment Reading Session, 2014

Member, Visiting Committee, Accrediting Committee for Schools (ACS) - Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), Patterson High School, Patterson, CA, 2012

Member, Visiting Committee, ACS-WASC, Orosi High School, Orosi, CA, 2011