# Curriculum Vitae Amy B. Holmes

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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Design-based research, diversity and equity in STEM education, teacher education

**EDUCATION** 

Doctor of Philosophy Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (Anticipated 2015)

Peabody College, Department of Teaching & Learning

IES Predoctoral Training Grant Fellow

Learning, Teaching, & Diversity

Specialization: Development, Learning, and Diversity

Concentration: Research Methodology

Advisor: Richard Lehrer

Master of Science The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN (2006)

College of Education, Health, & Human Sciences

Specialization: Teacher Education/Elementary Education

Bachelor of Arts The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN (2005)

University Honors Program College of Arts & Sciences

Major: Psychology; Minor: Elementary Education

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Research Experience** 

2010-present Graduate Research Assistant, IES Fellow, Vanderbilt

University, Peabody College, Nashville, TN

Understanding Space through Engineering Design (2013-present) Responsibilities:

- Prepared IRB documentation and grant reports
- Lead design study in third grade classes; co-taught curricular units
- Co-develop learning progressions, curricula, interviews, and assessments in spatial mathematics and engineering for grades K-5
- Conduct cognitive interviews with students in spatial mathematics and engineering
- Conduct focus group and individual teacher interviews
- Collect observational data in teacher classrooms
- Provide professional development and ongoing support for teachers
- Code, manage, and analyze qualitative data using NVivo and Studiocode
- Manage and analyze quantitative data using R. ConQuest, and Stata

Mentors: Rich Lehrer & Leona Schauble

Straight on Plane, Cylinder, and Sphere: A Teaching Experiment (2012-2014) Responsibilities:

- Prepared IRB documentation and reports
- Co-designed and co-conducted cognitive interviews and small group teaching sessions with elementary students
- Collected observational data during interviews and teaching sessions
- Managed and analyzed data using NVivo and Studiocode

Mentor: Rich Lehrer

Developing and Integrating Spatial Mathematics and Engineering (2012-2013) Responsibilities:

- Prepared IRB documentation and grant reports
- Lead design study in third grade classes; co-taught curricular units
- Co-develop learning progressions, curricula, interviews, and assessments in spatial mathematics and engineering for grades K-5
- Conduct cognitive interviews with students in spatial mathematics and engineering
- Conduct focus group and individual teacher interviews
- Collect observational data in teacher classrooms
- Provide professional development and ongoing support for teachers
- Code, manage, and analyze qualitative data using NVivo and Studiocode
- Manage and analyze quantitative data using R, ConQuest, and Stata

Mentors: Rich Lehrer & Leona Schauble

Innovative Computer-based Formative Assessment via a Development, Delivery Scoring, and Report-Generating System (2012-2013)
Responsibilities:

• Provided professional development, curricular materials, and ongoing support for teacher implementation of assessment program

Mentor: Rich Lehrer

Self-Regulation Measurement Validation Study (2011-2012) Responsibilities:

- Conducted student assessments and teacher observations
- Coded and managed data in FileMaker

Mentors: Dale Farran, Mark Lipsey, & Sandra Jo Wilson

Teaching & Learning in Urban Schools Program Evaluation (2010-2012) Responsibilities:

- Co-developed interview protocol and conducted teacher interviews
- Co-developed and conducted student surveys
- · Transcribed and coded interview data

Mentors: Mark Lipsey & Rachael Tanner-Smith

Tools of the Mind Prekindergarten Curriculum Evaluation (2010-2012) Responsibilities:

Conducted student assessments and teacher observations

- Coded and managed data in FileMaker
- Analyzed data in SPSS using hierarchical linear modeling techniques

Mentors: Dale Farran, Mark Lipsey, & Sandra Jo Wilson

**Post-Secondary Teaching Experience** 

2011-2014 Guest Lecturer, Educational Psychology and Human

Development, Lipscomb University, Nashville, TN

2010-2011 Guest Lecturer, Educational Psychology and Human

Development, Belmont University, Nashville, TN

K-12 Teaching Experience

2012-2013 Instructor, Summer Academy at Vanderbilt for the Young

(SAVY), Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN. Taught

elementary grades gifted humanities classes

2008-2010 Fifth grade teacher, Northwood Elementary School,

Crestview, FL. Served as school science lead teacher, grade

level team leader, science club and science fair faculty advisor, and mathematics and science committee member

2007-2008 Fourth grade teacher, Antioch Elementary School, Crestview,

FL. Served as grade level technology consultant and writing

committee member

2006-2007 Sixth grade Gifted & Talented humanities teacher, Charles

Townes Center at Sterling School, Greenville, SC. Served as school technology consultant, Youth in Government faculty advisor, and ELA and social studies committee member

Consulting

2011-2012 Elementary mathematics consultant, Read Tennessee Early

Grades Math Toolkit, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville,

TN

### **LICENSURE**

Florida Professional K-6 License, South Carolina Professional K-6 License, Tennessee Professional K-8 License

#### **HONORS & AWARDS**

2010-2015 IES Predoctoral Fellowship. *Experimental Educational Research* 

Training grant, number R305B080025.

2005-2006 Claxton Medal and Graduate Scholarship, Dale and Alberta Lowe

Wantling Scholarship, J. Clayton Arnold Scholarship, The

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

2001-2005 Bicentennial and Alumni Valedictorian Scholarships, The University

of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Holmes, A.** (2014, April). When progress poses problems: Taming the monsters of mathematics. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Division B, Philadelphia, PA.

- **Holmes, A.** (2013, March). Effects of manipulative use on PK-12 mathematics achievement: A meta-analysis. Poster presented at the meeting of Society for Research in Educational Effectiveness, Washington, DC.
- Anthony, K., **Holmes, A.,** Farran, D., Lipsey, M., Clements, D., Sarama, J., & Hofer, K. (2011, September). The effect of time spent on mathematics-related computer activities on children's achievement outcomes in pre-kindergarten. In D. Clements (Chair), Early mathematics education for all: Evaluation of an intervention using multiple methodologies and outcomes. Symposium conducted at the meeting of Society for Research in Educational Effectiveness, Washington, DC.
- **Holmes, A.**, & Fuhs, M. (2011, Aug). Relationships between classroom organization and child outcomes in Tools and non-Tools classrooms using *The Narrative Record*. Paper presented at the 2011 *Tools of the Mind* curriculum developer meeting, Nashville, TN.
- **Holmes, A.** (2009, June). Teaching literacy in the content areas. Poster presented at the 2009 Okaloosa County Literacy Fair, Niceville, FL.

#### **PUBLICATIONS/MANUSCRIPTS**

- **Holmes, A.** When progress poses problems: Taming the monsters of mathematics. Philosophy of Education Society.
- **Holmes, A.** Effects of manipulative use on PK-12 mathematics achievement: A metaanalysis. Campbell Collaboration.
- Lehrer, R., **Holmes, A.,** & Henderson, D. Investigating resources and instructional supports for young children's spatial reasoning.

#### **AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS**

American Educational Research Association (AERA) International Society of the Learning Sciences (ISLS) National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)

Phi Beta Kappa Phi Delta Kappa

## **SERVICE**

#### National/International

National Council of Teachers of Mathematics conference (2014) Phi Delta Kappa, Future Educators Association conference (2012)

## University

Educational Psychology and Human Development, Lipscomb University (2011-2014) Educational Psychology and Human Development, Belmont University (2010)

# Community

Grant writer and administrative volunteer, Alaqua Animal Refuge (2015-present)
Treasurer, Sunsail Property Owners Association (2015-present)
Educational services volunteer, Nashville Rescue Mission (2012-2014)
Volunteer, Nashville Opera (2012-2013)
Gifted education independent study project consultant, Edmonson Elementary School, Williamson County Schools, Brentwood, TN (2012)