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Academic Preparation

Vermont College of Fine Arts - Montpelier, Vermont.
Masters of Fine Arts in Writing, 2007.

Appalachian State University – Boone, North Carolina.
Masters in Library Science, 1998.

Institute of Children’s Literature – Reading, Pennsylvania. Certificate, 1996.

Appalachian State University – Boone, North Carolina.
Bachelors of Arts, 1983.

Current Employment

Associate Professor, College of Education
Department of Curriculum and Instruction
School Librarianship Program
East Tennessee State University - Johnson City, Tennessee
August, 2012 – present

Memberships/Licensure

076 Licensure – Library Media Coordinator – State of North Carolina

Society of Children’s Book Writers and Illustrators

American Library Association – AASL, ALSC, YALSA

Tennessee Association of School Librarians

Library Employment

Instructional Librarian - Caldwell Community College – Hudson, North Carolina. 2004-2012. Duties: Teach information literacy skills and create associated online tutorials, provide individual reference interviews for both students and faculty members, conduct information literacy related presentations for both faculty and students, produce electronic resource oriented newsletters, subject guides, and pathfinders, serve as resource consultant for faculty members and library technical assistants, promote LRC services and resources, prepare federal and state reports, maintain archives, provide reader services.

Media Coordinator – Wilkes County Schools – Wilkesboro, North Carolina.
2001 – 2004 – Moravian Falls Elementary – Moravian Falls, North Carolina
2000 – North Wilkesboro Elementary – North Wilkesboro, North Carolina
1999 – Millers Creek Middle School – Millers Creek, North Carolina
1998 – Roaring River Elementary – Roaring River, North Carolina
Duties: Develop and implement reading promotion programs, chair the reading committee, serve as Reading Is Fundamental and Book Fair chairperson, serve as Read Across America, NC Children’s Book Award, and Battle of the Books coordinator, provide reading guidance to students, administer the media center’s programming, cataloging, and outreach services, teach the NC Information Literacy Standard Course of Study, create and administer collection development plans, write and administer grants, manage library budget.

Law Librarian – McElwee & McElwee – Wilkesboro, North Carolina
1986-1998. Duties: Organized, updated, and ordered case law resources and materials, instructed staff as to use of materials, performed legal research, insured the validity and reliability of case law, wrote legal briefs.

Teaching Employment

Associate Professor
East Tennessee State University – Johnson City, Tennessee
2012-present. Duties: Administering School Librarianship Program, advising all students, teaching required graduate courses on-line in school librarianship; mentoring students; evaluating and assessing performance-based student instruction; maintaining student records and data collection related to student performance assessment; analysis and reporting of data semi-annually for program decision-making and accreditation; participation in departmental and university activities; pursuance of research and service-oriented activities and scholarship

Adjunct Faculty

East Tennessee State University – Johnson City, Tennessee.

2009-2012. Duties: Arrange course schedule, create syllabus, course outline, and assignments, instruct graduate students utilizing varying pedagogical methods and technological formats, facilitate individual and group oriented course work, assess and evaluate student performance.

Adjunct Faculty

Appalachian State University – Boone, North Carolina.

2006-2011. Duties: Arrange course schedule, determine reading and course materials, create syllabus, course outline, and assignments, instruct graduate students utilizing varying pedagogical methods and technological formats, facilitate individual and group oriented course work, assess and evaluate student performance.

Teacher Librarian; Reading and Legal Research Instructor

– Caldwell Community College Hudson, North Carolina.

2004-2012. Duties: Instruct associate degree, technical, and high school level students in the use of computer catalogs, electronic databases (including NC LIVE), and the world wide web; present workshops on copyright issues, the evaluation of resources, and APA and MLA documentation; guide students through the research process; create online tutorials; instruct, mentor, and assess developmental reading students; serve as Legal Research and Writing Instructor.

Teacher Librarian – Wilkes County Schools – Wilkesboro, North Carolina.

1998-2004. Prepared lesson plans related to the NC Information Skills Standard Course of Study, considered multiple intelligences in the selection of instructional materials, utilized varying instructional methods for Pre-K-8 students, assessed student learning.

Courses Taught and Designed

East Tennessee State University

Critical Evaluation of Children's Literature

Critical Evaluation of Young Adult Literature

Multicultural Literature

Reference Sources

Cataloging

School Library Media Program Administration

Instructional Design

Research in Educational Media and Technology

History and Philosophy of Educational Media and Technology

Practicum in School Library Media

Appalachian State University

School Library Media Program Administration
Product of Learning
Children's Materials
Young Adult Materials

Caldwell Community College

Introduction to College Reading
Legal Research and Writing
Holocaust Studies
Bibliographic Instruction

Consulting

Consultant, Advisory Board, and Board Member, National Children's Book Literacy Alliance – Boston, MA – 2012 –present. Assist with major projects, to include conferences and web exclusives, provide editing services, write education guides and creative articles based in Alliance publications, social media and blog editor

Cultural Consultant – Sisters Library Project – Library Science Program and Belk Library – Appalachian State University – Boone, NC. Summer, 2007. Provided suggestions as to event planning for the Bolivian delegation, consulted local artists and restaurant owners regarding hospitality for international guests, shared folklore, history, music, dance, and information regarding the natural resources of the Appalachian region with Bolivian delegation.

Planning Consultant – Diversity Fair - Sisters Library Project – Library Science Program and Belk Library – Appalachian State University – Boone, NC. Spring, 2007. Arranged a display booth highlighting the Sisters Library Project for use at the 2007 & 2009 Diversity Fairs, sold jewelry and other works of art to fair participants, contributed to public relation affairs.

Member, Library Science Program Advisory Council – Appalachian State University – Boone, NC. 2006-2012. Provide suggestions as to curriculum, special events, and/or delivery of instruction.

Publications

Books

Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2015) *Teaching Civics in the Library*.

West Jefferson, McFarland Publishing, Inc.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2013). *Foreign-Born American*

Patriots: Sixteen Volunteer Leaders in the Revolutionary War.

West Jefferson, McFarland Publishing, Inc.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2012). *The Revival of Banned Dances:*

A Worldwide Study. West Jefferson, McFarland Publishing, Inc.

Articles

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, and Deborah Parrott. (2017). Embracing Our Common

Goal: School and Public Library Collaborations. *School Library*

Connection, March/April, 45-6.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher. (2016) "Heeding Our Forefather's Directives: Teaching

Civics in the School Library." *School Library Connection*.

August/September: 41-2.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, (2016). "A Rationale for Public Library Civics

Instruction." *Public Library Quarterly*, 35.3, 254-25,

DOI 10.1080/01616846.2016.1210462

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, (2016). "The White House Library: A Twice-Told

Tale," National Children's Book Literacy Alliance

- Lyons, Renee' C. and Deborah Parrott (2015). "Connecting Young People to the World with Batchelder Books," *International Journal of the Book*: 13.3.
- Lyons, Renee' C. and Deborah Parrott (2015). "Caution: Adult Reading Ahead! Steering Teens toward Higher Level Reading (and Living) with Alex Award Winners." *Young Adult Library Services*: 13.4.
- Lyons, Renee' C., et al (2015). "Fostering Reading Enjoyment and Achievement in the School Library." *Alki*: 31.1
- Lyons, Renee' C., et al (2015). "Producing Beautiful and Durable Books in the School Library." *Missouri Reader*: 39.1.
- Lyons, Renee' C., et al (2014). "Poetry and Making Books in the School Library." *Kentucky Libraries*: 78.1.
- Lyons, Renee' C., et al. (2014). "Readers' Theater in the School Library." *Tennessee Reading Teacher*: 30.
- Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2013, January). *United by Voice and Vision: Thomas Jefferson's First Inauguration: March 4, 1801*.
National Children's Book Literacy Alliance.
- Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2012, October). *Knock Knock, Who's There? Spooky Stories From Children of the White House*.
National Children's Book Literacy Alliance.
- Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2012, June). *The Second Shall Be First: The 1948 Presidential Election, Truman vs. Dewey*.
National Children's Book Literacy Alliance.
- Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2010, December). *Grand Champions of the White House*.
National Children's Book Literacy Alliance.

Education Resource Guides

Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2017). *Education Resource Guide: Jeff Kinney's 'The Long Haul.'* "How To Get and Keep Boys Reading," sponsored by The National Children's Book Literacy Alliance.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2017). *Education Resource Guide: Rita Williams-Garcia's 'P.S. Be Eleven.'* "Heroines in Fact and Fiction," sponsored by National Children's Book Literacy Alliance.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2016) *Education Resource Guide: Part VI: The People's House.* National Children's Book Literacy Alliance

Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2014). *Education Resource Guide: Tanya Lee Stone – In Search of Wonder: Common Core and More*
National Children's Book Literacy Alliance Conference.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher (2013). *Education Resource Guide: Part III Annexation and Division – Our White House, Looking In, Looking Out*
National Children's Book Literacy Alliance.

Reviews

Lyons, Renee' (2005, Spring). Reviews. [Review of the book *Scribblers: Stalking the Authors of Appalachia*]. Now and Then. 21.

Features

Critcher, Renee'. (2004). Granny Time. In R.T. Lasley (Ed.), *Outhouse Spiders and Tin-Tub Baths* (pp. 209-210). Hickory: Hometown Memories Publishing.

Critcher, Renee'. (2003). Interview with Paul Brett Johnson, Children's Author and Illustrator. *Appalachian Journal*, 30.

Poetry

Critcher, Reneé. (2002). Each One Has A Name. *Appalachian Heritage*. 16.

Essays

Critcher, Reneé. (2002). Of Snakes and Men.

Appalachian Heritage. 16.

Presentations

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, "Let's Go Down to the Holy Well: Children's Literature for Sustainable Living," Conf. Summer, 2018, Children's Literature Association, San Antonio, Texas.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, "Trips and Treks: Teaching Endangered Species Through Literature," Conf. Spring, 2018, National Science Teachers Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher and Laura Robertson, "You Turn Me On: Books to Teach Bioluminescence," Conf. Spring, 2018, National Science Teachers Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, "Magical Realism Fosters Creativity to Innovation," Conf. Fall, 2017, American Association of School Librarians
Phoenix, Arizona.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, "The Jane Addams Book Award: Peace and Social Justice Characterized," Conf. Fall, 2017, American Association of School Librarians
Phoenix, Arizona.

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, "Using Pura Belpre Books to Connect Learners to

Hispanic Culture,” Conf. Spring, 2017, Tennessee Education Association
Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Lyons, Renee’ Critcher, “Spice Up Your Library With Pura Belpre!” Conf.
Conf. 19-22 November, 2016, National Council of Teachers of English,
Atlanta, Georgia.

Lyons, Renee’ Critcher, “Teaching Civics in the School Library.” Conf., Summer,
2016. American Library Association, Orlando, Florida.

Lyons, Renee’ Critcher, “Uncommonly Good: Public Librarians and School
Librarians Working Together For Common Core.” Conf., Summer, 2016,
American Library Association, Orlando, Florida.

Lyons, Renee’ Critcher, “Adventure Driven Non-Fiction Spawns Reading and
Scientific Learning!” Conf., Summer, 2016, American Library
Association, Orlando, Florida.

Lyons, Renee’ Critcher, “Spice Up Your Library With Pura Belpre! Using Award-
Winning Titles and Crafts to Engage Hispanic Children and Celebrate Diversity.”
Conf., Summer, 2016, American Library Association, Orlando, Florida.

Lyons, Renee’ Critcher, “Savor and Spice! Using Pura Belpre™ Awards to
Celebrate Hispanic Literature for Youth.” Conf., April, 2016, Tennessee
Library Association, Kingsport, TN

Lyons, Renee’ Critcher, “Spice Up Your Storytime With Pura Belpre Award and
Honor Books.” Conf., July, 2016, Early Childhood Conference,
Johnson City, TN

Lyons, Renee’ C. and Deborah Parrott. “Celebrate Hispanic Culture with Pura

Belpré Award Winners!” Conf. 13-15 November, 2015, National Council of Social Studies, New Orleans, LA.

Lyons, Renee’ C. and Deborah Parrott. “Stories from the Bamboo Groves: Vietnam in Children’s Literature” Conf. 13-15 November, 2015, National Council of Social Studies, New Orleans, LA.

Lyons, Renee’ C. and Deborah Parrott. “The Printz is Great, but Don’t Forget the Alex! Collection Development and Reading Promotion for Upper-Level High School Students” Conf. 5-8 November, 2015, American Association of School Librarians, Columbus, OH.

Lyons, Renee’ C. and Deborah Parrott. “What a Wonderful World! Using Batchelder Books to Support Literacy” Conf. 5-8 November, 2015, American Association of School Librarians, Columbus, OH.

Lyons, Renee’ C. and Deborah Parrott. “Power Up the Connection: Multimedia Resources to Engage All Readers” Conf. July, 2015, International Reading Association, St. Louis, MO.

Lyons, Renee’ C. and Deborah Parrott. “Mystery to History: An Uncommon Way to Teach the Common Core” Conf. June, 2015, American Library Association, San Francisco, CA.

Lyons, Renee’ C. “Foreign-Born American Patriots: Sixteen Volunteer Leaders in the Revolutionary War.” Conf., 20-24 November 2014 – National Council of Social Studies, Boston, MA.

Lyons, Renee’ C. and Deborah Parrott “Connecting to the World with Batchelder Books and International Literature – Concurrent Session.” Conf., 20-24

November 2014, National Council of Social Studies, Boston, MA.

Lyons, Renee' C. "Trips & Treks: Life Sustaining Expeditions Portrayed in Children's Nonfiction." Conf., 8 November 2014, Ohio/Kentucky/Indiana Children's Literature Conference, Crestview Hills, KY.

Lyons, Renee' C. "Method as Contribution: A Book Talk for Foreign-Born American Patriots." Conf. June, 2014, Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative, Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA.

Lyons, Renee' C. and Deborah Parrott "To the Core: Multicultural Literature, Differentiated Instruction, and the Common Core" Conf. November, 2013, National Council of Social Studies, St. Louis, MO.

Lyons, Renee' C. "Huzzah Indeed! Print and Digital Collections Conducive to Civics Education Collaboration" Conf. November, 2013, National Council of Social Studies, St. Louis, MO.

Lyons, Renee' C. "Huzzah Indeed! Print and Digital Collections Conducive to Civics Education Collaboration" Conf. November, 2013, American Association of School Librarians, Hartford, CT.

Lyons, Renee' C. and Deborah Parrott "Mystery to History: Using Literature to Teach the Common Core" Conf. October, 2013, Tennessee Association of School Librarians, Nashville, TN.

Lyons, Renee' C. and Deborah Parrott "Duets: A Harmony of Reading Teachers and Librarians for Differentiated Instruction" Conf., September, 2013, Florida Reading Association, Orlando, Florida.

Lyons, Renee' C. and Deborah Parrott "World Beat: Using Batchelder Award

Books to Create International Readers” Conf., September, 2013, Florida Reading Association, Orlando, FL.

Lyons, Renee’ C. “Creating Cross-Curricular Resources: A Book Talk for *The Revival of Banned Dances: A Worldwide Study*” Conf., June, 2013, Georgia Southern Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative Conference, Savannah, GA.

Lyons, Renee’ C and Deborah Parrott. “Making A Connection: Using Online Multimedia Materials to Strengthen Readers’ Connections to Books” Conf., June, 2013, Tennessee Association of School Librarians Summer Co-op, Gatlinburg, TN.

Lyons, Renee’ C. – “Appalachian Children’s Literature as Multicultural Literature” Conf., February, 2013, Mildred Haun Appalachian Studies Conference, Morristown, TN.

Lyons, Renee’ C. “The Poem in the Mirror: Evaluating Multicultural Children’s Literature, Conf., February, 2013, Georgia Southern University, Savannah, GA.

Lyons, Renee’ C. “A Bird in the Bush: Pathfinders as a Tool for the Development of Multiliteracies” Online Conference, October, 2011, Library 2.0 International Conference.

Lyons, Renee’ C. “Mix Ingredients and Blend Well: A Recipe for Non-Fiction Children’s Literature” Lecture, July, 2007, Vermont College of Fine Arts – Montpelier, Vermont

Service

East Tennessee State University

Profession

Chair, Non-fiction Book Award Committee, Young Adult Library Services Association, 2018-9

Alex Award Committee Member, Young Adult Library Services Association, 2016-18

Board Member, Mountain Empire Literacy Outreach, 2016-present

Consultant and Social Media Editor, National Children's Book Literacy Alliance, Boston, MA, 2016-present

Secretary of the Board, National Children's Book Literacy Alliance, Boston, MA, 2017-present

Copy Editor, National Children's Book Literacy Alliance, Boston, MA, 2015-present

Peer Reviewer for American Library Association - 2015

Associate Editor, International Journal of the Book – 2015, 2014

Assisted in planning and development of National Conference – *In Search of Wonder: Common Core and More*, October, 2014 – Perry, Ohio – National Children's Book Literacy Alliance

Advisory Board, National Children's Book Literacy Alliance, Boston, MA 2010-2017

Peer Reviewer for National Council of Social Studies – September, 2014

University

Senator, ETSU Faculty Senate – 2018-2021

Alex Award book review contributions to Sherrod Library – 2016-2018

Participation in Celebration of Authors' Events – 2015-17

Participation in Author Signing Events – ETSU/Barnes and Noble – 2016

Faculty Advisory Council, Sherrod Library, East Tennessee State University

2013-2014

Campus Round-up/House Call/Initiation Week volunteer, WETS drive, Green Campus Work-days – 2012-17

Chair and Member - Graduate Capstone Committees – School Librarianship Program – 2012-present

Graduate Thesis Committees – Storytelling Masters’ Program/other various departments, East Tennessee State University
2012-present

Oral Defense Outside Observer – 2012-16

College

CCOE Advisory Committee for Quality Online Instruction – 2017-

Strategic Plan Recommendation #5 Committee – 2017-

Poverty Initiative – 2017-present

Advisor, Student Teacher Education Association, TEA - 2013-2017

Committee Member – College of Education Diversity Committee – 2015-present

Open House events – 2012-present

Department

Search Committees – CUIAI tenure-track faculty members – 2017, 2018

READ 3200 presentations – 2013-18

Science/oral communication presentations – 2014-5

“Teaching Books” presentation for CUIAI Faculty – 2014

“Teaching Books” presentation for CUIAI students (three classrooms) – 2014

Teacher Candidate Boards – Elementary, Secondary, MAT –2012-present

Advising – K-6 and School Library Media – 2012-present

Social Committee – 2016-7

Program

Program Coordinator – 2017-present

Program Evaluation and Development - Trajectory through Curriculog – 2017-present

Portfolio Committee Chair and/or Member – ETSU School Librarianship Program – 2012 – present

Program Student Advisor – 2017-present

Mentor for Program Adjuncts – 2017-present

Mentorship – Student Oral Portfolios – 2012-present

Letters of Recommendation – 2012-present

Orientation and Marketing services, School Librarianship Program – 2012-present

Community

Children's Literature and Literacy Panel – “Far Away and Close to Home: The Art and Words of Rhea Wells.” Heritage Alliance, Jonesborough, TN – February 16, 2018

Board Member, Mountain Empire Literacy Outreach (MELO) – Johnson City, TN – 2016 to present

“Teaching Books” presentation for CUAJ residents (Science Hill) – 2014

Website developer – St. Marys of the Hills – 2015-present

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, “Savor and Spice! Using Pura Belpre™ Awards to

Celebrate Hispanic Literature for Youth.” Conf., April, 2016, Tennessee

Library Association, Kingsport, TN

Lyons, Renee' Critcher, “Spice Up Your Storytime With Pura Belpre Award and

Honor Books.” Conf., July, 2016, Early Childhood Conference,

Johnson City, TN