

CURRICULUM VITAE  
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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Candidate, School of Education, Curriculum and Instruction – Literacy Studies,  
University of Colorado at Boulder.

M.A. in Information and Learning Technologies, University of Colorado at Denver.  
2000.

B.A. in English and History, University of Michigan. 1990.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant, Alliance for Technology, Learning and Society (ATLAS) Institute,  
University of Colorado at Boulder, “ECSITE Program Evaluation.” Conducted and  
transcribed interviews with graduate students and secondary school teachers participating  
in the Engaging Computer Science in Traditional Education project. Coded data using  
NVivo, organized codes into themes, and helped to develop and present  
recommendations for PI’s as well as a create program evaluation for National Science  
Foundation. Summers 2012 and 2013.

Graduate Instructor, University of Colorado at Boulder School of Education. Language  
and Literacy in the Content Areas. Explored with math and science pre-service teachers  
how language and literacy support learning in subject areas. 2013.

Outreach Project Assistant, School of Education, University of Colorado at Boulder.  
“Cross-Generational Literacy.” A grant-funded outreach project that included linking  
elders at an assisted-living facility to 9<sup>th</sup> graders at two local high schools, and linking  
secondary writing methods students at CU to 9<sup>th</sup> graders at the same schools. Organized  
and facilitated project activities. Observed elders and students and wrote field notes.  
Conducted and transcribed interviews. Spring 2012.

Research Assistant, School of Education, University of Colorado at Boulder.  
“Characteristics of Third Grade Writing Conferences.” Observed and videotaped student-  
teacher interactions. Conducted and transcribed interviews and coded data. 2010-2011.

Graduate Instructor, University of Colorado at Boulder School of Education. Integrated  
Reading and Writing Methods. Managed practicum sites and taught writing methods to  
elementary pre-service teachers. 2011-2012.

Curriculum Specialist, Jefferson County Schools. Collaborated on the creation and implementation of district-wide English language arts curriculum. Worked directly with teachers, coaches, and principals in various formats to foster data-driven instructional decisions, uncover resources, facilitate professional development, and promote responsive instruction. 2006-2010.

English Language Arts Teacher, Jefferson County Schools. Taught grades 7 through 12. Collaborated on cross-curricular and departmental teams to plan lessons, units, and activities. Designed and taught the following courses: science fiction English elective; literacy remediation; summer English remediation; and summer English enrichment. 1992-2006.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Hug, S., Guenther, R., & Wenk, M. (2013, March 7). *Cultivating a K12 Computer Science Community*. Presentation for the Annual Conference of the Special Interest Group Computer Science Educators (SIGCSE). Denver, CO.

Wenk, M. and Leonardi, B. (2013, February 15). *Safe Space in Schools: How Can We Materialize Queer Identities in Our Classrooms?* Presentation for the Annual Symposium of Racial Initiatives for Students and Educators (RISE). Boulder, CO.

DiPardo, A., Begley, D., & Wenk, M. (2012, November 29). *Literary Understanding in a Time of Common Core Standards: Conversations Concerning Harper Lee's To Kill a Mockingbird*. Roundtable presentation for the Annual Conference of the Literacy Research Association (LRA). San Diego, CA.

Hubbard, S., Malcolm, J., Wahlberg, J., & Wenk, M. (2012, November 17). *Grassroots advocacy*. Presentation for the Annual Convention of National Council Teachers of English (NCTE). Las Vegas, NV.

Wenk, M. (2012, July 20). *It gets better: Creating space in schools for LGBTQ youth*. Presentation for the annual summer institute of the Whole Language Umbrella (WLU). St. Louis, MO.

Feltenberger, A., Dominguez, M., Cartun, A., Schmidt, K., Wenk, M., Wolf, S. A., & Dutro, E. (2012, June 29). *Mindful critical witnesses across educational domains*. Presentation for the annual meeting of The Assembly for Expanded Perspectives on Learning (AEPL). Estes Park, CO.

Wenk, M. (2011, September 24). *Can interruptions during writing conferences be productive?* Presentation for the Fall Regional Conference of the Colorado Language Arts Society (CLAS). Golden, CO.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Feltenberger, A., Cartun, A., Schmidt, K., Wenk, M. (forthcoming). Mindful critical witnesses across educational domains. *The Assembly for Expanded Perspectives on Learning (AEPL) Journal*.

Overmeyer, M. and Wenk, M. (2009). Writing with our students. *Colorado Reading Council Journal* 20(1), pp. 31-33.

Wenk, M. (2008). Poetry as mediator and authority: Connecting poems to *Of Mice and Men*. *Statement* 44(3), pp. 8-11.

VanPelt, G., Sharpe, L., and Wenk, M. (2007, May 6). Another School Choice. *The Denver Post*, pp. 1E&3E.

Wenk, M. (July 2005). What I did on my summer vacation. *English Journal* 94(6), 42-49.

## **SERVICE**

Co-Advisor, National Council Teachers of English Student Affiliate, University of Colorado at Boulder. 2011-present.

President, Colorado Language Arts Society. 2011-2012.

Member, Search Committee. The University of Colorado at Boulder. Participated in the hiring process of a tenured literacy professor in the School of Education. 2012.

Moderator, Colorado Literacy Policy Summit. November 11, 2011.

Member, State of Colorado Writing Team for Reading, Writing, and Speaking Content Standards. 2009-2010.

Editor, *Statement*, the journal of the Colorado Language Arts Society. 2008-2011.

Vice President, Second Wind Suicide Prevention Fund. 2005-2008.

Board member and volunteer, Whittier Neighborhood Association. 2001-2013.

## **HONORS**

Recipient, Excellence in Education Outstanding Educator Award, Green Mountain High School, Lakewood, CO. 2005.

Recipient, Jefferson County Schools Employee Recognition Award. 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008.

Recipient, Boettcher Teacher Recognition Award. 2003.

Commencement Speaker, Green Mountain High School Commencement Ceremony.  
2005.

Recipient, National Writing Project scholarship.1997.

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Educational Research Association

National Council Teachers of English

Literacy Research Association

Colorado Language Arts Society

Colorado Council International Reading Association