

## ALLISON ZMUDA

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### EDUCATION

- Wesleyan University, 1997, M.A.L.S., American Studies concentration; GPA: 3.95
- Yale University, 1994, B.A., American Studies, with a dual concentration in law and education; GPA: 3.79 overall, 3.85 in major. Graduated *magna cum laude* with distinction in the American Studies major

### WORK EXPERIENCE

- Founder and curator for [Learning Personalized](#) 2012 – present
- Consultant for McTighe and Associates 2013-present
- President and Consultant of Competent Classroom LLC 1999 - present
- ASCD: Alexandria, VA, Understanding by Design Cadre Staff 2001 - 2016
- Education Connection: Litchfield, CT, Education Specialist 2006 - 2009
- Capitol Region Education Council: Hartford, CT, Director of Teaching and Learning 2002 - 2006
- University of Bridgeport: Bridgeport, CT; Adjunct Professor 2001- 2002
- Newtown High School: Sandy Hook, CT, Social Studies Teacher 1994- 2001

### HONORS

- *Students at the Center* selected to be a premium member book for ASCD
- *Breaking Free from Myths about Teaching and Learning* selected to be a premium member book for ASCD
- *Transforming Schools* selected to be annual member book for ASCD
- Earned National Board Certification in Adolescent Social Studies-History, Fall 2000
- Recipient of two Celebration of Excellence awards in recognition for development of curriculum on “Thinking Transcendentally,” 2000 and “Immigration and the American Dream,” 1998
- Recipient of two GOALS 2000 grants for developing project-based assessment learning, 1995-96, 1996-97
- Brockunier Prize for the best final essay on a social studies topic in Wesleyan’s Graduate Liberal Studies Program, 1997
- Intern at the U.S. Department of Education’s Office of Civil Rights, Summer 1996
- Elected to Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Chapter of Connecticut, 1994
- Norman Holmes Pearson Prize for best Senior essay in American Studies Department at Yale University, 1994

### PUBLICATIONS

#### *Books*

- Zmuda, Allison and Jill Thompson (2019). *How to Leverage Personalized Learning in the Classroom*: FreshGrade.
- Alcock, Marie, Michael Fisher, and Allison Zmuda (2017). *The Quest for Learning*. Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree.
- Kallick, Bena and Allison Zmuda (2017). *Students at the Center*. Alexandria, VA: ASCD
- Zmuda, Allison, Greg Curtis, and Diane Ullman (2015). *Learning Personalized: The evolution of the contemporary classroom*. San Francisco, CA: Wiley/Jossey-Bass.

- Zmuda, Allison (2015). "Chapter 7: Personalized Learning" in Noguera, Pedro and Alan Blankstein *Excellence through Equity*. Thousand Oaks, California: Corwin Press.
- Zmuda, Allison (2010). *Breaking Free from Myths about Teaching and Learning*. Alexandria, VA: ASCD.
- Zmuda, Allison and Violet H. Harada (2008). *Librarians as Learning Specialists: Meeting the learning imperative for the 21st century*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited.
- Zmuda, Allison, Jay McTighe, Grant Wiggins and John Brown (2008). *Schooling by Design Action Tool*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.
- Zmuda, Allison and Catherine Horton, "Chapter 14: Strengthening and Developing Professional Growth Venues" included in Van Horn, Leigh (ed.) (2008). *Reading on the Edge: Enabling, empowering, and engaging middle school readers*. Norwood, MA: Christopher-Gordon Publishers.
- Zmuda, Allison, Robert Kuklis, and Everett Kline (2004). *Transforming Schools: Creating a culture of continuous improvement*. Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.
- Zmuda, Allison, Mary Tomaino, and Jeanetta Miller (2001). *High Stakes High School: A guide for the perplexed parent*. New York: Simon and Schuster.
- Zmuda, Allison and Mary Tomaino (2001). *The Competent Classroom*. New York: Teachers College Press.

#### **Articles**

- Jackson, Robyn and Allison Zmuda (2014). "Four (Secret) Keys to Student Engagement." *Educational Leadership*. Volume 72, Number 1, September 2014: 18-24.
- Zmuda, Allison (2013). "CCSS: A Window and Fresh Air for Learning." *School Library Monthly*, Volume 29, Number 4, January 2013: 9-12.
- Zmuda, Allison (2011). "Six Steps to Saving Your Library Program." *School Library Monthly*, Volume 27, Number 5, February 2011: 45-48.
- Zmuda, Allison and Jay McTighe (2010). "How to be an Education Troubleshooter." *Educational Leadership*. Vol. 67, June 2010: Online Edition.
- Zmuda, Allison (2008). "Springing into Active Learning." *Educational Leadership*. Vol. 66, Number 3, November 2008: 38-42.
- Zmuda, Allison. "What Does It Really Look Like When Students Are Learning in the Library Media Center?" *School Library Media Activities Monthly* Volume 25, Number 1, September 2008: 25-27.
- Zmuda, Allison. "Hitch Your Wagon to a Mission Statement." *School Library Media Activities Monthly* Volume 24, Number 1, September 2007: 24-26.
- Zmuda, Allison and Violet H. Harada. "Reframing the Library Media Specialist as a Learning Specialist." *School Library Media Activities Monthly* Volume 24, Number 8, April 2008: 42-46.
- Zmuda, Allison. "Where does Your Authority Come From: Empowering the Library Media Specialist as a True Partner in Student Achievement." *School Library Media Activities Monthly*. Vol. 23, Number 1, September 2006.
- Zmuda, Allison and Mary Tomaino. "A Contract for the High School Classroom." *Education Leadership*. Vol. 56, Number 6, March 1999: 59-61.

## **PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE**

- Contracted with public and international schools for multi-day, multi-year work to develop curriculum, assessment and instructional systems
- Invited to give keynote speeches for district, state and regional conferences throughout United States as well as internationally
- Selected to present National Professional Development Institutes for ASCD 2004-present
- Selected to present workshops at national conferences including ASCD National Conferences, ASCD Understanding by Design and Differentiated Instruction National Conferences, Education Trust National Conference
- Selected as feature book author for new web-based feature on ASCD website

## **CONSULTING EXPERIENCE**

### ***United States Schools and Districts***

- Arkansas: State Department of Education
- Arizona: Peoria Unified School District, Lake Havasu School District
- California: Escondido Unified High School District, Learn4Life Charter Schools, Santa Ana Unified School District, Tamalpais Union High School District, Vista Unified School District
- Colorado: Aurora Public Schools, Douglas County School District, St. Mary's Academy
- Connecticut: Avon Public Schools, Branford Public Schools Brookfield Public Schools, CREC Magnet Schools, Derby Public Schools, EDCONN Consortium of Schools, Greenwich Public Schools, Hartford Public Schools, Madison Public Schools, Milford Public Schools, Naugatuck Public Schools, Newtown Public Schools, Region 6 Public Schools, Region 12 Public Schools, Region 14 Public Schools, Simsbury Public Schools, Southington Public Schools, Stamford Public Schools, Stratford Public Schools, Waterford Public Schools, West Hartford Public Schools, Weston Public Schools, Wethersfield Public Schools, Wilton Public Schools
- Florida: Jacksonville Schools, Sarasota County Public Schools
- Georgia: Cobb County Schools, Westminster Academy
- Illinois: Grayslake District 127, Illinois Math Science Academy
- Indiana: KIPP Academy (Indianapolis), Kokomo Public Schools, Pike Township Public Schools
- Iowa: South Tama Public Schools, State Department of Education
- Kansas: Topeka Public Schools
- Kentucky: Jefferson County Public Schools
- Massachusetts: Amherst Public Schools, Lexington Public Schools, Lynnfield Public Schools, Martha's Vineyard Charter School, Scituate Public Schools
- Michigan: Lewis Cass Intermediate School District
- Minnesota: Minneapolis Public Schools
- Nebraska: Grand Island Public Schools, ESU #3, ESU #9
- New Hampshire: SAU#39 School District, SAU #46 School District, SAU #70 School District
- New York: Greater Southern BOCES area schools, Nanuet Public Schools, Mt. Pleasant Central School District, New York City Schools, OCM BOCES area schools, Ramapo Public Schools, Washingtonville Public Schools, Wayne-Finger Lake BOCES area schools
- North Carolina: Wake County Schools
- Oklahoma: Cooperative Council for Oklahoma School Administration
- Ohio: Mason School District, Seton High School

- Pennsylvania: Delaware County Intermediate Unit area schools, Radnor Public Schools, Marianna Charter School in Philadelphia, Consortium on Minority Student Achievement, The Center for Public Education
- South Carolina: Richland Two Public Schools
- Tennessee: Metro Nashville School District
- Texas: Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD, Lewisville ISD, Denton ISD, Katy ISD, Prosper ISD
- Utah: Rowland Hall Academy
- Virginia: Arlington Public Schools, Chesapeake Public Schools, Charlottesville Public Schools, Fairfax County Public Schools, Henry County Public Schools, Newport News Public Schools, St. Mary's, St. Agnes School, Virginia Beach Public Schools
- Wisconsin: Kenosha Public Schools
- Wyoming: Journeys (Teton Science School)

#### ***Canadian Schools***

- British Columbia: Burnaby Schools, Coast Metro Series for schools in greater Vancouver area, Richmond Schools, Vancouver Schools
- Manitoba: Fort Richmond Collegiate School
- Ontario: Upper Grand School District

#### ***International Schools***

- Association of International Schools in Africa
- Association of Americans Schools in South America
- Argentina: Asociación Escuelas Lincoln
- Honduras: American School of Tegucigalpa
- Japan: Seisen International Schools (Tokyo)
- Russia: The Anglo-American School (Moscow)
- Tri Association of American Schools in Central America, Colombia, Caribbean and Mexico