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POSITION TIMELINE

Colorado General Assembly

State Representative House District 53, elected in 2014, 2016, 2018, 2020

Laureate Education, Inc.

Product Manager, Teacher Licensure and Master's Programs, 2011- 2013

College of Education and Leadership, Walden University (online)

Business lead for College of Education and Leadership, 2011

Program Director, Special Education and Literacy Teacher Licensure Programs,
2009-2011

Director, Office of Field Experiences, 2008-2009

Faculty, Special Education and Literacy Teacher Master's Programs, 2005-2008

American International School of Mozambique (AISM)

Middle School Principal/Curriculum Director/International Baccalaureate
Coordinator, 2006 - 2008

Purdue University, School of Education

Supervisor of Pre-Service Teachers 2001-2002

Research and Teaching Assistant, 2000-2002

Jefferson High School, Lafayette Indiana Special

Education Teacher 1994-1996

Purdue University, Special Education Department

Research Assistant, Mild disabilities and ADHD 1992-1994

United States Peace Corps

Teacher of English as a Second Language Rabat, Morocco, 1990-1992

University of Colorado, Geography Department Teaching

and Research Assistant, 1988-1990

EDUCATION

PhD, Curriculum and Instruction, Purdue University, 2005

Dissertation: *Literacy Outcomes of Montessori-trained Students under Alternative Instructional Conditions*

MS, Special Education, Purdue University, 1994

MA, Geography, University of Colorado, 1990

BA, Sociology, The Colorado College, 1986

SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCE

Legislative Experience in the Colorado House of Representatives

Leadership in the Legislature

Chair: Agriculture, Livestock & Natural Resources, 2016-18; 2021--

Chair: Water Resource Review Committee, 2018

Vice Chair: Agriculture and Water Committee, Council of State Governments, West,
2016-2018

National Co-Chair: Agriculture Task Force, 2018--present

Majority Assistant Caucus Chair: 2016-2018

Co- Chair: Sportsman's Caucus: 2016--present

Chair: Council of State Governments West, 2018--present

Legislative Committees

Agriculture, Livestock and Water, 2015--present

Business, Labor and Employment, 2015--2020

Water Resources Review Committee, 2015--present

Statutory Revision Commission, 2016--present

Colorado Commission on Higher Education, 2015-2018

Major Legislation for which I was prime sponsor. The following bills became law.

SB20-100 Repeal of the Death Penalty: Concerning the repeal of the death penalty by the general assembly in all circumstances charged on or after July 1, 2020.

SB 19-042 National Popular Vote: Concerning adoption of an agreement among the states to elect the president of the United States by national popular vote.

Major Agriculture and Water legislation for which I was prime sponsor that became law.

HB19-1200 Reclaimed Domestic Wastewater Point of Compliance: The bill authorizes the water quality control commission to adopt rules requiring a point of compliance for disinfection residual related to the treatment process for reclaimed domestic wastewater used for toilet flushing within a building where the general public can access the plumbing fixtures used to deliver the reclaimed domestic wastewater. If the commission adopts the rules, the rules must establish a point of compliance for disinfection residual at a single location between where reclaimed domestic wastewater is delivered to the occupied premises and before the water is distributed for use in the occupied premises.

HB19-1015 Recreation of the Colorado Water Institute: The Colorado water institute was created in 1981 and automatically repealed in 2017. The bill recreates the institute. “The Colorado Water Institute (CWI), an affiliate of Colorado State University, exists for the express purpose of focusing the water expertise of higher education on the evolving water concerns and problems being faced by Colorado citizens.”

HB19-1029 Republican River Water Conservation District: The boundaries of the Republican river water conservation district are currently established by statute as certain counties and portions of counties that are within the Republican river basin. The bill expands the boundaries by including the district areas where groundwater pumping depletes the flow of the Republican river as contemplated by applicable United States supreme court case law. The composition of the district's board of directors is adjusted accordingly.

HB18-1069 Reclaimed Water Use For Toilet Flushing: Concerning the allowable uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater, and, in connection therewith, allowing reclaimed domestic wastewater to be used for toilet flushing and making an appropriation.

HB18-1093 Reclaimed Water Use For Edible Crops: Concerning the allowable uses of reclaimed domestic wastewater, and, in connection therewith, allowing reclaimed domestic wastewater to be used for food crops and making an appropriation.

SB18-019 Expanded Duration For Colorado Water Resources And Power Development Authority Revolving Loans: Concerning an expansion of the duration for which the Colorado water resources and power development authority may make a loan under the authority’s revolving loan programs.

SB18-033 Animal Feeding Operation Permits Continuation: Concerning the continuation of the animal feeding operation permit program under the department of public health and environment, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

SB18-041 Authorize Water Use Incidental Sand And Gravel Mines: Concerning the ability of operators of sand and gravel mines to use water incidental to sand and gravel mining operations to mitigate the impacts of mining.

HB18-1008 Mussel-free Colorado Act: Concerning the financing of the division of parks and wildlife’s aquatic nuisance species program, and, in connection therewith, creating an aquatic nuisance species stamp for the operation of motorboats and sailboats in waters of the state, increasing penalties related to the introduction of aquatic nuisance species into the waters of the state, and combining two separate funds related to the aquatic nuisance species program into one fund.

SB18-143 Parks And Wildlife Measures To Increase Revenue: Concerning measures to increase revenue for the parks and wildlife division, and, in connection therewith, setting certain hunting, fishing, parks, and recreation fees.

SB18-188 Agricultural Marketing Act Notices And Inclusion Of Millet: Concerning agricultural commodities, and, in connection therewith, adding millet to the definition of an agricultural commodity and allowing the commissioner of agriculture to determine marketing order public announcement requirements.

SB18-206 Research Institutions Affordability For Residents: Concerning ensuring affordability at public research universities in Colorado, and, in connection therewith, making an appropriation.

SB18-218 Colorado Water Conservation Board Construction Fund Project: Concerning the funding of Colorado water conservation board projects, and, in connection therewith, making appropriations.

SB18-235 Colorado Industrial Hemp Research And Development Authority: Concerning the creation of the Colorado industrial hemp research and development authority.

SB18-239 Animal Chiropractic Education And Reporting Requirements: Concerning a licensed chiropractor's ability to perform animal chiropractic on an animal patient.

SJR18-003 Water Projects Eligibility Lists: Concerning approval of water project revolving fund eligibility lists administered by the Colorado water resources and power development authority.

HB17-1008 Greywater Regulation Exemption For Scientific Research: This bill allows institutions of higher education to continue their groundbreaking research on greywater. Greywater is the water waste from showers and handwashing that is then reused in toilet bowls. In dry urban areas, greywater use has the potential of saving enormous amounts of water.

HB17-1076 Artificial Recharge Nontributary Aquifer Rules: This bill requires the state engineer to create rules around artificially recharging non-tributary aquifers.

HB17-1030 Update 1921 Irrigation District Law: The bill clarifies that water acquired in excess of an irrigation district's own needs can be leased for all beneficial purposes, rather than only for domestic, agricultural, and power and mechanical purposes, and that the provisions of the 1921 irrigation district law are in addition to powers conferred on irrigation districts in other statutes.

HB17-1233 Protect Water Historical Consumptive Use Analysis: When a water right owner wishes to change a water right, the amount of water that can be changed is limited to the historical consumptive use of the water right. Current law provides that the reduced water usage that results from participation in a government-sponsored water conservation

program or pilot program will not be considered in analyzing the historical consumptive use of the water right, in all water divisions except 7.

HB17-1219 Extend Colorado Water Conservation Board Fallowing And Leasing Pilot Program: This bill extends by 5 years the deadlines for the existing CWCB-administered leasing/fallowing program and increases the total number of allowed pilot programs from 10 to 15. Currently applications must be made by 2018; HB 1219 would extend that deadline to 2023. The additional time is necessary to allow new applicants to apply and work through the approval process as well as implement the pilots.

HB17-1248 Protect Water Historical Consumptive Use Analysis: This is the annual bill that authorizes expenditures from the CWCB's construction fund. Despite the sharp decline in severance tax revenue, this year's bill authorizes a greater total amount of dollars than ever before. This is possible because CWCB manages its loan portfolio professionally and because at least two outstanding loans were recently prepaid in full, leaving the CWCB with more working capital than just the paltry severance tax revenue inflow. Several large projects are included in this year's bill, as is funding for implementation of Colorado's Water Plan including \$10M for the Water Supply Reserve Account (WSRA).

SB17-036 Appellate Process Concerning Groundwater Decisions: Under current law, the decisions or actions of the ground water commission (commission) or the state engineer regarding groundwater are appealed to a district court, and the evidence that the district court may consider is not limited to the evidence that was presented to the commission or state engineer. The bill limits the evidence that a district court may consider, when reviewing a decision or action of the commission or state engineer on appeal, to the evidence presented to the commission or state engineer.

SB17-117 Recognize Industrial Hemp Agricultural Product For Agricultural Water: This bill confirms that a person with an absolute or conditional water right decreed for agricultural use can use that water for the growth or cultivation of industrial hemp if the water right holder is registered with the Colorado Department of Agriculture to grow industrial hemp for commercial or research and development purposes.

HB17-1291 Alternate Storage Not Change if Already Quantified: This bill allows water that has been decreed for storage to be stored in any reservoir along the same ditch without adjudicating a change of water right under certain conditions.

HB16-1228 Agriculture Protection Water Right: This is the first new water right created by the Colorado legislature since the Instream Flow Right, which passed in 1973. The bill authorizes an owner of an agricultural water right to seek a change-in-use decree in water court to allow the transfer of up to 50% of the water subject to the water right to any beneficial use for renewable one-year periods, without designating the specific

beneficial use, if the owner has obtained substitute water supply plan approval and meets additional conditions.

HB15-1166 Groundwater Monitoring Network in the South Platte River Alluvial Aquifer: In 2012, the general assembly enacted House Bill 12-1278, which directed the Colorado water conservation board to contract with the Colorado Water Institute to conduct a study of the South Platte river alluvial aquifer. Recommendation 3.B. of the final study report was to implement a basin-wide groundwater monitoring network. This bill implements that recommendation.

SB15-055 Concerning the State Engineer Administration of Tail Water Ditches: The bill permits a person to use a tail ditch to return variable amounts of water to a stream. The state engineer shall not require the delivery of a minimum amount of water to the stream, except as required by a court decree.

SB15-183 Quantity Water Rights Historical Consumptive Use: The bill requires that a quantification of the actual historical consumptive use of the water right be based on a representative study period that includes wet years, dry years, and average years and does not include years of undecreed use of the subject water right and need not include every year of the entire history of use of the subject water or periods of nonuse of the water right.

National and Regional Leadership and Recognition

Vice Chair for the Council of State Governments-West, elected 2018—present

Co-Chair of the National Agriculture Task Force, 2018--present

National Sportsmen's and Women's National Legislator Award, 2018

Henry Toll Fellow (2018)

Rising Leaders in the United States (2018).

One of six legislators selected by the Government of Canada. Toured Canada focusing on agricultural trade.

National Institute of Civil Discourse

Work with legislatures across the country to build civility and empathy among legislators. Trained Idaho, Delaware, Minnesota legislatures and the National Conference of Majority Leaders, 2015-2019.

Participant in a three-day workshop on civility by the Kettering Foundation, 2017.

Western Leadership Academy (2016)

Awards

National:

The President's Award, WaterReuse USA, 2020

United States Society of School Psychologists, Legislator of the year, 2019

Colorado:

American Planning Association, Legislator of the Year, 2019
Colorado Society of School Psychologists, Special Friend of Children, 2019
Hemp Legislator of the Year, 2019
The Pinnacle Award, the highest legislative award--Colorado Farm Bureau, 2018
Colorado Livestock Legislator of the Year, 2018
Colorado Parks and Wildlife Old Warrior Award, 2018
Fraternal Order of Police, Colorado Legislator of the Year, 2018
Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Colorado Legislator of the Year, 2017
Colorado Conservation Districts, Legislator of the Year, 2017
Colorado Corn Growers, Legislator of the Year, 2016

Online Higher Education Teaching and Administrative Experience

Walden University

While living in Mozambique, I accepted a faculty position at Walden University. After teaching ten courses per year for three years, I was invited to design and develop the first online master's degree in teacher education licensure. Our team took the program all the way through national accreditation. I was the first director of the field office—supervising 50 student teaching supervisors and two full time faculty serving more than 300 students across 38 states. Later, I became program director leading 12 faculty serving about 330 Masters students. In this role, I led, for the College of Education, the first-ever successful quest for accreditation by an online university. I was then asked to serve on the Board of National Certification of Teacher Education (NCATE) as an accreditor for colleges of education across the country (see below).

Laureate Education, Inc.

My work on program development, budget and personnel with Walden University led to a position as product manager in the business office at Laureate Education, parent company of Walden. In that role, I set salaries, developed programs, supervised marketing, and managed the budget. I left Laureate Education to run for political office.

Accreditation

Board of Examiners, National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education, 2010-2012.

Scholarship

Presentations at International Academic Conferences

“Personnel Shortages in Special Education: Challenges and Success Stories.”
International Association of Special Education 12th Biennial Conference, Windhoek,
Namibia, July 2011

"Flexible Scheduling and Inquiry-based Curricula: Making the Library the Center of
Your School." Association of International Schools in Africa (AISA) Administrator's
Conference, Accra, Ghana, October 2007

"Early Literacy in Mozambique: An Examination of Non-Formal Education for Orphans
and Vulnerable Children." 4th Pan-African Reading for All Conference, International
Reading Association Swaziland, August 2005

"Genre, Cohesion, and Reading Achievement in First Grade Students."
14th World Congress of the Association Internationale de Linguistique Appliquee,
Madison, Wisconsin July 2005

Presentations at National Academic Conferences

“Developing Standards Based Assessments for Pre-service Teachers”
84th Annual Meeting and Conference of the National Association for State Directors of
Teacher Education (NASDTEC), Baltimore, MD, June, 2012.

“Developing Effective Performance Assessments for Pre-service Teachers”
64th American Association of the Council for Teacher Education (AACTE) Conference,
Chicago, IL. February, 2012

“An Analysis of Applications for the iPad for the Enhancement of Teaching and
Learning” Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) National Conference, Denver, CO.
April 2012

“Council for Exceptional Children: The First Virtual Student Chapter”
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) National Conference, Washington D.C. April
2011

"Connections between Emergent and Conventional Reading Achievement" 58th National
Reading Conference, Orlando, Florida December 2008

"Literate Register Cohesion Harmony Analysis: A Method for Analyzing Lengthy,
Complex Texts"
55th National Reading Conference, Miami, Florida December 2005

"Genre, Literate Register Cohesion, and Literacy Achievement in Bilingual/Multicultural Upper Elementary School Students, Second Year Results"
55th National Reading Conference, Miami, Florida December 2005

"Genre Usage in Bilingual and Multicultural Upper Elementary School Students." 54th National Reading Conference, San Antonio, Texas December 2004

"Exploring Genre Usage of First Grade Students: A Look into Relationships Between Genre and Conventional Reading Achievement under Alternative Instructional Conditions." 53rd National Reading Conference, Phoenix, Arizona December 2003

"Education in Mozambique: An overview."
53rd National Reading Conference, Phoenix, Arizona December 2003

"Young Children's Emerging Knowledge of Genre and Register" 52nd National Reading Conference, Miami, Florida December 2002

Presentations at Regional Conferences

"Using Technology to Provide Quality Feedback for Teacher Candidates in Field and Clinical Experiences." Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE), Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 2012

"Developing Effective Teacher Performance Assessments for Pre-service Teachers." Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE), Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2011

"How does a distance provider "go local"? Supervision and Quality Assurance in Demonstration Teaching from an Online Teacher Preparation Program." Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (MACTE), Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 2009

OTHER EXPERIENCE

International Living Experience

Mozambique from 2002-2008

Denmark, 1996-1998

Morocco, 1990-1992

Traveled to more than 60 countries

Community Service

Commission on Disabilities, City of Fort Collins, 2010-2013
Board Member, Child Safe, 2011-2013
Board Member, Colorado Foundation for Water Education 2016--2019
Member, Interbasin Compact Committee for Colorado 20016--2019
Vice President, Board, American International School of Mozambique 2003-2005
School Board Member, West Lafayette, IN, 2001-2002

Personal

Married 29 years, mother of three adult children.

REFERENCES

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Former Commission of Agriculture, 2006-2010
Veterinarian, Farmer
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