

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

College of Education Faculty Curriculum Vitae

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Education	Ph.D., Educational Leadership, Research & Counseling, Louisiana State University, 2001 J.D. Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Louisiana State University, 1987 B.S. Secondary Education, Social Studies, Louisiana State University, 1984
Teaching Philosophy	<u>Teaching Philosophy</u> My teaching philosophy supports an interactive relationship between student, subject and teacher. More specifically, in my teaching, I attempt to: (1) value what students bring to the classroom from their life experiences; (2) hold deep regard for the interdisciplinary knowledge that informs educational practices; (3) both respect and challenge all those involved; and (4) use a variety of teaching strategies to support diverse ways of learning. <u>Scholarly Basis for Teaching Philosophy</u> In crafting my academic identity, I use Ernest Boyer's definition of scholarship which encompasses four components: discovery, integration, application and teaching. I choose service opportunities in which I can both apply what I am learning in my research and, at the same time take what I learn from that setting and use it to inform my teaching and research. I have been fortunate in my current position in that my scholarship is closely tied to my teaching and administrative positions. Most of the courses that I have taught or been associated with, have been in line with what I am curious about as a scholar. I believe students, teachers and the subject matter must be delicately balanced if a teacher wants to create the optimal learning environment. In my teaching, I attempt to understand and achieve this balance as it takes unique forms

	<p>in the different teaching and learning environments in which I have participated. In my teaching I attempt to take group and individual experiences into account, recognizing both social norms as well as unique or idiosyncratic events that may have effects on students' abilities to learn.</p>
Bio	<p>Nathan M. Roberts is the Interim Dean of the College of Education and the "Mr. & Mrs. E.P. "Pat" Nalley/BORSF Professor in Education at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. He earned both his law degree and his Ph. D. from Louisiana State University. Nathan is a former school board attorney who teaches masters and doctoral courses in school law, organizing the learning environment and legal liability in tourism, sports and recreation. His research focuses on legal issues that affect educational leaders. He served as the chair of the educational leadership program redesign for the college. He serves as a member of the Board and Treasurer of the National SAMs Innovation Project and as a TimeTrack coach for the NSIP.</p> <p>Since 2009, Nathan has co-edited 3 books and written numerous book chapters and refereed journal articles and also conducted numerous national, regional and local presentations. In July, 2014, he co-planned and presented a Higher Education Leadership Conference in Uganda for East Africa Higher Education leaders. He is a Louisiana Mediator for Special Education cases and a frequent presenter at the national Education Law Association conference, the Louisiana Athletic Directors meeting and the state Super Conference on Exceptional Children.</p>
Courses Taught	<p>KNES 420, Legal Liability in Recreation, Sports and Tourism, EDLD 502 School Law for Administrators, EDLD 510 Organizing the Learning Environment, EDLD 820 School law and Ethics for Educational Leaders, EDLD 897 Doctoral Internship</p>
Research Interests	<p>Legal cases and issues that impact policies and administrative practices. Policy creation and formation based on laws and rules established by legislative bodies.</p>
Teaching Experience	<p>Graduate level School law taught at Louisiana State University, 1998</p>
Publications	<p><u>Edited Books:</u></p> <p>Richardson, M., Crane-Dorough, M., Lane, K. & Roberts, N. (2011) Education in Louisiana. Kendall/Hunt Publishing, Dubuque, IA.</p> <p>Osborne, Jr., A. & Roberts, N. (2011) Administrators Guide to School Law 2011. Education Law Association. Dayton</p>

Ohio.

Osborne, Jr., A. & Roberts, N. (2012) *Administrators Guide to School Law 2012*. Education Law Association. Dayton Ohio.

Book chapters

Roberts, N. and Del Favero, F. Technology in the classroom: Does the law shape our future educational policies and decisions? (2014) in Shepherd, S., Lemoine, P., Ennis, W., Richardson, M., and Fulwiler, J., Innovative Technology for 21st Century Education (2014) Kendall Hunt, Dubuque, IA.

Roberts, N. Noncertified Employees: Employment Terms. (2012) in Osborne, A. & Roberts, N., *Administrators Guide to School Law 2012*. Education Law Association. Dayton, Ohio

Roberts, N. (2011) *Legal Aspects of Louisiana Education* in Richardson, M., Crane-Dorough, M., Lane, K. & Roberts, N. (In Press) *Education in Louisiana*. Kendall/Hunt Publishing, Dubuque, IA.

Roberts, N. & Del Favero, F. (In Press) *Technology in the classroom: Does the law shape our future educational policies and decisions?* in Richardson, M. & Ennis, W., *New & Emerging Technology in Education*. Kendall/Hunt Publishing, Dubuque, IA

Roberts, N. Noncertified Employees: Employment Terms. (2011) in Osborne, A. & Roberts, N., *Administrators Guide to School Law 2011*. Education Law Association. Dayton, Ohio

Journal articles

Del Favero, F., Roberts, N. and LeBlanc, R. (August, 2011) *Athletic Zeal or Criminal Act: What is the risk of exposure for the student-athlete and school personnel? Part II*. NFHS Coaching Today
<http://www.nfhs.org/CoachingTodayFeature.aspx?id=6047>

Del Favero, F., Roberts, N. and LeBlanc, R. (July, 2011) *Athletic Zeal or Criminal Act: What is the risk of exposure for the student-athlete and school personnel? Part I* NFHS Coaching Today

	<p>http://www.nfhs.org/CoachingTodayFeature.aspx?id=5899</p> <p>“Nathan Roberts on Stafford Unified School District #1 v. Redding 129 S. Ct. 2633 (2009). LexisNexis 2009 Emerging Issues 4731, Matthew Bender & Company, Inc., a member of the LexisNexis group.</p> <p>Fossey, R. & Roberts, N. (2009) Strip Searching Students In The Schools: The Ninth Circuit Says No To Strip Searching An Eighth Grader For Prescription-Strength Ibuprofen. Education Law Reporter 239, 801-824.</p>
Presentations	<p><u>International:</u></p> <p>Roberts, N. “Using Data to inform Strategic Planning”, East Africa Higher Education Leadership Conference, Kampala, Uganda. July 9-10, 2014.</p> <p><u>National:</u></p> <p>Roberts, N. “The Millennial Student: Helping teachers understand and teach millennial students in today’s schools” National SAMs Innovation Project National Conference, San Diego, CA. January 31-February 1, 2014.</p> <p>Roberts, N. “Torts, religion, social media and sex at school: Where is the time for instructional leadership?” National SAMs Innovation Project National Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL. February 1-2, 2013.</p> <p>Roberts, N., Leiker, V. & Leblanc, R. “Student privacy rights in the 21st Century: Is this what the Founding Fathers envisioned? Educational Law Association National Conference, Hilton Head, S.C. November 8-10, 2012.</p> <p>Roberts, N. “Sports, torts and religion: How to keep your principal out of trouble” National SAMS Innovation Project National Conference, Phoenix, AZ. January 27-28, 2012.</p> <p>Roberts, N. & Leblanc, R. “Excessive violence on the athletic field acceptable risk or criminal act: What is the risk of exposure for school athletes and school personnel? Educational Law Association International Conference, Chicago, IL. November 10-12, 2011.</p> <p>Roberts, N. “Teachers, Students and Technology in the Class: Boldly Going Where No Rules or Policies Have Gone</p>

Before!” National Social Science Association National Professional Development Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana. October 9-11, 2011.

Roberts, N. & Leblanc, R. “Athletic zeal or criminal act: How does criminal law intertwine with events that occur in the arena of school sports? Educational Law Association International Conference, Vancouver, Canada. November 11-13, 2010.

Roberts, N. & Leblanc, R. “The war on drugs vs. teachers’ Fourth Amendment rights: Are teachers in safety sensitive positions?” Educational Law Association National Conference, Louisville, Kentucky. October 24, 2009.

Panel member with Troyce Fisher, Cheryl King and Steve Tozer “University reform: Creating and sustaining high-quality leadership preparation” Wallace Grantee National Meeting, Washington, D. C. October 15, 2009.

Joint presenter with Dr. Jeanne Burns and Dr. Carmen Riedlinger “Things We Wish We Knew Then: Lessons Learned From Louisiana”. Southern Regional Education Board Leadership Forum. Southern Regional Education Board. Atlanta, Georgia. May 7-8, 2009.

Tier I member Fishbowl Plenary Session with John Bell, Lynn House, Michael Hubbard, Francis Kochan, and Tommy Scott: “The Challenges of University/School District Collaboration in Offering High Quality Supervised Clinical Practice Experiences for Program Interns” Education Development Center, Inc. & The Wallace Foundation Practitioner’s Forum on Measuring Principal Preparation Program Quality: Lessons from the Field, Boston Massachusetts. February 11, 2009.

Panel member with Maggie Blinn, Pam Ferner, Peter Martinez “Supervised Clinical Practice: Problems of Practice and Lessons Learned” Education Development Center, Inc. & The Wallace Foundation Practitioner’s Forum on Measuring Principal Preparation Program Quality: Lessons from the Field, Boston Massachusetts. February 10, 2009.

Regional & State:

Roberts, N. & Collins, C. “Developing Educational Leaders: Professional Development and Advancement Benefits of an

Ed.D” Louisiana Community and Technical College System State Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. March 13, 2014

Roberts, N. “What’s the Latest on Education Legal Issues?” Council for Exceptional Children’s 33rd Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette Convention Center, Lafayette, Louisiana. January 27, 2014.

Roberts, N. & Esters, I. “Intended and unintended consequences of Louisiana’s Education Reform Legislation: A law and policy analysis” MidSouth Educational Research Association 42nd Annual Meeting. Pensacola, Florida. November 7, 2013.

Roberts, N. “Sexual Harassment in the Workplace” University of Louisiana at Monroe School Law Conference. Monroe, Louisiana. April 25, 2013.

Roberts, N. “Legal Updates Involving Exceptional Children: Look What the Courts are Saying Now” Council for Exceptional Children’s 32nd Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette Convention Center, Lafayette, Louisiana. January 29, 2013.

Roberts, N. “Sport Related Negligence Litigation” Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. Baton Rouge, LA. November 2, 2012.

Roberts, N. “Legal Issues in Schools” Council for Exceptional Children’s 32nd Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette Convention Center, Lafayette, Louisiana. January 28, 2012.

Roberts, N. “Teaching in a Technological Society – The Good, the Bad & the Ugly” Louisiana Association of School Administrators of Federal Programs Spring Conference. Marksville, Louisiana. April 7, 2011.

Roberts, N. “Teaching in a Technological Society – The Good, The Bad & the Ugly” Louisiana School Supervisors’ Association Spring Conference. Marksville, Louisiana. February 8, 2011.

Roberts, N. “Professionalism and the Law” Louisiana State Association of School Personnel Administrators Fall Conference. Baton Rouge, Louisiana. October 6, 2010.

	<p>Roberts, N. “Drugs and Schools—Are teachers in safety sensitive positions?” Louisiana Council of Professors of Educational Administration 2010 Spring Annual Meeting. Lafayette, Louisiana. April 22, 2010.</p> <p>Roberts, N. “Important topics in School Law for Personnel Administrators” Louisiana State Association of School Personnel Administrators Spring Conference. Houma, Louisiana. February 24, 2010.</p> <p>Roberts, N. “Top 10 Legal Issues for Athletic Directors” Louisiana Athletic Directors State Meeting. Baton Rouge, Louisiana. January 27, 2010.</p> <p>Roberts, N. “What they don’t teach you in college about school law” LaLead Aspiring Teacher Leaders Program. Lafayette, Louisiana. December 1, 2009.</p> <p>Fossey, R. & Roberts, N. “Strip Searches and Secret Videotaping at School: Federal Courts are Hostile” Southwest Educational Research Association 32nd Annual Meeting. San Antonio, Texas. February 6, 2009.</p> <p>Roberts, N. “A Hearing Officer’s Perspective on Recent Updates Regarding Due Process Hearings” Council for Exceptional Children’s 28th Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette Convention Center, Lafayette, Louisiana. January 26, 2009.</p> <p>Roberts, N. and Aucoin, L. “Legislation and Regulation Open Forum” Council for Exceptional Children’s 28th Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette Convention Center, Lafayette, Louisiana. January 26, 2009.</p>
Grants	<p>UL Lafayette Step Grant. \$15,000, Spring 2014. Technology for classroom in 301 Girard Hall.</p> <p>GearUp Grant – Lafayette Parish School System. \$3110.00, Fall, 2013. Teacher Leadership Camp.</p> <p>GearUp Grant – Lafayette Parish School System. \$3110.00, Fall, 2012. Teacher Leadership Camp.</p> <p>GearUp Grant – Lafayette Parish School System. \$3110.00, Fall, 2011. Teacher Leadership Camp.</p> <p>GearUp Grant – Lafayette Parish School System. \$3110.00,</p>

	<p>Fall, 2010. Teacher Leadership Camp.</p> <p>The Wallace Foundation Grant Educational Leadership Recognition – Board of Regents. \$9,300.25, Spring 2010.</p>
Conferences Attended	<p>East Africa Higher Education Leadership Conference 2014, Education Law Association national conferences 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009; National SAMs Innovation Project National Conferences 2014, 2013, 2012; National Social Science Association National Professional Development Conference 2011, Wallace Grantee National Meeting; Southern Regional Education Board Leadership Forum 2009, Louisiana Community and Technical College System State Conference 2013; Council for Exceptional Children’s Louisiana Super Conference 2014, 2013, 2012, 2009; MidSouth Educational Research Association 2013; University of Louisiana at Monroe School Law Conference 2013, 2012; Louisiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance 2012; Louisiana Association of School Administrators of Federal Programs Spring Conference 2011; Louisiana School Supervisors Association 2011, 2010; Louisiana Athletic Directors State Meeting 2013, 2010; Southwest Educational Research Association 32nd Annual Meeting 2009; Louisiana Council of Professors of Educational Administration Spring Conference 2014, 2010 Louisiana Educational Research Association 2013, 2011.</p>
Professional Memberships	<p>Education Law Association, Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children, Louisiana Educational Research Association</p>
Awards	<p>Mr. & Mrs. E. P. “Pat” Nalley/BORSF Professorship in Education</p>
Additional Skills	<p>QM Certified Online Course Designer, QM Certified Online Course Instructor</p>
Dissertation	<p>“Campus Liability for Alcohol Related Injuries-A law and policy dissertation” Dissertation Chair: Dr. W. Richard Fossey, Professor</p>
Other Professional Experience	<p>National SAMs Innovation Project Board Member and Treasurer, Special Education Mediator for State of Louisiana</p>
Service	<p>Education Law Association Co-Chair Publications Committee, Graduate Student Appeals committee member, University Merit & Evaluation review and redesign committee member, Provost search committee member, University Director of Picard Early Childhood Research Center national search committee member. Frequent presenter to school districts on legal updates and issues.</p>