



Middle Level Education Research Roundtable: Connecting Theory with Practice

**Association for Middle Level Education Annual Meeting
National Harbor, Maryland
Friday, November 3, 2023**

Time: 10:00-11:00 a.m. Room: National Harbor 12-13

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Agenda

- 10:00 a.m. - 10:05 a.m. - Introduction/Instructions
- 10:07 a.m. - 10:22 a.m. - Session 1
- 10:24 a.m. - 10:39 a.m. - Session 2
- 10:41 a.m. - 10:56 a.m. - Session 3
- 10:56 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Closing, Transition
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. - MLER SIG Networking & Research Session

Session 1	10:07 a.m. – 10:22 a.m.
Table 1: Teacher Role in Mental Health Cross-disciplinary Planning: A Case Study of Middle Level Educators Brooke Eisenbach; Jason Frydman	
Table 2: Principals’ and Teachers’ Perceptions of the Middle School Concept: A National Survey Shawn A. Faulkner; Chris M. Cook; Ryan Alverson; Michael DiCicco	
Table 3: A Middle Level Teacher Candidate’s Experiences with Place-Based Education Amanda Wall; Ariel Cornett; Cynthia Massey; Kathryn Haughney; Delandrea Hall; Kania Greer	
Table 4: Teachers Connecting Content Area Text with Young Adolescents’ Interest in Graphic Novels Francine Falk-Ross; Roberta Linder	
Table 5: Illinois Schools to Watch: Principal Perceptions of Becoming an Illinois Horizon Schools to Watch Kristina N. Falbe; Steve Mertens	
Table 6: How Do We Know If Our SJ Teaching Is Having an Impact? Redefining Impact Beyond Assessment Jessica DeMink-Carthew; Kristie W. Smith; Gayle Andrews; Penny Bishop	



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Table 1: “This is more than a job”: The Unintended Benefits of Serving as an Adult Other for Middle School Youth

Chelsea Rivera; Cheryl Ellerbrock; Lindsay Persohn; Dulcey Hunter; Karyn Mendez

Table 2: A Joint Self-Study of Critical Conversations about Critical Consciousness: Doing What’s Right in Middle Level Teacher Education

Toni Williams; Gayle Andrews

Table 3: Mutually Beneficial Partnerships for Teacher Preparation: Principal, Teacher, and Candidate Perspectives for Program Improvement

Shawn A. Faulkner; Michael DiCicco

Table 4: Understanding the Middle School Student Experience

Erika Daniels

Table 5: The Dispositions and Practices of Middle School Social Justice Educators

Ebony Terrell Shockley; Tarik Buli

Table 6: Instructional Designs for Critical Reflection in the Middle: A Critical Friends Endeavor

Kristie W. Smith; Kristina N. Falbe



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Table 1: Social and Emotional Pedagogical Approaches to Re-engage Early Adolescents
Katherine Main

Table 2: Finding Their Place: Examining Sense of Belonging Among Novice Teachers
Kathryn G. Polley; Gayle Andrews

Table 3: The Role of Multimodal Discourse on the Manifestation of Meaning in Scientific Inquiry
*Christi L. Pace
Jaclyn Kuspiel Murray

Table 4: Literacy on the Field
Rebecca Harper

Table 5: Get Fit! with Math and Lit: A Pilot Program of Physical Activity, Mathematics, and Literacy with Middle Grades Students through Culturally Relevant Pedagogy
Christine Craddock

Table 6: Critical Teaching and Teacher Preparation for the Middle Grades Classroom
*Kristie W. Smith; Mary Mitchelson; Amanda Green; *Jenni Lehman; Savannah Jackson
(*Attending/Presenting)

Middle Level Education Research SIG Business Meeting **11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m.**

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