

# Joshua P Kunnath, Ed.D.

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## Education

**Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership** 2015

California State University, Fresno, CA

*Dissertation title: The Impact of Student Poverty Level of the Teacher Grading Decision-making Process*

**Master of Arts in Educational Administration** 2011

California State University, Bakersfield, CA

**Master of Arts in Secondary Education** 2009

Oakland University, Rochester Hills, MI

**Bachelor of Science in Applied Ecology and Environmental Science** 2004

Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI

## Teaching & Leadership Experience

**High School Teacher** 2008-present

English Teacher, Highland High School (HHS), Bakersfield, CA.

- **Current assignment:** *AP English Language and Composition (2013-present) and English Language Development (ELD) 3 & 4.*
- **Past assignments:** *Teacher of English and biology for grades 9-12. Courses taught include remedial 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade English; 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> grade college preparatory English; 9<sup>th</sup> grade GATE English; college preparatory biology; GATE biology.*

**English Department Chair** 2016-present

Highland High School, Bakersfield, CA

**Grading Reform Coach** 2020-present

Crescendo Education Group

**Assistant Dean of Students** 2015-2018

Highland High School, Bakersfield, CA

**Public & Private Tutor** 2005-present

- *For over 15 years I've tutored students from grades 4<sup>th</sup>-12 grade in reading and writing skills.*

**Professional Activities**

- Grading Reform Facilitator, KHSD 2019-present
- Literacy Council Leader, HHS 2019-present
- GATE/Pre-AP Coordinator, HHS 2018-present
- District English Curriculum Team, KHSD 2017-present
- English Department Chair, HHS 2016-present
- Teacher Leadership Team, HHS 2009-present
- Testing Coordinator, HHS 2017-2018
- WASC Co-Coordinator, HHS 2017-2018
- English 11 PLC Learning Team Leader, HHS 2013-2016
- Assistant Dean of Students, HHS 2015-2018
- Member of PBIS Team, HHS 2015-2018
- Teacher Mentor Spring 2016
- Master teacher for student teacher Summer 2014-
- English Resource Teacher 2016
- WASC Report Coauthor/Coeditor 2014-15
- WASC Focus Group Leader, HHS 2014-15
- KHSD Administrative Leadership Academy 2012-13, 2014-15
- English 9 PLC Learning Team Leader, HHS Spring 2014
- Member of RtI Committee, HHS 2013-14
- Member of CSUB-KHSD RIAP Program 2012-13
- Coauthor of School Literacy Plan, HHS 2010-12
- 2010

**Awards and Achievements**

- Highland High School Teacher of the Year 2019

## Publications

- Kunnath, J. P., & Jackson, A. (2019). Developing student critical consciousness: Twitter as a tool to apply critical literacy in the English classroom. *Journal of Media Literacy Education, 11*(1), 52-74.
- Kunnath, J. P., & Suleiman, M. (2018). Examining the role of poverty in teacher grading decisions. *CLEARvoz Journal, 4*(2), 5-26.
- Kunnath, J. P. (2017). Creating meaningful grades. *Journal of School Administration Research and Development, 2*(1), 53-56.
- Kunnath, J. P. (2017). Teacher grading decisions: Influences, rationale, and practices. *American Secondary Education, 45*(3), 68-88.
- Kunnath, J. P. (2016). *A critical pedagogy perspective of the impact of school poverty level on the teacher grading decision-making process* (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Full Text: The Humanities and Social Sciences Collection. (Accession No. 1762747575)
- DeVoogd, G., Kunnath, J., Rocha, R. & Jackson, A. (2015). Teacher development in the English classroom: Exploring the affordances of Twitter to address the action element of critical literacy. In D. Slykhuis & G. Marks (Eds.), *Proceedings of Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference 2015* (pp. 2062-2067). Chesapeake, VA: Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).
- Kunnath, J., Rocha, R., Jackson, A. & DeVoogd, G. (2015). Native student technology in the classroom: Exploring the affordances of Twitter in applying critical literacy to the English curriculum. In *Proceedings of Global Learn 2015* (pp. 115-118). Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education (AACE).

## Presentations

- Kunnath, J. P. (2020, April). Implications of distance learning grading policy: A focus on student learning. Webinar presented to teachers interested in grading reform within KHSD and from around the country.
- Kunnath, J. P., & Montanio, M. (2020, February). Getting grading right: Practical tips on making grading practices more equitable. Presentation at California Teachers of English Conference (CATE) in Los Angeles, CA.
- Kunnath, J. P., & Montanio, M. (2019, March). Stop. Collaborate. It's feedback: Using rubrics to engage students in self and peer assessment. Presentation at Building Bridges Conference in Bakersfield, CA.
- Kunnath, J. P., & Montanio, M. (2019, February). Moving to proficiency: Teacher and student rubric and feedback use for higher levels of learning. Presentation at California Teachers of English Conference (CATE) in Burlingame, CA.

- Montanio, M. & Kunnath, J. P. (2018, March). Ownership of learning: Teacher and student use of rubrics for clarity, feedback, and grading. Presentation at Building Bridges Conference in Bakersfield, CA.
- Kunnath, J. P. (2016, September). Teacher grading decision making. Virtual lecture presented to doctoral students in Data Driven Decision Making course at University of Louisiana at Monroe.
- Kunnath, J. P. (2016, May). A critical pedagogy perspective of the impact of school poverty level on the teaching grading decision-making process. Symposium conducted at Graduate Research and Creative Activities Symposium at California State University, Fresno.
- DeVoogd, G., Kunnath, J. P., Rocha, R. & Jackson, A. (2015, April). Silence as a Habit: Does the Use of Twitter as a Response to Literature Increase Critical Student Voice?. Research presented at the Outlawed: The Naked Truth About Censored Literature for Young People Conference, Fresno, CA.
- Kunnath, J. P., Rocha, R., Jackson, A., & DeVoogd, G (2015, April). Native student technology in the classroom: Exploring the affordances of Twitter in applying critical literacy to the English curriculum. Paper presented at the *Global Learn 2015 Conference, Berlin, Germany*.
- DeVoogd, G., Kunnath, J. P., Rocha, R. & Jackson, A. (2015, March). Teacher development in the English classroom: Exploring the affordances of Twitter to address the action element of critical literacy. Paper presented at the *Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education International Conference, Las Vegas, NV*.
- Kunnath, J. P., Rocha, R., & Jackson, A. (2015, February). Twitter use to implement critical literacy in the English classroom. Research presented at ACSA region 11 meeting in Bakersfield, CA.

### Professional Service

- Open-Access Educational Blog: [joshkunnath.com/blog/](http://joshkunnath.com/blog/) 2019-present
- Open-Access Educational Website: [joshkunnath.com](http://joshkunnath.com) 2019-present
- Editor, *Journal of School Administration Research and Development* 2017-present
- Peer Reviewer, Solution Tree Press 2019-present
- Peer Reviewer, *CLEARvoz Journal* 2017-present
- Editorial Board, *Journal of School Administration Research and Development* 2016-2017

**Professional Development**

- California Association of Teachers of English Convention—Los Angeles February, 2020
- Visible Learning Conference—Las Vegas July, 2019
- Implicit Bias Training—Bakersfield April, 2019
- California Association of Teachers of English Convention—San Francisco February, 2019
- Restorative Practices Training—Bakersfield October, 2018
- California Association of Teachers of English Convention—San Diego March, 2018
- AP By the Sea Summer Institute: Pre AP Vertical Alignment—San Diego July, 2017
- HS-PBIS Symposium—Newport Beach February, 2017
- Impact Team Training—Bakersfield 2016-19
- Exemplary Practices in Educational Leadership Conference—Fresno October, 2016
- Social Emotional Learning Training—Bakersfield January, 2016
- GAFE Summit—Bakersfield September, 2015
- MTSS-PBIS Team Training August, 2015
- NVivo Workshop—CSU, Bakersfield May, 2015
- SPSS Workshop—CSU, Bakersfield March, 2015
- Exemplary Practices in Educational Leadership Conference—Fresno October, 2014
- AP Institute: English Language and Composition—Palos Verdes August, 2014
- Solution Tree RtI Conference—Sacramento June, 2012
- Pat Quinn RtI Seminar—Anaheim May, 2012
- PLC Summer Institute—Los Angeles July, 2010
- Write Tools Training—Bakersfield June, 2010
- ERWC Training—Bakersfield March, 2009
- AVID Write Path Training—Bakersfield November, 2008

**Research Interests**

- Grading and Assessment
- Student Feedback
- Literacy
- Critical Theory and Social Justice
- Curriculum Design
- Teacher Decision-making

**References**

*Please ask for a list of references*