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Academic Preparation

- Ph.D.** **Educational Leadership & Policy**, University of Florida, 2022
Dissertation: *The Politics of Arming School Staff as a School Safety Measure: Predictors of School Guardian Program Policy Adoption in Florida*
Dissertation Chair and Advisor: Dr. F. Chris Curran
- M.Ed.** **Educational Leadership**, American College of Education, 2014
- B.A.** **English; Political Science minor**, University of North Florida, 2002

Teaching and Administrative Experience

- 2022-** **University of Florida**
2024 – present Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor
2023 - 2024 Research & Curriculum Designer
2022 - 2024 Adjunct Instructor
Educational Leadership & Policy, College of Education; School of Human Development and Organizational Studies
- Courses Taught:**
EDA6423 Data-Driven Decision-Making in Educational Organizations
EDA6107 Leading Change
EDA 6193 Educational Leadership: Instruction
EDA6931 Problems in School Administration I
EDA7206 Organizational Leadership in Education
- Courses Developed:**
School Safety Data Micro-Credential Course, Asynchronous Distance Learning
- 2019-2020** **Florida State College at Jacksonville**
Adjunct Instructor, Pre-Collegiate Programs
- Course Taught:**
Pre-Collegiate Programs, Adult Education – Language Arts
- 2015-2018** **Duval County Public Schools**
Assistant Principal
Schools: *Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School, Kernan Trail Elementary School, Stockton Elementary School, First Coast High School*

Administrative Lead for: 8th grade student services, ELA/Reading, Social Studies, Science, World Languages, Journalism and ISSP instructional areas and PLCs, AVID Program, Attendance Intervention Team, Community and Business Partnerships, Building Logistics and School-Wide Safety Plan, Grants, Americorps, PTSA, PBIS, Restorative Justice, Bullying Prevention, Transportation, Sunshine Committee, and Testing/Assessments.

2014-2015 Duval County Public Schools
District Specialist, Student Discipline & Support Services

Professional Development Taught: Code of Student Conduct, Classroom Management, Restorative Justice, PBIS, Discipline/SESIR data, Deans of Discipline, ISSP Teachers, SROs and Security Personnel

2013-2014 Englewood High School, Jacksonville, FL
Teacher/CET Certified Mentor Teacher, School-Wide Activities Director, Leadership Team Member, Faculty Fund Committee Chair, Foundations Team Member, Summer Bridge Developer and Facilitator, Restorative Justice Facilitator, PD Presenter

Course Developed: In-School Suspension with academic focus

2012-2013 Lake Shore Middle School, Jacksonville, FL
Teacher/CET Certified Mentor Teacher, Curriculum Writing Team, Athletic Coach, SAC Representative, Professional Learning Community - ELA and 8th Grade Team Member, Tutor

Courses: 8th Grade ELA, Reading, & Writing

2004-2007 Riverside High School, Jacksonville, FL
2011-2012 Teacher, Athletic Coach, Club Sponsor, ACT/SAT and Reading Interventionist, Foundations Team Member, SDM Representative for ELA Department

Courses: 10th Grade ELA, Reading, & 9-12th Grade T.V. Production

Publications

Kent, J. & Curran, F. (2021). Pulling the Trigger: The Decision of Arming School Staff in a Large, Diverse School District. *Journal of Cases in Educational Leadership*.

Curran F., Kent J., Cotman, A. & Harris, K. (2023). Cops on Call: Potential Implications of Florida's Expansion of Required Reporting of School Incidents to Law Enforcement. *UF Education Policy Research Center Policy Research Report*.

Professional Affiliations and Memberships

- Member, American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- Faculty Affiliate, Education Policy Research Center at UF
- Faculty Affiliate, AI² Center at UF

Presentations

Harris, K., Curran, F., Cotman, A., Killingsworth, M., & Kent, J. (2024, Accepted 2023). *Data-Driven School Safety: Assessing Stakeholder views of School Safety Data Use*. American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Roundtable Session - Learning within the School-Prison Nexus.

Kent, J. & Curran, F. (2021) *Pulling the Trigger: The Decision of Arming School Staff in a Large, Diverse School District*. Presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Roundtable Session, Virtual.

Kent, J., Curran, F. & Schachter, M. (2024) *Safeguarding Schools: The Role of Data-Driven Leadership*. Presented at the Florida Association of School Resource Officers Summer Conference, Breakout Sessions.

Kent, J., Cotman A. & Schachter, M. (2024) *Safeguarding Schools: The Role of Data-Driven Leadership*. Presented at the Texas School Safety Summer Conference, Breakout Sessions.

Kent, J., Cotman A. & Schachter, M. (2024) *Safe Schools for Alex School Safety Data Dashboard*. Presented at the Florida Association of School Safety Specialists, Exhibitor.

Kent, J. (2024) *Safe Schools for Alex School Safety Data Dashboard*. Presented at the Florida Conservative Coalition of School Board Members.

Funding

Funded

Curran, F., Cotman, A., Kent, J., & Harris, K. (2023). *Expanding Access to Real-Time School Safety Data: Development of a State-wide School Safety Dashboard*. Bureau of Justice Assistance STOP School Violence Program. \$1,998,585 (funded).
Role: Instructional Designer

Kent, J. (2017). *Summer Bridge Program for Middle School Transition at Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School*. City of Atlantic Beach. \$3,000 (funded).
Role: Administrative Liaison

Kent, J. (2017). *Summer Bridge Program for Middle School Transition at Mayport Coastal Sciences Middle School*. Beaches Family Resource Center. \$2,000 (funded).
Role: Administrative Liaison

Under Review

Curran, F., Thomas, C., Cotman, A., & Kent, J. (2024). *Opening Access to Utah School Safety Data through Visualization and AI-Enhanced Professional Training*. Submitted to Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program.

Not Funded

Curran, F., Espelage, D., & Poekert, P. (2023). *Educators Effectively Working with School Safety Personnel*. Submitted to Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program: Category 1, \$1.9M (not funded).
Role: Instructional Designer

Curran, F., Cotman, A., & Kent, J. (2023). *UF School Safety Innovation Hub*. Submitted to UF President's Strategic Fund, \$695,000 (not funded).
Role: Curriculum and Research Designer

Awards & Honors

- Boyd National Education Politics Workshop Participant, 2021

Service

- Board Member, Pace Center for Girls, Clay, 2023-present
- Secretary, Riverside High School, School Advisory Council (SAC), 2023-present
- Guardian ad Litem Volunteer & Educational Surrogate, 2021-present
- AERA Peer Reviewer, 2021 & 2023
- President, James Weldon Johnson Middle School PTSA, 2021-2022
- Chair, Lavilla Middle School of the Arts, School Advisory Council (SAC), 2018-2020
- Member, Pupil Progression Plan Committee, Duval County Public Schools, 2017
- Chair, Yearbook Committee, West Riverside Elementary School, 2016
- Chair, Faculty Fund Committee, Englewood High School, 2012-2013
- Member, Foundations Team, Englewood High School, 2012-2013
- Member, PTSA West Riverside Elementary School, 2014-2019
- Member, PTSA Fishweir Elementary School, 2011-2016
- Founder, Tour de St. Johns Fun Ride (benefitting RHS), 2009-2011
- Faculty Chair, Sophomore Class, Riverside High School, 2005-2007
- Member Foundations (PBIS) Team, Riverside High School, 2005-2007
- Member, SACS Accreditation Committee, Riverside High School, 2007
- Mentor, Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Northeast Florida, 2003
- Intern, City of Jacksonville Office of the General Counsel, 2002
- Member, Citizens Oversight Committee, Better Jacksonville Plan, 2001-2003