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Academic Degrees:

Ph.D., University of Georgia: Special Education with concentrations in Learning Disabilities, Gifted Education, and Assessment  
Dissertation: Identity Formation in Gifted College Students with Learning Disabilities

Ed.S., Georgia Southern University: Special Education  
Thesis: Psychoeducational Profiles of Artistically Talented Students with Learning Disabilities

M.A., Louisiana State University: Latin American Studies  
Thesis: The Historiography of Comparative Studies of Black Slavery in the Americas

B.A., Barry University: History

Professional Experience:

2005-Present Special Education Program Director, Western Carolina University  
2005-Present Associate Professor of Special Education, Western Carolina University  
2004-Present Coordinator of Academically or Intellectually Gifted Licensure Program  
2004-Present Graduate Coordinator of Special Education Programs  
2004-2006 Faculty Fellow for Part-time Faculty Development, Coulter Faculty Center  
2003-Present Co-director of Cullowhee Creativity Camp, a one-week summer camp for children in grades 1-8  
2000-2002 Coordinator of NCTEACH Alternative Licensure Program, Western Site  
1999-2005 Assistant Professor of Special Education, Western Carolina University  
1998-1999 Part-time Teacher, Sylvan Learning Center, Athens, GA  
1998-1999 Tutor, Athens Academy, Athens, GA  
1997 Part-time Instructor, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
1993-1997 Teacher, Savannah-Chatham County School System, Savannah, GA  
1991-1993 Teacher, Polk County School System, Lakeland, FL  
1984-1991 Certified Kitchen Designer, Cabinet Collection by Dole, Winter Park, FL  
1976-1984 Teacher, St. Landry Parish School System and University Place Learning Center, Eunice, LA  
1967-1970 Social Studies Teacher, Cook County School System, Chicago, IL

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

Dole, S. (1999). Life stories of gifted college students with learning disabilities. *National Association for Gifted Children 1999 Research Briefs*, 13, 27-34.  
Dole, S. (2000). The implications of the risk and resilience research for gifted students with learning disabilities. *Roeper Review*, 23(2), 91-96.

- Dole, S. (2001). Reconciling contradictions: Identity formation in gifted college students with learning disabilities. *Journal for the Education of the Gifted*, 25(2), 103-137.
- Dole, S. & McMahan, J. (2004). Using videotherapy to help adolescents cope with social and emotional problems. *Intervention in School & Clinic*, 4 (3), 151-156.
- Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2009). Online course design: A case study. *International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, 3(1). Retrieved 2/6/09 from <http://academics.georgiasouthern.edu/ijstol/v3n1.html>

#### Book Reviews:

- Dole, S. (2005). [Review of *Collaborating Online: Learning Together in Community*] *Teachers College Record*, 107(7), 1573-1575.
- Dole, S. (2006, July). [Review of *Conceptions of Giftedness*] *Teachers College Record*, <http://www.tcrecord.org> ID Number: 12590.

#### Peer-Reviewed Presentations:

- Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2008, November). *Follow-up Study on Summer Residential Program for Highly Gifted Students*. National Association for Gifted Children Conference. Tampa, FL.
- Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2008, July). *Online Course Design: A Case Study*, ED MEDIA World Conference on Educational Multimedia, Hypermedia & Telecommunications, Vienna, Austria.
- Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2008, March). *Contagious Creativity in Cullowhee*. North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented State Conference, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Dole, S. & Schillereff, M. (2008, March). *Collaborating to Address the Needs of Gifted Students in the General Education Classroom*, North Carolina Association for the Gifted and Talented State Conference, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Dole, S., Bloom, L., & Ray, M. (2007, November). *The Cullowhee Experience Follow-Up Study*. National Association for Gifted Children Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- Bloom, L., Dole, S., & Ray, M. (2007, November). *Contagious Creativity in Cullowhee*. National Association for Gifted Children National Conference. Minneapolis, MN.
- Bloom, L., Dole, S., & Vesely, P. (2007, April). *On Becoming a Reflective Practitioner*. SOTL Faire, Cullowhee, NC.
- Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2007, April). *Cullowhee Creativity Camp*. SOTL Faire. Cullowhee, NC.
- Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2006, November). *Cullowhee Creativity Camp*. National Association for Gifted Children Conference. Charlotte, NC.
- Dole, S. & Martin, P. (2006, March). *The Kids Call It Creativity Camp*, North Carolina Association for Gifted Children Conference, Winston-Salem, NC.
- Dole, S. (2005, September). *Creating an Online Community of Inquiry: Course Design Based on the "How People Learn" Framework*. The Association for Learning Technology International Conference, University of Manchester, Manchester, UK.
- Lankutis, T., Vine, F. & Dole, S. (2004, January). *Bridging the Digital Divide with Pictures Instead of Pencils*. Highlight presentation at Technology,

- Reading & Learning Difficulties Conference, San Francisco, CA
- Dole, S. (2003, November). *Learning Disabilities 101*. Western North Carolina Symposium on Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorders, Asheville, NC.
- Perlmutter, J., Dole, S., Roberts, L., & Litty, C. (2003, September). *Avoiding Becoming Road Kill on the Information Highway or Putting the Interactive in Interactive Television and Distance Education*. Teacher Education Forum, Raleigh, NC.
- Dole, S. & Hairr, K. (2003, February). *Helping Students Meet State Proficiency Requirements in Writing*. Learning Disabilities Association International Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Hairr, M., Miller, R., Singleton, P., Thomas, A., & Dole, S. (2003, February), *Collaboration for Academic Support* (Panel Discussion), North Carolina Learning Disabilities Association State Conference, Southern Pines, NC.
- Herzog, M.J.R., Habel, J., & Dole, S. (2002, January). *Visions for the Future, Voices of the Present: The Role of the Western Carolina University Qualitative Research Group in Creating and Sustaining Institutional Change* (Panel Discussion). Annual Conference on Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies, Athens, GA.
- Carpenter, D. & Dole, S. (2000, December). *Update on Selected Research and Best Practices for Adolescents with Learning Disabilities & Attention Deficit Disorder*. WNC Symposium on Learning Disabilities and Attention Deficit Disorders, Asheville, NC.
- Dole, S. & Hoy, C. (2000, April). *Life Stories of Gifted College Students with Learning Disabilities*. Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC.
- Dole, S. & Manglitz, E. (2000, April). *Identity Formation in College Students with Giftedness and Learning Disabilities*. American Education Research Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Dole, S., Schaefer, K., Jarrett, P., & Spanjer, T. (2000, January). *Life Stories of Gifted College Students with LD*. Qualitative Research in Education Annual Conference, Athens, GA.
- Dole, S. (1999, November). *Life Stories of Gifted College Students with Learning Disabilities*. National Association for Gifted Children Annual Convention, Albuquerque, NM.
- Dole, S. (1999, April). *Collaborative Model for Serving Gifted Students with Learning Disabilities*. Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC.
- Dole, S. (1999, April). *Perceived Factors Influencing the Job Satisfaction of Special Educators*. Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC.
- Dole, S. (1999, March). *Integrating Strategy Instruction in Writing with Attribution Training*. Georgia Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference, Athens, GA.
- Dole, S. & Manglitz, E. (1999, January). *Involving Constituents in Doctoral Research*. Qualitative Research in Education Annual Conference, Athens, GA.
- Dole, S. (1998, November). *Participatory Research of Gifted College Students with Learning Disabilities*. National Association for Gifted Children Annual Convention, Louisville, KY.

Dole, S. (1998, March). *Curricular Planning for Gifted Students with Learning Disabilities*. Georgia Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference, Athens, GA.

Invited Presentations:

Dole, S. & Wagner, K. (2008, November). *What's All This Talk about Soft Skills?*, Passages to e-Learning, Maggie Valley, NC. Retrieved 2/18/09 from [http://wiki2.wcu.edu/groups/passages/wiki/be7ba/What%27s All This Talk About Soft Skills .html](http://wiki2.wcu.edu/groups/passages/wiki/be7ba/What%27s%20All%20This%20Talk%20About%20Soft%20Skills.html)

Dole, S. (2008, October). *Differentiation of Instruction*. Teachers of Tomorrow, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S. (2007, November). *Virtual School*, Passages to e-Learning, Maggie Valley, NC. Retrieved 2/18/09 from <http://wiki2.wcu.edu/groups/passages/revisions/f67ab/3/>

Dole, S. (2006, August). *Differentiation of Instruction*. Independent Schools Conference. Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Dole, S. (2006, August). *Reading in the Content Areas*. Independent Schools Conference, Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Dole, S. (2005, April). *Creativity and the Schools*. i7 Futures Forum, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S. (2005, April). *Course Evaluation that Reflects the Online Learning Experience*, Passages from Onsite to Online Scholarship, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2005, April). *Creating an Online Community of Inquiry: Course Design Based on the "How People Learn" Framework*. North Carolina State University Undergraduate Assessment Symposium: Scholarship of Teaching & Learning Track, Cary, NC.

Dole, S., Burke, L., Bivens, S., Condrey, J., Fisher, T., & Sprung, A. (2004, April). *Obtaining Grants for Technology: A Panel Discussion*. Mountain Connections II: Research to Practice Symposium, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S., Habel, J., Herzog, M.J., & Sherlock, J. (2004, February). *Qualitative Research: What Is It and Why Do It?* Faculty Series on Teaching and Learning, Cullowhee, NC.

Hairr, K. & Dole, S. (2003, April). *Academic Support Instructional Model for Secondary Students*. Keynote address for Mountains Connections II Research to Practice Symposium, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S. (2001, May). *A Collaborative Model for Serving Gifted Students with Learning Disabilities* (Poster Session). Key Conference, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S. (2001, May). *Teaching Students with Giftedness and Learning Disabilities*. Key Conference, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S. (1998). *Gifted Students with Learning Disabilities*. Graduate Gifted Education Classes, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

Workshops:

Bloom, L. & Dole, S (2008, April). *Workshops on Virtual School and Differentiation of Instruction*, Alleghany County, NC.

Bloom, L. & Dole, S (2008, March). *Differentiation of Instruction Workshop*, Clinton, NC.

Dole, S. (2008, January & March). *Differentiation of Instruction*, Colegio Bolivar,

Cali, Colombia. Retrieved 2/18/09 from [http://colegiobolivar.org/enews/Past\\_issues\\_eNEWS/enews\\_mar2008/Sharon\\_dole\\_visit.htm](http://colegiobolivar.org/enews/Past_issues_eNEWS/enews_mar2008/Sharon_dole_visit.htm)

Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2007, February). *Differentiation of Instruction*, Fairview School, Sylva, NC.

Dole, S. (2007, January). *Differentiation of Instruction*, Cullowhee Valley School, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S. (2004, May & 2005, January). *Differentiation of Instruction*, Jamaican Independent Schools, Kingston and Montego Bay, Jamaica.

Dole, S. (2002-2003). MERLOT presentations for Coulter Faculty Center (2002-2003)

Dole, S. (2001, June). *Differentiation of Instruction*. Inquiry Workshop, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S. (1999, November & 2000, April). *Workshop on Test-taking Skills*, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC.

Dole, S. (1997). *Reading Skills Demonstrated by College Students with Learning*

*Disabilities and/or ADHD-What Does the Literature Say?* Learning Disabilities Center, University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

#### Creative Activities:

Coordinated Cullowhee Creativity Colloquium (2009). Retrieved 2/18/09 from <http://www.wcu.edu/12933.asp>

Designed online course for faculty on online teaching and learning (2009)

Designed e-clips for faculty training for online courses (2008-2009)

Designed online courses based on the How People Learn framework, WCU (2002-present):

SPED 401 Introduction to Learning Disabilities

SPED 413 Teaching Adolescents with Learning Problems

SPED 400/500 Creative Thinking and Problem Solving

SPED 471/571 Introduction to Gifted Education

SPED 475/575 Models and Methods of Gifted Education

SPED 477/577 Curriculum Differentiation for Gifted Learners

SPED 503 Current Issues in Gifted Education

SPED 505 Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities

SPED 620 Education in a Diverse Society

Differentiation of Instruction CEU

Developed Virtual School of the Smokies with Lisa Bloom and Marissa Ray, school-design setting accessible via the Internet that includes a rich variety of resources, windows into classrooms, wisdom of experienced teachers, and bridges to connect candidates with practicing professionals in the field (2006-present).

Retrieved 2/18/09 from <http://www.wcu.edu/7666.asp>

Co-director of Cullowhee Creativity Camp, summer camp on project-based and problem based learning for children in grades 1-8 (2003-present). Retrieved 2/18/09 from

<http://www.wcu.edu/7730.asp>

Collaborated in digital video projects with Cherokee Elementary Horizon students, Cherokee, NC (2003).

Developed student accommodation forms for University of Georgia Learning Disabilities Center, Athens, GA (1997).

Developed and taught a course for Grades 1-3 at the Summer Academy for gifted and talented students, Savannah, GA (1994.)

Coordinated art exhibit for adults with disabilities, Lakeland, FL (1992)

Developed puppetry program for young adults with developmental disabilities, Lakeland, FL (1992-1993).

Developed initial curriculum for Work Activity Center for young adults with developmental adults, Lakeland, FL (1991)

Received national design award from National Kitchen and Bath Association for kitchen design (1990)

Coached state award winning Olympics of the Mind team, Eunice, LA (1982)

Coordinated Saturday mini-courses and summer programs for children in art, theater, and Spanish, Eunice, LA (1980-1983).

#### Selected Committees:

##### *National*

Adventures of the American Mind Advisory Board, (2003-2005)

##### *University*

e-Learning Mentor for Coulter Faculty Center (2008-present). Retrieved 2/18/09 from [http://www.wcu.edu/facctr/reddot\\_forms/ementor/mentordetail.asp?mentorid=Dole](http://www.wcu.edu/facctr/reddot_forms/ementor/mentordetail.asp?mentorid=Dole)

Committee to Institutionalize Undergraduate Research and Creative Scholarship (2007-present)

e-Learning Faculty Learning Community Design Special Interest Group  
Co-Chair (2007-2008)

Task Force Task on Learning Management System (2007-2008)

Search Committees for Interim Faculty Center Director (2005-2006) and Jay M. Robinson Distinguished Professor of Technologies (2003-2004)

Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award Committee (2002-2003)

Distance Learning Advisory Board (2002-present)

Qualitative Research Group, Facilitator (2000-2005)

Collaborative Award Committee (2003)

MERLOT (Multimedia Educational Resource for Online Teaching) Committee (2002-2004)

Faculty Mentoring Program, WCU (1999-2001)

##### *College*

Task Force on Teacher Education Revisioning (2008-present)

College of Education and Allied Professions (CEAP) Technology Committee, (2006-2007)

Search Committee for Elementary and Middle Grades Department (2006-2007)

CEAP Curriculum Committee, Chair (2004-2005)

Early Field Experience Committee (2003)

Teacher Appreciation Celebration (2003)

CEAP School Improvement Grant Review Committee (2001)

Teaching Fellows Steering Committee (2001-2003)  
Early Field Experience Committee (2003)  
Teacher Appreciation Celebration (2003)  
CEAP Technology Open House Presentations (2003)  
Appalachian Rural Teacher Technology Alliance Committee (2001-2002)  
CEAP School Improvement Grant Review Committee (2001)  
CEAP Teacher Education Council (1999-2000)

*Department*

Special Education Program Director, 2005-present  
Special Education Graduate Coordinator, 2004-present  
TPR Committee, 2007, 2008  
Search Committees, 2008-present, 2007-2008, 2003-2004, 2001  
Chair, Committee to Develop Undergraduate and Graduate Surveys (2003-2004)

Professional Memberships:

Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education  
Council for Exceptional Children  
    Division for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners  
    Teacher Education Division  
    Technology and Media Division  
    The Association for the Gifted  
International Society for Technology in Education  
    Teacher Education Division  
National Association for Gifted Children  
    Creativity Division  
    Special Populations Division  
    Research Division  
North Carolina Association for the Gifted

Awards/Honors:

Recipient of the 2008 Jay M. Robinson e-Teaching Award, 2008, “Dr. Dole was selected on the basis of excellence in online instructional design, exceptional course organization and enduring, imaginative engagement with her students.” Retrieved 2/6/09 from <http://www.wcu.edu/6394.asp>  
Recipient of Inaugural Chancellor’s Engaged Teaching Award, 2007. The Chancellor’s Engaged Teaching Award rewards faculty for investment in their students and the community. Retrieved 2/6/09 from <http://www.wcu.edu/5762.asp>  
Jay M. Robinson e-Teaching Award Finalist, 2007  
Recipient of Chancellor’s Service to Students Award, 2006  
Recipient of College of Education and Allied Professions Research Award, 2005  
American Educational Research Association, Qualitative SIG Dissertation Award  
    Honorable Mention, 2000  
Recipient of National Kitchen and Bath Association Design Award, 1990  
Recipient of Barry College Research Award in History, 1965

Grants Funded:

- Dole, S. (2008). Visiting Scholar for Cullowhee Creativity Colloquium. Funded for \$1000.
- Dole, S. & Unruh, L. (2008). Scholarship of Application Grant for project on Strategies to Increase African American Representation in Academically and Intellectually Gifted (AIG) Programs in Elementary Grades. Funded for \$2000.
- Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2008). Assessment grant to assess the “How People Learn” Framework used for design of online courses. Funded for \$1200.
- Bloom, L., Dole, S., & Ray M.(2006-2008). NCQuest grant for Virtual School development. Funded for \$24,500.
- Dole, S. (2007). E-learning mini-grant for podcasting. Funded for \$1000.
- Bloom, L., Dole, S., & Vesely, P. (2006). Assessment grant to assess action research process. Funded for \$2,075.
- Dole, S. & Vesely, P. (2006). SUTEP Grant for TaskStream project. Funded for \$500.
- Dole, S. & Bloom, L. (2006) Provost’s Instructional Improvement Grant for Virtual School. Funded for \$1218.
- Dole, S. (2003). SUTEP Grant for multimedia project with Horizon program students at Cherokee Central School. Funded for \$500.
- Dole, S. (2005). Provost’s Grant to Present Research. Funded for \$500.
- Dole, S. (2003). Vice-Chancellor’s Instructional Improvement Grant for integrating technology into methods courses (2003). Funded for \$1025.
- Dole, S. (2003). Vice-Chancellor’s Microgrant to attend *Technology, Reading & Learning Differences*. Funded for \$700.
- Dole, S. (2002). Faculty Summer Research Fellowship. Funded for \$1500.
- Dole, S. & Perlmutter, J. (2001). Learning Disabilities Association Collaboration stipend to attend Learning Disabilities International Conference. Funded for \$1000.
- Dole, S. (2000). Vice-Chancellor’s Instructional Improvement Grant for revising special Education assessment courses. Funded for \$1299.
- Dole, S. (1993). Florida Division of the Arts grant for puppetry program for adults with developmental disabilities. Funded for \$1600.
- Dole, S. (1993). Junior League grant for puppetry program for adults with developmental disabilities. Funded for \$500.
- Dole, S. (1981). Louisiana Division of the Arts for summer theater program. Funded for \$900.

Professional Involvement:

- Reviewer for *Journal of Technology and Teacher Education, Journal of Educational Multimedia and Hypermedia* (2008-present)
- NCATE Reviewer for Gifted Education Programs (2007-present). Review higher education programs in gifted education.
- North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Accreditation Team Member (2006-Present). Participated in accreditation site visits in NC.
- Institutions of Higher Education Consortium of Gifted Education Programs (2006-present)
- Asheville City Schools, Academically and Intellectually Gifted Program Advisory Board Member (2005-present)

Administration Positions:

Special Education Program Director, WCU (2005-present)

Graduate Coordinator for Special Education Programs, WCU (2004-present)

Coordinator of Distance Special Education MAED Program, WCU (2007-present)

Coordinator of Academically or Intellectually Gifted Program, WCU (2004-present)

Coordinator of Distance Special Education MAT Program, WCU (2004-2008)

Co-director for Cullowhee Creativity Camp, WCU (2003-present)

Western North Carolina Coordinator for NCTEACH (2000-2002)

Vice-president, National Kitchen and Bath Association, North/Central Florida Chapter (1988-1990)

Secretary, National Kitchen and Bath Association, North/Central Florida Chapter (1986-1988)

Co-president, Louisiana Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities (1982-1984)

President, Louisiana Association for Gifted and Talented Students, St. Landry Chapter (1981-1984)

Secretary and Newsletter Editor, Louisiana Learning Disabilities Association (1980-1982)

Vice-president, Louisiana Association for Gifted and Talented Students (1980-1984)