

Michelle Bauml

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Dr. Bauml focuses on early childhood/elementary teacher education and teacher decision-making, civic education, and social studies.

Biography

Michelle Bauml is the Clotilda Winter Professor of Education and an Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education in the Department of Teaching and Learning Sciences with an emphasis in social studies education. A former elementary teacher, Dr. Bauml's research and teaching reflect her beliefs that children need ample opportunities for creative expression, play, and meaningful instruction in today's schools. She conducts qualitative research aimed at helping teachers navigate professional complexities to make thoughtful, effective curricular and instructional decisions in order to promote student learning. Dr. Bauml's research focuses on early childhood/elementary teacher education and social studies curriculum and teaching. Among her publications, she has addressed teachers' use of curriculum guides, content integration, civic education, and beliefs about teaching. For her case study of five first-year early childhood teachers making curricular and instructional decisions, Dr. Bauml received the John Laska Dissertation Award in 2012 and was a finalist for the American Educational Research Association's Dissertation Award (Division K) in 2011. As a core member of TCU's Center for Public Education and Community Partnerships, Dr. Bauml strives to make an impact through teaching, research, and community outreach. Since 2016, she has directed the annual TCU iEngage Summer Civics Institute, a 5-day civics camp designed to teach middle schoolers about civic engagement through inquiry. Here, she studies connections between civic education and student learning while leading teams of TCU students to empower youth for active citizenship. Prior to joining the faculty at TCU, Dr. Bauml taught at a Title 1 elementary school in the Houston area and coached beginning teachers in Houston ISD. She has extensive experience working with prospective and early career teachers, and she enjoys teaching undergraduate courses for the Early Childhood Education (EC-6) program and graduate courses in Curriculum and Instruction. In 2021, Dr. Bauml received a university Deans Teaching Award for excellence in teaching. She was also granted the Honorary Leon Jaworski Award for Teaching Excellence in Law Focused Education by the State Bar of Texas and Texas Young Lawyers Association in 2016.

Areas of Expertise

Qualitative Research Methods, Teacher Knowledge and Beliefs, iEngage - Civics Education, Teacher Decision-Making, Elementary Social Studies Education, Early Childhood Teacher Education

Education

The University of Texas at Austin
Ph.D. Curriculum & Instruction

University of St. Thomas-Houston
M.Ed. Educational Administration

Texas A&M University-College Station
B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies

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