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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Open Educational Resources  
K-12 Online Education  
Educational Technology

## EDUCATION

### **BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY, Ph.D.**

Doctoral Student, Instructional Psychology & Technology (2017, expected)

### **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY, M.A.**

Second Language Acquisition (1997) - Summa cum laude

### **BRIGHAM UNIVERSITY, B.A.**

Secondary Education with a French major & Spanish minor (1993)

## EMPLOYMENT and EXPERIENCE

### **Director**

Mountain Heights Academy - formerly Open High School of Utah (2009 - present)

### **Owner**

Genie Green LLC (2006 - 2013)

### **Instructional Designer & Curriculum Developer**

Brigham Young University IP&T 286 - Online Teaching Module (2014)

Mountain Heights Academy - Enrichment Reading Course (2013)

Draper City - Youth Council civic, service, and character curriculum (2007-2010)

Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow - French 1 & French II (2004, 2005)

## Teacher

French & Spanish at the Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, Columbus, OH (2004-2006)  
French I, French II, Spanish I

French & Spanish at Upper Arlington High School, Upper Arlington, OH (1994-2004)  
French I, French II, French III, Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

Tonks, D., Weston, S., Wiley, D., & Barbour, M. (2013). "Opening" a new kind of school: The story of the Open High School of Utah. [International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning](#). (14) 1, 255-271.

### Other Manuscripts

Bliss, T.J., Tonks, D., & Patrick, S. (2013) [Open Educational Resources and Collaborative Content Development: A Practical Guide for State and School Leaders](#), 1-18.

Tonks, D. (2012) My View: Utah Teachers Embrace School Choice. In *Deseret News*.

Tonks, D. (2011) The Next Innovation: Open Educational Resources, 5. In *Education Matters*.

Tonks, D. (2011) Online Education May Be Utah's Future. In *The Daily Herald*.

## PRESENTATIONS

### Refereed Presentations

Bliss, T., & Tonks, D. (2013, November). OER Policy and Collaborative Content Guide. Open Education Conference. Park City, UT.

Tonks, D., & Gill, M. (2013, October). Twenty Tech Treasures to Try Tomorrow. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Virtual School Symposium. Orlando, FL.

Bliss, T., & Tonks, D. (2013, October). OER Policy and Collaborative Content Guide. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Virtual School

Symposium. Orlando, FL.

- Weston, S., Tonks, D., Rowenhurst, T., Lacey, P., & Bliss, T. (2012, October). OER Essentials: How to Build, Adapt and Supplement Online/Hybrid Courses Using Open Educational Resources. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Virtual School Symposium. New Orleans, LA.
- Tonks, D., Hansen, L., Dawman, J., & Baldwin, J. (2012, October). High-Touch and High-Tech: Best Practices in Open and Online Teaching. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Virtual School Symposium. New Orleans, LA.
- Andersen, E., Layton, S., Tonks, D., & Weston, S. (2012, October). High-Touch and High Tech: Best Practices in Open and Online Teaching. Open Education Conference. Vancouver, BC.
- Weston, S., & Tonks, D. (2012, October). OER Essentials: How to Build, Adapt & Supplement Online/Hybrid Courses using OER. Open Education Conference. Vancouver, BC.
- Bagley, R., VanderArk, T., Horn, M., & Tonks, D. (2011, November). Turning the Ten Elements of Digital Learning Into High-Quality State Policy. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Virtual School Symposium. Indianapolis, IN.
- Tonks, D., Weston, S., Wiley, D. (2011, November) Easy as 1 - 2 - 3: A Primer on OER Curriculum Development. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Virtual School Symposium. Indianapolis, IN.
- Tonks, D., Andersen, E., & Hartman, J. (2011, October) The Impact of OER in the Secondary Arena. Open Ed Conference. Park City, UT.
- Fillmore, L., Tonks, D., & Richardson, H. (2011, June) YouTwitFace: Social Media. Utah Association of Public Charter Schools Annual Conference. South Jordan, UT.
- Tonks, D. (2010, November). OER & Open High School Teaching Model. Open Education Conference. Barcelona, Spain.
- Tonks, D., Weston, S., Wiley, D. (2010, November) How to Leverage Data to Improve Student Learning and Motivation. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Virtual School Symposium. Glendale, AZ.
- Tonks, D., Weston, S. (2010, November) OER + OHSU Teaching Model. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Virtual School Symposium. Glendale, AZ.

Luetzelschwab, M., Richards, R., & Tonks, D. (October, 2009). Class Disrupted - Bridging the gap between traditional and online learning through community learning. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Conference. Austin, TX.

Tonks, D., Guffey, C., & Hartzell, K. (March, 2004). Top 50 FL Teaching Tricks to Try Tomorrow. Ohio Foreign Language Association Conference. Columbus, OH.

Tonks, D., & Guffey, C. (March, 2003) Top 50 FL Teaching Tricks to Try Tomorrow. Ohio Foreign Language Association Conference. Cincinnati, OH.

### **Invited Presentations**

Tonks, D. & Henderson, S. (2014, March). Teacher Observation and Evaluation in Online and Blended Learning Environments. Invited presentation given for the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) 2014 Leadership webinar series.

Tonks, D., & Weston, S. (2013, December). OER: Catalyst for Innovation. Invited presentation given at the Innovative Schools Conference in Lansing, MI.

Weston, S., & Tonks, D. (2013, December). High-touch and High-tech: The Mountain Heights Academy Teaching Model. Invited presentation given at the Innovative Schools Conference in Lansing, MI.

Tonks, D., & Bliss, T. (2013, October). Open Educational Resources and Collaborative Content Development: A Practical Guide for State and School Leaders. Invited half-day workshop given at the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Conference in Orlando, FL.

Wiley, D., Tonks, D., Weston, S., Young, S., & Blake, B. (2013, May). OER: Catalyst for Innovation - How One Charter School's Innovation Has Spread Across Utah and Beyond. State-sponsored presentation given at Mountain Heights Academy, West Jordan, UT.

Weston, S., & Tonks, D. (2013, April). Stranger in a Strange Land: Online Teachers and OER. Invited presentation given at Saylor Foundation's Digital Education Conference (DigEdCon) in Tyson's Corner, VA.

Cantrill, C., Cassili, C., Fasimpaur, K., Fitzgerald, B., Hilliger, L., Roberts, V., & Tonks, D. (2013, March). Open Educational Resources: Impact. Invited panel presentation webinar given for the Alberta Distance Learning Center.

Weston, S., Tonks, D., Bliss, T., Lacey, P., & Rowenhurst, T. (2012, October). OER Essentials. Invited half-day workshop given at the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Conference in Orlando, FL.

- Glennie, J., Lesperance, J., Ram, P., Tonks, D., & Wiley, D. (2012, April). The Three Pillars of the OER Ecosystem: High Quality Supply. Invited panel presentation given at the Hewlett Grantees Annual Meeting, OER 2012 in Cambridge, MA.
- Bisgard, C., Dawley, L., Jenkins, A., Loesing, C., & Tonks, D. (2012, March). Professional Development Networks, Social Authoring, and OER. Invited presentation given at the National Repository for Online Courses (NROC) Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA.
- Garn, M., & Tonks, D. (2012, March). Practical Applications of OER. Invited presentation given at the National Repository for Online Courses (NROC) Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA.
- Fasimpaur, K., Bissell, A., Tonks, D., Neiffer, J., & Mao, J. (2012, March). OER in K-12 Education. Invited panel presentation given for the Open Education Week 2012 webinar series.
- Weston, S., VanAusdal, C. Layton, S., & Tonks, D. (2012, February). Easy as 1, 2, 3: A Primer on Open Educational Resources. Invited presentation given for the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) 2012 webinar series.
- Tonks, D., & Pace, A. (2012, January). OER and Online Instruction. Invited panel presentation given at the Gates Foundation's Quality Online Curriculum Symposium in Boston, MA.
- Swinton, A., & Tonks, D. (2011, November). Data-driven Instruction. Invited presentation given at the National Repository for Online Courses (NROC) webinar series.
- Horn, M., Pittinger, L., Duggan, T., & Tonks, D. (2011, November). State Virtual School Best Practices: Utah's Statewide Online Education Program Implementation. Invited presentation given at the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Conference in Indianapolis, IN.
- Weston, S., Pace, A., Winslow, M., & Tonks, D. (2011, November). OER Panel Workshop. Invited workshop given at the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Conference in Indianapolis, IN.
- Nieffer, J., Tonks, D., & Renfroe, M. (2011, October). Best Practices in Online Education. Invited presentation given at the K12 Open Education webinar series.
- Revenaugh, M., Bagley, R., & Tonks, D. (2011, May). Title: Turning the Ten Elements of Digital Learning Now Into A High-Quality State Policy. Invited presentation given for the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) 2011 webinar series.
- Weston, S., Tonks, D. & Wiley, D. (2011, May). How to Leverage Data to Improve Student

Learning and Motivation. Invited presentation given for the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) 2011 webinar series.

Tonks, D. (2011, April). Best Practices in Online Instruction and Curriculum Design Consultation. Invited presentation given to BYU-Independent Study, in Provo, UT.

Tonks, D., Webb, A., & Ellis, R. (2011, April). OER Best Practices. Invited presentation given at Brigham Young University's Instructional Psychology & Technology graduate seminar.

Tonks, D., & Bisgard, C. (2011, March). Practical Application of Open Educational Resources. Invited panel presentation given at the Hewlett Grantees Annual Meeting, OER 2011, at Sausalito, CA.

Tonks, D. (2011, February). Open High School's Open Educational Resource Use and Success. Invited presentation given online for a joint MIT/Harvard course on OER taught by Dr. Vijay Kumar and Brandon Muramatsu.

## GRANTS, HONORS, and AWARDS

### Institutional

- 2013 - 2014 Mountain Heights Academy, Utah Science Technology And Research Initiative (USTAR) Grant - **\$66,780** - Utah State Office of Education. Co-author.
- 2013 Open High School of Utah, *Best Curriculum Development in Utah* Award - Best of State. Primary Author.
- 2013 Mountain Heights Academy, OER: Catalyst for Innovation program - **\$2000** - Utah State Office of Education. Sole author.
- 2013 Open High School of Utah, *President's Volunteer Service Award* - Gold, (PVSA). Program development, implementation, and oversight.
- 2012 - 2013 Mountain Heights Academy, Utah Science Technology And Research Initiative (USTAR) Grant - **\$66,780** - Utah Department of Education. Co-author.
- 2012 Open High School of Utah, 13 students/advisors all expense paid trip to Close Up Foundation Teen Driving Summit in Washington D.C. - **\$24,000** - AllState Insurance. Program development, implementation and oversight.
- 2012 Open High School of Utah, *Best Charter School in Utah Award* - Best of State. Sole author.
- 2012 Open High School of Utah, *President's Volunteer Service Award* - Gold, (PVSA).

Program development, implementation, and oversight.

- 2011 - 2012 Open High School of Utah, Utah Science Technology And Research Initiative (USTAR) Grant - **\$66,780** - Utah Department of Education. Co-author.
- 2011 Open High School of Utah, *Best Curriculum Development in Utah Award* - Best of State. Primary author.
- 2011 Open High School of Utah, TwHistory Grant - **\$5000** - Utah Education Network. Program coordination and application review.
- 2011 Open High School of Utah, *President's Volunteer Service Award* - Gold, (PVSA). Program development, implementation, and oversight.
- 2011 Technology Grant, **\$500** - Association of American Educators. Sole author.
- 2010 Open High School of Utah, *President's Volunteer Service Award* - Gold (PVSA). Program development, implementation, and oversight.
- 2009 Draper Youth Council, *Best Youth Council in Utah* - Youth Council Association (YCA). Sole author of 158 page application.
- 1998 Upper Arlington High School, *Best Foreign Language Program* - Ohio Foreign Language Association (OFLA). Implementer and participant.

### Professional

- 2013-2008 *President's Volunteer Service Award* - Gold, Silver, Bronze (PVSA).
- 2011 Open Educational Resource Fellowship, **\$1000 plus travel expenses** - Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education.
- 2011 Utah Valley Magazine: [\*"Fab Fifty" People to Watch\*](#).
- 2011 Technology Grant, **\$500** - Association of American Educators.
- 2003 *All-Star Award*, Top-ranked presentation at the Ohio Foreign Language Association (OFLA) Annual Conference. Ohio Foreign Language Association.
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### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2013-present Member, International Society for Technology in Education

- 2010-present Member, Association of American Educators
- 2009-present Member, International Association for K-12 Online Learning
- 2009-present Member, Open Courseware Consortium
- 1994-2004 Member, Ohio Foreign Language Association

<b>SERVICE and LEADERSHIP</b>
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- 2013-2014 Educational Program Advisory Committee - Argosy University, Draper, UT.
- 2012-2013 Speaker of the House (Becky Lockhart) Appointee - Legislative Commission on Immigration, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2010-2012 Elected Board Member, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, Salt Lake City, UT.
- 2009-2012 Elected Chair, Legislative District 27, Highland, UT.
- 2008-2010 Elected Community Council Member, Ridgeline Elementary, Highland, UT.
- 2007-2010 Chair, Draper City Youth Council, Draper, UT.
- 2007-2009 Appointed Committee Member, Legislative District 27, Highland, UT.
- 2007 Founder, SunCrest Residents Community Organization, Draper, UT.
- 2001-2003 Elected Member, Upper Arlington High School Faculty Council, Upper Arlington High School, OH.
- 1990-1992 President, Residence Halls Association, Brigham Young University, UT.