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## EDUCATION

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

Instructional Psychology & Technology (2019)

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

Second Language Acquisition (1997) - Summa cum laude

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

Secondary Education, French major & Spanish minor (1993)

## EXPERTISE

Digital Learning:	K-12 Online Education, Educational Technology
Charter Schools:	Charter School Authorization, School Choice
Curriculum:	Open Educational Resources
Pedagogy:	Evaluation, Self-determination Theory, Growth Mindset

## EMPLOYMENT and EXPERIENCE

**Principal** Mountain Heights Academy (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, Character curriculum (2007-2010)

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

<b>Teacher</b>	Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow, Columbus, OH (2004-2006) French I, II, Spanish I
	Upper Arlington High School, Upper Arlington, OH (1994-2004) French I, II, III, Spanish I, II, III
	Pleasant Grove Junior High School, Pleasant Grove, UT (1991-1992) French I, II, Life Skills

## SERVICE and LEADERSHIP

2018-present	Better Days 2020, Governing Board Member, Salt Lake City, UT
2017-present	Association of American Educators (AAE), Advisory Board Member, Washington DC
2016-2019	AdvancED, Utah State Council Member, Tempe, AZ
2016-2017	Utah Trust Lands Advisory Committee, Member, Murray, UT
2015-present	Open Education Consortium, Awards Committee Member, Concord, MA
2015-2018	Program Committee Member, International Association of K-12 Online Learning, Vienna, VA.
2015-present	Utah State Charter School Board, Governor Appointed Board Member, Salt Lake City, UT. Vice-Chair from 2016-present.
2015-present	President's Community Advisory Council, Member, Utah Valley University, Orem, UT.
2014-present	Association of American Educators, Foundation Board Member, Washington, DC.
2013-2014	Argosy University, Educational Program Advisory Committee, Draper, UT.
2012-2013	Legislative Commission on Immigration, Speaker of the House Appointee, Salt Lake City, UT.
2011-present	AdvancED, Accreditation Team Member, Tempe, AZ
2010-2012	Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, Elected Board Member, Salt Lake City, UT.
2009-2012	Legislative District 27, Elected Chair, Highland, UT.

2008-2010	Ridgeline Elementary, Elected Community Council Member, Highland, UT.
2007-2010	Draper City Youth Council, Appointed Chair, Draper, UT.
2007-2009	Legislative District 27, Appointed Committee Member, Highland, UT.
2007	SunCrest Residents Community Organization, Founder, Draper, UT.
2001-2003	Upper Arlington High School Faculty Council, Elected Member, Upper Arlington High School, OH.
1990-1992	Residence Halls Association, President, Brigham Young University, UT.

## GRANTS, HONORS, and AWARDS

### Professional

2017	Open Education Group, <i>Open Research Award</i> - Open Education Consortium Global, Capetown, South Africa.
2017	<i>President's Volunteer Service Award</i> - Lifetime Award for 5000 hours of service.
2008-2018	<i>President's Volunteer Service Award</i> - Gold, Silver, Bronze
2014	<i>30 Women to Watch</i> - Utah Business Magazine.
2014	<i>Best Principal in Utah</i> - Best of State.
2012-2011	<i>Open Educational Resource Fellow</i> , \$1000. Institute for the Study of Knowledge Management in Education (ISKME).
2011	Utah Valley Magazine: <a href="#"><i>"Fab Fifty" People to Watch</i></a> .
2002-2003	<i>All-Star Award</i> , Top-ranked presentation at the Ohio Foreign Language Association (OFLA) Annual Conference. Ohio Foreign Language Association.

### Institutional

2018	Mountain Heights Academy, <i>Best K-12 Online School in Utah</i> Award - Best of State. Sole Author.
2018	Mountain Heights Academy, <i>Open Pedagogy Award for OER Passports Professional Development program</i> . Open Education Consortium Global. Sole Author.

- 2017 Mountain Heights Academy, *Student Voices Award*, State Educational Technology Directors' Association. Sole Author.
- 2017 - 2018 Mountain Heights Academy, Utah Science Technology And Research Initiative (USTAR) Grant - **\$40,800** - Utah State Office of Education. Program oversight.
- 2017 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best K-12 Online School in Utah* Award - Best of State. Sole Author.
- 2017 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best Curriculum Development in Utah* Award - Best of State. Sole Author.
- 2017 Mountain Heights Academy, *Honorable Mention - Tech Tools/Computer Science* - Open Education Consortium Global. Co-Author.
- 2016 - 2017 Mountain Heights Academy, Utah Science Technology And Research Initiative (USTAR) Grant - **\$72,700** - Utah State Office of Education. Program oversight.
- 2016 Mountain Heights Academy, *President's Volunteer Service Award* - Gold, (PVSA). Program oversight.
- 2016 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best K-12 Online School in Utah* Award - Best of State. Sole Author.
- 2016 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best Charter School in Utah* Award - Best of State. Sole Author.
- 2016 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best Curriculum Development in Utah* Award - Best of State. Sole Author.
- 2016 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best Open Course - Physical Education* - Open Education Consortium Global. Sole Author.
- 2015 - 2016 Mountain Heights Academy, Utah Science Technology And Research Initiative (USTAR) Grant - **\$72,700** - Utah State Office of Education. Program oversight.
- 2015 Mountain Heights Academy, *President's Volunteer Service Award* - Gold, (PVSA). Program oversight.
- 2015 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best K-12 Online School in Utah* Award - Best of State. Sole Author.
- 2015 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best Website [www.openhighschoolcourses.org](http://www.openhighschoolcourses.org)* - Open Education Consortium Global. Sole Author.
- 2015 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best Open Course - Music Theory* - Open Education Consortium Global. Sole Author.

- 2014 - 2015 Mountain Heights Academy, Utah Science Technology And Research Initiative (USTAR) Grant - **\$72,700** - Utah State Office of Education. Program oversight.
- 2014 Mountain Heights Academy, *President's Volunteer Service Award* - Gold, (PVSA). Program oversight.
- 2014 Mountain Heights Academy, *Best Curriculum Development in Utah* Award - Best of State. Primary Author.
- 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.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

- Wiley, D., Tonks, D., Weston, S., & Webb, A. (2017). A Preliminary Exploration of the Relationships Between Student-Created OER, Sustainability, and Students Success. [International Review of Research in Online Learning](#), 18(4).
- 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

- Wiley, D., Gong, J., Jensen, H., Randall, D., Springer, K., Tonks, D., Woodward, S., Young, J. (2014). An Open Education Reader.
- 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

- Weston, S., Tonks, D. (2018, April). OER Passport: A Guide to Finding, Using, and Creating OER. Digital Learning Association Conference. (DLAC). Austin, TX.
- Kanth, C., Tonks, D., & Belnap, L. (2018, April). Constructing a Course Access Program Beneficial to all Stakeholders –Significant Foundational Elements. Digital Learning Association Conference (DLAC). Austin, TX.
- Weston, S., Tonks, D., Andersen, E., Swinton, A. (2018, October). OER Passport for Teacher PD. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Blended and Online Learning Symposium. Nashville, TN
- Tonks, D., Weston, S., Andersen, E., Swinton, A. (2018, October). Decade in Review: From Open High School to Mountain Heights Academy. Open Education Conference. Niagara Falls, NY.
- Rice, M., Brasseur-Hock, I., Tonks, D., Bell, S., Moran, C. (2018, March). Blended Learning for Diverse Students: Exploring Issues of Cultural Responsiveness, Personalization, Inclusion, and Access. Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE) Conference. Washington DC.
- Tonks, D., Larson, K., Davis, E., Trane, K., & Trane, D. (2017, October). Student Voices Panel on Students as Co-Instructional Designers. State Educational Technology Directors' Association (SETDA) Conference. Washington DC.
- Tonks, D., Hedrick, J., Bench, M., & Hackett, K. (2017, October). OER Passport for Teacher PD. Open Education Conference. Anaheim, CA.
- Wiley, D., Tonks, D. (2017, March). A Preliminary Exploration of the Relationship Between Student-Created OER, Sustainability, and Students Success at the Secondary Level. Open Education Global Conference. Capetown, South Africa.
- Tonks, D., & Ellis, J. (2016, November). Making Open Special. Open Education Conference. Richmond, VA.
- Bauer, S., Lambert, J., Tonks, D., Elinkowski, K., & Stanton, L. (2016, October). Charter School Authorizing. National Association of Charter School Authorizers (NACSA) Annual Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Tonks, D., Webb, V., Swinton, & A. (2016, October). Pro-tips for Hiring Talented Teachers. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Blended and Online Learning Symposium. San Antonio, TX.
- Tonks, D. (2015, November). Scaling the Mountain Heights Model. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Blended and Online Learning Symposium. Orlando, FL.

Tonks, D., & Weston, S. (2015, November). OER Champions. Open Education Conference. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Tonks, D. (2014, November). Behind the Scenes at Mountain Heights Academy - Students as Co-Instructional Designers. Open Education Conference. Washington DC.

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. (2018, March). From Open High School of Utah to Mountain Heights Academy: Decade of Secondary OER. Massachusetts Institute of Technology Open Learning Lab. Cambridge, MA.

Dutton, D., Jordahl, K., Tonks, D., & Udasco, J. (2018, March). Lessons in Leadership Keynote Panel. National Repository of Online Courses Annual Meeting. Monterey, CA.

Tonks, D., Gibbons, L., Larson, K., & Davis, E. (2018, February). Operation Bee and OER. Utah State Board of Education meeting. Salt Lake City, UT.

Weston, S., Tonks, D., Andersen, E., Ellis, J., Fairbanks, L., & Scholes, S. (2018, January). OER Collective. Utah State Board of Education's Annual OER Conference. Salt Lake City, UT.

Tonks, D., Larson, K., Davis, E., Trane, K., & Trane, D. (2017, October). Student Voices Panel on Students as Co-Instructional Designers. EdWeb.

- Wiley, D., Tonks, D., Burtis, M., & Derosa, R. (2016, November). Open Pedagogy Keynote Panel. Open Ed Conference, Richmond, VA.
- Webb, A., Tonks, D. (2015, September). Mountain Heights Academy Model. Technology Engineering in Education student seminar, Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.
- Tonks, D. (2015, July). Finding Open Educational Resources: From Needles in a Haystack to X Marks the Spot. NetTexts ISTE for Administrators Webinar Series.
- Tonks, D. (2014, April) Best Practices in Hiring, Training and Evaluating Online Teachers. National Repository for Online Courses (NROC) Annual Meeting in Monterey, CA.
- Tonks, D. & Henderson, S. (2014, March). Teacher Observation and Evaluation in Online and Blended Learning Environments. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) 2014 Leadership webinar series.
- Tonks, D., & Weston, S. (2013, December). OER: Catalyst for Innovation. Innovative Schools Conference, Lansing, MI.
- Weston, S., & Tonks, D. (2013, December). High-touch and High-tech: The Mountain Heights Academy Teaching Model. Innovative Schools Conference, Lansing, MI.
- Tonks, D., & Bliss, T. (2013, October). Open Educational Resources and Collaborative Content Development: A Practical Guide for State and School Leaders. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Conference, 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, Mountain Heights Academy, West Jordan, UT.
- Weston, S., & Tonks, D. (2013, April). Stranger in a Strange Land: Online Teachers and OER. Invited presentation. Saylor Foundation's Digital Education Conference (DigEdCon). Tyson's Corner, VA.
- Cantrill, C., Cassili, C., Fasimpaur, K., Fitzgerald, B., Hilliger, L., Roberts, V., & Tonks, D. (2013, March). Open Educational Resources: Impact. Alberta Distance Learning Center.
- Weston, S., Tonks, D., Bliss, T., Lacey, P., & Rowenhurst, T. (2012, October). OER Essentials. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Glennie, J., Lesperance, J., Ram, P., Tonks, D., & Wiley, D. (2012, April). The Three Pillars of the OER Ecosystem: High Quality Supply. Hewlett Grantees Annual Meeting, OER 2012, Cambridge, MA.

- Bisgard, C., Dawley, L., Jenkins, A., Loesing, C., & Tonks, D. (2012, March). Professional Development Networks, Social Authoring, and OER. National Repository for Online Courses (NROC) Annual Meeting, Monterey, CA.
- Garn, M., & Tonks, D. (2012, March). Practical Applications of OER. 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. 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. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) 2012 webinar series.
- Tonks, D., & Pace, A. (2012, January). OER and Online Instruction. Quality Online Curriculum Symposium. Gates Foundation. Boston, MA.
- Swinton, A., & Tonks, D. (2011, November). Data-driven Instruction. 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. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Weston, S., Pace, A., Winslow, M., & Tonks, D. (2011, November). OER Panel Workshop. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Nieffer, J., Tonks, D., & Renfro, M. (2011, October). Best Practices in Online Education. 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. 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. International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL) 2011 webinar series.
- Tonks, D. (2011, April). Best Practices in Online Instruction and Curriculum Design Consultation. BYU-Independent Study, Provo, UT.
- Tonks, D., Webb, A., & Ellis, R. (2011, April). OER Best Practices. Instructional Psychology &

Technology graduate seminar. Brigham Young University, Provo, UT.

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

Tonks, D. (2011, February). Open High School's Open Educational Resource Use and Success. Joint MIT/Harvard course on OER. Dr. Vijay Kumar and Brandon Muramatsu.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2015-present    Member, National Association of Charter School Authorizers

2010-present    Member, Association of American Educators

2009-present    Member, International Association for K-12 Online Learning

2009-present    Member, Open Education Consortium

1994-2006       Member, Ohio Foreign Language Association