

Joseph Pitts
Adjunct Instructor of Education
Appointed: 2010

1. Academic Degrees:

Ph.D.	University of South Carolina	1992	Elementary Education
M.Ed.	Clemson University	1978	Elementary Education
A.B.	Piedmont College	1968	Psychology

2. Professional Experience:

resent	Converse College	Associate Professor Director of Middle Level Programs
2003-2005	North Greenville University	Chair, Elementary Education Department
1998-2006	Columbia college	Program Coordinator for the Master's Degree in Divergent Learning Adjunct Professor
1992-2003	Limestone College	Associate Professor of Education Director of the Program for Alternative Learning Styles
1990-1992	Limestone College	Graduate Assistant with shared teaching responsibilities
1976-1990	Westminster Middle School	Classroom teacher

3. Publications:

Pitts, J.I. (2009). A Learning Style Instrument that is Easy to Use and Helps to Make Accomodations in the Classroom. Association of Teacher Educators, Middle Level SIG Newsletter.

Pitts, J.I. (2009). Identifying and Using a Teacher-Friendly Learning-Styles Instrument. The Clearing House, Vol. 82, No. 5, 225-231.

Pitts, J.I. (2008). Introducing the Benefits of Global Learning Styles to Pre-Service Teachers. Association of Teacher Educators, Middle Level SIG Newsletter.

Heiens, Richard, & Pitts, J.I. (2004). Textbook. Integrating Math for Teachers of Divergent Learners. Work in progress, to be submitted for publication in December.

Pitts, J.I. (2002). "A Teacher-Friendly Instrument in Identifying Learning Styles in the Classroom." Submitted for publications to SRATE, October, 2002.

Pitts, J.I. (2000). "It's All in the Story." The 2000 Annual Fall Teacher Education Conference, Conference Proceedings, Charleston, SC.

Johnson, C.B, & Pitts, J.I. (1999). "Who Are Divergent Learners, and What Can We Do With Them?" The 1999 Annual Fall Teacher Education Conference, Conference Proceedings, Charleston, SC.

Pitts, J.I. (Fall 1995). "Integrating the Curriculum for Preservice Teachers." The Core Teacher, Vol. 45, No.3.

4. Presentations:

"Using a Teacher Friendly Learning Style Instrument with Middle School Students." SC Middle School Association and SC Professors of Middle Level Education, (Spring 2009).

"Helping Global Learners Succeed in an Analytical World," National Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, TX. (Spring 2009).

“Using a Teacher Friendly Learning Style Instrument with Middle School Students.” National Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, TX, (Spring 2009).

“A Teacher-Friendly Instrument for Identifying Learning Styles in the Classroom” Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators, Myrtle Beach, SC, (Fall 2008).

“Helping Global Learners Succeed in an Analytical World” NMSA and NPOMLE, Denver, CO, (Fall 2008).

“Using a Teacher Friendly Learning Style Instrument with Middle School Students.” Middle Level SIG of the Association of Teacher Educators, New Orleans, LA (Spring 2008).

“Making a Second-Timer.” SC Science Council 32nd Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC (Fall 2007).

“How Identifying Global and Analytical Approaches to Learning Helps Teachers Improve Student Achievement.” SRATE Conference, Hot Springs, AK (Fall 2002).

“Personality Traits & Learning Styles for Divergent Learners” with Dr. Carol Johnson. SRATE 49th Annual conference, Hot Springs, AK (Fall 2002).

“How Identifying Global and Analytical Approaches to Learning Helps Teachers Improve Student Achievement.” SCACTE/SCATE Conference, Litchfield Beach, SC (Fall 2002).

“Personality Traits and Learning Styles for Divergent Learners” with Dr. Carol Johnson. SCACTE/SCATE Conference, Litchfield Beach, SC (Fall 2002).

“Strategies for Active Learning” National Conference on The Adult Learner, Atlanta, GA (June 2001).

“Personal Narratives for the Global Learner” SCACTE/SCATE Conference, Charleston, SC (Fall 2001).

“It’s All in the Story” SCACTE/SCATE Conference, Charleston, SC (Fall 2000).

“Strategies for Active Learning” National Conference on The Adult Learner (May 2000).

“Personality Traits & Learning Styles for Divergent Learners” National Conference on the Adult Learner (May 2000).

“Making Accommodations for Students with Learning Disabilities in the College Classroom” National Conference on The Adult Learner, Atlanta, GA (May 2000)

“Who Are Divergent Learners, and What Can We Do With Them?” Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators 46th Annual Conference, Mobile, AL (October 1999).

“Is College an Option for Students with Learning Disabilities?” LDA International Conference, Atlanta, GA (February 1999).

“Integrating the Methodological Curriculum for Preservice Teachers.” Presented at the 19th Annual Conference of the Association for Integrative Studies in Boone, NC (October 1997).

“Integrating Certain Methodology Courses for Preservice Teachers.” Presented at the fall conference of Southern Regional Association of Teachers of Education (SRATE) in Cton, SC (October 1996).

5. Services:

Converse College:

2009	Serve on the Board of Middle Level Teacher Education Initiative
2009	Served on site visitation committee for Schools to Watch

- 2009 Recruited for M.Ed. candidates at Fairforest Middle School
- 2009 Recruited for M.Ed. candidates at Gaffney Middle School
- 2009 Served as interviewer for Converse College Academic Competition
- 2008 Meet with District Six personnel and the three District Six middle school principals to develop ways to work as a team in preparing middle level teacher candidates
- 2008 Was asked to evaluate a science demonstration for a Cherokee County District Science Coordinator
- 2008 Asked to attend CHE and Higher Education Technical Assistance for Advanced Programs and NCATE workshop in Columbia
- 2008 Represented School of Education and Graduate Studies at Graduate School Fair at Benedict College
- 2008 Judged Science Fair at Woodland Heights Elementary School
- 2008 Submitted a proposal for M.Ed. in Middle Level Education
- 2007 Move in day Volunteer
- 2007 Faculty-Student/Partner Day Volunteer
- 2007 Committee to peer review faculty member for tenure
- 2007 Judged Science Fair at Woodland Heights Elementary School
- 2007 Planned, organized and conducted a Back to School Night for prospective MAT students in conjunction with Dr. Cheser, Dr. Boggs, and Dr. Breard
- 2007 Helped man booth for the School of Education and Graduate Studies at Graduate School Fair at Converse College
- 2007 Represented School of Education and Graduate Studies at Graduate School Fair at Benedict College
- 2006 Interviewer for Milliken Scholarships
- 2006 Judged Science Fair at Woodland Heights Elementary School
- 2006 Marshall for August Graduation
- 2006 NCATE Committee on writing one of the standards
- 2006-2008 Planning committees for Symposium for Middle Level Teacher Educators in May 2008
- 2006 Submitted a proposal for M.A.T. in middle level education to the Graduate Council
- 2005-Present Graduate Admissions Committee

Community

- 2005-Present Congressional District 4 Coordinator for *We the People: the Citizen and the Constitution* and *Project Citizen*. Yearly activities related to this volunteer service:
 - Participate in training workshops
 - Contact school and district personnel to disseminate information
 - Attend training events for my growth in civic education for teachers
 - Judge competition at the region and state level for *We the People, The Citizen and the Constitution, Mock Trial, and Project Citizen*
 - Helped officiate at the National Competition in Washington, DC
 - Attend the Congressional District Coordinators Conference in Washington, DC
 - Set goals and plan events with the other 5 District Coordinators in SC
- 2005-Present Volunteer driver and associate member of the SC Federation of the Blind, Spartanburg Chapter. This includes driving to pick up members for the monthly meeting and working at their state convention
- 2009 Served as a guide for Blind Fishing Tournament for our Lions District
- 2007 Served as a guide for Blind Fishing Tournament for our Lions District
- 2007 Worked on Habitat for Humanity House

Lions Club International

International Level:

- 2009 Presenter/Facilitator for the Southeast Lions Leadership Institute
- 2008 Appointed Team 20 Coordinator for South Carolina
- 2008 Received the International Presidential Leadership Medal
- 1994-Present Hosted Lions International Youth Exchange students
- 1980-Present Attended 19 Lions International Conventions, both in states and overseas

State Level:

2004-Present Plan, organize and conduct training for the Vice District Governors Elect
2004-Present Plan, organize and conduct training for the combined Councils of VDGE and DGE
2004-Present Plan, organize and conduct training for the State MERL Team
2004-Present Present training plans to current council for approval
2005 Worked with 32A Leadership Chair to plan and conduct How to be a Better Lion
2006 Worked with 32C Leadership Chair to plan and conduct How to be a Better Lion
2007 Participated in a three-day workshop on starting new clubs and becoming a Guiding Lion
2008 Worked with leaders in District 32C to plan, organize and conduct a Lions Information Fair for the District

District Level:

2007-Present Serve as a Guiding Lion for the new Westside Lions Club
2008-Present Serve as an Associate Member of the Spartanburg Lions Club

Club Level:

2004-Present Work on service projects and fundraisers and attend regular meetings for the Inman Lions Club

6. Professional Memberships:

Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)
National Middle School Association (NMSA)
National Professors of Middle Level Education (NPoMLE) Board Member
South Carolina Professors of Middle Level Education (SCPoMLE) Board Member
South Carolina Middle Level Teacher Education Initiative (MLTEI) Board Member
South Carolina Middle School Association (SCMSA)
South Carolina Association of Teacher Educators (SCATE)