



**WORLD VIEW**



## **UNC WORLD VIEW FELLOWS PROGRAM 2022-2023**

### *The Sustainable Development Goals for a Better World*

#### **MEET THE 2022-2023 FELLOWS!**



#### **YUSUPHA AUBER**

Math Teacher, East Cary Magnet Middle, Wake County Public Schools

In 1998, Yusupha graduated from Salisbury State University in Maryland with a degree in History and a minor in political science. After several successful years in Sales and Management, he enrolled at Rhode Island College as a second-degree candidate, attaining a degree-equivalent in Secondary Education Mathematics. He has worked in diverse urban and suburban districts in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and now in North Carolina. His most memorable experience, is leading 10<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade classes, respectively studying Geometry and Algebra I, to significant growth in their mathematics learning. He is excited to join the Fellows

program, to learn more about how to incorporate the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals into his 7<sup>th</sup> grade lessons so that learning is more fun for his students while opening their minds to the wider world community.



#### **JESSAMYN BAILEY**

Art Teacher, High Point Central High, Guilford County Schools

Jessamyn Bailey is an artist and licensed K-12 Art teacher working with Guilford County School. She is currently working at High Point Central High School teaching 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. This summer she is enjoying teaching art with Pre-K EL students from all over the world. Jessamyn earned her BA with a double major in fine art and history from Greensboro College and went on to receive a MA in fine art from City and Guilds of London Art School in the UK. After several years living abroad, she returned to her hometown in Greensboro, NC where she lives with her partner and young daughter. In her free time Jessamyn is a frequent traveler, having visited all seven continents and more than 30 countries. She hopes to share

that global perspective in her classroom.



**DENISE-MARIE COPELAND**

Social Studies Teacher, Center of Applied Sciences and Technology, Brunswick County Schools

Denise-Marie Copeland is in her third year of teaching 9th grade World History at The Center of Applied Sciences and Technology in Bolivia, NC. Denise-Marie received honors as Brunswick County Schools BTOY and an NCCAT BTOY Finalist. She earned her MAT degree in Secondary Education from UNCW's Watson College of Education in 2020 after transitioning from a career as a licensed clinical addiction specialist. Denise-Marie is passionate about preparing students to be global citizens ready to use their historical knowledge to create a brighter future.



**KRISTEN COX**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher, East Cary Magnet Middle, Wake County Public Schools

Kristen Cox is entering her fourth year teaching science at East Cary Magnet Middle School. Kristen has a BS in biological sciences from Virginia Tech. Although she did not begin her career in teaching, she has found her true passion in being a science teacher. She loves to give her students real-world experiences through global studies. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she strives to be an instructional leader at her school to help other teachers incorporate engaging, global lessons. When she is not teaching, she enjoys hiking, traveling, and reading books!



**PATTI DONOHUE**

K-8 Visual Arts Teacher, Johnson Street Global Studies, Guilford County Schools

Patti Donohue is beginning her eighth year of teaching K-12 Visual Art. Teaching is her second career. She worked in the home furnishings field designing textiles for many years and enjoys being able to share that knowledge and experience with her students. Patti is currently living in Burlington, NC and working in High Point. Plants, animals, the sky, the ocean, friendships, and family inspire her work and life.



**ASHLEY GRANT**

Social Studies Teacher, Greene County Middle, Greene County Schools

Ashley Grant is entering her 11<sup>th</sup> year as a social studies teacher. She teaches Social Studies and STEM Social Studies at Greene County Middle School where she serves as a department chair and SGA advisor. Ashley is a two-time graduate of Campbell University, earning a BA in history with teacher licensure and a MEd with a concentration in secondary social studies. She is a member of the North Carolina Council for the Social Studies and the North Carolina Association of Historians. Ashley is a passionate advocate for social studies and global education. She also loves education technology and recently earned her Apple Learning Coach

certification. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, movies, podcasts, and exploring new places and restaurants.



**HOLLY KOLAROVA**

ESL and EC Teacher, Clear Creek Elementary, Henderson County Schools

Holly Kolarova has been an educator for over 12 years and currently teaches multilingual learners and students with special needs at Clear Creek Elementary in Hendersonville, NC. She is excited to continue incorporating global perspectives in her teaching after participating as a UNC EUnited Teachers Fellow for 2021. She is eager to encourage her students to learn about global issues in communities across the world and relate the problems and solutions to their own communities as well.



**MAGGIE LEGRAND**

Social Studies Teacher, North Gaston High, Gaston County Schools

Maggie LeGrand is in her sixth year of teaching at North Gaston High School in Dallas, NC. Maggie has taught World History, American History, and Big History. She was an EUnited Teachers Fellow and participated in the War in the Pacific Teacher Seminar at the National World War II Museum in the summer of 2021. Maggie graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in history education. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, and spending time with her family.



**ALISSA MCELREATH**

8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher, Dillard Drive Magnet Middle, Wake County Public Schools

Alissa McElreath has been an educator for 25 years. She began teaching in higher education as an English literature and writing instructor, but in 2017 she decided to transition into a career working with younger students. She became a licensed teacher in ELA for grades 6-9 and also acquired certification in K-12 reading. After working as a reading specialist for 3 1/2 years, she realized she sorely missed the classroom and jumped at the opportunity to teach 8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA at Dillard Drive Magnet Middle. She will begin her second full year at DDMMS in the fall. Alissa loves helping students thrive in their classroom communities and seeks to create an

environment that embraces and celebrates diverse perspectives. She believes in the importance of helping students center themselves as changemakers in their communities and the world around them. In her free time, she enjoys running, traveling, tending to her plant babies and, of course, reading a good book!



### **ANGELA MOSER**

English and Avid Teacher, Innovation Early College High, Pitt County Schools

Angela Moser is in her 16th year of teaching and is certified in English and Social Studies in grades 6-12. She is going into her second year of teaching at the Innovation Early College (IECHA) on the campus of East Carolina University. There, she teaches English IV Honors and AVID IV; she will also be the AVID Site Team Coordinator. She also sponsors the school's GSA Club. She recently learned about the UNSDGs and immediately incorporated them into her classroom because they are so important. In addition to teaching at IECHS, she also teaches English at Pitt Community College. She earned her BS in English and history from Lindsey Wilson College and her MA in English with a concentration in Multicultural and

Transnational Literature from ECU. She also holds a MEd in Secondary English Education from the University of Phoenix and a M.Ed. in Instructional Systems Technology from UNC Charlotte. Angela was also a fellow with the African Diaspora Fellowship at UNC-Chapel Hill. When not teaching, Angela enjoys exploring with her partner and their two poodles, reading, playing video games, and crafting.



### **LAURIE NEWHOUSE**

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Dillard Drive Magnet Elementary, Wake County Public Schools

Laurie Newhouse has a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction and is a National Board-certified teacher. She is a first-grade teacher at Dillard Drive Magnet Elementary in Raleigh, NC with over 28 years of experience. Laurie loves teaching and being a lifelong learner. She enjoys being grade level chair to an awesome first grade team. She also takes pride in being a mentor to beginning teachers. She has written curriculum for her county as well as reviewed curriculum for GoOpenNC. Her school has recently become a center for Global Studies and Spanish

Immersion. She is passionate about preparing students to be global citizens through inquiry and project-based learning. This year she was honored to be recognized as one of the top 10 finalists for Wake County Teacher of the Year. In 2018 she had the privilege of writing curriculum and training teachers in Uganda with an organization called LRTT. She recently got married to the love of her life and snorkeled in a coral reef and swam with a dolphin in Jamaica. She loves animals and nature. She has a bearded dragon for her classroom pet, and it is her dream to someday write a children's book about the pet.



### **JENNIFER NICHOLS**

Spanish Teacher, Cox Mill High, Cabarrus County Schools

Jennifer Nichols is thrilled to be joining the UNC World View Fellows as she starts her 19<sup>th</sup> year of teaching high school (Spanish II). She has her BA in Spanish and BA in English from UNC-Chapel Hill and received her MA in Spanish from UNC-Charlotte. She is also certified to teach ESL. As a fan of global education and a promoter of the 'never stop learning' mindset, she is studying Arabic through Durham Tech. Jennifer currently serves as the Spanish II PLC lead for the CMHS World Language department, served on the 2020-2021 National Humanities Teacher Advisory Council, and was selected as the Cox Mill High 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. In her free time, she loves reading; spending time with her husband, two daughters, and

their dog Duke; and watering her plants (too numerous to name).



### **BEVERLY OWENS**

Science Teacher, Cleveland Early College, Cleveland County Schools

Beverly Owens is a high school chemistry teacher at Cleveland Early College High School, with over 20 years of experience as an educator. She is a National Board-Certified Teacher, an NC Certified Environmental Educator, a National Geographic Certified Educator, and, more recently, a 2021 Kenan Fellow. She currently serves as the Secretary for the North Carolina Science Leadership Association. Owens' teaching philosophy is to help students explore the world of science and to inspire the next generation of scientists, engineers, and explorers. Owens served as a Science Communication Fellow on *Titanic* discoverer Dr. Robert Ballard's ship, the *E/V Nautilus*, studying brine pools in from the top of the Gulf of Mexico down to Panama. She has also

served as a NOAA Teacher at Sea, studied seafloor sedimentology in Hawaii, Ancestral Puebloan archaeology in Colorado, and participate in the Fulbright Japan-US ICT Teacher Exchange.



### **KATE WERNERSBACH**

English Teacher, Wake Early College of Health and Sciences, Wake County Public Schools

Kate Wernersbach is a high school English teacher with over 22 years of experience in education. She currently teaches at Wake Early College of Health and Sciences where she has gotten involved with the WECHS H.E.A.L.S program, a program in which teams of students work together to research and create solutions in connection to one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Kate is a National Board Certified Teacher, a curriculum writer for Wake County Public Schools, and has participated in two Educator of Excellence Institute programs through the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences - one to Belize in 2013, and the other to

Ecuador in 2014 where she traveled with Heifer International to learn about efforts "to end world hunger and poverty and to care for the Earth." She also participated in teacher professional development through NC State called "Czech Cultural Connections" and spent two weeks immersed in Czech culture in 2019. When she's not teaching, Kate loves to read, spend time with her dog, and travel to discover new cultures and meet new people - she just got back from Egypt and Jordan!



### **SEAN WHEAT**

Global Studies Teacher, Oberlin Magnet Middle, Wake County Public Schools

Sean Wheat is finishing his fifth year teaching his wonderful students at Oberlin Magnet Middle School. Oberlin has a school-wide theme around the Sustainable Development Goals, and Sean is hoping to expand his knowledge and continue to help other faculty members. A graduate of Louisiana Tech University with a BA and MAT, he is certified in social studies and is teaching Global Studies. He also leads Model UN at his school and has taken students on several occasions to Appalachian State University for their Model UN convention. Sean and his wife

moved to North Carolina in 2017 from Louisiana after careers in the military. Sean enjoys many outdoor activities such as kayaking, bike riding, running, and diving.