

## Matthew Dean Cox

### **EDUCATION: Master of Arts +45, June 2014**

West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia  
Marshall University Graduate College, South Charleston, West Virginia  
Coursework in Advanced Placement, social studies education, and technology

### **Master of Arts in Secondary Education, May 2011**

West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia  
Endorsement/Certifications – Social Studies grades 5-12; Spanish grades 5-9  
Completed student teaching at Grafton High School  
Master's GPA: 4.00 on a 4.0 scale

### **Bachelor of Arts in History, May 2011**

West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia  
Minor in Spanish  
Graduated magna cum laude  
GPA 3.77 on a 4.0 scale

### **Bachelor of Arts in Interdepartmental Studies, May 2011**

West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia

### **PPST/Praxis Test Scores**

Reading: 184  
Writing: 176  
Mathematics: 188  
Specialty Area—Social Studies: 183  
Principles of Learning and Teaching 7-12—185 (ETS Recognition of Excellence)

### **CLASSROOM**

#### **EXPERIENCE: Kanawha County Schools Teacher, August 2011 to Present Capital High School, Charleston, West Virginia**

- Taught 10<sup>th</sup> grade U.S. History, 11<sup>th</sup> grade 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Century History, 10<sup>th</sup> grade Honors U.S. History in a pilot, textbook free classroom and Advanced Placement European History
- Sponsored Capital High School Gearheads Club, Model United Nations, and Youth in Government
- Co-sponsored Capital High School S.C.O.R.E.S. Competition Team at Marshall University (2012-2013)
- Participated in Kanawha County Schools Beginning Teacher Academy and Professional Learning Communities within Capital High School
- Professional Learning Community Facilitator (2013-Present)
- Obtained certifications in AP U.S. History, A.P. European History, and A.P. U.S. Government and Politics
- Served on the Capital High School Leadership Team, (2014-Present)
- Developed county-wide curriculum map for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade history courses

**Taylor County Schools Student Teacher, September 2008 to May 2011  
Grafton High School, Grafton, West Virginia**

**Taylor County Middle School, Grafton, West Virginia**

- Assisted and taught students in World History, Spanish, Contemporary Studies, and Civics classes.
- Completed over 1,000 hours of in class experience.
- Created an independent study class, secured \$1,200 in grant funding for a lunch and lecture series, and instructed classes using cross-curricular methods.

**AmeriCorps Energy Express Tutor, May 2008 to August 2008**

**West Virginia University Extension Service, Parkersburg, West Virginia**

- Participated in a summer reading enrichment program for students in grades K-5.
- Prepared art projects, reading assessments, enrichment activities, and community service projects for multiple classes.
- Organized staff community service activity with the American Red Cross.

**RELATED**

**EXPERIENCE: West Virginia University Graduate Assistant, January 2011 to May 2011**

**Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Morgantown, West Virginia**

- Assisted with organizing information for university students, professors, and teachers regarding a faculty led trip to Italy to study the Reggio Emilia schools.
- Consulted on a curriculum project for the West Virginia University Research Corporation and the West Virginia Humanities Council concerning the Kanawha County Textbook Controversy.

**West Virginia University Student Worker, March 2010 to July 2010**

**Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Morgantown, West Virginia**

- Compiled statistics, organized information, and submitted report to the West Virginia State Higher Education Policy Commission for accelerated teacher education program.
- Wrote and revised grant applications.
- Served as a member of the Expanding Our Borders Committee, a subcommittee for the University's Strategic Planning Committee.

**AFFILIATIONS:**

- Member, West Virginia Education Association, 2012-Present
- Fellow, Central West Virginia Writing Project, 2012-Present
- Member, Phi Delta Kappa, 2011-Present
- Student Advisor, Center for Democracy & Citizenship Education, 2010-Present
- Member, Phi Beta Kappa, 2010-Present
- Member, United Methodist Student Movement, 2007-2011
- Member, West Virginia Student Education Association, 2008-2009
- Member, Sigma Theta Epsilon Christian Service fraternity, 2006-2010

- National Council for the Social Studies, 2014-Present

#### **PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS, & PRESENTATIONS:**

- Lessons from Reggio Emilia, West Virginia University, May 2011
- Incorporating weekly checks in social studies education, West Virginia University, May 2011
- Using primary sources as a tool for writing, Central West Virginia Writing Project, July 2012
- Using primary sources as a tool for writing, Central West Virginia Writing Project, November 2012
- Simulations as a form of argument writing, Central West Virginia Writing Project, February 2013
- Lessons from a World War II Veteran, Capital High School, May 2014
- Booker T. Washington and education in Kanawha County, West Virginia University, September 2014
- West Virginia Gold Star Families, Capital High School, November 2014
- Zip Grade and Plickers for iPad incorporation, Kanawha County Technology Academy, January 2015
- Technology incorporation and lessons from NCSS Boston, Kanawha County Technology Academy, February 2015

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

- Contributed to *Civics in a Digital Republic* by Dr. Robert A Waterson, West Virginia University Press, 2011.

#### **AWARDS & HONORS:**

- Center for Democracy and Citizenship Education Model Scholar Teacher, 2013
- President's Volunteer Service Award Bronze Level, 2009
- West Virginia University's Mountaineer Scholarship, 2006- 2010
- State of West Virginia's Promise Scholarship, August 2006-May 2010
- Schoenbaum Scholarship and Loan Endowment, August 2010- May 2011.
- West Virginia University's President's List, Fall 2007, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010