

# **Karon N. LeCompte, Ph.D.**

**Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction at Baylor University**

Waco, TX, US

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## **Biography**

Karon LeCompte, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in Social Studies Education. Her research interests include civics education, technology and teacher preparation. She works with teacher education candidates and Texas teachers on civics education and law-related education and teaches classes in elementary social studies methods.

Dr. LeCompte serves as Co-Principal investigator on \$162,000 in grant funds for civics education and research. She is Chair of the Membership Committee for the National Council for the Social Studies and Secretary/Treasurer for the AERA Special Interest Group Social Studies Research. Dr. LeCompte serves as Faculty-in-Residence for the LEAD LLC, living in the Allen and Dawson Residence Halls on Baylor campus. Dr. LeCompte earned her B.S. in Elementary Education and English and M.A. in Gifted Education from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. She earned her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Texas at Austin.

Her teaching interests are in social studies education and leadership theory. She has authored or co-authored over 25 book chapters and articles on topics related to civics education and leadership. She has presented her work at state, national and international conferences. She was named the “Baylor iCivics Fellow” in 2012, when she spent six weeks in Washington, D.C., working with the national iCivics team formed by retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. Karon and her husband, Randy, are both active members of Trinity Lutheran Church at Badger Ranch.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Training and Development, Education/Learning, Research

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## **Areas of Expertise**

Social Studies Education, Civics Education, Leadership, Elementary Education, Action Research, Social and Philosophical Aspects of Education, ICivics

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## **Affiliations**

SIG Social Studies Research AERA 2016-2017, Chair, Membership Committee - National Council for the Social Studies, Member of the College and University Faculty Assembly -2005-present, House of Delegates, National Council for the Social Studies, Chapter Co-Counselor - Kappa Delta Pi 2010-present

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## **Education**

**University of Texas at Austin**  
Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction

**Sam Houston State University**  
Elementary Education/Gifted and Talented Education M.A.

**Sam Houston State University**  
B.S. Elementary Education/English

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Editorial Board Member**

The Social Studies Research and Practice journal is a peer-reviewed, electronic journal that focuses on providing a venue for P–16 social studies research and practice manuscripts, lesson plans, reviews, and issues related to higher-level learning outcomes.

### **Faculty Senate**

Baylor University Faculty Senate:

The faculty senate is the elected, representative body of the faculty.

### **Faculty-in-Residence**

An Associate professor in the Baylor School of Education, LeCompte is serving as faculty-in-residence (FIR) at Baylor's Leadership Living-Learning Center. She and Randy occupy a 2000-square-foot, three-bedroom apartment in Allen-Dawson Hall, living alongside more than 300 Baylor students, with more than two-thirds of them freshmen. Most of the students in Allen-Dawson are pursuing an academic minor in leadership through the School of Education.

### **Warren Fellowship**

Your selection as a 2015 Warren Fellow provides you the opportunity to learn the history of the Holocaust and other genocides and to consider how to teach these histories to students of differing ages. This year's selection process was particularly rigorous, so once again, congratulations.

The Warren Fellowship for Future Teachers has been developed through a generous gift from the Martin and Naomi Warren Family Foundation.

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