



Laura Moore

Newark Digital Academy English teacher named an Ohio University Communication Fellow

By Sarah Logue

ATHENS, Ohio (March 14, 2019)— Laura Moore, an English teacher at Newark Digital Academy, was one of 10 teachers selected for the second annual Communication Fellows program in Ohio University's Scripps College of Communication. Focusing on curriculum development in communication across PK-12 levels of instruction, the program provides funding and mentorship support. Participants develop and implement a communication-related classroom project over the one-year course of their fellowship.

"If the Communication Fellows program has taught us anything, it's that there is so much creativity and innovation happening at the K-12 level," said Dean Scott Titsworth. "We're committed to using the college's expertise and technology to support those teachers who are improving communication education."

Moore graduated from Ohio University in 2007 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Education, specializing in Integrated Language Arts. She earned a master's degree in education from Indiana Wesleyan University in 2010. She has taught English for 11 years and took her current position in 2015.

"I am passionate about teaching students skills that will be relevant and useful to them in our modern, ever-changing society," Moore wrote in her project proposal. "I think communication-related instruction is important, useful, and relevant to students' lives now and in adulthood."

Moore's project proposes an online news and media literacy class that will focus on education policies and issues. Students would engage with policy such as graduation requirements, testing, curriculum changes and attendance policies, becoming "education

activists” in the process. Students in the class would write letters to and potentially meet with state representatives.

Communication Fellows attend a half-week summer residential experience at Ohio University’s main campus in Athens and receive free tuition for a graduate-level online course, a \$1500 stipend and \$1000 classroom stipend. Fellows also work with college faculty mentors and college leadership to achieve their project proposals.

“This experience is exciting and I am looking forward to working with my faculty mentor to get feedback and assistance on my project,” Moore said. “I am also looking forward to meeting the other Communication Fellows and collaborating with them throughout this program.”

Each year, up to 10 fellows are named, with five from rural Appalachian districts and five from urban districts in the state of Ohio. This program was established as part of the Scripps College of Communication’s 50th anniversary in 2018.

For more information about the Communication Fellows Program, [visit the program’s webpage](#). The Scripps College of Communication at Ohio University consists of five schools, each offering a variety of majors and programs for students who want to pursue communication-related careers. For more information, [visit our website](#).

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