

Meet the Staff

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Dr. Michael Smith is a professor in Temple University's College of Education. As one of CIL's scientific consultants, Michael focuses on innovative practice in teaching the English Language arts, especially on building bridges between literacy in school and out. You can freely download his chapter from the *Handbook on Innovations in Learning*, published by CIL.

Michael joined the ranks of college instructors after 11 years of teaching high school English. He has won awards for his teaching at both the high school and college levels. His research focuses on understanding how experienced readers read and talk about texts as well as what motivates adolescents' reading and writing out of school. He uses that understanding to think about how to devise more effective and engaging reading and writing instruction for adolescents in school.

Dr. Smith has written, co-written, or edited twelve books and monographs, including *Reading Don't Fix No Chevys: Literacy in the Lives of Young Men*, for which he and his co-author Jeff Wilhelm received the David H. Russell Award for Distinguished Research in the Teaching of English. Michael has also chaired the Literature Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association, co-chaired of the National Council of Teachers of English Assembly for Research, and co-edited *Research in the Teaching of English*. He is a Fellow of the National Conference on Research in Language and Literacy.

When he's not working, Michael's likely to be watching or talking about sports, reading, or playing with his granddaughter.



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