

What's New in 2020

2020

December

We note with sadness the passing of friend and [media literacy pioneer Marieli Rowe](#), leader of the National Telemedia Council from Madison WI

Register [here](#) for the January 11 webinar "Using Super Bowl Ads to Teach Critical Thinking and Media Literacy"

Posted new [2020 Photos of The Year page](#) (under construction)

November

22 [Seeing Through Toy Commercials](#)

12 Presenter, FYSE 138/FYSS 101 The Art & Science of Resilience, College of Charleston, Charleston SC

October

31 I was a presenter on [the webinar](#) sponsored by Media & Information Literacy in India organization

28 I was a panelist on ["Let's Talk Media Literacy"](#) sponsored by the Colorado Virtual Library and Colorado Department of Education

21 [Picturing The Pandemic:](#) my latest blogpost at MiddleWeb

21 I hosted Presidential Debates & Commercials: What Students Need To Know, a webinar for the SC Council for the Social Studies

19 I co-hosted "Visualizing The Trump Presidency" webinar, archived [here](#)

14,16 I hosted two webinars "Helping Students Better Judge the Credibility of Information" for the Writing Improvement Network

10 I hosted a webinar for educators participating in Project Citizen on media literacy and research skills for students.

September

I was a panelist on [Media & Democracy: Time For A Reset \(webinar\)](#)

[Blogpost: Use Print & TV Ads As Informational Texts](#)

(Middleweb)

I presented Media Literacy to the Clemson (SC) Sertoma club via webinar

I presented a webinar on media literacy in a fake news world for the Tree of Life (Columbia SC)

Columbia Metropolitan Magazine interviewed me for [this article](#).

July

I was the keynote speaker for [the international webinar](#) "Media Literacy: Critical Thinking for the Information Age," hosted by the Prestige Institute for Management & Research, Indore India (July 30)

My blogpost, ["Media Literacy: Teaching Kids About Political Ads"](#) was published July 30 at Middleweb.com

My topic ["Media Literacy as A Lens to Media Coverage"](#) examined media coverage of Black Lives Matter and the Civil Rights Movement, during a webinar for the South Carolina Council of African American Studies. (July 28)

June

Here is [a Zoom](#), with my new colleague from Bangalore, India, in which we discuss media literacy (for students) and deconstruct a print ad and some commercials.

[Video As Witness/Historian/Primary Source](#) (Middleweb)

From June 2 until July 14, I hosted a virtual book club with Ohio librarians who read "Close Reading The Media."

May

I co-hosted the Magazine Media Literacy Webinar with Renee Hobbs; archived [here](#).

April

MediaLiteracyNow posts [my column](#) about efforts to pass a

medialiteracy law here

SC ETV posted my blog: [Why Verification Skills Are Important for Students](#)

I hosted the webinar [MEDIA LITERACY SKILLS FOR ALL STUDENTS](#), sponsored by SC-ETV

March

[Why Media Literacy Is Important in Science Classrooms](#) (MiddleWeb)

I was interviewed by the ALA's Intellectual Freedom Blog: [Fake News, State Standards, Media Literacy](#)

February

I was a participant at the 4 SCASL regional meetings of school librarians. I keynoted in the morning on media literacy and fake news and in the afternoon I conducted concurrent sessions demonstrating my approach to incorporating media literacy into instruction.

I was interviewed for the post: [The State of Media Literacy Education](#) (2/19)

[Education Week makes note of SC's efforts to strengthen media literacy](#) (2/13)

[Verification: The #1 Vocabulary Word for 2020](#) (Middleweb blogpost)

I testified (February 5) before the SC House Education Subcommittee in support of [HB 4673](#)

NCTE published [my post on its blog](#) about films based on true stories

January

I was quoted in two Education Week stories: [Making Current Events Connections to Lessons](#) and [Fake News is Everywhere, But Students Can Be Taught To Spot It](#)

[Social Media Influencers: Who Can You Trust?](#) (Middleweb)

I joined Rep. Seth Rose to speak to [Fox Carolina](#) on the media literacy measure

MediaLiteracyNow releases [report](#) on media literacy law effort in 50 states