

# Holly Golder

## BIO SKETCH

With over twenty years of service to education, Holly M. Golder is the Supervisor of Social Studies in the Red Clay Consolidated School district, where she proudly represented the district as the 2017 Teacher of the Year and currently serves as the Co-Chair position of the Social Studies Coalition of Delaware. Throughout her distinguished career, she has been an ardent advocate for promoting inclusivity in history and civic education, making a profound impact on the educational landscape in Delaware.

After graduating from the University of Delaware in 2004 with a degree in history education and a minor in psychology, Holly began her educational career in the Red Clay Consolidated School District teaching U.S. history and psychology at McKean High School and later teaching at Al du Pont High School and Cab Calloway School of the Arts before accepting her role as Supervisor of Social Studies.

Holly firmly believes that student's educational programming should affirm students' identities by acting as windows, mirrors and sliding glass doors. She has supported the implementation of Delaware's K-12 Black History Bill by organizing professional learning opportunities for Delaware educators and speaking on numerous panels about best practices.

Mrs. Golder has consistently demonstrated a passion for enriching the teaching of history and social studies. As a member of the DELREC Board, she served on the K-12 Pre-College committee, which submitted recommendations on ways to diversify Delaware's bench. Her dedication to education is further exemplified by appointment to the Delaware Historical Society Education Committee Board.

Holly's commitment to elevating historical scholarship has led her to collaborate with prestigious organizations like National History Day, participating in the Using Library of Congress Resources to Build a Historical Argument webinar series. Her expertise as a Social Studies Specialist and lesson writer for the Delaware Historical Society's Liberty in our Grasp lesson development has had a profound impact on curriculum enhancement. Further extending her influence, Holly serves as a Social Studies Specialist for the Library of Congress Regional Grant, focusing on the history and contributions of Indigenous and Latinx communities in Delaware. Her dedication to inclusivity and equity also earned her the Social Studies Reimagining Grant from the State of Delaware and the Library of Congress Regional Grant: U.S. History Through an Equity Lens. In recognition of her visionary approach to civic education, Holly was awarded the prestigious Bezos Grant, enabling her to introduce Mikva Challenge/Action Civics to New Castle County, Delaware, fostering active citizenship among students.

Born and raised in Painted Post, New York, she currently lives in Hockessin, Delaware with her husband and biggest supporter, Sam and their two children, Sophia and Lizzie. She is proud to call Delaware home and looks forward to fostering strong social studies education in Delaware public schools.