

# Samantha Futrell

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Master Teacher, William & Mary | President, Virginia Council for the Social Studies

M.A. in History

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### William & Mary – Office of Strategic Cultural Partnerships

Master Teacher | 2025–Present

Lead educational content development of professional learning platform for K–12 educators through lilyPD, including the design of microcourses, instructional resources, and classroom implementation tools. Serve as Master Teacher for [We the Teachers](#), a federally funded national initiative supporting teacher fellows through curriculum development, mentorship, and professional learning.

### Virginia Council for the Social Studies (VCSS)

President | 2022–Present

Lead statewide organization supporting social studies educators. Strengthened partnerships with historians, museums, and institutions; expanded programming, conference reach, and organizational capacity.

### St. Michael’s Episcopal School

Middle School Social Studies Teacher | 2016–2025

Taught grades 6–8 social studies; developed inquiry-driven curriculum and interdisciplinary programming connecting students with historical scholarship and public history resources.

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## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & MEDIA

*Historical Inquiry*. [lilyPD](#). William & Mary, 2025–present.

*One Question With*. William & Mary, 2026–present.

*Mini Moves for Every Writer: Fifty Transferable Techniques for Writing Across the Content Areas*.

Bloomington, IN: Solution Tree, 2025.

*Our America: 1865-Present*, Richmond, VA: Five Ponds Press, 2024.

“Write Like a Historian.” Moving Writers, 2022–present.

[Content to Classroom](#). Virginia Council for the Social Studies, 2020–Present.

“Rosalia Katz Kaplan: A Story of Resistance.” Virginia Holocaust Museum, 2021.

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## SELECTED HONORS & AFFILIATIONS

2024 National Council for the Social Studies Secondary Teacher of the Year

Board Member, [history.org](https://www.history.org), (2025-present)

Anne Brownson Award, Virginia Association of Museums (2024)

National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Master Teacher

Retro Report Council of Educators (2022–2024)

Virginia Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Excellence in Teaching Award (2019)