

Meet the Staff

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Marilyn Murphy is the director of the **Center on Innovations in Learning (CIL)**. She also serves as the team leader of the $E = mc^2$ program (Educating Middle School Teachers for Challenging Contexts). $E = mc^2$ is a Transition to Teaching program funded by the U.S. Department of Education; the program trains candidates transitioning from math and science careers to middle school teachers in math and science in underserved schools.

Dr. Murphy recently served as interim director of the Institute for Schools and Society, the research branch of Temple University College of Education. ISS managed over 30 grants and cooperative agreements, for agencies such as the U.S. Department of Education, IHS, NIH, and the Department of the Navy, plus various other foundations and organizations. Dr. Murphy was the director of communications for the Center on Innovation & Improvement (CII), a former national content center funded by USED. In that capacity, she managed the dissemination and communication efforts of CII, and worked with numerous state education agencies on their statewide systems of support and other CII initiatives.



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Previously, she was the co-director of the Laboratory for Student Success (LSS), the mid-Atlantic Regional Educational Laboratory at Temple University, and LSS's director of outreach and dissemination. She has been an adjunct professor in rhetoric at the College of New Jersey. She received an M.A. in English Literature from the College of New Jersey and her doctorate in education from Temple University. Her research interests include communication processes, engagement theory, and the use of metaphor by children and adults. She has made frequent contributions to numerous educational publications, including chapters in the CII volume the *Handbook on Strengthening the Statewide System of Support*, the *Handbook on Effective Implementation of School Improvement Grants*, the *Handbook on Family and Community Engagement*, and the CIL's recent *Handbook on Innovations in Learning*, all of which can be downloaded for free by clicking on the respective title.

In her spare time, she belongs to two book clubs, loves to ride her bike, and in pleasant weather can be found paddling her kayak around the Delaware Bay at the New Jersey shore.