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Professor Cravens devotes her teaching and research to understanding the role of instructional leadership and teacher development in a changing policy environment, and how promising practices may be translated and contextualized across social and cultural settings. In recent years, she has led research-practice partnerships to design, pilot, and assess the impact of collaborative inquiry models in improving teacher performance and effectiveness with colleagues in Shanghai, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan, and Chile. She served on the Learning Forward Advisory Council for the revision of Standards for Professional Learning. She also participated in research on charter school effects with the National Center on School Choice, the development and validation of the Vanderbilt Assessment of Leadership in Education[®] (the VAL-ED). She has authored or co-authored research articles that appear in academic journals such as the Comparative Education Review, Educational Administration Quarterly, Journal of Educational Administration, Elementary School Journal, Leadership and Policy in Schools, School Effectiveness and School Improvement, and American Journal of Education.

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