

**Michelle Pearson**

*2011 Colorado State Teacher of the Year*

Michelle Pearson is an educator, historic preservationist, the 2008 Colorado APEX Technology Teacher of the Year, the 2011 Colorado Teacher of the Year. She is half of the team Two Geeky Teachers. She works diligently to promote the use of primary sources, historic artifacts and historic places in the classroom. She was formerly an education and historic preservation professional at History Colorado. She is currently a VOYA STEM Fellow.

Michelle currently works in the Adams 12 School district at Century Middle School and collaborates with local, state, and national partners to develop curriculum and resources for educators in history, historic preservation and other content areas. She has served as a docent and collections support volunteer for the Smithsonian Institution and the Department of the Interior, has served two terms as a White House Fellow in Education, and is co-founder of the Preserve America Youth Summit.

Michelle continues to serve as a national trainer in educational technology, primary sources and museum services with a focus on outreach and communication to stakeholders and the management of social media and programming. She blogs for Education Post and other groups on pressing educational issues and is the author of *Sacred Places of Denver*, and *Historic Sacred Places of Denver for Children and Families*.