

**Monday, December 4**

**Featured Speaker**

**Kathryn Elvidge**



Katie Elvidge is the Social Science Content Specialist on the team of ISBE Content Specialists who support the work of the Illinois State Board of Education. Prior to leaving the classroom, she taught primarily middle school social science for 12 years. Her classroom experiences range from co-teaching of an inclusive classroom to honors-level classes and all combinations in between. Additionally, Katie served as a member and co-leader of the middle school group of the Illinois State Board of Education Task Force to Revise the Social Science Standards which developed the new Illinois Social Science Learning Standards that were adopted by the State Board of Education. Since becoming the Social Science Content Specialist shortly after the new standards were adopted, Katie has been providing professional learning, resources, and support to educators across the state as they work to implement the standards in their classrooms, schools, and districts.