

## **Yolanda Payne, Research Associate II**

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**RESEARCH INTERESTS:** Yolanda Payne's work focuses on developing and scaling professional development for educators, intellectual property outreach, and entrepreneurial initiatives across academic sectors. This includes creating Teacher Tech Knowledge, delivering professional development in innovation and technology integration, and actively developing ventures for projects like Tech Talent Prep. Her leadership extends to bridging academic research with commercialization through programs such as the Invention to Prototype (I2P) initiative and VIP course on engaging students in Intellectual Property .

**TEACHING INTERESTS:** Ms. Payne's teaching is focused on startup lab instruction, intellectual property advocacy, and instructional technology integration. Her instruction is student-focused and actively involves delivering curriculum that translates innovative concepts into viable market strategies for both student populations and educators.

### **EDUCATION:**

**Educational Specialist Degree (Ed.S.)** University of Georgia Digital Literacies Athens, Georgia

**Educational Specialist Degree (Ed.S.)** University of Florida Curriculum and Instruction (Instructional Technology) Gainesville, Florida

**Master of Science (M.S.)** Mississippi State University Instructional Technology Starkville, Mississippi

**Bachelor of Science (B.S.)** Mississippi University for Women Elementary Education Columbus, Mississippi

### **RECENT SCHOLARLY & PROFESSIONAL OUTPUT:**

**Startup Lab Instructor**, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2023–2025.

**Master Teacher of Innovation and Intellectual Property**, US Patent and Trademark Office, 2023–2025.

**Fellowship**, Society for Science/The Lemelson Foundation partnership for Invention Education, 2023–2024.

**Founder/CEO**, Teacher Tech Knowledge, 2021–Present.

**Course Creator**, Intellectual Property Advocacy, Georgia Tech VIP Program, 2024–Present.

**NSF I-Corps Regional Instructor**, SouthEast I-Corps (Georgia Tech), Certification.

**Micro:bit North America Champions Lead**, Professional Development for emerging technology.

**Provisional Patent Holder**, US Patent and Trademark Office.