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EDUCATION

- Doctorate in Education (Ed.D.)
Curriculum and Instruction with Emphases in Administration and Elementary Education
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 1992
- Master of Education in Reading
Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, Oklahoma 1985
- Bachelor of Science
Elementary Education
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma 1971

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2nd Grade Teacher
Coweta Public Schools
Coweta, Oklahoma 2006 – Present
- 5th Grade Teacher & Team Leader; Title 1 Reading Specialist
Broken Arrow Public Schools
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, 2004 – 2006
- Professor of Education, Tenured
School of Education, Oral Roberts University
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1999 – 2004
- Associate Professor of Education
School of Education, Oral Roberts University
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1996 – 1999
- Coordinator of Student Teaching
School of Education, Oral Roberts University
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1994 - 1999
- Assistant Professor of Education
School of Education, Oral Roberts University
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1993 – 1996
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Education
School of Education, Oral Roberts University
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1992 – 1993
- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Education, part time
School of Education, Oral Roberts University
Tulsa, Oklahoma, 1991 – 1992
- Chapter 1 Reading Specialist, Grades 1 – 3; 1985 – 1992
Elementary Classroom Teacher, Grades K, 1, and 4; 1976 – 1985, 1971 – 1975
Broken Arrow Public Schools
Broken Arrow, Oklahoma,

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS (CONTINUED)

- Kindergarten Teacher
Doniphan Public Schools
Doniphan, Missouri, 1975 - 1976

CERTIFICATIONS HELD

National Board Certification

- Literacy: Reading-Language Arts/Early and Middle Childhood, 2006.

Oklahoma Certification

- Elementary Teacher K-8
- Reading Specialist K-12
- Language Arts, Middle School/Junior High Endorsement
- Social Studies, Middle School/Junior High Endorsement
- Science, Middle School/Junior High Endorsement
- Elementary Principal

Missouri Certification

- Elementary Teacher K-8, Lifetime

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Served on OMAAP state committees for math and science state tests; June, 2011.
- Served on the Professional Advisory Board of the Learning Disabilities Association of Oklahoma, December, 2001 – 2005.
- Participated in the OSAT Validity Verification and Standard Setting Conference for the Reading Specialist Subject Area Test; Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation; September, 1999 and September, 2008; Oklahoma City and Midwest City.
- Served on the Oklahoma Subject Area Test Validity Verification and Standard Setting Conference; Reading Specialist Certification Test, Oklahoma Commission for Teacher Preparation; July, 1999, October, 2007, and February 20, 2008; Oklahoma City and Midwest City.
- Supervision of student teachers; Fall, 1992 – Fall, 2004.
- Service on residency committees; Fall, 1992 – Spring, 2004.
- Received Lead Teacher and additional technology training at The Eighth Floor, 1999 – 2004; Tulsa.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES

- Cairo, Egypt – Participated in mission trip to work in a Sudanese refugee school with Teach the Children, International, 1999.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES (CONTINUED)

- Nassau, Bahamas – Co-led School of Education mission trip, 1996.
- Kingston, Jamaica – School of Education mission trips, 1993, 1995.
- Montego Bay, Jamaica – School of Education mission trip, 1994.

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

- ORU School of Education residential courses: Foundations of Reading and Language Development, Reading and Language Arts, Elementary Reading Methods, Science Methods, Social Studies Methods, Literacy Assessment, Foundations and Methods of Education, Student Teaching Seminar.
- ORU School of LifeLong Education distance courses: Foundations and Reading and Language Development, Reading and Language Arts, Elementary Reading Methods, Literacy Assessment, Children's Literature, Science Methods, Social Studies Methods and Student Teaching.

COWETA COMMITTEE SERVICE

- District Teacher of the Year Judging Committee, 2012-Present.
- District Professional Development Committee, 2011-Present.
- Central Great Expectations Committee, 2008-Present.
- Central Reading Adoption Committee, 2008.
- Central Title I Committee, 2006-Present.

MEMBERSHIPS

- International Reading Association
- National Council of Teachers of English
- Association of Childhood Education International
- Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators

PRESENTATIONS

- Common Core Crisis: Infusing Literacy Across the Curriculum; For district content area teachers; Coweta Public Schools; February 18, 2013.
- Intervention Ideas: Reading Club; For district elementary teachers; Coweta Public Schools; January 17, 2011.
- Building Basic Mathematical Understanding; For district 2nd grade teachers; Coweta Public Schools; April 19, 2009.
- Recipe for Success: Get Cooking with Your Computer; For Central Elementary faculty; Coweta Public Schools; March 9, 2007.
- Phonics Phun and Wild Words; For district first grade teachers; Broken Arrow Public Schools; January 2, 2006.
- DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) Administration Training; For faculties of Arrow Springs and Park Lane Elementary Schools; Broken Arrow Public Schools; September 26-29, 2005.
- Content Crisis: Reading Content Texts with Success, Grades 6-8, and Negotiating Nonfiction: Reading in the Content Area, Grades 3-5; Tools for Tomorrow Conference; Broken Arrow Public Schools; August 2, 2005.
- Mr. Henry's Books Workshop; Presented with several Tulsa area teachers for Tulsa City-County Library; January 22, 2005.
- Hands-On Reading; Presented with ORU teacher candidates Christie White and Robert Merkle at the Learning Disabilities Association of Oklahoma Conference; November 8, 2003; Tulsa.
- Laughing Their Way to Literacy; Presented with Dr. Linda Dunham at the Encyclo-Media Conference; September 25, 2003; Oklahoma City.
- I've Got a Question: Encouraging Deep Thinking in Young Children; Presented with Dr. Jean Mosley at the Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma Fall Conference; September 6, 2003; Oklahoma City.
- Reading Strategies; Presented for the America Reads tutors at ORU; Septembers, 2000 – 2004.
- Reading: A Lifetime Adventure; Presented for the Ladies Fellowship Group at Tuxedo Assembly of God Church; March 29, 2001; Bartlesville.
- Hands-On Reading; Presented for the Christian Home Educators Fellowship; March 8, 2001; Sand Springs.
- Let's Begin: Literacy Adventures for Emergent Readers; Presented at the ACSI Oklahoma District Early Childhood Conference; February 26, 2000; Evangelistic Temple School, Tulsa.
- Ebony and Ivory: Bridging Cultures Through Literature; Presented with Dr. Kim Boyd, Southwest Regional IRA. Conference, November 19, 1999; Little Rock, Arkansas.
- Making the Most of Learning: Lessons From Brain Research; Presented with Dr. Jean Mosley; ORUEF/ICAA Regional Workshop, November 5, 1999; Tulsa.
- Weaving a Cultural Web: The Anancy Literature; Presented at the 26th Southwest Regional International Reading Assn. Conference, Oklahoma City, February 19, 1999.
- Classroom Applications of Brain Research; Presented with Dr. Jean Mosley at the ORU Faculty Retreat; August 12, 1999; Shangri-La Lodge.

PRESENTATIONS (CONTINUED)

- The Anansi Folk Literature, Five different presentations to second grade classes at Boevers Elementary School's "Authors, Books, and Children Day", Union Public Schools, April 24, 1998.
- Anansi's Travels, Guest speaker for Tulsa County Reading Council's General Meeting, Tulsa, April 2, 1998.
- Anansi's Travels, Presented at the Oklahoma Reading Association Spring Conference, Oklahoma City, March 6, 1998.
- Reading to Your Baby, Presented to teenage mothers in the Margaret Hudson Program, Broken Arrow Public Schools, October 31, 1997.
- Anansi's Travels, Summer Festival of Literacy, ORU, June 19, 1997.
- Portfolio Preparation, Presented with Dr. Jean Mosley, ORU Faculty Retreat, Fountainhead Lodge, August 8, 1996.
- Problem Solving, Presented with Professor Kim Boyd, ORU Faculty Retreat, Fountainhead Lodge, August 10, 1995.
- The Literacy Acquisition of Two Six-Year-Old Children: A Case Study, Oklahoma State University's Professional Institute for Oklahoma Educators, Stillwater, Oklahoma, April 26, 1995.
- Reading: A Journey of a Lifetime, ORUEF/ICAA Christian School Workshop, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 4, 1995.
- The ABC's of A.D.D.: Perspectives of Mothers and Educators, Presented with Professor Vicki Davison, Learning Disabilities Association of Oklahoma Annual Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, November 3, 1994.
- Teaching Reading Creatively with Literature, Presented with Professor Kim Boyd, Teamwork Christian School, Montego Bay, Jamaica, October 16, 1994.
- Emerging Literacy: Implications for Home and School, Southwest International Reading Association Regional Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma, November 12, 1993.
- Linking Math and Literature, Presented with Professor Kim Boyd, Arrowhead Elementary School, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, November 3, 1993.
- Using Children's Literature as an Instructional Tool for Reading, Language Arts, and the Content Areas, Presented with Professor Kim Boyd, Covenant Christian Academy, Kingston, Jamaica, October 12, 1993.
- Classroom Management and Etiquette, Presented with Professor Kim Boyd, Professor Vicki Davison, and Dr. Ed Decker, ORU Faculty Retreat, Fountainhead Lodge, August 8, 1993.
- P.A.R.E.N.T.S. and School, Oklahoma Reading Association Annual Spring Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma, March 5, 1993.
- Around the World with Folk Tales, GTE and Texas A & M Children's Literature Institute, College Station, Texas, November 14, 1992.

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference, November, 2011.
- Understanding & Teaching Children with Asperger's Syndrome, January, 2010.
- Early Childhood Developmental Practices, January, 2010

WORKSHOPS ATTENDED (CONTINUED)

- MSP Math Grant Workshop/Making Math More Meaningful, June, 2008, August, 2008; October, 2008; February, 2009; April, 2009.
- Master Teacher Project, October, 2007.
- Summer Camp for the Brain, July, 2007.
- Smart Board Training, March, 2007; September, 2007.
- Great Expectations Review & Refresher, December, 2006; Model Lesson, May 2007; Summer Institute, June, 2007; Allen Johnson, GE Speaker, February, 2008; Advanced Methodology and Teaching & the Brain, July, 2008; GE Refresher, January, 2009

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- "Reading Strategies That Work at Home," article in Learning Disabilities Association of Oklahoma Connection, February, 2003.
- "Ensuring Success," article in Oral Roberts University's SLLE newsletter, Going the Distance, October, 2002.
- Anansi's Travels: A Multicultural Journey. Indiana Reading Journal, Summer, 1999.
- The Great Debate. The Oklahoma Reader, 1997, 32(2), 17-18.
- A Doggone Good Idea. The Missouri English Bulletin, 1995, 53(9/10), 73-80.
- The Reading Father. The Reading Teacher, 1995, 48(8), 695.
- Parental Involvement: Key to Student Success. Oklahoma Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development Journal, 1994, 6(1), 37-41.
- Teacher Evaluation in the Elementary Whole Language Classroom. OASCD Journal, 1990.

CHILDREN'S PUBLICATIONS

- The Dragons of Summer, Barefoot for Kids, April, 2007.
- Sticky Situation. Fandangle Magazine, September, 2006.
- Fantastic Fish. Barefoot for Kids, September, 2005.
- Hands. Clubhouse, Jr., September, 2005, 17.

HONORS

- Oklahoma Medal of Excellence in Elementary Teaching, May 2013.
- Coweta School District Teacher of the Year, April 2011.

HONORS

- Learning Disabilities Association of Oklahoma nominee for the national Sam Kirk Educator of the Year Award, 2011.
- Top twelve finalist for 2012 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year.
- Oklahoma Medal of Excellence in Elementary Teaching, May 2013
- Learning Disabilities Association national finalist for Sam Kirk Educator of the Year Award, 2011.
- Top twelve finalist for 2012 Oklahoma Teacher of the Year.
- Coweta School District Teacher of the Year, April 2011.
- Central Elementary School Teacher of the Year, November, 2010.
- Stanford Who's Who, 2009.
- Oklahoma Medal of Excellence in Elementary Teaching, Finalist, 2009, 2010, 2011.
- Who's Who of American Women, 2008.
- Who's Who in American Education, 2007.
- Who's Who in America, 2005, 2007.
- Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2005.
- Faculty Service Award, Oral Roberts University School of Education, 2003.
- Faculty Service Award, Oral Roberts University School of LifeLong Education, 2001.
- Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence, Oral Roberts University, 2000.
- Outstanding Faculty Member, Oral Roberts University School of Education, 1995, 1999.
- Teacher of the Week, KJRH Channel 2, Tulsa Oklahoma, 1991.
- Arrowhead Elementary Teacher of the Year and Top Ten District Finalist, Broken Arrow Public Schools, 1990.

GRANTS, GIFTS, & AWARDS

- "F-ANT-tastic Science," Donors Choose; \$731 for ant farm, books, document camera and heavy-duty stapler; March, 2013.
- Adopt-a-Classroom donation; \$50.00 for rainforest books; February, 2013.
- "Nary a Dictionary," DonorsChoose; \$344.00 for dictionaries; November, 2011.
- "Math Workshop," Coweta Education Foundation; \$159.91 for math instructional books and manipulatives; September, 2011.
- "Let's Read Some Math," DonorsChoose; \$403.00 for math storybooks and manipulatives; September, 2011.
- "Super Sonic Math Centers," DonorsChoose; \$334.53 for math games and manipulatives; October, 2010.
- "Centered Literacy," DonorsChoose; \$335.32 for Reading Rod® manipulatives; September, 2010.
- Walmart Teacher Rewards Program; \$100.00 for classroom needs; September, 2010.
- "On-Target Reading," DonorsChoose; \$344.78 for 7 sets of leveled readers; September, 2010.

GRANTS, GIFTS, & AWARDS (CONTINUED)

- "One Class at a Time," Fox TV 23; \$1,000 for classroom needs; May, 2009
- "Listen, Write, Learn," DonorsChoose; \$258 for 8-station listening center; April, 2009.
- Great Expectations Scholarship Grant; Oklahoma Dept. of Educ; Wrote and received grant for myself, my principal and 4 other teachers; \$2,400; 2008
- "A Pocketful of Learning," DonorsChoose; \$546.34 for various pocket charts and flashcards; November, 2008.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Participated in the Oral Roberts University Forum on Statement of Mission; September, 2011.
- Involved my classes since 2006 in supporting Broken Arrow, then Coweta Blue Star Mothers organizations through writing letters to soldiers and donating money and needed items for American soldiers overseas.
- Volunteered in the Christmas Shop of a Coweta benevolent organization; December, 2009.
- Organized an annual blood drive at Central Elementary School in Coweta Public Schools; first held as a benefit blood drive and monetary donation for Ray Chapman in 2007.
- Board member since 1998 of Teach the Children, International, a non-profit humanitarian aid organization based in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
- Member of Broken Arrow Historical Society, past board member and vice president.
- Member of Broken Arrow High School Alumni Association.
- Member of Forest Ridge Baptist Church in Broken Arrow, Sunday school teacher, choir member, chair of Long-Range Planning committee and member of Constitution committee, established a scholarship fund.

GOALS/OBJECTIVES

- Continue to stay current in my field through study, writing, and participation in professional organizations, attendance at professional conferences, and professional reading.
- Continue publishing children's poetry, fiction stories, and nonfiction articles.