

FACULTY VITA

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PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

Middle level education, technology integration, benefits of collegiate educational organizations

EDUCATION

B.B.A., Major: Accounting, Texas A&M University-Commerce, August, 1983. GPA 3.18

M. Ed., Elementary Education, Texas A&M University-Commerce, December, 1988. GPA 3.81

9 semester hours toward an Ed.D. Supervision, Curriculum and Instruction in Elementary Education with an emphasis in middle level (4-8) education, Texas A&M University-Commerce

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- Elementary Self-Contained (life), grades 1-8
- Elementary Reading (life), grades 1-8

EXPERIENCE

Educational

- Clinical Instructor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Texas A&M University-Commerce, August, 1998 – Present
- Sixth Grade Social Studies Teacher, Commerce Independent School District, August, 1992-May, 1998
- Third Grade Elementary Teacher, Commerce Independent School District, August, 1989- May, 1992
- First Grade Elementary Teacher, Wolfe City Independent School District, January, 1989-May, 1989
- Graduate Assistant, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Department of Elementary Education. Summers 1989, 1990
- Internal Auditor, Pizza Inn Incorporated, Dallas, Texas November, 1984- August, 1987
- Internal Auditor, Dr. Pepper Company, Dallas, Texas August, 1983 – November, 1984

Professionally Related Experience

- Organized and facilitated Mentor Workshop for Paris area mentor teachers November, 2004
- Organized and co-hosted first annual CMLA (Collegiate Middle Level Association) State Retreat along with primary host, Dr. Shelia Gloer – Baylor University, October, 2005
- Organized and facilitated Mentor Workshop for Paris area mentor teachers November, 2005, 2006

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND HONORARIES

- Kappa Delta Pi since March 2006
- National Professors of Middle Level Education (NaPOMLE) since November 2002
- Middle School Educator Preparation Association (MSEPA) since November 2002
- National Middle School Association (NMSA) since September 2002
- Texas Middle School Association (TMSA) since September 2002
- National Council for the Social Studies since 2000
- Association of Teacher Educators since 1998
- Commerce Classroom Teachers Association – 1989 – 1998, President (1995-1996), President Elect (1994-1995), Recording Secretary (1993-1994), Faculty Representative (1991-1992 & 1992-1993)
- Phi Delta Kappa since 1996
- Texas Computer Education Association since 1996

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

National and Regional

- Chi Omega Sorority, Commerce Area Information Chair, since 1990

State and Local

- Texas Association for the Improvement in Reading, Board of Directors; Named Dallas Area Vice-President (representing co-sponsor A&M-Commerce; along with co-sponsor, Plano ISD)co-organizer for Annual TAIR Conference in Plano, Texas, October 2003 and October 2004

University

- Faculty Advisor/Founder – Collegiate Middle Level Association (CMLA), since 2003
- Faculty Advisor – Chi Omega Sorority, since 2007
- Co-chair of Bill Martin, Jr. Memorial Symposium Committee – held April 27, 2007.
- MLED Coordinator - Program Chairs Committee
- Member: MLED book study group for Listo! ELL Grant
- Chair: Paris Area District Steering Committee, Paris Area Interviews
- Chair: Cooper District Steering Committee, Cooper Interviews
- Chair: Commerce District Steering Committee, Commerce Interviews
- Chair, Campus Committee meetings for:
 - Everett Elementary, North Lamar ISD
 - Higgins Elementary, North Lamar ISD
 - Parker Elementary, North Lamar ISD

Bailey Intermediate, North Lamar ISD
Stone Middle School, North Lamar ISD
Cooper Elementary School, Cooper ISD
Cooper Jr. High School, Cooper ISD

- Supervisor over Rebecca McMichael, liaison for Paris and Chisum ISDs (within the Paris Area)
- Supervisor over Ellen Oats, liaison for Commerce ISD
- University Liaison to North Lamar ISD, Paris, Texas and Cooper ISD, Cooper, Texas
- Member: Majors Fair/University Day – Chaired University Day on February 19, 2005 and assisted with University Day on October 29, 2005
- Member: Regents’ Initiative Academy for Excellence in Education/Cohort 3
- Member: Department of Curriculum & Instruction Departmental Appeals Committee
- Member, Graduate Review Steering Committee – chaired by Dr. Elton Stetson
- Member: Initial Certification Council (ICC)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND LISTINGS

- 1st Annual Rheba Martin Icenhower Education Award, awarded by Hunt County African American Leadership Conference, Fall 2008
- A&M-C Nominee, CASE [Council for Advancement and Support of Education] Spring 2007
- Nominee, Neil Humfeld Faculty Award for Service, A&M-C Spring 2007
- Academy Member: The Regents’ Initiative Academy for Excellence in Education (Cohort 3), Fall, 2001 to present
- Chosen for a case study of teaching in the content area in a book **Content Literacy : An Inquiry-Based Case Approach** by Elizabeth G. Sturtevant (Author), Wayne M. Linek (Author) **Paperback:** 208 pages ; **Publisher:** Prentice Hall; (October 29, 2003) **ISBN:** 0135266912

PUBLICATIONS - (List in reverse chronological order with the most recent first)

Journals (refereed)

Journals (non-refereed)

Books

Referred Proceedings

Teaching Manuals

- “Mentoring and Learning in the Public Schools” (1996) – together graduate class members authored this publication Texas A&M University-Commerce

Other

- East Texas School Study Council: *Successfully Using Technology to Promote Critical Thinking*, pp. 4-5, Vol. 32, No. 1, December, 1997
- Commerce Journal: guest column article *Challenges, advances in education*, March, 1997 (Women's History Month)

PRESENTATIONS

International and National

Regional Presentations

State and Local

- "How to Begin and Maintain a Successful CMLA Chapter", Texas Middle School Association Annual Convention, Galveston, Texas. Led 8 students (CMLA members) in presenting effective CMLA chapter strategies.
March 2006
- Co-presenter - Academy Committee Presentation to Regents' Initiative Academy for Educator Development External Evaluation Team
March 2003
- "How Are We Doing? Our Field-based Partners Tell Us: Field-based Teacher Education Program Institutionalized", 7th Annual A&M System Partnership Conference, San Antonio, Texas. Presented research (along with Dr. Martha Foote, Dr. Gil Naizer, Dr. Pat Linder, Dr. Susan Weaver, Dr. Mike Cardwell) on how our CPDT Public School Partners perceive our field-based program 10 years from its conception.
September 2003
- Presentation and Poster board Session, co-presenter with Dr. Gwyn Boyter: Texas Association of Future Educators [TAFE] Summer Camp, A&M System 6th Annual Conference on School-University Partnerships, San Antonio, Texas
October 2002
- "Growth for All: the Evolution of Collaborative Assessment of Pre-Service Teachers in a Professional Development School", Association of Teacher Educators [co-presenter with Dr. Mary Beth Sampson, Dr. Wayne Linek, Dr. Carole Walker, Dr. Reba Hudson, Paula Witt]
February 1998
- "Passport to the World – Presentation regarding TENET grant received, Texas Computer Education Association Conference, Austin, Texas
February, 1997
- "Picture Yourself.....Teaching with Technology", Commerce ISD Faculty, Interns and Residents of Texas A&M-Commerce University NET-CPDT
October, 1997
- "Integrating Technology with Curriculum", A. C. Williams Elementary School Faculty, Commerce ISD
April, 1997
- "Technology in the Classroom", Interns and Residents in Texas A&M University-Commerce NET-CPDT
March & April, 1997
- "Technology in the Classroom", Commerce ISD School Board
March, 1997

- “Technology in the Classroom”, Commerce Leadership Institute
March, 1997
- “Technology in the Classroom”, NET-CPDT mentor teachers
February, 1997
- “Instructional Strategies for Integrating Technology with One or More Computers” [co-
presenter with Rhonda Clark, Dr. Pat Westergaard], Conference delegates at Texas
Computer Education Association in Austin, Texas February 1997

GRANTS

- Teacher Quality Professional Development Grant from the Teacher Quality_Grants program Grant recipient (co-recipient with A&M-Commerce math department) for the 2007-2008 school year
- TxCETP (Texas Collaborative for Excellence in Teacher Preparation) Funding Proposal [Level 2], \$10,000.00 to take 32 MLED students to the Texas Middle School Association Annual Convention in Galveston, Texas March 2-4, 2006
- Texas A&M-Commerce Competitive Travel Grant, \$300.00 used for travel expenses to supervise 16 CMLA members to the National Middle School Association Conference in Philadelphia, PA November 3-5, 2005
- TxCETP (Texas Collaborative for Excellence in Teacher Preparation) Funding Proposal [Level 2], \$3,380.00 to take 21 MLED students to the Texas Middle School Association Annual Convention in Austin, Texas February 26-28, 2004
- “Collaborative Middle-Level Field-based Program Refinement”, Regents’ Initiative for Excellence in Education - Academy Professional Development Fellowship, \$3,000.00, February 2003
- Exxon Full Association of Teacher Educators Annual Conference Scholarship, \$100.00 February, 1998
- TENET Technology Mini-Grant, \$2,903.00, August, 1996

COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

- Commerce Area Chapter of the Texas A&M University-Commerce Alumnae Association since 1994
- P. E. O. Sisterhood since 1993, Recording Secretary (1999-2001), Guard (1994-1996)
- Chi Omega Sorority, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Personnel Advisor 1991-1996
- Thalian Culture Club 1991-1999, Parliamentarian (1996-1997), President (1995-1996), Auction Chairperson (1994-1995), Recording Secretary (1993-1994)
- Commerce Area Chi Omega Alumnae Chapter since 1983
- Order of Omega (Texas A&M University-Commerce Greek honors organization) since 1992
- First United Methodist Church, Commerce, Texas – member