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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Education, Curriculum and Instruction

Northcentral University, Prescott Valley, AZ, 2008, 4.0/4.0

*Dissertation: Factors that Influence Achievement and Self-Efficacy
in Developmental University Students*

This was a mixed method triangulated study, utilizing qualitative and quantitative research methods.

Post-Graduate Study, The Kellogg Institute of the National Center for Developmental Education

Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina

Completed seminars toward certification in Developmental Education

Post-Graduate Study, Cognitive Sciences and Education

Harvard University Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA,

Completed courses in Cerebral Executive Function and Universal Design for Learning

Master of Science, Education

Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 1994, 4.0/4.0

Published Thesis: Improving Reading Comprehension

Bachelor of Arts, English

Barry University, Miami Shores, FL, 1983

Minor in Journalism; Editor-in-Chief of Campus Newspaper, 1982-1983

Additional Graduate Study in Reading, Literacy, English, and Psychology

Harvard University, University of Miami, Florida International University

CURRENT POSITION

Professor of English, Edison State College, Fort Myers, FL, 2009 to present

Department Chair, Developmental Studies, Edison State College, Fort Myers, FL, 2010 to present

- Faculty leader to College Prep Department with the disciplines of English, Mathematics, Reading, and English for Academic Purposes
- Supervise curriculum and instruction of full-time and adjunct faculty members
- Responsible for academic direction and support, including curriculum, syllabi, textbooks, assessments, and accreditation requirements
- Responsible for teaching a full courseload of developmental English courses
- Chair of Professional Development Committee
- Member of Student Assessment Committee
- Faculty Advisor to GSA student organization
- Elected Officer to Edison State College Faculty Senate; Executive Board Member

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Author, Editor, Professional Advisor, Pearson Longman Publishers, 2009 to present

- Regularly review and offer input for new and new edition developmental writing textbooks
- Recently authored a textbook ancillary for a developmental English text
- Have a current contract to author my own developmental English text series

Lecturer, Barry University, Miami Shores, FL, 2007 to 2009

- Taught developmental English courses in the College of Arts and Sciences
- Taught English first year composition courses in the College of Arts and Sciences
- Taught English strategies courses in the School of Adult and Continuing Education
- Taught writing and research skills in the sciences to MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) students in the School of Natural and Health Sciences

Instructor, Broward College, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 2005 to 2007

- Held full-time temporary and adjunct positions, with full course loads
- Taught college preparatory reading, and English for academic purposes, at all levels
- Recipient of The Holcombe Institute for Teaching and Learning Excellence Classroom Research Award, 2006 – 2007, Topic: *Inspiring Responsibility in College Preparatory Students*

Curriculum/Reading Specialist, Broward County Schools, Fort Lauderdale, FL, 1999 to 2006

- Reading leader/coach to staff of over sixty elementary school teachers and staff
- Principal's Designee: Responsible for school, faculty, and staff in absence of principal
- In-service Facilitator responsible for SAP-GUI entries and certification information
- Trainer for New Educator Support for first-year teachers and new faculty
- Chairperson of Reading Committee for School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Facilitator and Coordinator for Coalition of Essential Schools
- Representative for district-wide Broward County Reading Textbook Adoption Committee
- ESOL Coordinator responsible for all LEP testing, documentation, and files
- Facilitator and trainer of faculty and staff in educational strategies, curriculum, and programs

Educator, Saint Thomas Episcopal School, Miami, FL, 1987 to 1999

- Intermediate Grades Teacher of Reading, Language Arts, and Humanities
- Coordinator of Language Arts Curriculum; Team Leader for Reading and Literature
- Self-study Accreditation Committee Head for SACS
- Chaired faculty committees in discipline and curriculum

Marketing Professional and Copywriter, Eastern Airlines, Miami, FL, 1983 to 1986

- Writer of advertising and marketing publications, including brochures and commercials
- Copy editor for all advertising, marketing, and in-house publications
- Responsible for in-house corporate publications as well as international marketing materials

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “Support and Professional Development for Adjunct Faculty,” presentation at the annual conference of the National Association for Developmental Education, Orlando, FL, February 2012.
- *From Developmental to College Ready: A Workshop Series*, “The Developmental Students in our Classrooms,” “Assessment for all Students,” and “The Science of Brain-Based Learning,” presented for the Teaching and Learning Center, Edison State College, Fort Myers, FL, Fall 2011.
- “Universal Design in Higher Education,” presented as a core component for QEP Cornerstone instructor certification, the Teaching and Learning Center, Edison State College, Fort Myers, FL, October 2011.
- “The Cognitive Neuroscience of Brain-Based Learning,” presentation at the Kellogg Institute for the National Center for Developmental Education, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC, July 2011.
- *Instructor Resources to Accompany Write Time, Write Place*, text, published by Pearson Higher Education, ISBN 13 978-0-64663-8, January 2011.
- “Increasing Self-Efficacy in First-Year College Students in Writing Classes,” presentation at the annual international conference of the National Council of Teachers of English, November 2010, Orlando, FL.
- *Promoting Cognition in College Student: Success and Self-Efficacy in Developmental Education*, nonfiction book, ISBN 978-1-4415-4838-2, April 2010.
- “Using Knowledge of Executive Function to Reinforce Metacognition,” presentation of research at the conference of the National Association of Developmental Education, Greensborough, NC, February 2009.
- “Achievement and Self-Efficacy in Developmental Students,” presentation at International Conference of Research and Access in Education, National Center for Developmental Education, San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 2008.
- *Factors that Influence Achievement and Self-Efficacy in University Developmental Students*, published dissertation, Northcentral University, ISBN 9780549624035 , April 2008.
- “A Cognitive Approach to College Preparatory Courses,” presentation at League for Innovation in the Community College Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA, March 2007.
- “The Road to Literacy: How to Present a Workshop to Parents on the School and Home Connection in Reading.” Coalition of Essential Schools, Fort Lauderdale, FL, April 2001.
- “Re-Imagining Possibilities for Reading in the Integrated Curriculum.” Presentation at National Council of Teachers of English, Annual Convention, Denver, CO, November 1998.
- “Improving the Reading Comprehension Skills of Fifth Grade Students Through Literature- Based Instruction,” published thesis, ERIC, ED 369 074, April 1994.

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society
National Association of Developmental Education
Florida Developmental Education Association
National Council of Teachers of English
Florida Council of Teachers of English
International Mind, Brain, and Education Society
Phi Delta Kappa Society
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, Beta Alpha Chapter

ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND WORKSHOPS

- Proficient in quantitative and qualitative data analysis, including use of SPSS
- Proficient in TEd/SPOL, Strategic Academic Planning Online
- Create and teach web-enhanced college courses in variety of platforms
- Certified LEP/ESL language assessor and instructor
- Proficient in theory and practice of Universal Design for Learning
- Greater Miami Opera – Have stage experience performing in professional productions
- People to People International: Delegation Leader of Students for International Learning; Traveled extensively throughout Europe with high school and college-age student ambassadors
- The Great Books Foundation – Certified Great Books Leader

REFERENCES

Professional references will be furnished upon request.