



Curriculum Vita August 2010

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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Education

Texas A&M University-Commerce, 2004

Dissertation: Reinventing Reggio: Finding a Place for Children's Voice and Choice in an American Standards-Based Elementary Classroom

Masters of Science In Reading

Texas A&M University-Commerce, 1999

Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education

North Texas State University, 1980

Early Childhood Certification

Special Education Certification

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Issues in Curriculum Development and Assessment
 - Student voice, choice and power
 - Reggio Emilia Approach
 - Integrated Curriculum
 - Technology Integration
 - Student motivation and success
- Reading
 - Strategies to develop strong readers
 - Assessing authentic practices
 - Student motivation and success
 - Pairing Appropriate Technologies to Strong Reading Strategies / Practices
- Critical Literacy
 - Technology's role in Critical Literacy
 - Helping students develop quality/perspective guidelines

TEACHING and RELATED EXPERIENCE

Texas A&M University-Commerce

Adjunct Professor 2004 – Present

Clinical Professor 2002–2004

Graduate Teaching Assistant 1999-2002

Allen Independent School District, Allen, TX

Classroom Teacher (grades K, 1, 3, Multiage 3 & 4, 4) 1981-1989, 2002-Present

Academic Language Therapist (Dyslexia Designee and 504 Designee) 1991-1998

District Reading Specialist 1998-1999

Plano Independent School District, Plano, TX

First Grade Teacher January 1981-May 1981

ArtsPartners / Big Thoughts 2002-2006, Dallas, TX

Qualitative Researcher for Longitudinal Study of Arts Integration in Public Schools between Big Thoughts and Dallas Independent School District under the direction of Dennie Palmer Wolf

Developmental Learning Materials/Color Dynamics (now Hitt Entertainment), Allen, TX

Research Lead for PBS Barney Series-Credited on first 60 episodes 1989-1990

North Texas State University, Denton, TX

Research Assistant to Dr. James Hoot 1979-1980

Cross Age Gerontology and Young Children Research Project

Texas Instrument Touch and Tell product concept development

PUBLICATIONS

Vasinda, S. & McLeod, J. (In Press). Extending Readers Theater: A powerful and purposeful match with podcasting. *The Reading Teacher*.

McLeod, J. & Vasinda, S (2009). Web 2.0 Affordances for Literacies: Using Technology as Pedagogically Strong Scaffolds for Learning. In Kidd, T. & Chen, I. (Eds.) (2009) *Wired for learning: An educators guide to Web 2.0*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.

McLeod, J. & Vasinda, S. (2009). Electronic Portfolios: Perspective of Students, Teachers and Parents. *Education and Information Technology*, 14, 1, pp. 29-38.

McLeod, J. & Vasinda, S. (2008). Critical Literacy and Web 2.0: Exercising and negotiating power. *Computers in the Schools: Special Web 2.0 Edition*, 25, 3-4, pp. 259-274.

Vasinda S., McLeod, J., Morrison, J. (2007). LEA meets Web 2.0: Updating the approach. *Language Experience Forum*, 38, 1, pp. 6-10.

RESEARCH GRANTS AND AWARDS

2010, Social Networking with Book Clubs, Allen Foundation Grant: \$1,200.00
2009, Beat the Game: Using Nintendo DS for Math Fact Fluency: \$1,050.00
2007, Readers Theater and Podcasting Research Project, Texas State Reading Association Research Grant Recipient: \$1,000.00

2007, Making Learning Visible: Using Technology to Document Student Work , Best Buy Teach Award Grant Recipient: \$2,500.00
2005, Campus Community of Learners, Allen Foundation Grant \$1,000.00
2005, Science Discovery Boxes, Allen Foundation Grant \$1,200.00
2004, Crafting Good Writing, Allen Foundation Grant

AWARDS and RECOGNITION

2009 Phi Delta Kappa Distinguished Service Award –Local Chapter
2009 Bright Idea Award Allen ISD
2007-Present Marquis Who's Who Among American Teachers
2006 Distinguished Alumni, Texas A&M University – Commerce
2005 Who's Who Among American Teachers
2005 Allen ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year
2005 Story Elementary Campus Teacher of the Year
2005 & 2003 Story PTA Scholarship Recipient
2002 Phi Delta Kappa Local Chapter Scholarship Recipient
1996 & 1997 Allen ISD Bell Ringer
1997, 1996, & 1995 Golden Apple Campus Award, Story Elementary
1995 PTA Life Membership Award
1993 PRIDE (Persons Reaching Individuals with Dyslexic Education) Award
1985 Allen ISD Teaching Excellence Award Finalist
1980 Student Teaching Excellence Award Finalist – North Texas State University