



Curriculum Vita September 2014

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EDUCATION

Ed.D. Early Childhood Education – Reading
University of North Texas – Denton, 2014
Dissertation: Preschool Teachers’ Constructions of Early Reading

M.Ed. Special Education – Early Childhood Education
University of North Texas – Denton, 1995
Texas Teacher Certificate Generic Special Education (PK - 12)

BBA Finance – Personal Financial Planning
University of North Texas – Denton, 1989

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

8/13-5/15 Ad Interim Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce

8/11-12/12 Graduate Assistant, University of North Texas, Denton, TX

1/07-8/10 Teaching Fellow, University of North Texas, Dallas, TX

8/03-7/11 Adjunct Professor, Eastfield College, Mesquite, TX

8/02-5/03 Preschool Teacher, FUMC – Weekday Program, Plano, TX

1/01-5/02 Preschool Teacher, Good Shepherd Episcopal Church, Dallas, TX
8/95-7/98 Preschool Special Education Teacher, Lewisville ISD

8/94-7/95 Elementary Special Education Teacher, Richardson ISD

8/92-5/93 High School Special Education Teacher, Wylie ISD

PUBLICATIONS

Walker, K. (2104). Recognizing developmental delays in young children. *Early Years*, 35(4), p. 21-23.

Walker, K. (2013). Exclamation Mark! In *What's New in Children's Books: 2013 Edition*. Southern Early Childhood Association: Little Rock, AR.

Walker, K. (2012). Who Am I? Illinois. In *What's New in Children's Books: 2012 Edition*. Southern Early Childhood Association: Little Rock, AR.

Salman R. & Walker, K. (2011). The Hue of You: Anti-bias strategies to use in the preschool classroom. *National Forum of Multicultural Issues*, 8(2), 3-5.

Walker, K. (2010). When I Grow Up. In *What's New in Children's Books: 2010 Edition*. Southern Early Childhood Association: Little Rock, AR.

Mathis, J., Blackburn, S., Johnson, S., Sarker, A., Taliaferro, C. & Walker, K. (2006). Professional resources: Instruction that invites involvement in the global community. *Journal of Children's Literature*, 32(2), p. 88-91.

PRESENTATIONS

"Kids That Make You Go Hmm...", Keynote Address Fall Early Childhood Conference at Northwest Florida State College, Niceville, FL, September 13, 2014.

"Building Self-Regulation Skills in Infants and Toddlers," Texas AEYC Annual Conference, Austin, TX, September 6, 2014.

"Preschool Teachers' Constructions of Early Reading," [Poster Presentation], 26th Annual Ethnographic & Qualitative Research Conference, Las Vegas, NV, February 11, 2014.

"The Interview Process: Preschool Teachers' Constructions of Early Reading," 21st International Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education Conference, Nairobi, Kenya, November 4, 2013.

"Reading to Recipes: Using Children's Literature to Inspire Healthy Cooking Activities," Texas AEYC Annual Conference, Galveston, TX, October 26, 2012.

"From There to Here: The Relationship between Beginning Reading Instruction and Colonization in U. S. Public Schools," Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education Conference, London, England, October 28, 2011.

“Action Research: Changing the world one classroom at a time,” with J. Araujo, M. Berry, & M. Stewart. 8th Annual Educational Research Exchange, Denton, TX, April 3, 2009.

“Sticks and Stones May Break Bones, but Names Hurt, Too: What Texas Top Executives Think About Teachers,” with J. Trotti. 57th National Reading Conference, Austin, TX, November 28, 2007.

SERVICE

Co-President-Elect, with Josh Thompson, Texas A&M University-Commerce. Dallas Association for the Education of Young Children. www.dallasaeyc.org/, 2014

Bill Martin Jr Memorial Symposium Committee, 2014-present

C&I Early Childhood Education Committee, 2014-present

Murphy Road Baptist Church, Stewardship Team, iGrow Team, 1st/2nd Grade LifeGroup teacher, 2013-present

Children’s Literature Reviewer, Southern Early Childhood Association, 2006-present

AWARDS

Texas AEYC 2014 Teacher Educator of the Year

NAEYC Lasting Legacy Scholarship – National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development, Minneapolis, MN, June 7-11, 2014.

Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Scholar Award – Fall 2011 and Spring 2014