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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Curriculum Studies
Texas Christian University, 2016

Master of Education, English Education
University of West Alabama, 1998

Bachelor of Arts, English
Stillman College, 1996

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 – Present	Assistant Professor Curriculum and Instruction, Texas A&M University – Commerce Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses Serving as a liaison for interns and residents Serving on department committees Presenting at national and regional conferences Participating in scholarly research
Spring 2016	Adjunct Instructor Women and Gender Studies Program, Texas Christian University Assisted with course design Taught undergraduate students Facilitated service-learning
Fall 2014	Adjunct Instructor

Curriculum and Instruction, Tarleton State University

Taught undergraduate EC-6 majors
Served as liaisons for interns
Interviewed candidates for admission to program

2007 – 2012

**Education Instructor/Department Chair/Dean
South Campus, Tarrant County College District**

Taught introductory education courses
Led course and program assessment
Established partnerships with stakeholders
Evaluated faculty

2004 – 2007

**English Instructor
South Campus, Tarrant County College District**

Taught first-year composition and developmental writing
Facilitated service-learning projects
Edited student literary journal

2003 – 2004

**ESL English Teacher, Grade 8
Fort Worth Independent School District**

Taught English-language learners grammar/writing skills
Conducted reading across the curriculum teacher training

2000 – 2003

**English/Language Arts Teacher, Grade 8
Tuscaloosa County School District**

Taught language arts/reading to 8th grade students
Served as ELAR Department Chair

1998 – 2000

**English/Language Arts Teacher, Grade 8
Tuscaloosa County School District**

Taught language arts/reading to 8th grade students

CERTIFICATION

Texas Classroom Teacher, English/Language Arts/Reading (7-12)
English as a Second Language (ESL) Endorsement

PUBLICATIONS

Book chapters:

Caldera, Altheria. (2017). Black feminist epistemology, pedagogy, and scholarship. *College curriculum at the crossroads: How women of color reflect and resist in the academy*. New York: Routledge.

Manuscripts under review:

Caldera, A. (2016). Anzaldúan theories of identity in conversation with Black feminist thought.

Manuscripts in progress:

Caldera, A. (2017). Teachers' Understandings and Beliefs about Culturally Relevant Pedagogy.

PRESENTATIONS

National

Gaston, A. (2016). *Let them Teach Us: A Qualitative Study into the Conditions and Position of African American Single Mothers Experiencing Poverty*. Know Her Truths Advancing Justice for Women and Girls of Color Conference. Winston-Salem, NC.

Gaston, A. (2015). *Within the Margins of the Margins: A Qualitative Study of Black Single Mothers Experiencing Poverty*. 2015 Curriculum Studies Summer Collaborative, Savannah, GA.

Gaston, A. (2015). *Gloria Anzaldúa and Black Feminist Thought: Contrasting Theories of Identity*. 2015 El Mundo Zurdo Conference, Memoria y Conocimiento--Interdisciplinary Anzaldúan Studies: Archive, Legacy, and Thought, Austin, TX.

Cravey, A.J., Hillis, K., Dowler, L., **Gaston, A.** & Schroeder, R.A. (2015). *Blue Collar Scholars*. The American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Gaston, A. (2014). *A Black Feminist Framework for Research and Teaching: A Scholarly Paper*. 15th Annual Curriculum & Pedagogy Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Thomas, C. & **Gaston, A.** (2014). *Increasing the Participation of Women of Color in the Academy: A Dialogue*. Race, Ethnicity, & Place Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Gaston, A. (2014). *Black Feminist and Womanist Perspectives Used to Theorize a Notion of Place*. Race, Ethnicity & Place Conference, Fort Worth, Texas

Gaston, A. (2014). *De'class'ifying Black Feminism*. The American Association for the Advancement of Curriculum Studies (AAACS) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

Gaston, A., Calderon, F. Vu, J. & Barrett, C. (2013). *Bridging the Gap Between Home and School Through Community Projects*. 14th Annual Curriculum and Pedagogy Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana

Huckaby, M.F. & **Gaston, A.** (2013). *Voice, Activism & Uprising*. 14th Annual Curriculum and Pedagogy Annual Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gaston, A., Calderon, F., Powers, T., Barrett, C., Vu, J. & Zhu, M. (2013). *Not Our Home: Desegregation and the Closing of Como High School*. 34th Annual Bergamo Conference on Curriculum Theory and Classroom Practice, Dayton, OH.

Regional

Gaston, A. (2014). *Still Not a Feminist: Then What Am I?* TCU Women and Gender Studies Graduate Research Symposium, Fort Worth, TX.

Gaston, A. & Calderon, F. (2014). *Coloring Curriculum Studies*. TCU College of Education 2014 Research Festival, Fort Worth, TX.

Gaston, A. (2014). *Collaborating with Community to Enhance Learning*. University of North Texas Equity and Diversity Conference, Denton, TX.

Gaston, A. (2013). *Charter Schools: What Lies Beneath*. TCU College of Education 2013 Research Festival, Fort Worth, Texas.

Gaston, A. (2013). *Teachers' Understandings and Beliefs about Culturally Relevant Pedagogy*. TCU College of Education 2013 Research Festival.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2015, Sherrie Reynolds Memorial Graduate Scholarship, Texas Christian University

2015, Iota Iota Iota National Women's Studies Honor Society

2013, Global Outlooks (GO) Study Abroad Fellowship, Texas Christian University

2011, Chancellor's Award for Exemplary Teaching Recipient, Tarrant County College District

2010, Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Education Research Association (AERA), Division B

Curriculum and Pedagogy Group (C&P)

National Women's Studies Association (NWSA)

COURSES TAUGHT

Fall 2016, Texas A&M University-Commerce

EDCI 595, Research Literature and Technology
EDCI 538, Classroom Management for Teachers
ELED 523, Internship in Elementary/Middle School

Spring 2015, Texas Christian University

WGST 20003, Sex, Gender, and Disciplines

Fall 2014, Tarleton State University

RDNG 4309, Integrating Language Arts Across the Elementary Curriculum

Fall 2007-Spring 2012, Tarrant County College District

EDUC 1301, Introduction to Teaching
EDUC 2301, Introduction to Special Populations
TECA 1354, Child Development
TECA 1303, Family, School, and Community
TECA 1318, Wellness of the Young Child
TECA 1311, Educating Young Children

Fall 2004-Spring 2007, Tarrant County College District

ENGL 1301, English Composition I
ENGL 1301, English Composition II
ENGL 0354, Developmental Writing
ENGL 2327, American Literature I
ENGL 2328, American Literature II
RDNG 0361, Developmental Reading

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	
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Member, Curriculum and Pedagogy Group Governing Council	2015-present
Reviewer, Curriculum and Pedagogy Group 2015 Annual Conference	2014
Reviewer, <i>Gender and Education Special Issue</i>	2015-2016