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PROFESSIONAL INTEREST

- Teacher certification
- Literacy
- Learning disabilities
- Test-taking strategies

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

2002 – Ed.D. in Curriculum, Supervision and Instruction: Reading Emphasis (Texas A&M University-Commerce)
1990 – M.S. in Education, Texas A&M University-Commerce (East Texas State University)
1984 – Accreditation for teaching multi-sensory reading program, Dean Learning Center (Scottish Rite Hospital; Dallas Texas: Currently connected with Southern Methodist University)
1974 – Maternal-Child Health Nursing/Instruction, University of Texas Health Science Center; San Antonio, Texas
1967 – B.S. in Elementary Education, Southwest Texas State University

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES:

Rhode Island (Provisional) #031-727
Texas (Professional) #459-82-29-61-9
American Society for Psychoprophylaxis in Obstetrics (ASPO) Instructor #3955

EXPERIENCE

University

2004- Present	Senior Lecturer, Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Texas A&M University-Commerce
1999- Present	Director of Gateway Program, Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Texas A&M University-Commerce
1999- 2004	Instructor, Department of Elementary Education, Texas A&M University-Commerce
1991	Cooperating Instructor, Southern Methodist University's Department of Psychology: Academic Therapist Training Program

Classes Developed:

- 2012 – Developed EDCI 4/514 on-line course for Alternative Certification Program
- 2012 – Developed EDCI 4/515 on-line course for Alternative Certification Program
- 2009– Develop A/C curriculum for new expanded Texas certifications
- 2009 – Developed classes for “Web Enhanced” Rdg 415/515 course.
- 2007 – Developed classes for “Web Enhanced” EIEd 415/515 course.
- 2006 – Developed classes for “Web Enhanced” EIEd 414/514 course.
- 2003 – Participated in an experimental extended format for Alt Cert class EIEd 515.
- 2001 – Developing EIEd 516 (Effective Instruction and Curriculum Development in a Diverse Environment) for TAMU-Commerce
- 2000 – Developing Reading 310 (Critical Reading: Theory and Practice) for TAMU-Commerce
- 2000 – Extension of Gateway Program at TAMU-Commerce for Teaching Test-taking strategies for TExES EC4- Generalist, TExES PPR, TExES Middle Level Generalist
- 2000 – “Strategies for Taking ExCET” video used by TAMU-Commerce, produced with ExCET/TExES Enhancement office
- 1999 – Development of TAMU-Commerce Gateway Program for Teaching Test-taking strategies for ExCET

Classes Taught:

TAMU-Commerce (1999-present)

EDCI/ EIEd 414
EDCI/EIEd 514
EDCI/ EIEd 415
EDCI/EIEd 515
EDCI 597
Rdg 415
Rdg 515
EIEd 516
Rdg 516
Rdg 310
EIEd 300
Rdg 360
EIEd443
EIEd448
EIEd452
EIEd436

Public School

Colonial Hills, San Antonio TX: K, 6th (1966-1967. 1971-1973)
Flour Bluff, Corpus Christi, TX: Title I Reading k-6 and HS Literature (1968-1969)
Quonset Point, North Kingstown, RI: 1st, 2nd, 4th (1970-1972)
Plano, TX: Academic Therapist/Dyslexia Training: All Levels (1983-1998)

Professionally Related Experiences:

- 2013 – Independent study for Aileen Walton
- 2012 – Independent study for Rodney Price

2008 – Present – Brookhaven Community College (DCCD) Alternative Certification Advisory Committee Board
2008 – 2011—Presented seminars for Corsicana Alternative Certification On-line Program
2007 – Reorganized Alternative Certification for Teachers Program at Brookhaven Community College (Dallas County Community College District)
2003 – Resource instructors for Tarlton University’s TMATE program
1994-2002 – Teaching study skills and test taking strategies for college entrance exams
1984-2002 – Academic Therapist, training students with developmental dyslexia
1979-84 – Child Birth Education Private Practice (in cooperation with local obstetricians)
1978-81 – Effective Parenting & Educational Instructor, St. Charles County (Missouri) Red Cross
1978-79 – Field worker and instructor with PEERS for Texas Department of Human Resources
1976-78 – Instructor Bexar County Mental Health Mental Retardation Youth Unit (San Antonio, TX.)
1974-79 – Educational Director: Alamo Childbirth Training Association, San Antonio, TX)
1974-78 – Effective Parenting & Educational Instructor, Red Cross, Bexar County, TX

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

International Reading Association
Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (College Reading Association)
Phi Delta Kappa
International Dyslexia Society (Orton Dyslexia Society)
Academic Language Therapy Association
Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

National and Regional

Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (College Reading Association), Editorial Advisory Board (2002-present)
Southwest Education Research Association, Editorial Advisory Board (2004-2006)
Journal of Literary Research, Editorial Advisory Board (2002-2004)
Board Member of Dallas Branch: International Dyslexia Society (Orton Dyslexia Society) 1990-94
Instructional Committee: Lamaze International (American Society for Psychoprophylaxis in Obstetrics) 1986-88
Educational Director: Alamo Childbirth Training Association branch of ASPO, 1975-1979

University

TAMU-Commerce Alternative Certification Advisory Committee, 2003- present
Search Committees for: Larkin Paige, Kay Hong-Nam, Tami Morton.
Listo! 2007-2012
Brookhaven Community College (DCCD) Alternative Certification Advisory Committee, 2007- 2011
Bill Martin Symposium, Door Prize Committee Chairman/Member, 2005-present
Bill Martin Symposium, Vendor Chairman, 2005-2010

HONORS, AWARDS, AND LISTINGS

2012 – TAMUC Teaching Excellence Award

- 2011 – TAMUC Teaching Excellence Award
2006 – Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities
2003 – *Star Award* from TAMU-Commerce for excellence in teaching
2000 – Certificate of Appreciation from Plano Independent School District for service to the School Board
1999 – *Francis De Sales* Catechist Award from Diocese of Dallas for service in teaching & teacher training.
1971 – Teacher of the Year from North Kingstown Township School District

PUBLICATIONS

Journals (refereed)

- Raine, L., Reid, M., Styker, A., Clark, R., Frias, L. and Szabo, S. (2011). Online Class versus Face-to-Face class: How do undergraduate education students perform? In Morrison, Boggs, Martin and Szabo (Eds), *Literacy Promises: Yearbook of the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers* (Vol. 33)
- Stryker, A. & Sazbo, S. (2010) “Building a Community of Learners: Linking Writing and the ABC’s of Culture.” *English in Texas*, 40 (1), 31-37.
- Thompson, J. & Stryker, A. (2010). A Tale of Two Talents: How Two Early Childhood Teacher Educators Use Peer Reflection to Examine Their Practices. *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*, 31(2), 185-199.
- Stryker, A. & Sazbo, S. (2009) “Investigating alternative-certification teachers’ self-efficacy and outcome expectancy beliefs toward the teaching of reading.” *College Reading Association Yearbook* (Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers).
- Stryker, A. (2005) *An Intervention Program For Helping Precertified Teachers Succeed on the Teacher Licensing Exams*. College Reading Association Yearbook.

Books

- Stryker, A & Linek, W., .& Rudd, L. (2010). Betty S. Heathington. A chapter in *The College Reading Association Legacy: A Celebration of Fifty Years of Literacy Leadership, Vol I*. Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers), 327-332.
- Stryker, A. (2008) “Taking A Teacher A Licensing Exam: Why Do I Have To Take A Licensing Exam? And How Can I Pass Them?” A chapter in text in press (Sampson, M. R., Editor).

Other

- Stryker, A. (1975-1979). *San Antonio Family Magazine (Fathers and Mothers in Learning years)*. San Antonio Light: contributing monthly columnist.
- Stryker, A. (1975-1979). *American Baby*. Meredith Publishing Corporation: contributing monthly columnist.

PRESENTATIONS

National Presentations

- Tale of Two Talents* with Dr. Josh Thompson, American Association for Teaching & Curriculum, Austin, TX Oct, 20008.
- Investigating Alternative-Certification Teachers' Self-Efficacy and Out-come Expectancy Beliefs toward the Teaching of Reading* with Susan Sabo and Brenda Smith CRA Conference, Utah, Nov, 2007.
- “An Extended Inquiry into Successful Reading,” with Dr. Ginny Currin, Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, February, 2004.
- “An Unconventional Perspective of the Reading-Learning Process.” College Reading Association, Corpus Christi, TX, October, 2003.
- “Content Comprehension Circles: Literature Circles with Expository Text,” with Dr. Linda Hurst, College Reading Association, Corpus Christi, TX, October, 2003.
- “Helping Precertified Teachers Succeed on State Certification Examinations: A Journey in Perception, Metacognition and Self-Efficacy,” College Reading Association, Corpus Christi, TX, October, 2003.
- “An Inquiry into Successful Reading,” with Dr. Ginny Currin, Association of Teacher Educators, Santa Fe, NM, August, 2003.

Regional Presentations

- “How Hard Would It Be To Be An English Language Learner or Have a Learning Disability,” Presented at Bill Martin Symposium, TAMU-Commerce, May 2011.
- Being a Male in Early Childhood Programs*, Presented at Dallas NAEYC July 2008, with Dr. Josh Thompson.
- “Examining Alternative Certification Pre-certified Teachers' Self-Efficacy and Out-come Expectancy Beliefs toward the Teaching of Reading,” with Dr. Susan Szabo and Dr. Brenda Smith, Southwest Education Research Association Conference, Austin, TX. February, 2006.
- “Making Books Come Alive” with Betty Jean Kennedy, Bill Martin Symposium, TAMU-Commerce, April, 2005.
- “Assessment in Reading” with Dr. Ginny Currin, Presented at Texas A&M University Assessment Conference, April, 2003.
- “Critical Reading and Test-taking Skills beyond the Primary Grades,” Dallas Academic Language Therapy Conference, April 2002.
- “From Their Point of View: A New Perspective on Dyslexia Programs for Middle and High School Students” Region X Education Service Center, February, 2002.
- “Study Skills and Test Taking Techniques for High School Students,” Dyslexia Teacher Academy: Region X Education Service Center, August, 2000.
- “Comprehension Strategies for Older Students,” Academic Language Therapy Association Continuing Education Program, Dallas TX, March, 1998.

State and Local Presentations

- “Help Them Learn How To Learn” with Jenny Salzman, Bill Martin Jr Symposium, 2013.

“How Hard Would It Be To Be An ELL or LD Learner?” with Jenny Salzman Bill Martin Jr Symposium, 2012.

“The Challenge of Alternative Certification,” Associate of Arts in Teaching Symposium: TAMU-Commerce, March, 2005.

“What’s New In Children’s Literature and How Can We Use It?” with Betty Jean Kennedy; Bill Martin Jr Symposium, 2003.

“What Makes Reading a Challenge for Students?” Texas Association for the Teaching of Reading Conference, October, 2005.

Study Skills and Test Taking Techniques for Older Student; Academic Language Therapy Association Spring Conference, Dallas, TX, April, 1999.

“Your Teaching Style and Their Learning Styles,” American Language Therapy Association Conference, Houston, TX, March, 1993.

"Helping Students Understand Their Learning Style" with Dr. J. Vaughan’s and Dr. Susan Weaver, Texas Education Association Conference, March, 1991.

"Remediation for Transfer Students Reading Below Grade Level," Township of North Kingstown, School Service Center, January, 1970.

COMMUNITY AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

Plano Independent School Board’s Advisory Committee, *Visions*

Brookhaven Community College (DCCD) Alternative Certification Advisory Committee Board

Plano Independent School Board’s Advisory Committee for Education of Dyslexic Students

Chairman of Texas A&M Mother’s Club Scholarship Committee 1996-1999

Invited Speaker for Dallas Independent School District’s Alternate Certification Program 1994 - 1995

Invited Speaker for Catechist Training Program, St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Plano, TX. 1985, 1987, 1989, 1990, 1992, 1995

Catechist for St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton, Plano, TX. 1985-1990

Invited Speaker at Plano Independent’s School District’s Dyslexia Fair, 1993- 1994

Invited Speaker "Homework & the Non-reader," Missouri’s Baptist Children's Home, 1980

Invited Speaker "Readers and Non-readers," Young Family Resource Center, San Antonio, TX. 1978 - 79

Invited Speaker "Effecting Teaching Strategies” Teacher Training Workshop; Temple Beth El, San Antonio, TX. 1975