



## Curriculum Vita 2020

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### EDUCATION

EdD Supervision Curriculum & Instruction-Elementary Education  
Texas A&M University – Commerce, 2012

M. Ed. Early Childhood Education,  
Stephen F Austin State University, 2002.

B. S. Interdisciplinary Studies,  
Stephen F Austin State University, 1993.

Certifications:  
Texas State Teacher Certificate  
Texas Early Childhood Certification  
Cognitive Coaching  
West Ed Program for Infant Toddler Caregivers (PITC) Module I  
CIRCLE National Trainer - University of Texas at Houston  
Conscious Discipline

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018 – Current      Professor, Texas A&M University-Commerce

2014 – 2018      Texas School Ready Coordinator and Coach  
Early Childhood Coordinator of Curriculum and Instruction Region 8 Education  
Service Center

2015 - Fall 2017	Assessor and Project Manager for Texas Rising Star, Workforce Solutions Northeast Texas
2013 – 2014	Assistant Professor, Texas A&M University, Texarkana
2010 – 2014	Home Study Provider for East Texas Kinship Placements, Covenant Kids
2005 – 2013	MPISD Early Reading First (ERF) Grant Facilitator Develop & Coordinate ERF Program Goals including: Professional Development, Curriculum, Assessment, 4 Literacy Coaches, Family Literacy & Budget
1999 – 2013	Early Childhood Consultant Worked extensively with Head Start programs to ensure the adequate delivery of Comprehensive Early Childhood Development Services
2006 – 2014	Adjunct Faculty Texas A&M - Texarkana ED 401 Foundations of Early Childhood ED 403 Early Childhood Curriculum
1996 - 2005	Child Development Center - Curriculum Coordinator Managed the Education Component of the Head Start Performance Standards, 18 classrooms
1993 - 1996	MPISD Kindergarten Teacher and Pre-K / Head Start Teacher
2003- 2004	Early Reading First Quality Assurance, Fort Worth Texas Completed Bi-Annual ERF Program Evaluations per Department of Education for Child Care Associates
2000 - 2003	Southern Methodist University, Curriculum Development Directed the Development and Implementation of Baby (LEAP) Language Enrichment Activities Program prior to Publication

<b>PUBLICATIONS AND GRANTS</b>
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**Publications**

Learning About Language and Literacy in Preschool. “*Helping Preschoolers Prepare for Writing*” (pp. 68-71). NAEYC, 2015.

*Early Years* (Spring 2014). "Caution: Children at Play!"

*Early Years* (Winter 2013). "Marketing Magic: Creating Irresistible Learning Environments for Preschoolers."

*Young Children* (Sept., 2011). “Helping Preschoolers Prepare for Writing: Developing Fine Motor Skills.”

## Grants

Texas School Ready 2015 and 2017; awarded 2 year cycle

Workforce Solutions 2015; awarded \$51,600

Early Reading First 2005; awarded \$2.4 million

First Lady's Family Literacy Grant; 2008; awarded \$49, 637

Early Reading First 2009; awarded \$3.1 million

Texas School Ready 2015-2018 awarded 3 annual cycles

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Best Practices in Early Childhood, 2014-present
- Texas School Ready PK Institute, 2014-2017
- Best Practices Monthly Professional Development, 2013-present for Paul Laurence Dunbar, Texarkana TX
- Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education (CSOTTE), 2013, San Antonio TX
- Bill Martin Symposium, 2009-2012, Texas A&M Commerce, Commerce TX
- Conscious Discipline, 2011-2012, Titus County Head Start
- ASCD, 2010, San Antonio, Texas
  - Movin' on Up: Encouraging Critical Thinking through Questioning
- TAEYC, 2009, Galveston, Texas
  - Let's Get Moving—Intentional, Authentic Motor Development
- Amarillo College, PAEYC Region 16, 2008
  - Writing Around the Room
- TAEYC, 2007, Fort Worth, Texas
  - Growing Hands: Preparing the Hand to Write
- NAEYC Annual Conference 2007, Chicago, Illinois
  - mCLASS, TeachScape & ERF Literacy Coaching: A Winning Combination
- TAEYC, 2006, Galveston, Texas
  - Writing Around the Room
- East Texas CIRCLE Literacy Trainer 2005-Present
- Terrell ISD Early Childhood Quality Assurance / Professional Development Provider, 2004,
  - Early Literacy Best Practices
- Texas Head Start Education Component Grant / Teacher Literacy Trainer, 2003
- Head Start Quality Improvement Center / Texas Tech University Consultant, 2003
  - Mentoring Head Start Teachers 101
- Norfolk, Virginia Day Home Center 2003 and 2004
  - Early Literacy Practices

- East Texas Mentor Teacher Training / Consultant, 2003
- Social Emotional Development of Young Children / National Trainer, 2003 - 2004
- Amarillo ISD and Education Service Center - Region 16 Consultant, 2002 and 2003  
Early Childhood Literacy Training
- Head Start Teacher Education Program, Concordville PA, Atlanta GA, Dallas TX, 2002  
Train the Trainer Language & Literacy Development
- Language Enrichment Activities Program / Trainer / Texas, Alabama, Louisiana, 2000-2002
- Child Care Associates / Lead Literacy Consultant, 2000 – 2002

<b>COMMITTEES, BOARDS, ORGANIZATIONS</b>
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**Committees and Boards**

Co-Editor of TAEYC Early Years Journal beginning July 2016-present

Texas A&M Texarkana Advisory Board 2014 - Present

PK Guideline Revision Committee 2015-2016

Titus County Child Protective Services Board Member; Secretary, 2006 - 2009

Head Start Education Services Advisory Committee, 1999 – present

**Professional Organizations**

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (Texas AEYC)

**Volunteer Experience**

MPISD Child Development Center Education Service Advisory Committee, 2012-Present

Peer Reviewer for TAEYC Early Years Journal, 2011-2016

Southern Early Childhood Association Children Literature Reviewer 2007 -2012

International Reading Association Convention Proposal Review Committee 2008 - 2015

Texas A&M Texarkana, Field Base & Resident Student Interview Team 2006-2015

Titus County Child Protective Services Board Member; Secretary, 2006-2009

## **References**

Mrs. Jennifer Arnold Wildman

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Supervisor at Texas A&M Texarkana from 2013-2014

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