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Associate Professor of Reading
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Degrees Earned

Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with an Emphasis in Reading, Texas A&M University, College Station TX, 1990

M.A. in Elementary Education, East Texas State University (now Texas A&M University at Commerce), Commerce, TX, 1982

B.S. in Elementary Education, Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, TN, 1967

Professional Licensure and Certifications

Texas Reading Specialist Certification, EC-12

Texas Certification Elementary Education

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles

Refereed

Miller, M. & Higgins, B. Beyond test preparation:
Nurturing successful learners through reading and
writing workshops. *Kappa Delta Pi*, 2008.

Higgins, B. & Miller, M. No content left behind.
The Florida Reading Quarterly, 44 (3) 2008.

Miller, M. & Higgins, B. A Survival kit for behavior management in the early childhood
setting. *Children Our Concern*. XXX (1) Winter, 2007.

Higgins, B., Miller, M., & Wegmann, S. Teaching to the test...Not! Meeting writing
accountability. *The Reading Teacher*, 60 (4), December 2006/January 2007.

Higgins, B. Use content area reading? When pigs fly! *The Ohio Reading Teacher*.
November, 2006.

Miller, M. & Higgins, B. When to say ain't. *Florida Reading Quarterly*, 42 (4),
Summer, 2006.

Higgins, B. & Miller, M. Guiding instruction with assessment: The key to the
classroom. *The State of Reading*, Spring 2006.

Wegmann, S., Adams, P. Higgins, B., Miller, M., Price, D., & Swicegood, P.
Perceptions of efficacy as factors in attracting and retaining new teachers." *The
Academic Exchange Quarterly*, Fall, 2005.

Higgins, B. You can teach an old dog new tricks or there's always a way to improve your teaching." *Eastern Education Journal*, Spring 2004.

Non-refereed

Miller, M. & Higgins, B. Stay, stay a little longer: Don't become a teacher dropout, advice for the student teacher. *Kappa Delta Pi's Student Teacher Advocate*. January, 2007.

Miller, M. & Higgins, B. The keys to the classroom: On-going assessment and instruction based upon assessment. *The Journal of the Texas State Novice Teacher Induction Program*, June, 2004.

Higgins, B. Reflective teaching: a good practice even at the university Level." ERIC document, Routing Number SPO41767, February 2004.

"Improvement in Secondary Reading and Adult Literacy," a semester-long on-line course of study developed for the Master On-Line Reading Program, 2002.

"Content Area Reading: An Integrated Approach," an on-line course designed for post-baccalaureate students, 2002.

Books

Chapters

Proceedings

Artistic Performances

Artistic Exhibitions

Research Monographs and Technical Reports

Funded External Grants

Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

National/International

"Voices from Our Graduates: Are We Doing a Good Job of Preparing Literacy Leaders?" 15th European Conference on Reading. Berlin, Germany, August 8, 2007.

"Assessment of Language and Literacy Development." 15th European Reading Conference. Berlin, Germany, August 7, 2007.

"Graphic Organizers: Mapping the Mind for Retention." 15th European Reading Conference. Berlin, Germany, August 6, 2007.

"Strategies that Support the Development of Literacy Coaches and Literacy Leaders." Round Table Presentation. National Reading Conference 56th Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, December 1, 2006.

"Creating and Sustaining an Online Masters Program." European Conference on Reading. Zagreb, Croatia. August, 2005.

"Dilemmas in Teaching: Revising an Assignment." Association of Teacher Educators. Chicago, IL. February 2005.

"Creating and Sustaining an Online Masters in Reading Program." The College Reading Association. Savannah, GA. November, 2005.

"Characteristics and Factors of Teachers Who Remain in the Profession," College Reading Association National Meeting, Corpus Christi, TX, October 31, 2003.

Regional

"Guiding Instruction with Assessment: The Key to the Classroom." Southeast IRA Regional Conference, Mobile AL. October 16, 2006.

"When to Say Ain't." Exploring the Issues of 'Home Language' and 'Standard' English." 33rd Plains IRA Regional Conference, Omaha, NE. October 6, 2006.

"Teaching to the test..Not! Meeting Writing Accountability." 33rd Plains IRA Regional Conference, Omaha, NE. October 5, 2006.

"When to Say Ain't." Southwest Regional International Reading Association Conference, Albuquerque, NM. February 3, 2006.

"Reading Strategies That Really Work in the Secondary Math Classroom." 30th Southwest International Reading Association Regional Conference, Oklahoma City, OK. February 6, 2003

State/Local

"To Correct or Not to Correct? That is the Question: Addressing the Issue of Home Language Versus Formal English." The 11th Annual Reading Conference: Once Upon a Time, Literacy for All Ages, Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, TX. March, 2007.

"A Bag of Tricks for Early Childhood Teachers: Classroom Management Tips." Joan Prouty Young Child Winter Conference, Sam Houston State University, February 10, 2007.

"Whose English Is It Anyway? Exploring the Issue of 'Home Language' vs. 'Standard' English." Texas State Reading Association 35th Annual State Literacy Conference, Austin, TX, November 10, 2006.

"Happy Children – Happy Teacher: Making It Happen in the Early Childhood Setting." 42nd Annual Conference, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Galveston, TX, October 7, 2006.

"How Do I Know What to Teach? Guiding Instruction with Assessment." Sam Houston Area Reading Council Fall Conference, The Woodlands, TX, September 16, 2006.

"Music in the Elementary Language Arts Classroom." 10th Annual Reading conference, Texas A&M University at Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX, March 31, 2006."

"Literacy Centers: Ideas for Creating and Managing Centers." The Joan Prouty Young Child Winter Conference, Sam Houston State University, March 4, 2006.

“Learning Centers.” Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children. Huntsville, TX, April, 2005.

“Using Music to Enhance Learning in the Early Childhood Classroom.” Texas Association for the Education of Young Children. Austin, TX, October, 2005.

“Tips on Mathematics: Literacy and the Writing Process.” Title V11 Bilingual Education And Personnel Grant Project Coalition of Language and Mathematics Education, Montgomery College, The Woodlands, TX, September 8, 2003.

“Centers are Still a Viable Option.” The Young Child Winter Conference. Huntsville, TX, February 23, 2002.

“What is College Like?” Ladies of Excellence, Aldine Mustang’s Ninth Grade School. Huntsville, TX, November 29, 2001.

“Successes and Failures of Teaching.” S.H.A.R.E. Huntsville, TX, September 18, 2001.

Work or Professional Experiences

2007-Present-Associate Professor, Sam Houston State University

2001-2007-Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

1993-Lecturer, Secondary Reading, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX

1990-Lecturer, Secondary Reading, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

1989-Lecturer, Secondary Reading, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

1988-Assistant Instructor, Teaching Lab and Secondary Reading, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX

Honors and Awards

Sam Houston State University, Dean of Students’ citation to contributions to students’ academic careers in 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006

Nominated for The College of Education’s Distinguished Educator of the Year in 2005 and 2006

Nominated for the College of Education’s Outstanding Teaching Award in 2004.

Nominated for Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers in 2005, 2007

Other Competencies

Reviewer

Review of the text *Bader Reading & Language Inventory*, 4/e by Lois Bader, published by Merrill Prentice Hall, 2003.

Reading Research and Instruction, Vol. 45, 2005.

Reading Research and Instruction, Vol. 46, 2006.

College Reading Association Dissertation Award, 2006.

Professional Memberships

International Reading Association

Texas State Reading Association

Sam Houston Area Reading Council

National Association for the Education of Young Children

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children

Sam Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children

Secretary-2005-2006

National Middle School Association

College Reading Association

National Reading Council

Association of Teacher Educators