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Associate Professor, Special Education  
Department of Language, Literacy and Special Populations  
College of Education

**Degrees Earned**

Doctor of Education, University of Houston, 1997

Master of Education, Texas A&M Kingsville, 1987

Bachelor of Arts in Education, University of New Orleans, 1975

**Professional Licensure and Certifications**

Mid Management Supervision, EC-12

Special Education Teacher, EC-12

Elementary Teacher, K-8

**Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions****Articles**

Lynch, Sharon and Adams, P., 2008. Developing standards based individual education program objectives for students with significant needs. *Teaching Exceptional Children*, Vol.40, Issue 3, pp.36-39.

Wegmann, Susan, Adams, P. and others. 2005. Teachers' Efficacy in preparation and retention. *Academic Exchange Quarterly*. Vol 9, Issue 3, pp. 235-239.

Adams, Paula W., Lynch, S. and Swicegood, P., 2004. The diagnostician's portfolio: A tool for evaluation and reflection. *Assessment for Effective Intervention*, Vol. 29, Issue 2, pp. 53-66.

Adams, P., Lynch, S., Simpson, C., Swicegood, P. & Kahla, J., 2003. Preparing Diagnosticians through a university school partnership. *The Dialog: Journal of the Texas Educational Diagnostician's Association*, Vol. 33, Issue1, pp. 4-7.

Holland, Patricia E. and Adams, Paula W., 2002. Through the horns of a dilemma between instructional supervision and summative evaluation of teaching. *International Journal of Leadership in Education*. Vol. 5, Issue 3, pp.227-247.

**Books**

## **Chapters**

Adams, Paula W., 2004. Supporting teachers' professional development. In Patricia E. Holland (Ed.), *Beyond measure: neglected elements of accountability in schools*. Larchmont, NY: Eye On Education.

## **Proceedings**

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Conference of the Council of Professors of Instructional Supervision (COPIS). University of Texas, Austin, Texas. November 10-12, 2000. Discussion facilitator for Collaborative Action Research Strand.

*Supporting Positive Student Behaviors Through Home and School Collaboration*. Conroe ISD Special Education Conference. Conroe, Texas. September 23, 2000. Delivered keynote address and presentation during breakout sessions.

## **Artistic Performances**

## **Artistic Exhibitions**

## **Research Monographs and Technical Reports**

Adams, Paula W. (2004). Disability rights as human rights. Unpublished manuscript used as a chapter note in *Human rights and the Global Marketplace: Economic, Social, and Cultural Dimensions*. Woods, Jeanne M., Lewis, Hope, Editors. Transnational Publishers, Inc.

Williams, P.A., Williams, R.C., Pavelock, D., Goodwin, A. & McGee J.C. (2003). *Responsibilities of the professional educator 6<sup>th</sup> Edition*. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company. Authored material on special populations and selected topics used as chapter notes and supplements pp. 31-46.

Adams, Paula W. Student Volunteers Enhance Lives through Friendships. *The Torch*. Sam Houston State University College of Education Newsletter. Fall 2004.

## **Funded External Grants**

## **Peer-Review Presentations**

*Dispositions and the Special Educator: Programs and Standards in Teacher Preparation.* 2006 Conference-Teacher Education Division/TAM, San Diego, California, November 9, 2006.

*Contextual Assessment Framework: A Relevant Evaluation Process for Learners with Significant Disabilities.* Council for Educational Diagnostic Services (CEDS) Annual Conference. Arlington, Virginia. November, 2005.

*Standardized Testing: Linking Findings to Intervention.* Council for Educational Diagnostic Services (CEDS) Annual Conference. San Antonio, Texas. October, 2004.

*Characteristics and Factors that Influence Teachers to Remain in the Teaching Profession.* College Reading Association Conference, Corpus Christi, Texas, October, 2003.

The Diagnostician's Portfolio as a Tool for Self-Assessment and Professional Growth. Council for Educational Diagnostic Services (CEDS) Topical Conference. October, 2002.

Systems Based Assessment for Inclusion. Annual Conference of the Council of Educational Diagnostic Services (CEDS). October, 2001.

*Developing Appropriate Dispositions for Teaching Through Educator Preparation Programs.* CREATE Research Conference on Teacher Education, San Antonio, Texas, September 15-17 2005.

*Learning Disabilities: Alternative Approaches to Eligibility.* Learning Disabilities of Texas 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Austin, Texas, November, 2004.

*The Diagnostician's Portfolio: A tool for professional growth and development.* Texas Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, Austin, Texas. June 2003.

*Systems Based Assessments for Inclusive Environments.* Texas Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, San Antonio, Texas. June 2002.

*Creating a Peaceable EC Classroom.* Texas Education Agency Early Childhood Summer Institute, Dallas, TX. June, 2001.

*Teaching Children with Autism: An Eclectic Approach.* Texas Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference. Houston, Texas. March 3, 2001.  
Session presentation with Mary Mettenbrink and Lisa Merillat of Spring ISD.

*Assessment and Instructional Planning: Critical Connections.* Texas Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference. Houston, Texas. March 3, 2001

## **Work or Professional Experiences**

2006- Present, Associate Professor, Sam Houston State University  
2000-2006 Assistant Professor, Sam Houston State University  
1993-2000 Supervisor of Special Education Services, Spring ISD, Houston, TX  
1989-1993 Elementary School Administrator, Conroe, ISD, Conroe, TX  
1988-1989 Elementary Vice Principal, Northside ISD, San Antonio, TX  
1988-1975 Elementary and Special Education Teacher, NY, LA, TX

## **Honors and Awards**

Outstanding Educator Award Nomination for Civic Engagement. College of Education  
Outstanding Educators Committee, Sam Houston State University, 2008.

Promotion to the rank of Associate Professor and award of tenure by the Texas State University  
System Board of Regents, May 2006.

Sam Houston State University, Dean of Students' citation for contributions to students'  
academic careers. May 2006

## **Other Competencies**

American Educational Research Association (AERA) Proposals, 2004. Reviewed  
and rated proposals related to Special Education and Educator Preparation for  
session presentations at the Annual Conference.

Critical Whole Book Review. Friend & Bursuck (c.2002) *Including Students with Special Needs, 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Edition*. Allyn & Bacon.

Prospectus, Contents and Chapters Review for the *proposed text: Special Education Law for  
Teachers*. Pearson Merrill Prentice Hall.

*Making Your Classroom a Successful Place for Learners with Special Needs*. A presentation to  
**Math and Science teachers in the Eisenhower Grant Project.**

Oak Ridge High School, Conroe, ISD. October 24, 2000.