

## Curriculum Vita

### **Bernadette V. Russo**

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#### **EDUCATION**

Master of Arts in English at Sam Houston State University, December 2009, GPA 4.0  
Thesis: “Rippling Effects of Diaspora: (Dys)ease As a Function of Dislocation.”

Master of Arts in Criminal Justice at Sam Houston State University (incomplete: 33hrs completed) GPA 4.0.

Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University, December 1998  
Major: Criminal Justice GPA 4.0; Minor: Anthropology GPA 3.96.

Associate of Arts and Sciences in Liberal Studies at Orange County Community College,  
June 1996, GPA 3.84.

#### **ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

Lecturer of English, Sam Houston State University, 2009—present. Responsibilities include instructing Freshman and Composition I, II, and Readings in Literature of the Western World; sponsor for Social Injustice Quilt Project and volunteers for Little Woman’s Home for Animals (No-kill Animal Shelter).

Adjunct Professor, Department of English, North Harris Community College, Lone Star College System, Fall 2009—present. Responsibilities include instructing Freshman and Composition I, II, and Readings in Literature of the Western World.

Graduate Assistant, Sam Houston State University  
Instructor for Freshman Composition I and II and Developmental Writing class ENG 031D; intern for Texas Review Press; certified writing center tutor.

Adjunct Professor, Developmental Studies Program, North Harris Community College  
Instructor of Developmental Writing 0307 in Developmental Studies Program to a diverse population of students ranging in ages from 17 to 76; ability levels spanning grades 4 through 10 and often include ESL students.

English/Language Arts Teacher, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade, New Caney ISD.

Create, collaborate and instruct in 7<sup>th</sup> grade setting with emphasis on reading and writing; modify materials as necessary for ESL and/or Special Ed. Students.

Special Education Teacher, Resource Language Arts, Moorehead, Conroe ISD.

Co-Presenter for Fluency Workshop to English Department; Modifications and Strategies Workshop Presentation for English Department; TAKS Remediation

and Tutorials Team Member; Cultural Diversity Task Force Member.  
Special Education Teacher, Resource English, Duett Middle School, Spring ISD.  
Resource Teacher: English and Reading; T.A.C. facilitator; R.O.P.E.S. course co-manager and facilitator; NJHS Sponsor; Chess Club Sponsor; STOMP Sponsor.  
Special Education Teacher, Resource Language Arts Splendora High School, Splendora  
Resource English Teacher and Resource Math Teacher; design and implement Individual Education Plans for students with special needs (including those with Learning Disabilities, Emotional Disabilities, ADHD, severe visual impairments, and mild MR in a resource setting (abilities range from K - 8; ages 14yrs. To 20 yrs.); Generate data driven individualized assessments that incorporate portfolio-based data and individualized assessments.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

“Parens Patriae” in the Encyclopedia of Juvenile Justice, 2001 edition.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

“Shadows of Home: Phantom Pains of Dyaspora and (Dys)ease in ‘Caroline’s Wedding,’” 12th International Conference of the Association of Caribbean Women Writers and Scholars (ACWWS), April 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 2009, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.  
“(Dys)ease as a Function of Dislocation,” Interdisciplinary Research Poster Conference, Sam Houston State University, March 2010.  
“Women of the African Diaspora as Cultural Preservers: Adapting the Oral Narrative to the Confines of Modernity,” Women’s History Month Poster Conference, Sam Houston State University, March 2010.  
“A Voice From the Haitian Dyaspora: Identity and Dislocation” *Haitian Migration in the 20th/21st Century*, Black History Month Symposium Presentation, Sam Houston State University, February 2010.  
“Approaches to Paragraphing: ESL and Multisensory,” TCTELA Annual Conference, January 2008, Houston, Texas.  
“Understanding Through Metaphor,” Co-presentation SWCA Annual Conference, March 2008, Oklahoma State University, Oklahoma.

## **ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS**

Donald Stahling Graduate Scholarship, Sam Houston State University, Spring 2008.  
College of Humanities and Social Sciences Graduate Student Scholarship, Sam Houston State University, Spring 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009.

## **CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES**

Teacher Consultant, Sam Houston Writing Project A Subdivision of The National Writing Project, July 2007.  
“Six Traits +1 of Writing” Certification, January 2006.

R.O.P.E.S. Facilitator: Spring ISD, completed training March 2004.  
T.A.C. Certification (Teachers as Counselors): Spring ISD, completed 2004.  
A.C.P., Alternative Certification Program, Region IV, Houston, Texas: January 2003.  
Reading, English and Social Studies Composite grades 4-8, State of Texas, since 2005.  
English grades 9-12, State of Texas, since 2005.  
Generic Special Education, State of Texas, since 2001.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

MLA (Modern Language Association), 2007-current.  
NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English), 2007-current.  
TCTELA (Texas Council of Teachers of English), 2007-current.  
TYCA (Two Year College Association), 2008-current.  
AAUW (American Association of University Women), 2008-current.  
Sigma Tau Delta National Honor Society, 2008-current.  
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Society, 1997-current.