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Assistant Professor
Language, Literacy and Special Populations
College of Education

Degrees Earned

Ed.D. in Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood, University of Houston, 2000
M.S. in Elementary Education, Sam Houston State University, 1986
B.A. in Speech Pathology and Audiology, University of Houston, 1978

Professional Licensure and Certifications

Texas Teacher Certificate
Elementary (Grades 1-8) General
Elementary (Grades 1-8) Speech Communications
Kindergarten
Early Childhood Education – Handicapped Child
Speech and Hearing Therapy

Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles

Nabors, D. K., & Simpson, C. G. (2008). Planning the Classroom Environment: A multifaceted approach. *Children Our Concern* 31 (1) 31-33., [Tier 2](#)

Martin, J., **Nabors, D. K.,** & Simpson, C. G. (2008). Bullying: the basics. *Children and Families*, 22 (1) 18-23. [Tier 1](#)

Nabors, D. K., & Simpson, C. G. (2007). Add a Little SPICE to Classroom Experiences: Enhancing the lesson planning process. *Tennessee's Children* Winter pg. 19-20, [Tier 2](#)

Anderson, D., Kaldis, H., **Nabors, D. K.,** & Simpson, C. G. (2005). Transition Time Awareness. *Early Years*, 27(1), 7-8. [Tier 2](#)

Nabors, D.K. & Simpson, C. G. (2005). Drawings on the Wall: Children's insights for defining diversity. *Dimensions of Early Childhood*, 33(2), 11-16. [Tier 1](#)

Nabors, D. K. & Simpson, C. G. (2003). Making the "Write" Changes: Transforming your classroom into a writer-friendly classroom. *Early Years*, 25 (2), 2-3. [Tier 2](#).

Nabors, D. K. & Simpson C. G. (2003). Treasures for Tots: A little creativity goes a long way – Making toys for infants and toddlers. *haeeyc Advocate*, 22 (4), 7-10. [Tier 3](#)

Simpson, C. G. & **Nabors, D. K.** (2003). Bringing Their Words to Life: Providing opportunities for children to connect what they know about oral language to early writing development. *Tennessee's Children* (Spring 2003) 14-15. Tier 2

Books

Warner, L., Lynch S. A., **Nabors, D. K.** & Simpson, C.G. (2008). *Themes for Inclusive Classrooms: Lesson Plans for Every Learner*. Beltsville, MD: Gryphon House Inc.

Warner, L., Lynch S. A., **Nabors, D. K.** & Simpson, C.G. (2007). *Inclusive Lesson Plans Throughout the Year*. Beltsville, MD: Gryphon House Inc

Funded External Grants

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Grant No. 061043057110001
SALARY REIMBURSEMENT AND EXPENSES AGREEMENT No. 0005446A Between
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (Grant Recipient)
and Sam Houston State University (Provider of Services) – competitive award for services. Rural
Extension of the Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) Project. **Nabors, D.K. Funded**, September
1, 2007 **\$168,000.00** per year. **(2 year renewable for 2007-2009) Account #321-20-B 420.**

Texas Early Education Model – Willis/Cleveland Expansion 2007, **Nabors, D. K.** & Walker, T.
denied due to decreased funding. High consideration, if funding becomes available.

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Grant No. 061043057110001
SALARY REIMBURSEMENT AND EXPENSES AGREEMENT No. 0005446A Between
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (Grant Recipient)
and Sam Houston State University (Provider of Services) – competitive award for services. Rural
Extension of the Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) Project. **Nabors, D.K. Funded**, September
1, 2007 **\$158,000.00** per year. **(2 year renewable for 2007-2009) Account #321-20-T-148.**

National Association for the Education of Young Children "*The Value of Membership Grant*".
Nabors, D. K. and McGuire, M. A. – **Funded**, April 30, 2007. **\$2,500.00 Account # 321-20 T-149.**

"The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (Facilities Usage Agreement). *Rural
Extension of the Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) Project*. **Nabors, D.K. – Funded**, August 1,
2006 **\$6,000.00 Account #321-20-T-147.**

Texas Education Agency (TEA) Grant No. 061043057110001
SALARY REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT No. 0005446A Between
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (Grant Recipient)
and Sam Houston State University (Provider of Services) – competitive award for services. Rural
Extension of the Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) Project. **Nabors, D.K. Funded**, August 1,
2006 – July 31, 2007 **\$73,920.00. Account #321-20-T-147**

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Texas Affiliate Grant (TAG Grant). **Nabors, D. K – Funded**, October, 2005. **\$500.00**

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Texas Affiliate Grant (TAG Grant). **Nabors, D. K. – Denied**, July 15, 2004.

Characteristics and Factors That Influence Teachers to Remain in the Teaching Profession. (Wegmann, S. J., Polnick, B.E., Miller, M.S., **Nabors, D. K.**, Simpson, C. G., & Higgins, B.) – Denied, March 7, 2003

Peer-Review Presentations

National/International

Nabors, D. & McGuire, M.A. (2008) “Beans a Plenty, Beans Galore, Counting with Beans, and Much, Much, More”. National Head Start Association 35th Annual Training Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, April 19-24.

McGuire, M., **Nabors, D.**, Duke, L., Jones, M., White, S., & Stefan, H. “Mentoring the New Generation: Presenting at Conferences with Undergraduates.” Southern Early Childhood Conference, Bridges: Making Connections for Southern Children and Families. Covington, KY March 27-29, 2008.

McGuire, M. A., Simpson, C.G., **Nabors, D.K.** (2006). “Pre K Goes to College.” National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators, Atlanta GA, November 8, 2006.

Adams, P., Miller, M., **Nabors, D.**, Price, D., Robbins, M., Simpson, C., Swicegood, P., & Wegmann, S. (2003). “Characteristics and Factors that Influence Teachers to Remain in the Teaching Profession.” College Reading Association Conference, Corpus Christi, TX, October 31, 2003.

Simpson, C. G., & **Nabors D. K.** (2003). “Recruitment and Retention.” National Association for the Education of Young Children Leadership Conference, Portland, Oregon, June 17, 2003.

State

Johnson, D. Smith, K. **Nabors, D.** Miller, B.(2008) “Capitalizing on Change: From EC-4 to EC-6” Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education 2008 Fall Teacher Education Conference, Austin, TX Oct 19-21, 2008.

Duke, L., Stefan, H. Jones, M., White, C., Waltz, N, McGuire, M.A. and **Nabors, D.K.** (2007) “An Explosion of Sunflowers.” Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX, October 13, 2007.

Lynch, S. A., Warner, L., **Nabors, D. K.**, Simpson, C. (2007) “Including All Children in Your Lesson Planning.” Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Fort Worth, TX, October 12, 2007.

Nabors, D.K., & Richardson, R. (2007) "What Color is Your Spaghetti?" Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference in Fort Worth, TX, October 12, 2007.

McGuire, M. A., **Nabors, D. K.** & Simpson, C.G. (2007) "Going to College: Pre-K Style." Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi Annual Reading Conference, Corpus Christi, TX, March 30, 2007.

Duke, L. D., White, S.C., Bosley, L., Rose, A., Paiyou, H., McGuire, M. A., **Nabors, D. K.**, Richardson, R. D., & Simpson, C.G. (2006) "Exploration Station: Ant antics on parade." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Galveston, TX, October 7, 2006.

McGuire, M., Simpson, C. & **Nabors, D.** (2005) "Hop on Board the Training Express: Quick and Creative Ideas to keep your staff development moving and on the right track." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Austin, TX, October 21, 2005.

Nabors, D. K. (2004). "How to Survive Your First Year and Love it." Texas State Teachers Association, Student Program District Convention, Beaumont, TX, November 13, 2004.

Nabors, D. K. (2004). "Guiding Young Children's Behavior." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Annual Conference, Arlington, TX, October 8, 2004.

Nabors D. K. & Simpson, C.G (2003). "Treasures for Tots: Preparing inexpensive and easy-to-make toys for infants and young toddlers." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Corpus Christi, TX, October 3, 2003.

Warner, L., & **Nabors, D. K.** (2002). "Using Multiple Approaches to Solving Classroom Behavior Problems." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, El Paso, TX, October 19, 2002.

Local

Nabors, D. K. (2008) "Lessons for Including All Learners." ESC Region 4 Preschool Summer Institute: Early Childhood and Special Education. Sowing the Seeds of Early Learning, Houston TX August 6-7, 2008.

Nabors, D. McGuire, M. (2008) Beans A Plenty, Beans Galore, Counting with Beans and Much, Much More. Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Spring Workshop. Huntsville, TX April 10, 2008.

Nabors, D. K. (2008) "Pre-Kindergarten math Activities" Huntsville ISD Staff Development, February 27, 2008.

Nabors, D. K. (2008) "Singing with Numbers: Math Skills Enhanced with Music" Joan Prouty Young Child Winter Conference. February 16, 2008.

Nabors, D.K. (2008) What Do I Do? Teachers' Responsibilities and Rights: Safe Schools Chapter 37" Texas State Teachers Association Student Program, Huntsville, TX January 31, 2008.

Nabors, D.K., & McGuire, M.A. (2007) "Beans Aplenty, Beans Galore, Counting with Beans and Much, Much More." Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Workshop, Huntsville, TX, October 6, 2007.

Richardson, R., Timme, C., McGuire, M., **Nabors, D. K.**, (2007) "Science Activities and Materials for Pre-Kindergarten." Huntsville ISD Pre-K In-Service, Huntsville, TX, September 26, 2007.

Nabors, D.K., Calderon, M.J. (2007) "Counting and Mathematical Activities for Young Children." Fall Early Childhood Conference, Angelina College in Lufkin, TX, September 22, 2007.

Nabors, D.K., Calderon, M.J. (2007) "Magical Mixtures and Other Fun Stuff for the Early Childhood Classroom." Fall Early Childhood Conference at Angelina College, Lufkin, TX, September 22, 2007.

Nabors, D. K., Duke, L. N., & McGuire, M. A. (2007) "Beans-a-Plenty, Beans Galore. Counting with Beans and Much, Much, More." Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children Fall Conference, Houston, TX, September 8, 2007.

Timme, C., McGuire, M., **Nabors, D. K.** & Miller, M., (2007) "Math Activities and Materials for Pre-Kindergarten." Huntsville ISD Pre-K In-Service, Huntsville, TX, August, 21, 2007.

Nabors, D. K. (2007) "Math Activities with Everyday Materials" Weekday Ministries Conference, Houston, TX, August 1-2, 2007.

Nabors, D. K. (2007) "Everyday Math." Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Brazos Valley Outreach Conference, College, Station, TX, July, 28, 2007.

Nabors, D. K. & Nabors, D. L. (2007) "Orienteering." Scout Saturday at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, February 24, 2007.

Nabors D. K. (2007) "Math Activities Using Everyday Materials: How to promote math skills in pre-schoolers using common and inexpensive items." Annual Spring Early Childhood Conference, Angelina College, Lufkin, TX, February 3, 2007.

Nabors, D. K. (2007) "Who's in Charge?" Annual Spring Early Childhood Conference, Angelina College, Lufkin, TX, February 3, 2007.

Nabors, D. K. (2007). "Professional Responsibilities." Texas State Teachers Association Meeting at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, February 1, 2007.

McGuire, M.A., & **Nabors, D.K.** (2006). "Issues in the Early Childhood Community." Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Workshop, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville TX, November 4, 2006.

Nabors, D. K. (2006). "Come Teach with Me: Early childhood." Celebration of Teaching, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, September 29, 2007.

Nabors, D.K. (2006). "Directors Discussion Group." Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Workshop, Huntsville, TX, September 23, 2006.

Nabors, D.K. (2006). "Easy and Inexpensive Manipulatives & How to Use Them to Develop Math Skills." Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Workshop, Blinn College, College Station, TX, July 29, 2006.

Nabors, D. K. (2006). "Language Activities for Infants and Toddlers." Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Workshop, Blinn College, College Station, TX, July 29, 2006.

Nabors, D.K., & Simpson, C. (2006). "'Let's Talk: Effective strategies for communicating with parents who have children with disabilities.'" Student Council for Exceptional Students Annual Spring Conference in Huntsville, TX, April 7, 2006.

Nabors, D. & Simpson, C. (2006) "Your Rights and Chapter 37". Joan Prouty Winter Conference. Huntsville, TX, March 4, 2006.

Nabors, D.K, & Simpson, C.G. (2006). "What are the Benefits of Belonging to a Professional Organization?" Texas State Teachers Association – Student Program Meeting, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, February 6, 2006.

Nabors, D. K. (2006). "How to Use Blackboard." Language, Literacy, and Special Populations Workshop on Teaching, Huntsville, TX, January 14, 2006.

Nabors, D. K. (2005). "Come Teach with Me: Early Childhood." Celebration of Teaching, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, September 30, 2005.

Nabors, D. K. (2005). "Let's Talk: Communicating with parents." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Austin, TX, October 21, 2005.

Nabors, D. K. & Simpson, C. (2004). "Math Manipulatives for Young Children." Sam Houston Association for Young Children, Winter Workshop, Huntsville, TX, December 2, 2004.

Nabors, D. K. (2004). "Early Childhood Education – Come Teach with Me." Celebration of Teaching, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville TX, September 24, 2004.

Nabors, D. K, Simpson, C.G. (2004). "Math Manipulatives – Make and Take." Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children, Fall Workshop, Huntsville TX, September 18, 2004.

Nabors, D. K., & Simpson, C. G. (2004). "Professional Development: Why should you belong to a professional organization?" Planning Committee for Education Student Programs, Tomball Community College, Tomball, TX, April 29, 2004.

Nabors, D. K. & Simpson, C. G. (2004). "Transferring to SHSU for a Degree in Academic Studies." Tomball Community College, Tomball TX, April 29, 2004.

Nabors, D. K. & Simpson, C.G. (2004). "Surviving the Jungle – Classroom Management for Teachers of Young Children." Harris County Department of Education, Early Childhood Winter Conference, Houston, TX. January 24, 2004

Nabors, D. K. (2003). "Teaching in Early Childhood." Celebration of Teaching, SHSU, Huntsville, TX, September 26, 2003.

Nabors, D. K. & Simpson, C. G. (2003) "A Writing Classroom for Young Children: How to make writing meaningful and fun." Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children Fall Conference, Houston, TX. September 6, 2003.

Simpson, C.G., **Nabors D. K.**, Catalano, G., & McGuire, M. (2003) "Train the Trainer – Welcome to the Jungle." Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children Fall Conference, Houston, TX, September 6, 2003.

Simpson, C. G., & **Nabors D. K.** (2003). "Infant/Toddler Toys for Tots: Preparing inexpensive and easy to make toys for the infant/toddler classroom." Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children Spring Conference, Houston, TX, April 5, 2003.

Nabors, D. K., & Simpson, C. G. (2003). "Easy, Practical, and Inexpensive Ways to Modify Your Classroom to Meet the Needs of All Children." Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children Spring Conference, Houston, TX, April 5, 2003.

Nabors, D. K. (2002). "The Young Writer's Classroom." Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Huntsville, TX, September 14, 2002.

Nabors, D. K. (2002). "Emergent Literacy for Young Children" Wecare Early Childhood Conference, Woodlands, TX, August 21, 2002.

Work or Professional Experiences

Associate Professor – Early Childhood Education Program, Department of Language, Literacy and Special Populations, Sam Houston State University, @008- present.

Program Coordinator – Early Childhood Education Program, Department of Language, Literacy and Special Populations, Sam Houston State University, June 2005– present.

Assistant Professor – Early Childhood Education Program, Department of Language, Literacy and Special Populations, Sam Houston State University, 2004– present.

Assistant Professor – Early Childhood and Special Education Program Areas, Language, Literacy, and Special Populations, Sam Houston State University, July 2002 – 2004

Lecturer of Education – Early Childhood and Special Education, Language Literacy and Special Populations, Sam Houston State University, Fall 2001 – July 2002.

Classroom Teacher – First Grade, Conroe Independent School District, 1995 – May 2002.

Lecturer – Early Childhood, Curriculum and Instruction, University of Houston,
1993 - 2000.

Classroom Teacher – Special Education, Conroe Independent School District, 1991 -1995

Classroom Teacher – Kindergarten, Conroe Independent school District, 1982 – 1991

Classroom Teacher – Special Education, Conroe Independent School District, 1981 -1982

Classroom Teacher – Early Childhood Handicapped, Lamar Consolidated School
District, 1980 – 1981.

Itinerant Speech Pathologist – All level, Lamar Consolidated School District, 1980

Honors and Awards

Huntsville ISD trustee Recognition (April 2008) Pre-Kindergarten training and program
assistance.

2007 Judges' Selection Award for the publication: Warner, L., Lynch, S., **Nabors, D.**, & Simpson,
C. (2007). *Inclusive Lesson Plans Throughout the Year*. Beltsville, MD: *Gryphon House*.

2007 Early Childhood News Directors' Choice Award for the publication: Warner, L. Lynch, S.
Nabors, D. & Simpson, C. (2007). *Inclusive Lesson Plans Throughout the Year* Beltsville, MD:
Gryphon House, Inc.

Excellence in Teaching Award Semi-finalist, Sam Houston State University, 2004-2005.

Outstanding Teaching Award Nominee, College of Education, 2004

Service to the Profession

Document/Textbook Reviewer

Fields, M. V. & Fields, D. Constructive Guidance and Discipline, 4 ed. Pearson Merrill, Prentice Hall.
Columbus, OH. Reviewed January, 2007.

Hearron & Hildebrand. Guiding Young Children, 7e Merrill Education / Prentice Hal, Columbus OH.
Reviewed June 2006.

Strategies for Supportive Cultural Practices in Family Involvement , SAGE Publications, Inc. Thousand
Oaks, CA 91320 Reviewed March , 2006

Sharing Among Us: Parents, Children, and Teachers Communicate. Parent Cooperative Preschools International (PCPI). Reviewed February 2005.

Warner, L., & Sower, J. C., (2005). Educating Young Children from Preschool through Primary Grades, Boston, MA.: Pearson Education. Reviewed fall 2003.

University

Centennial Scholarship Chair	2008-2009
Centennial Scholarship Committee	2006-2009
Student Organizations Board	2005-2008
SHSU Annual Fund Committee	2004-2006
Graduate Advisor	2006-2008
Collaboration to design BAAS with a minor in Early Care and Education	2008-9

College

Enrichment Committee	2008-2009
NCATE Standard 1 Committee Chair	2008-2009
Writer for the NCATE/ACEI Accreditation Report	2008
Déjà vu Committee Co-chair	2007-2009
Assessment Committee	2007-2008
Building Use Committee	2006-2008
Committee on Student Advising	2006-2008
Distinguish Educator Committee	2004-2009
NCATE Spa Committee co-chair	2006-2007
Saturday at Sam presenter/advisor	2005-2006
Graduate Program Area Advisor	2006-2009
TEXES Qualifier Reviewer	2005-2006
Volunteer Student Teacher Supervisor	2006
Teacher Work Sample Scorer	2006-2009
Student Teacher of the Year Selection Committee	2004-2009

Department

Student Concerns Committee	2008-2009
Accreditation & Accountability Committee	2006-2009
TEXES Accountability and Accreditation Committee	2003-2006
Facilities & Work Environment Committee	2006-2007
First Floor Renovation Committee/Chair	2004-2006
Faculty Search Committee	2006-2007
Search Committee ECE faculty/ committee member	2004-2005
Search Committee ECE faculty committee chair	2005-2006
Graduate Studies Committee member	2004-2008
Graduate Marketing committee	2004-2005
Recruitment of Students – Conventions	2006-2008
Dispositions Committee	2006

Student Council for Exceptional Children	2005-2008
Conference committee	2005-2008
Conference Hospitality Chair	2005-2008
Joan Prouty Young Child Winter Conference / Co-chair	2004-2006
Young Child Winter Conference Planning Committee	2002-2004
Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children	2002-2009
Student Organization Advisor	2003-2009
TAEYC affiliate rep	2004-2006
Membership Chair	2006-2007
Treasurer	2006-2008
President	2004-2005, 2008-2009
President Elect	2003-2004
Secretary	2002-2003
Texas State Teachers Association	2004-2009
Student Organization Advisor	2005-2009
Undergraduate ECE Student Advisor	2003-2009
Mentor to ECE adjunct instructors	2005-2009
Guest Speaker/Lecturer in program area classes	2006-2007
Assistant to Pre-K days at Sam/ECE program	2006
ECE Program Coordinator	2007-2009

Community

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children	
Treasurer	2007-2009
Strategic Planning Committee	2006-2008
Transition Committee	2008-2009
Personnel Committee	2007-2009
Conference Task Force	2005
Conference Committee	2005-2008
Resource and Development Chair	2004-2006
Internal Audit Committee	2004-2005
Awards Committee	2003-2008
Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children	
Workshops for child care teachers	2003-2007
Reception for child care teachers	2003-2007
Books for child care classrooms	2005-2007
Workshops for Huntsville Pre-K teachers	2007-2008
Pre-K Now Teleconference Host Site (Sept. 20)	2006
Texas Early Education Model Liaison	2006-2009
Mentor/Advisor	2006-2009
Liaison between TEEM and Huntsville Pre-K	2006-2007
Liaison between TEEM and SHSU	2006-2007
SHSU/Reaves Elementary School CISD Collaborative	2004-2006
Spring ISD High School for the Professions Planning Committee	2004-2006
Spring ISD Career and Technology Education Focus Group	2006-2007
North Harris College Advisory Committee	2006-2008
Conroe ISD Teacher of the Year Selection Committee Chair	2005-2008

Texas Center for Reading and Language Arts	
Higher Education Collaborative	2003-2005
Phi Delta Kappa	2006
PIECE – Patrons Influencing Early Child Education	2006
Brazos Valley, Region 6, SHSU Cooperative	
Assistance on Data Collection of Education Students	2005
Katherine Dowling Writing Research	

Professional Memberships/current offices

Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children (SHAAYC)
 Advisor
 President
 Treasurer

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children
 Executive Committee
 Treasurer
 Personnel Committee
 Budget Committee
 Strategic Planning Committee
 Conference Committee

Southern Early Childhood Association

National Association for the Education of Young Children
 Special Event Planning Committee 2008

Texas State Teachers Association - Student Program Advisor