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Degrees Earned

Ph.D. in Human Resource Development, Texas A&M University, 2002
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Professional Licensure and Certifications

Texas Teaching Certificate
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Peer-Review Publications and Artistic Performances/Exhibitions

Articles

Spencer, V. & Simpson, C., 2008, Using the Power Card Strategy to Teach Social Skills to a Child with Autism. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Simpson, C., Price, D., Robbins, M., Spencer, V., & Lowdermilk, J. ,2008, Research and Practice: Preschool Teachers Perception of Technology in the Inclusive Classroom. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Gaus, M. & Simpson, C. ,2008, Consultation and Collaboration: Linking academic pursuits and physical activity. Manuscript submitted for publication.

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McGuire, M. and Simpson, C.,2008, Presentations with Students Using the PREPARE Method. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Spencer, V., Carter, B., Boon, R., & Simpson, C.G. ,2008, If you teach - You teach reading. Manuscript submitted for publication.

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Books

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Chapters

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Proceedings

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Peer-Review Presentations/Posters

National/International

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Simpson, C., Spencer, V., Daniels, J. & Carter, B., 2007, "Can Lambs and Wolves Co-Exist? How educators can identify effective bullying prevention programs." Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, Louisville, KY, April 20, 2007

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McGuire, M., **Simpson, C.** & Gaus, M., 2007, "Creating Math and Science Concepts Through Effective Literacy Strategies." National Headstart 34th Annual Training Conference, San Antonio, TX, April 17, 2007

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McGuire, M., **Simpson, C.** & McGuire, S., 2005, "Invention Convention: Hands-on problem solving." Symposium presented at the meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, DC, December 2005

Simpson, C., McGuire, M. & Gaus, M., 2005, "Let's play: Adapting and modifying toys for children with special need." Symposium presented at the meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, DC, December 2005

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McGuire, M. & **Simpson, C.**, 2005, "Invention Convention: Problem Solving for School Age Children." National After-school Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, February 2005

McGuire, M. & **Simpson, C.**, 2004, "Pre-service Student/Teacher Organizations: Strategies for Developing a vibrant program." 2004 National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA, November 2004

Swicegood, P., Lynch, S., Adams, P. & **Simpson, C.**, 2004, "Standardized Testing: Linking Findings to Intervention." Council for Educational Diagnostic Services: Division of Council for Exceptional Children. Annual Conference: Accommodations, Accountability, and Assessment, San Antonio, TX, October 2004

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Simpson, C. & Nabors, D., 2003, "Recruiting and Keeping Local Association for the Education of Young Children Members." National Association for the Education of Young Children's 12th Annual National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development: Investing today for tomorrow's children, Portland, OR, June 2003

Regional

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McGuire, M. & **Simpson, C.**, 2005, "Basic Training 101: Train our Trainer." 2005 Southern Early Childhood Association Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, March 2005

Simpson, C. & Lasater, M., 2000, "Lifelines Trainer of Trainers." LR Consulting, Portland, OR, March 2000

State/Local

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McGuire, M. & **Simpson, C.**, 2007, "Writing For Early Years: The Journal of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children." 43rd Annual Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Ft. Worth, TX, October 13, 2007

Simpson, C., McGuire, M, & Gaus, M., 2007, "Modifying Materials and Toys to Include All Children." 43rd Annual Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Ft. Worth, TX, October 13, 2007

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Simpson, C. & Lynch, S., 2007, "Ethical Decision Making: An interactive problem solving session." Texas Educational Diagnostician Association Annual Conference, El Paso, TX, February 21, 2007

Simpson, C. & Lynch, S., 2006, "CHC Theory 101." Houston Area Metropolitan Chapter of Texas Educational Diagnostician Association Conference, Houston, TX, November 4, 2006

Simpson, C. & Williams, J., 2006, "What Keeps Me Going: A look at Aspergers Syndrome from a personal perspective." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Galveston, TX, October 7, 2006

McGuire, M., Nabors, D., Richardson, R., **Simpson, C.**, 2006, "Ants On Parade." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Galveston, TX, October 6, 2006

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Simpson, C., 2006, "Ethical Decision Making for Educational Diagnosticians." Texas Educational Diagnostician Association Annual Conference- Leadership Track, South Padre, TX, April 21, 2006

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Simpson, C., 2006, "Looking Ahead at Public Policy Issues." Texas Association of College Teachers Eastern Region Conference, Huntsville, TX, February 2006

Lynch, S. & **Simpson, C.**, 2005, "Power Testing: Using Tests to Guide Intervention." HouMet Fall Conference: What's the big IDEA?" Metropolitan Chapter of the Texas Educational Diagnostician Association, Houston, Texas, November 2005

Simpson, C. & McGuire, M., 2005, "Hop on Board the Training Express: Quick and Creative Ideas to Keep your staff development moving and on the right track." Children the Music of Our Hearts, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children State Conference. Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Austin, TX, October 2005

Simpson, C. & McGuire, M., 2005, "Let the Good Times Roll: Actively involving adult learners in staff development." Children the Music of Our Hearts, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children State Conference. Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Austin, TX, October 2005

Simpson, C. & McGuire, M., 2005, "Impact Zone: TOT for the Intermediate Level Trainer." HAAEYC Fall Leadership Forum and Conference. Houston Association for the Education of Young Children, Houston, TX, September 2005

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Lynch, S. & **Simpson, C.**, 2005, "Educational Diagnostician 101: What they didn't teach you in graduate school." Texas Educational Diagnostician Association Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX, February 2005

Simpson, C., 2005, "Budget Processing." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Advocacy and Leadership Institute, Austin, TX, February 2005

Simpson, C. & Lynch, S., 2005, "Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act 2004: Impact on the changing role of the educational diagnostician." HouMet: A division of the Texas Educational Diagnostician Association Special Interest Session, Houston, TX, January 2005

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

Lynch, S. & **Simpson, C.**, 2004, "Changing Role of the Educational Diagnostician." HouMet: a division of the Texas Educational Diagnostician Association Annual Conference. Houston, TX, November 2004

Simpson, C. & Nabors, D., 2004, "Guiding Young Children's Behavior." Texas Association for the Education of Young Children 40th Annual Conference: through the Eyes of A Child, Arlington, TX, October, 2004

Swicegood, P., Lynch, S., & **Simpson, C.**, 2004, "Standardized Testing: Instructional Implications for The Classroom." Exemplary Training + Implementation + Student Preparation=Successful Adult Life. Texas Council For Exceptional Children Annual Conference, Houston, TX, June 2004

Simpson, C. & Backlery, J., 2004, "On- Line Instruction: Interest Session." Higher Education Collaborative, Austin, TX, May 2004

Nabors, D. K. & Simpson, C., 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." Education students and faculty at Tomball Community College, Tomball , TX, April 29, 2004

Lynch, S.A. & **Simpson, C.G.**, 2004, "Identification of Learning Disabilities: Problems, Proposals, and Plans." Texas Educational Diagnosticians Association Annual Conference , Corpus Christi, TX, March 2004

McGuire, M. & **Simpson, C.**, 2004, "How to Hire and Fire Without Being Sued." Moving and Grooving! Central Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Spring Conference: Director's Track, Killeen, TX, March 2004

Simpson, C. & McGuire, M., 2004, "When I Grow Up I Want To Be A.....Trainer." Moving and Grooving! Central Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Spring Conference: Trainer's Track, Killeen, TX, March 2004

Simpson, C., 2004, "Guiding Young Children's Behavior Through Classroom Management and Transition Activities." KinderCare, Inc. Staff Development Seminar, Spring, TX, January 24, 2004

Nabors, D. & **Simpson, C.**, 2004, "Surviving the Jungle: Classroom management for teachers of young children." Harris County Department of Education Eighteenth Annual Early Childhood Winter Conference, Houston, TX, January 2004

Plunkett, M. & **Simpson, C.**, 2003, "Silly Snakes and Summertime Fun!" 2003 Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Huntsville, TX, November 2003

Simpson, C. & Adams, P., 2003, "TEExES Educational Diagnostician Certification Review." Sam Houston State University, The Woodlands, TX, October 2003

Simpson, C. & Nabors, D., 2003, "Toys to Make and Take: Easy to make toys for infants and

toddlers.” 2003 Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference: Making A Difference, Corpus Christi, TX, October 2003

Simpson, C., Nabors, D., McGuire, M. & Catalano, G., 2003, “It Doesn’t Have To Be a Jungle Out There. Train Our Trainer.” Strong Foundations: Brighter Futures 2003 Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children Fall Conference, Houston, TX, September 2003

Nabors, D. & Simpson, C., 2003, “A Writing Classroom: How to make writing meaningful and fun.” Strong Foundations: Brighter Futures 2003 Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children Fall Conference, Houston, TX, September 2003

Adams, P., Simpson, C. & Swicegood, P., 2003, “Portfolios for Teachers and Diagnosticians.” 23rd Annual Texas Council for Exceptional Children Conference: Changing students, changing practices, Austin, TX, June 2003

Simpson C. & Nabors, D., 2003, “Toys For Tots!” Houston Area Association for The Education of Young Children 2003 Spring Conference: Living, learning, teaching in the key of life, Houston, TX, April 2003

Simpson C. & Nabors, D., 2003, “Easy, Practical, Inexpensive Ways to Modify Your Classroom to Meet the Needs of All Children!” Houston Area Association for The Education of Young Children 2003 Spring Conference: Living, learning, teaching in the key of life, Houston, TX, April 2003

McGuire, M., Simpson, C. & Webb, J., 2002, “Mirror, Mirror On the Wall: Am I a good trainer after all? Train The Trainer.” Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Fall Conference, El Paso, TX, October 2002

McGuire, M., Webb, J. & Simpson, C., 2002, “Mirror, Mirror: Am I a good trainer and how do I rate? Train The Trainer.” Houston Area Association for the Education of Young Children Fall Conference, Houston, TX, September 2002

Barerra J. & Simpson, C., 2002, “Communicating Across Cultures.” Sam Houston Association of the Education of Young Children. Huntsville, TX, April 2002

McGuire, M., Simpson, C., & Sower, J., 2001, “Make It and Take It: Instructional Activities for Young Children.” Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Galveston, TX, September 2001

McGuire, M. & Simpson, C., 2001, “Staff Motivation.” Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Galveston, TX, September 2001

Simpson, C. & Catlett, S., 2001, “Linking Assessment to Instruction.” Early Childhood Summer Institute 2001: State Level Training for Preschool Educators, Dallas, TX, June 2001

Simpson, C., 2001, “Functional Play-based Evaluations.” Early Childhood Summer Institute 2001: State Level Training for Preschool Educators, Dallas, TX, June 2001

Simpson, C., 2001, “Lifelines: Defining the Role of the ParaEducator.” Pearland ISD LRC Para-

educator Staff Development, Pearland, TX, June 2001

Simpson, C., 2001, "Celebrating Similarities: Students with Disabilities." Pearland ISD Para-educator Staff Development, Pearland, TX, June 2001

Simpson, C., 2001, "Welcome to the Real World/Leaving No Child Behind." Designated Vendor Inclusion Forum Initiatives for Children, Houston, TX, March 2001

Simpson, C., 2000, "Managing Challenging Behaviors in the Inclusive Setting." Initiatives for Children, Houston, TX, March 2000

Swicegood, P., Mitchell, V., & Simpson, C., 2000, "Critical Assessment Linkages: Does the Solution Match the Problem?" Texas Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, Austin, TX, March 2000

Simpson, C., 2000, "Para-Educators Lifelines in the Classroom: Behavior Improvement Strategies." Council for Exceptional Children, Huntsville, TX, February 2000

Simpson, C., 2000, "Instructional Strategies: ParaEducators in the Classroom." Region V ParaEducator Training Beaumont , TX, January 2000

Simpson, C. , 1999, "Melding: Partner Teacher Training." Ludlow Public Schools District Wide Inservice Training, Ludlow, MA, December 1999

Simpson, C., 1999, "Least Restrictive Environment." Educational Service Center VIII Regional Inservice Training, Mt. Pleasant, TX , November 1999

Simpson, C., 1999, "Teaming For Success." Region V ParaEducator Staff Development, Beaumont, TX, September 1999

Simpson, C., 1999, "Celebrating Similarities Children with Disabilities." Arlington ISD Staff Development, Arlington, TX, August 1999

Simpson, C., 1999, "ParaEducators Lifelines in the Classroom: Defining the Role of the ParaEducator." Education Service Center Staff Development , Region V, Beaumont, TX, May 1999

Simpson, C., 1999, "ParaEducators Lifelines in the Classroom: Supporting the Instructional Process." Education Service Center Staff Development , Region V. Beaumont, TX, January 2008

Simpson, C., 1998, "Behavior Improvement Strategies." Port Neches ISD District Wide Staff Development, Port Neches, TX, October 1998

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1998-2002, Educational Consultant/Independent Evaluator

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1996-1998, Educational Diagnostician, Spring Independent School District

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