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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Curriculum and Instruction), December 2012
University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
Dissertation Title: “Exploring the Relationship between English Composition Teachers’
Beliefs about Written Feedback and Their Written Feedback Practices”
(Dr. John Barnitz, Dissertation Chairperson)

Master of Arts (English), December 2006
University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

Master of Education (Curriculum and Instruction, Reading Specialist), August 1996
University of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA

Bachelor of Arts (Elementary Education), May 1985
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Additional Studies

New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
6 hours of graduate coursework earned towards a **Master of Divinity**, 2014

HONORS AND AWARDS

- University of New Orleans, College of Education and Human Development, Distinguished Alumni Award, 2014
- Doctoral Graduate Faculty Award, Curriculum and Instruction University of New Orleans, 2013
- Distinguished Dissertation Award, College of Education and Human Development University of New Orleans, 2013
- Marvin Jones Award for Excellence: Outstanding Classroom Teacher New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2012
- Rosemary Pedotti First Place Scholarship Award World Trade Club of Greater New Orleans, 2008
- Teacher of the Year, Meraux Elementary School, Chalmette, LA 1992-1993

CERTIFICATION

- AAC&U Written Communication VALUE Scorer
 - Training Completed August 2020
- SACSCOC Peer Evaluator
 - Training Completed July 2019
- Louisiana Teaching Certificate Type A
 - Certified to teach elementary grades; Reading Specialist endorsement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Dean, Leavell College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2015-present

- Performing administrative duties as assigned by the Dean, including but not limited to assessing academic credentials of possible adjuncts, reviewing and approving all syllabi for Leavell College, addressing student concerns
- Co-leading assessment and accreditation juries, particularly related to General Education and Degree Program evaluation
- Writing assigned sections of accreditation reports

Associate Director for Accreditation, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2020-present

- Assisting the Institutional Effectiveness office with reports
- Working with various divisions on assessment

Professor of English and Education, Leavell College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2015-present

- Teaching undergraduate courses in English (*English Grammar, English Composition, Introduction to Literature, Research and Writing, Senior Seminar*) and Education (*Teaching Methods*)
- Advising undergraduate students regarding their degree programs
- Overseeing the General Education assessment
- Serving on various faculty committees

Associate Professor of English and Education, Leavell College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2012-2015

- Taught undergraduate courses in English (*English Grammar, English Composition, Research and Writing, Senior Seminar*) and Education (*Teaching Methods*)
- Taught doctoral-level courses in Education (*Teaching in Higher Education, Advanced Pedagogy*)
- Advised undergraduate students regarding their degree programs
- Served on various faculty committees

Assistant Professor of English and Education, Leavell College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2007-2012

- Taught undergraduate courses in English (*English Grammar, English Composition, Research and Writing, Senior Seminar*) and Education (*Teaching Methods, Principles of Teaching and Learning*)
- Advised undergraduate students regarding their degree programs
- Served on various faculty committees

Adjunct Faculty Member, William Carey University, Spring 2013

- Taught one course in Education (*Tests, Measurements, and Evaluation*)

Full-time Adjunct Instructor, Leavell College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 2000-2007

- Taught undergraduate courses in English (*English Grammar and Research and Writing*) and Education (*Teaching Methods, Principles of Teaching and Learning*)
- Served on various committees related to SACS accreditation

Classroom Teacher, Meraux Elementary School, Chalmette, LA, 1991-1998

- Taught fourth grade (1991-1992) and fifth grade (1992-1996) in self-contained classrooms—all subjects taught
- Taught fifth grade (1996-1998) in a departmentalized setting—responsible for teaching Reading and Science
- Supervised student teachers (1996-1997)
- Sponsored extracurricular activities, including Academic Games, Yearbook, School Newspaper, and 4-H Club

Classroom Teacher, Roosevelt Elementary School, West Palm Beach, FL, 1990-1991

- Taught third grade in self-contained classroom—all subjects taught
- Chaired grade level

Classroom Teacher, Pan American Christian Academy, Saõ Paulo, SP, Brazil, 1988-1990

- Taught seventh grade Pre-Algebra and English (1988-1989)
- Taught eighth grade Algebra, Bible, English, and Reading (1988-1989)
- Taught self-contained third grade (1989-1990)
- Supervised student teachers (1989-1990)

Classroom Teacher, Palmetto Elementary School, West Palm Beach, FL, 1985-1988

- Taught self-contained second grade (1985-1986)—all subjects taught
- Taught Chapter I self-contained second grade (1986-1988)—all subjects taught
- Chaired the primary department (1987-1988)

PUBLICATIONS

“Dear Birth Mother.” In *Lacustrine 4*, edited by Randy Bates. New Orleans: UNO Department of English, 2005.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “An Analysis of Teacher Beliefs and Feedback Practices.” Conference on College Composition and Communication.” March 27, 2020. Milwaukee, WI (presented virtually)
- Co-presenter with Dr. Karla McGehee and Dr. Thomas Strong, “Developing a Common Rubric to Assess General Education Competencies.” SACSCOC Annual Meeting, Houston, Dec. 9, 2019
- “Feedback with Excellence: Written Response as Conversation,” The Teaching Professor Conference, New Orleans, LA, June 8, 2019
- “How to Develop Leaders at Sea” and “How to Resource Leaders for Churches at Sea,” Port Ministries International 2019 Conference at Sea, Carnival *Paradise*, May 31, 2019.

- Co-presenter with Karla McGehee and Thomas Strong, “Starting Over: Reinventing Your General Education Assessment Process,” SACSCOC Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, December 10, 2018
- “The Relationship between Written Feedback Practices and Teacher Beliefs,” The Teaching Professor Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 1, 2018
- “Am I Wasting My Time? Teachers' Beliefs about Written Response and Their Actual Written Response Practices,” Conference on College Composition and Communication, Tampa Convention Center, Tampa, FL, March 19, 2015
- “Written Feedback and Beliefs about Written Feedback,” Louisiana Association of College Composition, Xavier University, New Orleans, LA, February 7, 2014
- “The Insights and Blindnesses of Social-Epistemic Rhetoric,” Louisiana Association of College Composition, New Orleans, LA, November 2007

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- “Eve: Focusing on the Good Things” and “Hannah: Learning to Wait.” Staff Training, Connie’s Home Orphanage, Chiang Mai, Thailand, July 2-3, 2019
- “Writing the Curriculum Vitae.” Different Voices: Faculty Hiring 101 Workshop, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, May 6, 2019.
- “Using Read-aloud Books to Foster Relationships,” Senior Fest Breakout Session, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, April 6, 2018
- “Head, Heart, Hands: A Biblical Approach to Teaching Scripture,” Mock Classroom Presentation, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Preview Weekend, March 24, 2017
- “Feedback with Excellence: Using Written Feedback as a Teaching Tool,” Faculty In-service, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, October 14, 2016
- “Teaching for Lifechange: Head, Heart, Hands,” Youth Small Group Leaders’ Workshop, First Baptist Church, Covington, LA, August 28, 2016
- “Writing an A+ Paper,” Leavell College Orientation Breakout Session, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, August 20, 2015 (ongoing every semester)
- “Understanding Personality Strengths,” Mission Lab Training, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, May 19, 2010
- Sunday School Teacher Training, 6 sessions, Ames Boulevard Baptist Church, Marrero, LA, Fall 2009
- “Teaching That Transforms,” Sunday School Teacher Training, First Baptist Church, Slidell, LA, Spring 2009
- “Teaching That Transforms,” Sunday School Teacher Training, Cropwell Baptist Church, Pell City, Alabama, March 15-16, 2009
- “Teaching to Transform,” Sunday School Teacher Training, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, TX, August 17, 2008
- “Teaching That Transforms,” Sunday School Teacher Training, Scott Lake Baptist Church, Lakeland, FL, Spring 2006
- “Children and Salvation,” “Discipline and Motivation” and “Parent Training,” Day Camp Training, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, May 27, 2005
- Preschool Teacher Training, Alta Woods Baptist Church, Jackson, MS, November 2004
- Sunday School Teacher Training, 4 sessions, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, Fall 2002

- Preschool Teacher Training, Munholland United Methodist Church Preschool, Metairie, LA, Spring 2001
- Monthly ministry articles, *The Anchor*—newsletter for Global Maritime Ministries, 1993-present

WEBINARS

- “The Key to Teaching Online? Rapport.” Macmillan Learning. April 9, 2020.
- “Best Practices for Teaching Corequisite Composition Courses.” Macmillan Learning in conjunction with Conference on College Composition and Communication. March 27, 2020.
- “Responding to Student Writing.” Macmillan Learning in conjunction with Conference on College Composition and Communication. March 27, 2020.
- “Between Drafts: When the Magic Happens.” Macmillan Learning in conjunction with Conference on College Composition and Communication. March 27, 2020.
- “Your Endless Stack of Papers: Maximizing the Effectiveness and Fairness of Assessment in Composition Classes.” College Composition and Communication. March 13, 2020.
- “New Rules of Accreditation and Future of the HEA: What It Means!” Watermark. March 10, 2020.
- “ATS Redevelopment Seminar.” ATS. February 21, 2020.
- “Assessment: Paper Pusher to Improvement Hero.” Weave. March 13, 2019.
- “Teaching Content and Critical Thinking Skills Simultaneously.” Innovative Educators. April 4, 2019.
- “Academic Publishing: What You Need to Know.” Conference on College Composition and Communication. October 24, 2019.
- “Revised SACSCOC 2018 Principles of Accreditation: Addressing the New Standards.” Weave. March 27, 2018.
- “Tackling General Education Assessment.” Weave. September 27, 2017.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Reading Association
- Modern Language Association
- National Council of Teachers of English/College Composition and Communication
- Louisiana Association of College Composition
- Port Ministries International
- North American Maritime Ministry Association

DENOMINATIONAL AND MINISTRY SERVICE

- Journeyman Missionary with the Foreign Mission Board of the SBC, 1988-1990
 - Served in Sao Paulo, SP, Brazil
 - Taught in a missionary school
 - Worked with small churches to develop age-graded small groups
- Mission Trips
 - Oostende, Belgium, June 2003.
 - Chaing Mai, Thailand, June-July 2019

- Camp Missionary
 - Camp Worldlight, Florida Baptist Convention, summers 1999-present
 - Camp Garaywa, Mississippi Baptist Convention, summers 1997-2012
 - Judson Baptist Retreat Center, Baptist Association of Greater Baton Rouge, summers 1996-2002
- Louisiana Baptist Convention M-Jam
 - Various locations, 2008, 2009, 2013
- Keynote Speaker, Ladies' Tea
 - Metairie Baptist Church, October 2004
 - Highland Baptist Church, December 2004
 - First Baptist Church, October 2011
- Ministry Volunteer, Global Maritime Ministries, 1992-present

REFERENCES

- Available upon request

INTERESTS

Traveling with family, reading classics in American/British literature, scuba diving, eating at local New Orleans eateries, cheering for the University of Florida Gators and the New Orleans Saints