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EDUCATION

University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia
Ph.D. in Reading Education, 1985
Dissertation: *Topic Familiarity, Text Content, and Comprehension in Relation to Self-selected Study Strategies*.
Advisor: Donna Alvermann

Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky
S.C.T. (Specialist in College Teaching) in Reading and Higher Education, 1979

Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky
M.S. in Human Services, 1978

Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky
B.S. in Rehabilitation, 1975

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Murray State University

Regents Professor Emeritus
College of Education and Human Services
June 2013-present

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
July 2010-June 2013

Associate Provost for Academic Programs
Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
July 2007-June 2010

Professor and Head of Robert H. White Residential College
Department of Early Childhood and Elementary Education
July 2000-June 2007

Professor and Chair
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
May 1996-June 2000

Associate Professor
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
May 1990-April 1996

Assistant Professor
Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
August 1988-May 1990

Director, Kentucky Institute for Arts in Education-Murray
College of Education and College of Fine Arts and Communication
Summers 1992-1995

Murray State University Faculty Exchange Program
Yunnan Normal University
Kunming, People's Republic of China
November 1988-January 1989

Interim Director, Bachelor of Independent Studies
Center for Continuing Education
Summer, 1988

Assistant Professor and Coordinator
Learning Center
1985-88

University of Georgia

Graduate Assistant
Department of Reading Education
Spring 1984

Graduate Assistant
Division of Developmental Studies
Fall 1983

Murray State University

Coordinator of the Reading and Study Skills Program
Learning Center
1978-83, 1984-88

Graduate Assistant
Center for Academic Advisement and Orientation
1977-78

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

- Reading and Study Skills Improvement
- Advanced Reading and Study Skills Improvement
- Practicum in Reading Instruction
- Middle School Reading
- Teaching Reading in the Secondary School
- International Teaching Experience
- Issues and Practices of American Education

Graduate

- Reading Instruction and Assessment
- Reading/Literacy Development: Instructional Strategies
- Supervised Practicum in Reading
- Assessment of Reading/Literacy Development
- Content Area Reading/Writing
- Special Problems in Reading: Comprehension
- Advanced Methods of Research
- Special Problems in Reading: Kentucky Reading Project
- International Teaching Experience

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles:

Stone, S., Higginson, B., & Liljequest, L. (2004). Summer reading programs: Perceptions of a university freshman reading experience. The Twenty-Sixth Yearbook of the College Reading Association, 423-437.

Thistlethwaite, L. L., Ferree, A. M., Radcliffe, R. A., Higginson, B. C., & Miller, J. A. (2000). Investing in portfolio assessment. The Twenty-Second Yearbook of the College Reading Association, 99-117.

Howe, M. E., Radcliffe, R., & Higginson, B. C. (1999). A comparison of teacher's knowledge and use of content literacy strategies. The Reading Professor, 22, 35-53.

Payne, J. S., Payne, W. S., & Higginson, B. C. (1998). Statewide education reform: One institution's response. Proceedings from Improving Teaching and Learning, 23, 306-315.

Higginson, B. C., Stahl, N. A., Lee, S., McEachern, W. R., MacKay, G., Yang, M. & Terrefranca, L. (1994-95). Learning and study strategies of students in six countries. Journal of College Reading and Learning, 26, 13-22.

Stahl, N. A., Higginson, B. C. & King, J. (1993) Comparative literacy research: It's appropriate use in the 1990's. Journal of Reading, 37, 104-113.

Mealey, D. L., & Higginson, B. C. (1992). Students' evaluations of their content area writing. Journal of College Reading and Learning, 25, 40-50.

Hulick, C. H., & Higginson, B. C. (1991-92). The use of learning and study strategies by college freshmen. National Forum of Applied Educational Research Journal, 4, 70-79.

Hulick, C. H., & Higginson, B. C. (1989). Learning and study strategies of college freshmen: Implications for counselors. Kentucky Association for Counseling Development Journal, 8, 52-62.

Higginson, B. C. & Kelly, D. C. (1988). The legacy of Kentucky's one-room schools. Kentucky Reading Journal, 9, 3-6.

Higginson, B. C. (1987). An investigation into the self-selected study strategies used by college-bound secondary students: Implications for the college reading specialist. Journal of College Reading and Learning, 20, 24-30.

O'Brien, D. G., Higginson, B. C., & Miller, G. M. (1986). Factors which predict comprehension of figurative expressions. Reading Research and Instruction, 25, 80-90.

Higginson, B. C., & Phelan, M. (1986). Word cluster: A strategy for synonym development. Reading Horizons, 26, 174-178.

Higginson, B. C., & Phelan, M. (1983). Affective instruction in the college reading program. Kentucky Reading Journal, 4, 7-12.

Refereed Abstracts:*

Smith, L. C., Higginson, B. C., Prince, A. T., & Wicker, J. (2004). Comprehension Study in Middle Level Content Instruction. International Reading Association, 49, 188.

Smith, L. C., Higginson, B. C., Prince, A. T., & Wicker, J. (2003). Vocabulary Study in the Middle Level Content Instruction. International Reading Association, 48, 125.

White, R. M., Higginson, B. C., Prince, A. T., & Smith, L. C. (1996). Tapestry of learning: Weaving interdisciplinary study and multiple intelligences. International Reading Association, 41, 75.

Prince, A. T., Higginson, B. C., Smith, L. C., & White, R. M. (1994). Using picture books to make literacy connections for middle graders. *International Reading Association*, 39, 248.

Mitchell, R. M., Higginson, B. C., Prince, A. T., & Smith, L. C. (1993). Empowering the middle school student through alternative assessment. *International Reading Association*, 38, 144.

Prince, A. T., Higginson, B. C., Mitchell, R. M., & Smith, L. C. (1992). Multicultural thematic units for your middle graders. *International Reading Association*, 37, 196.

Smith, L. C., Higginson, B. C., Mitchell, R. M., & Prince, L. C. (1990). From research to classroom instruction and evaluation: Helping administrators and supervisors. *International Reading Association*, 35, 191.

*Note: The refereed abstracts listed above were printed in the programs of the respective annual conventions of the International Reading Association.

Other Publications:

Higginson, B. C., & Smith, L. C. (1994). Authentic assessment in reading education courses. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 380 771)

Higginson, B. C., & Hulick, C. H. (1992). Assessing the learning and study strategies of nontraditional college students. *Higher Education Abstracts*, 27, 401-402.

McCoy, D., Larson, B., & Higginson, B. C. (1991). Surveys of independent reading: Pinpointing the problems, seeking the solutions. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 341 021)

Higginson, B. C. (1991). College of Education responds to the Kentucky Education Reform Act. *Murray State University Graduate Newsletter*, 5 (1).

Test item writer for Educational Testing Service, National Teacher Examination Reading Specialist Test, 1991-92.

Higginson, B. C. (1987). (Review of the book *Reading Skills for College Students*). *Georgia Journal of Reading*, 3.

Higginson, B. C. (1985). (Review of the book *Learning to Read in American Schools: Basal Readers and Content Texts*). *Kentucky Reading Journal*, 6, 26-27.

Higginson, B. C. (1982). A new way to introduce textbooks to students. *Journal of Reading*, 25, 692-693.

PRESENTATIONS

Refereed:

Higginson, B. C., Stone, S., & Liljequist, L. (2006, November). Summer reading programs: A four-year analysis of student perceptions. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Stahl, N. A., Higginson, B. C., & Beahan, C. (2006, November). A comparative analysis of middle level literacy texts and pedagogical practices in China and the United States. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Higginson, B. C., Stone, S., & Liljequist, L. (2005, November). Summer reading programs: A three-year analysis of student perceptions. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Savannah, GA.

Higginson, B. C., Stone, S., & Liljequist, L. (2004, October). Understanding the value of summer reading programs: Student perceptions of the Freshman Reading Experience. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Del Ray Beach, FL.

Higginson, B. C., Stone, S., & Liljequist, L. (2003, November). Shoutin' about the book: Student perceptions of a freshman reading experience. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Corpus Christi, TX.

Bromley, K., Higginson, B. C. et al. (2001, November). Performance assessment and literacy instruction. Symposium presentation at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Orlando, FL.

Bromley, K., Higginson, B. C. et al. (2000, November). How should we approach performance assessment to build better literacy programs? Symposium presentation at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, St. Petersburg, FL.

Feree, A. M., Higginson, B. C., Stokes, S. M., & Thistlethwaite, L. L. (1999, November). Using portfolios in teacher education. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Hilton Head, SC.

Higginson, B. C. (1998, November). Academic and vocational education integration: Advocating literacy across the curriculum. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Higginson, B. C. & Stahl, N. A. (1998, February). Synergistic partnerships in teacher education. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, New Orleans, LA.

Haverstock, L. E., & Higginson, B. C. (1997, March). Transforming multiple intelligence theory into classroom practice. Ticketed workshop presented at the annual conference of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Baltimore, MD.

Higginson, B. C. & Stahl, N. A. (1997, February). Partnerships between colleges of education and academic support programs to promote diversity in teacher education. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Phoenix, AR.

Higginson, B. C. (1995, November). Teaching children to read in Costa Rica. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Clearwater Beach, FL.

Higginson, B. C., Watkins, Y. L., Bloodworth, H., & Cohen, K. (1995, November). Lives in the balance: Teaching about pets and pet care. Paper presented at the 1st Combined International Reading Association Regional Conference, Nashville, TN.

Higginson, B. C. (1993, November). Literacy instruction in the People's Republic of China: A rural perspective. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Richmond, VA.

Higginson, B. C., & Jacquot, R. (1992, November). Reading education and environmental education: An alliance of the 90's. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, St. Louis, MO.

Stahl, N. A., & Higginson, B. C. (1991, December). Comparative reading: Use and misuse of cross-national research. A round table presented at the annual meeting of the National Reading Conference, Palm Springs, CA.

Higginson, B. C., McCoy, D., & Larson, B. (1991, November). Independent reading: A comparison between middle school students and college developmental reading students. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Washington, D. C.

Higginson, B. C. (1991, April). Learning and study strategies of students in six countries: A quantitative and qualitative investigation. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL.

Stahl, N. A., & Higginson, B. C. (1990, November). The use and misuse of comparative reading research. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Nashville, TN.

Mealey, D. L. & Higginson, B. C. (1990, November). Students' self-evaluation of their content area writing. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Nashville, TN.

Higginson, B. C. (1990, June). Learning and study strategies of Chinese and American students. Paper presented at the USA/China Teacher Education Consortium, Dalian, People's Republic of China.

Condon, M., & Higginson, B. C. (1990, June). Student teaching: Comparative case studies of USA/China universities. Paper presented at the USA/China Teacher Education Consortium, Dalian, People's Republic of China.

Higginson, B. C. & Hulick, C. H. (1990 April). Assessing the learning and study strategies of nontraditional college students. A round table presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Boston, MA.

Stahl, N. A., & Higginson, B. C. (1989, November). College reading: Issues of assessment for a diverse student population. Paper presented at the annual meeting of National Reading Conference, Austin, TX.

Higginson, B. C. & Stahl, N. A. (1989, November). An international comparative study of students' learning and study strategies. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Higginson, B. C. (1989, October). Teaching study strategies in the middle grades: A bridge to learner independence. Paper presented at the Great Lakes Regional Conference of the International Reading Association, Cincinnati, OH.

Higginson, B. C. (1989, September). SOURCES: A strategy to promote critical thinking. Paper presented at the Kentucky Reading Conference, Louisville, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1988, September). Using writing strategies to improve students' essay test scores. Paper presented at the Kentucky Reading Conference, Louisville, KY.

Higginson, B. C., Mitchell, R. M., Prince, A. T., & Smith, L. C. (1988, May). Putting the basal to work for your students. A workshop presented at the annual meeting of the International Reading Association, Toronto, Ontario.

Stahl, N. A., & Higginson, B. C. (1987, December). Training students to use study strategies and tactics: Research to broaden the instructional perspective. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Reading Conference, St. Petersburg, FL.

Higginson, B. C. (1987, October). College level academic development experiences for "average" high school students. Paper presented at the Kentucky Association for Counseling and Development Conference, Louisville, KY

Higginson, B. C., & Stahl, N. A. (1987, October). Retention scales and college reading. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Baltimore, MD.

Higginson, B. C. (1987, October). A study skills intervention for improving college students' learning from text. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Baltimore, MD.

Stahl, N. A., Higginson, B. C., King, J., & Brozo, B. (1986, December). College reading: A continuum of instruction. Symposium conducted at the annual meeting of the National Reading Conference, Austin, TX.

Higginson, B. C., Cella, D., & Jachowicz, P. (1986, October). Integrating developmental program services with academic disciplines. Paper presented at the National Conference for Exemplary Programs in Developmental Education, Atlanta, GA.

Higginson, B. C., & Maley, V. (1986, September). Development of content area reading skills for Chapter One students. Paper presented at the Kentucky Reading Conference, Frankfort, KY.

Higginson, B. C., Mitchell, R. M., Prince, A. T., & Smith, L. C. (1986, April). Simplifying the transition from basal readers to content texts: Comprehension strategies for the middle grades. Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the International Reading Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Higginson, B. C. (1985, November). Integrating student's self-selected study strategies with study skills instruction in the college reading program. Paper presented at the Southeast Regional Conference of the International Reading Association, Nashville, TN.

Higginson, B. C. (1985, October). Topic familiarity, text content, and comprehension in relation to self-selected study strategies. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Higginson, B. C. (1985, October). Innovative strategies for teaching content area vocabulary. Paper presented at the Kentucky Reading Conference, Owensboro, KY.

Simpson, M. L., Higginson, B. C., & Smith, L. C. (1985, May). Prereading strategies for content area vocabulary. Workshop presented at the annual meeting of the International Reading Association, New Orleans, LA.

Higginson, B. C., Harris, V., & Hynd, C. (1984, November). Teaching content reading and text processing skills with a team-teaching approach. Paper presented at the Southeast Regional Conference of the International Reading Association, Lexington, KY.

Higginson, B. C., & Kelly, D. C. (1984, November). "Peering" into reading. Paper presented at the Southeast Regional Conference of the International Reading Association, Lexington, KY.

Simpson, M. L., & Higginson, B. C. (1984, October). The art of creating a faculty support base for college developmental reading programs. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Washington, D. C.

Higginson, B. C., & Kelly, D. C. (1984, October). "Stoke up the fire, ring the brass bell and take up classes: A look at reading instruction in a one-room school. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Washington, D.C.

O'Brien, D. G., Higginson, B. C., & Miller, G. M. (1983, October). The relation between paradigmatic/syntagmatic reasoning and comprehension of literal and nonliteral passages. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Atlanta, GA.

Higginson, B. C., & Watkins, Y. L. (1982, November). A comparison of content area reading needs of secondary students and perceptions of needs by pre-service teachers. Paper presented at the Southeast Regional Conference of the International Reading Association, Biloxi, MS.

Higginson, B. C. (1982, September). Strategies used by secondary students for textual processing. Paper presented at the Kentucky Reading Conference, Ft. Mitchell, KY.

Higginson, B. C., & Martin, C. (1981, October). The effect of different instructional strategies on the reading improvement of developmental college students. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Louisville, KY.

Blanchard, J. S., & Higginson, B. C. (1981, October). Introduction of a multiple-choice reading inventory. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the College Reading Association, Louisville, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1981, October). Using affective instructional strategies with developmental college students. Paper presented at the Kentucky Reading Conference, Hopkinsville, KY.

Invited Presentations:

Higginson, B. (2016, February). Writing an Effective Teaching Statement. Workshop presented for the Faculty Development Center, Murray State University, Murray, KY.

Holdman, M., Purdue, J., & Higginson, B. (2009, November). You better Belize it! Panel presented at International Education Week, Murray State University, Murray, KY.

Higginson, B. (2008, November). Reading across the curriculum. Workshops presented to Belizean faculty at Corozal Community College and Corozal Junior College, Corozol, BZ.

Higginson, B. (2004, May). Reading strategies in the English composition/literature classroom and reading strategies in the content areas. Workshops presented to Belizean college faculty, Galen University, San Ignacio, BZ.

Higginson, B., & Brookhiser, J. (2003, May). Techniques for assessing course related knowledge and skills and techniques for assessing student attitudes, values, and self-awareness. Workshops presented to Belizean college faculty, St. John's College, Belize City, BZ.

Higginson, B., & Brookhiser, J. (2003, February). Student assessment skills training workshop. Presented to Belizean college faculty, St. John's College, Belize City, BZ.

Brookhiser, J., Higginson, B., & Wesler, K. (2001, November). Citizens of the World: The Value of International Experiences for Career and Life. Panel presented at International Education Week, Murray State University, Murray, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1993, October). Multicultural literature. Irvin Cobb Reading Council, Paducah, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1993, October). The arts in education. Phi Delta Kappa Leadership Conference, Murray, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1992, October). Preparing students to acquire the 'Characteristics of the Murray State University Graduate': How are we doing? Discussant at the Faculty Resource Center Research Symposium, Murray State University, Murray, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1990, September). Teaching strategies to promote independent learning. Chapter One Regional Inservice, Owensboro, KY.

Higginson, B. C., & Maley, V. (1987, March). Integrating content area reading instruction in the Chapter I Reading Program. Irvin Cobb Reading Council, Paducah, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1985, August). Pre-reading vocabulary strategies for literature. Workshop for English teachers sponsored by Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1984, August). Motivating reluctant readers. Workshop for English teachers sponsored by Hopkinsville Community College, Hopkinsville, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1983, Spring). Reading and study skills for high school students. Seminars for Upward Bound/Special Services students, Murray, KY.

Higginson, B. C. (1983, February). Strategies for content area vocabulary development. Patrick Henry Reading Council, Paris, TN.

Higginson, B. C., & Phelan, P. (1982, December). Creativity and reading. Murray Area Reading Council, Murray, KY.

Higginson, B. C., & Ramp, S. (1981, February). Games and activities for enhancing reading in the content areas. Robert F. Alsup Distinguished Lecture Series, Murray, KY.

Anderson, J., & Higginson, B. C. (1980, May). Textbook readability study. Developmental education sharing conference, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY.

GRANTS/FUNDED PROJECTS

Council on Postsecondary Education. Kentucky Reading Project, Collaborative Center for Literacy Development, \$62,500-67,000 annually, 2000-2010. Funded.

Adolescent Literacy Coaching Project. Collaborative Center for Literacy Development. Funded for \$77,100, 2006-07.

American Council on Education Internationalization Collaborative Mini-Grant. Submitted in February, 2006. \$2,500. Not funded.

College of Education Mini-Grant. Discover China Scholarships. Funded in December, 2005 at \$2000.

Kentucky Humanities Council Mini-Grant. The Art and Science of Families Reading Together. Listed as secondary advisor with Ann Neelon (Project Director) and George Hovis (Principal Humanities Advisor). Funded in February, 2005 at \$1,200.

Submitted, February, 2004. The Coca Cola Literacy Initiative in Belize. Submitted to the Coca Cola Foundation, \$426,022. Not funded.

Committee on Institutional Studies and Research. Pedagogical approaches to reading comprehension in Costa Rica, Murray State University, 1994. Funded at \$1,200.

Committee on Institutional Studies and Research. Pre-service teaching experiences in rural China: A quantitative and qualitative investigation. Murray State University, 1992. Funded at \$1,500.

Summer Instructional Improvement Grant. Demonstration modules for teaching reading comprehension, vocabulary and study strategies. Faculty Resource Center, Murray State University, 1991. Funded at \$3,000.

Committee on Institutional Studies and Research. Learning and study strategies of college students in the People's Republic of China: A Qualitative Study. Murray State University, 1990. Funded at \$1,500.

College of Education. Summer Professional Development Grant. Murray State University, 1990. Funded at \$2,000.

Committee on Institutional Studies and Research. Assessing the learning and study strategies of nontraditional college students. Murray State University, 1989. Funded at \$1,000.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Service:

Editorial Advisory Board, Reading Research and Instruction, 1998-2006.

Editorial Advisory Board, College Reading Association Yearbook, 1990-93; 2004, 2005.

Ad/hoc/guest reviewer, Journal of Reading, 1991-2006.

Book reviewer, William C. Brown Publishing Company, 1990.

Editor, Kentucky State Council of IRA Newsletter, 1986-88.

Editorial Advisory Board, National Reading Conference Yearbook, 1986; 1987.

Editorial Advisory Board, Kentucky Reading Journal, 1983-1994. Co-editor, 1982-83.

Program Proposal Reviewer:

College Reading Association, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1998, 2000, 2005 conferences.

Midwest Educational Research Association, 1988 conference.

Consulting Activities:

Content area literacy

Mayfield High School, 2002.

Graves County Middle School, 2001.

Providence High School, 1999.

Graves County High School, 1998.

Webster County High School, 1997.

Livingston County High School, 1995.

McNabb Elementary School, Paducah, KY, 1994.

Fulton County High School, 1993.

Reading across the curriculum

Christian County High School, 1996.
Marshall County High School, 1996.
Caldwell County High School, 1994.
Murray State University, Vocational Integration Fall Workshop, 1993-97.

Classroom management

Faculty Resource Center Graduate Teaching Assistant Workshop, 1994, 1995.

Thematic units

Livingston and Calloway Counties, 1992.

Cooperative learning

Carlisle County High School, 1991.

Whole language

McCracken and Marshall Counties, 1991.

Reading instruction in the middle grades

Alternative certification for middle school teachers, Murray State University, 1990.

Parent involvement in reading

Cooper-Whiteside Elementary School, Paducah, 1990.

Creating a positive classroom environment

Marshall County High School, 1989.

Development of content reading skills for Chapter One students

Morgan Elementary School, Paducah, 1986-87.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Reading Association (IRA)
- Kentucky Reading Association (KRA)
- Murray Area Reading Association

- College Reading Association
- Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society
- Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society
- Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society
- Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society

MEMBERSHIP ACTIVITIES

National/Regional Level:

Board of Directors, College Reading Association, 2003-2006.

Awards Committee, College Reading Association, 1990, 2006.

Nominating Committee for Executive Board Officers, College Reading Association, 2001.

Chair, Teacher Education Division, College Reading Association, 1999-2001.

Member, College Reading Association Elections Committee, 1994-96.

Co-chair, Membership, College Reading Association, 1992-95.

Member, International Reading Association Reading and Language Arts for Middle Level Learners Committee, 1993-94.

Program Chair, Southeast Region Conference of the International Reading Association 1989-92.

Member, International Reading Association Reading Research and Development Committee, 1983-84.

Regional Representative, International Reading Association College Reading Special Interest Group, 1984.

Chair, Signs Committee, Southeast Regional Conference of the International Reading Association, 1983-84.

State Level:

Board of Directors, Kentucky State Council of IRA, 1981-83; 1984-87; 1989-92.

Chair, KSC-IRA Publications Committee, 1987-88.

Local Level:

President, Murray Area Council of IRA, 1981-82; 1991-92; 1994-95.

Treasurer, Murray Area Council of IRA, 1996-2007.

Treasurer, Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society, 1986-2007.

NATIONAL AND STATE SERVICE

Reading Diagnostic and Intervention Steering Committee, Appointed by Governor Steve Beshear, 2009-2012.

U.S. Department of Education Striving Readers Grant Review Panel, Washington, D.C., August, 2009.

Collaborative Center for Literacy Development Executive Director Search Committee Member, 2009-2010.

Collaborative Center for Literacy Development Advisory Board, 2000-2004; 2006-present.

Adult Reading Think Tank, Collaborative Center for Literacy Development and Kentucky Department of Education, 2001.

Kentucky Middle and Secondary Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), 1999-2000.

Kentucky Early Reading Incentive Grant Committee, 1998-2001.

Kentucky Institute for Educational Research. The Impact of the Kentucky Education Reform Act on Professional Development. Data collection and analysis, 1995.

Kentucky Department of Education Task Force on Multicultural Education, 1994-96.

Kentucky Department of Education Arts Assessment Task Force, 1994-96.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE**University:**

Quality Enhancement Plan Steering Committee Ex-officio Member, 2009-2013.

MSU Libraries Tenure Committee, 2008-2010.

MSU Liaison for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, 2007-2010.

Graduate Coordinator, 2007-2010.
 Academic Program Review Committee, Chair, 2007-2010.
 MSU Coordinator for the Academic Common Market, 2007-2010.
 MSU Coordinator for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Program Productivity Review, 2007-2010.
 MSU Representative for the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education Assessment Workgroup, 2007-2010.
 Administrative Council, 2007-2013.
 Screening Committee Chair for the following searches: Dean, Health Sciences and Human Services (2007-08), Director, Honors Program (2007), Dean, Center for Continuing Education and Academic Outreach (2008-09), Dean, MSU Libraries (2009).
 Academic Council, 1995-2000, 2007-2010..
 Graduate Studies Committee of the Academic Council, 1997-98, 2007-2010.
 Consortium for Belize Educational Cooperation, MSU representative, 2004-present.
 China Committee, 2006-2010.
 Chair of the Council of College Heads, 2006-2007.
 Study Abroad Committee, 2006-07.
 Strategic Planning Committee, 2005-06.
 Salary Equity Committee, 2005-06.
 Greek Awards Committee, 2005, 2006.
 Residential College Head Selection Committee, 2004, 2005.
 Great Beginnings Committee, 2002-2007.
 Freshman Reading Experience Committee, 2002-2007.
 Retention Committee, 2002-2006; 2008-2010.
 SACS Steering Committee, 2002-2004.
 Distinguished Professor Selection Committee, 2001-2006.
 Alcohol Awareness Coalition, 2001-2003.
 James Overby Lecture Series Committee, 2001-2003.
 Ralph Woods Memorial Award Committee, 2001, 2006.
 Commencement Committee, 2000-2007.
 Institute for International Studies Advisory Board, 1997-2007.
 Who's Who Selection Committee, 1996-2007.
 Residency Appeals Committee, 1995-2006.
 Honors Committee; 1995-2006; Chair, 1999-2004.
 Undergraduate Studies Committee of the Academic Council, 1995-98.
 University of Kentucky Press Review Committee, 1995-96.
 Chair, Remedial Math Committee, 1995.
 Captain, Carlisle County Roads Scholars Team, 1994-2003; Member, 2004-2007.
 Faculty Fellow, Hester Hall, 1994-97.
 Advisory Committee, MSU/UK Joint Doctoral Program, 1993-98.

College:

College of Education and Human Services Operations Committee, 2016.
 Promotion Committee, 2000-2006 and 2015-present.

Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Activities Committee, 2008-2010.
Belize Teaching Experience Program Director, 2006-2010 and 2013-present.
Board of Regents Teaching Award Committee Chair, 2006.
Department of Educational Leadership and Counseling Search Committee, 2005.
NCATE Standard V Committee (Chair), 2001-2002.
Recruitment Committee, 2001-2006.
Alternative Routes to Certification Committee, 2001.
Tenure Committee Chair, 2000-2006.
Teacher Education Admissions Committee, 2000-2007.
College of Education Building Committee, 1999-2000.
NCATE Documentation Area Committee Chair, 1990; 1995.

Department:

Middle School Education Committee, 2006-07.
Department Faculty Evaluation Committee, 2001-2007.
Reading and Writing Curriculum Committee, 2001-2005.
Tenure Committee, 2001-2006.
Promotion Committee, 2001-2006, Chair, 2005.
Search Committee Chair for various positions, 1993, 1994, 1995, 2003, 2006.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rotary Club of Murray Summer Literacy Backpack Committee Chair, 2014-present.
Imagination Library Committee, 2012-2015.
Rotary Club of Murray Board of Directors and Community Service Director, 2013-2015.
Big Brothers/Big Sisters Fundraising Committee, 2007-09.
ALS Run/Walk, University Coordinator, September, 2005.
Read to Achieve Grant Consultant, Murray Elementary School, 2005.
Read Across America, Murray Elementary School, 2004 and 2006.
Read Across America, Calloway County Middle School, 2004.
Early Reading Incentive Grant Consultant, Murray Elementary School, 2004.
Relay for Life, White College Coordinator, 2001-2005.
Public Relations Committee, Calloway County Humane Society, 1993-96.
Calloway County Literacy Advisory Board, 1992-2005.
Faculty and Scholarship Adviser, Alpha Omicron Pi Social Sorority, 1992-95.
Board of Directors, Calloway County Humane Society, 1991-93.
Volunteer, Calloway County Middle School, Chapter One Reading, 1990.
Twenty-four presentations on China to area schools, 1989-2007.
Volunteer, Murray City Schools After School Program, 1988-90.

HONORS AND AWARDS

College of Education and Human Services Outstanding Alumni Award, 2015.

Murray State University Ally of the Year, MSU Alliance, 2010.

Extraordinary Contribution to Internationalization, 2007.

Discover China, Director of Student Group, 2006, 2008.

Residential College Head of the Year, 2001, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007.

Marvin D. Mills Humanitarian Award, 2006.

Max Carmen Award Nominee, Spring, 2004.

MSU Higher Education Leadership Development Program, Spring, 2004.

Omicron Delta Kappa Advisor of the Month, February, 2004.

National Residence Hall Honorary Advisor of the Month, August, 2003; September, 2003, February, 2004.

Discover Korea, Director of Student Group, 2002; Faculty participant, 2001.

Murray State University Distinguished Professor, 2000.

Faculty Member of the Year for Hester Residential College, 1999.

Fulbright-Hays Group Study Abroad Project, “A School-University Collaboration for Curriculum Development in the People’s Republic of China”, July, 1997.

Regent’s Award for Teaching Excellence, College of Education, 1992.

Co-host of Kentucky Educational Television Star Channel Program “Arts and the Valued Outcomes”, December 1991

Listed in 1991 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

