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EDUCATION

Ed. D., Educational Leadership, PreK-12, Union Institute & University, Cincinnati, OH, October 2011.

M.Ed., Reading, Clemson University,1979; **B.A., Elementary Education**, Clemson,1978; **A.A., Elementary Education**, Anderson University, 1976.

EMPLOYMENT

Assessment Coordinator and Assistant Professor, Lander University, *August 2015 -present*
Program Coordinator of Elementary Education and Assistant Professor, University of South Carolina-Upstate, *August 2013-August 2015*
Adjunct Professor, Touro College South, Professor of undergraduate education courses, *January 2012-June 2013*
Adjunct Professor, Union Institute & University, Professor for Masters of Education program (online), *August 2012 – June 2013*
Professor of Professional Development Courses , Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Center of Professional Learning, *September 2012- July 2013*
Curriculum Support Specialist/Leadership Team Member, Miami-Dade County Public Schools, Sunny Isles Beach, FL., *August 2008-August 2013*
Reading Coach, ESOL Teacher, Remedial Reading Teacher, Elementary Ed Teacher, and Grade Level Chairperson, Miami, FL and Spartanburg, S.C. *1979-2007*

CONTRIBUTIONS and ACTIVITIES

TEACHING:
-Teaching undergraduate courses in a variety of curriculum areas for both early childhood and elementary with incorporation of relevant technology as an effective and efficient means of continual educational improvement.
-Excellence results of students' evaluation of teaching - 99.8% 'strongly agree' responses of positive instructional impact and performance

SCHOLARSHIP:
-Presentations of programs and research at national conferences (ATE and Hawaii International University), regional (SRATE, FCTM), and state conferences (SCATE, SCIRA, SCCTM, Early Childhood Summit, SCECA, GROW symposium), *August 2013-present*
-Research of pre-service teachers' views of culturally and linguistically diverse learners, 2013-present
-Collaborative research with undergraduate students in QEP symposium, 2015

SERVICE to the profession:
-Sponsor for study abroad program (Guatemala)
-President-elect of the South Carolina Association of Teacher Educators (SCATE)
-Scholarship Committee Chair of the South Carolina International Reading Association (SCIRA)
-Peer-reviewer for professional journals (TEJSC, Reading Matters) and conference proposals (ATE, SRATE, and SCATE)
-SC Universities and Colleges Educators' Literacy Panel Member for SCIRA

EXPERIENCE with PRORAM REVIEWS and DEVELOPMENTS

Member of planning committees at Lander and USC-Upstate for *Read to Succeed (R2S)* program of study changes in elementary education

Member of *The Center for Educational Partnerships* (higher education representative) in planning and writing *R2S* competencies

Member of curriculum committee for creation and implementation of rigorous K-12 standards for *The School Improvement Zone* of Miami-Dade Public Schools