

**Education**

Doctorate - Curriculum & Instruction [Language & Literacy Emphasis]	The University of Texas @ Austin	2003
Certified Therapist, Instructor Academic Language Therapy Ass'n.		1994, 1997
Mid-Management Certification	Southwest Texas State Univ.	1996
Master Instructor Certification	Neuhaus Education Center	1995
Certified Alphabetic Phonics Therapist	Neuhaus Education Center	1988
MA in Speech Pathology	Ohio University	1979
BS in Hearing and Speech Sciences	Ohio University	1975

**Professional Experience**

Executive Director:		2005 – 2009
Rawson-Saunders School for Dyslexic Children		
Lecturer – graduate level:		2002 – current
Concordia University		
Texas State University at San Marcos		
National Trainer:		2005 – current
Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading & Spelling [LETRS]		
Director:		2000 - 2005
Scottish Rite Learning Center (01 – 05)		
Special Programs, Round Rock Indep. School District (00 – 01)		
Associate Director of Special Programs:		1999 - 2000
Round Rock Independent School District		
Director II Section 504/Dyslexia:		1996 - 1999
Round Rock Independent School District		
Dyslexia Coordinator:		1993 - 1996
Austin Independent School District		
Teacher Trainer:		1988 - 2008
Rawson-Saunders School for Dyslexic Children (05 – 08)		
Scottish Rite Learning Center, Austin (01 – 05)		
Round Rock Independent School District (96 – 00)		
Austin Independent School District (93 – 96)		
Neuhaus Education Center, Houston (88 – 91)		
Resource Specialist:		1991 – 1993
Austin Independent School District (92 - 93)		
Eanes Independent School District, Austin (91 - 92)		
Academic Language Therapist:		1991 - 1992
Austin Center for Speech, Language, & Learning		
Reading Improvement Teacher:		1988 - 1991
Alief Independent School District, Houston		
Alphabetic Phonics Pilot Program:		1988 - 1989
Alief Independent School District, Houston		
Director, Speech Therapy Services:		1987 - 1991
Houston		
Speech Pathologist:		
Speech and Language Remediation Center, Houston		1/87 - 7/87
Alief Independent School District, Houston		1980 - 1991
Associated Speech and Language Services, Houston		2 - 8/80, 1 - 8/91
Foundation of Language and Learning Opportunities (FOLLO), Houston		2/80 - 8/80
Wood County Board of Education, Parkersburg, West Virginia		1975 - 1980

**Certification - Accreditation**

**International Multisensory Structured Education Council:** Accredited National Training Site near completion at RSS and achieved at Scottish Rite Learning Center [SRLC]

**Academic Language Therapy Association:** Accredited National Training Site was near completion at RSS and achieved at SRLC

**Academic Language Therapy Association:** Certified Academic Language Therapist & Qualified Instructor

**Neuhaus Teacher Training Center:** Master Instructor; Certified Alphabetic Phonics Therapist

**Texas Education Agency - Teaching Certificates in:** Speech and Hearing Therapy  
Generic Special Education [K - 12]  
Reading - Secondary  
Mid-Management – Ed. Admin.  
Reading Specialist [K - 12]

**Language Essentials for Teachers of reading and Spelling [LETRS]:** National Trainer

**Wilson Reading System:** Basic Overview

**Laubach Literacy Advance of Houston:** Master Tutor

**Exemplary Center for Reading Instruction:** Basic Instructor

**Project Read:** District Facilitator

**Making Math Real:** Basic Overview

**Professional Activities and Presentations**

*[a partial listing]*

International Dyslexia Association:	President of Austin Area Branch	2000 – 2001
		1994 – 1997
	Reader of Proposals for Ntl. Conf.	2001 – 2008
	Facilitator, Pub Sch Admin Symposium	2000 – 2005
	Reviewer for <b>Emeritus E</b> booklet	2000
	National Nomination Committee	2002 – 2005
	National Nominating Committee, Chair	1997 – 1999
	Secretary of National Branch Council	1995 – 1997
	Board member, Austin Branch	1993 – 1998
		2000 – 2001
	Presenter at National Conference	2000 – current
Academic Language Therapy Association, National Board Member, Website Chair		2004 – 2006
	Secretary – National Board	2004 – 2005
	National and Chapter Secretary	2001 – 2004
	Austin Chapter Vice President	2004 – 2006
	Austin Chapter President	2007 – present
Rawson-Saunders School for Dyslexics Member, Board of Directors		2004 – 2005
Council for Educators of Students with Disabilities, board member		2000 – current
Master Trainer for Texas First Grade Reading Initiative		2000
Spokesperson for Coordinated Campaign for Learning Disabilities		2000 – 2004
Educators Publishing Service, Advisory Council Member		1999 – 2001
Reader of Texas State Reading Association Grants & Academics 2000 Grants		1999
State Board of Educator Certification [SBEC] Subcommittee on Reading		1997
Austin School for Dyslexics [Rawson-Saunders] Steering Committee		1997
Governor's Task Force on Reading		1995 – 1996
Dyslexia Consultant to Texas School Districts		1993 – current
National Summit on Teacher Preparation, participant, New York City		1996
Landmark Schools Summer Outreach Program, participant, Boston		1995
National Summit on Learning Disabilities, participant, Washington, D.C.		1994, 1999

Awarded \$184,500 Academics 2000 grant for five urban, low achieving schools in AISD 1996

**“Learning to Help and Helping to Learn at Home,”** Rawson-Saunders School for Dyslexics,

2002; Kildonan School, 2002; ESC Region 3, 2002; Eaton, OH City Schools, 2001; Parent-Teacher Organization, Austin ISD, 2001.

**"The ABC's of Dyslexia Evaluations,"** Learning Disabilities Association of Texas, 2003; Council of Learning Disabilities, 2003; Council of Educators for Students with Disabilities, 2002 - current; ESC Region 3, 8, 10, 14, 15; The International Dyslexia Association national conference, 2002, 2004; various school districts in Texas, 2001 – current.

**"Starting Out Right: Setting Up & Maintaining a Public School Dyslexia Program,"** International Dyslexia Association National Conference, 2000; Learning Disabilities Association of Texas, 2000; Council for Educators of Students with Dyslexia (CESD), 1999; ESC Region 10 Dyslexia Conference, 1999; various school districts in Texas, 1999 – current.

**"Learning Differences,"** Texas State PTA Conference, 1996; Texas Speech & Hearing Assn., 1997; ESC Region 4, 7, 1998, 1999, Huston – Tillotson College, 1995 - current.

**"Dyslexia: It's Not Just Reversals Anymore,"** Comal ISD, 2002; Marble Falls ISD, 2002; Association of Texas Professional Educators, 2000; National Conference of Texas TEPSA, TASP, TEA Annual Conference, 2002, 1997; Texas Association of 504 Coordinators and Hearing Officers, (TACHO), 1996; Texas State PTA Leadership Conference, 1996; various school districts in the United States, 1994 - current.

**"If Dyslexia Isn't Reversals Anymore, Give Me '504' Ways to Modify,"** ; St. Ignatius School, Grand Cayman Island, 2006; Southwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association, 2002, 2004; Kildonan School, 2002; LD Network, 2001; Council for Educators of Students with Disabilities Spring Conference, 2001; Association of Texas Professional Educators, 2000; ESC Region 4, 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002; Learning Disabilities Association National Conference, 1998, 2002; Huston-Tillotson College, 1997 - 2002; Sylvan Learning Center Symposium, 1997; Colorado Branch of The Orton Dyslexia Society, 1997; The Orton Dyslexia Society National Conference, 1996; Houston Area Branch of the Orton Dyslexia Society, 1996; Austin Area Branch of the Orton Dyslexia Society Summer & Fall Workshops, 1995, 1993; Texas Association of 504 Coordinators and Hearing Officers, (TACHO), 1996; Texas Speech and Hearing Association State Conference, 1996; Learning Disabilities Association of Texas Fall Conference, 1995, 1997; Learning Disabilities Association national conference, 2003; International Dyslexia Association national conference, 2002; various Texas School Districts, 1995-current.

**"Secondary Reading Difficulties: You Mean They Can Learn to Read?"** Eaton, OH City Schools, 2001; ESC Region 7, 8, 1999, 2000; Texas Association of 504 Coordinators and Hearing Officers, [TACHO], 1997; Round Rock Independent School District Secondary Special Education Teachers' Symposium, 1997; Parent Information Group on Dyslexia of Round Rock ISD, 1997 - 2000.

**"Dysgraphia: Is the Writing on the Wall?"** Learning Disability Network Spring Conference, 2001; Austin Area Branch of the International Dyslexia Association, Spring Conference, 2001; Southwest Branch of the International Dyslexia Association, 2000; Texas Learning Disabilities Association, 1998; International Dyslexia Association, 2001, 1999, 2004; ESC Region 7, 13, 15, 1999, 2002, 2006; Williamson County ADD Support Group, 1997; Round Rock Independent School District Parent Information Group on Dyslexia, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000.

**"What is Dyslexia, and How Do We Meet These Students' Needs in the Classroom?"** Sylvan Learning Center Symposium, 1997; Austin Area Branch of the Orton Dyslexia Society Summer Workshop, 1995.

**"Filling the Holes in Whole Language,"** Learning Disability Network Spring Conference,

Boston, 1995.

**"The Language Disordered Child in the Whole Language Curriculum,"** American Speech and Hearing Association National Convention, 1992.

**"Whole Language without the Holes: Where Does the Speech Pathologist Fit In?"** ESC Region 16, 1992; Louisiana Speech & Hearing Association, 1993; Houston Area Association for Communication Disorders (HACD) Fall Workshop, 1991.

**"The Dyslexic Student and Texas Law: Defining the Role of the Regular Education Teacher,"** Alief ISD, 1991.

**"Interrelating Oral Language Skills with the Written Language Curriculum,"** Del Rio ISD, 2006; Texas Speech and Hearing Association Annual Convention, 1991.

**"The Interactive Role of the Speech Pathologist in the Language Arts Curriculum: We Can Make a Difference!"** Houston Area Association for Communication Disorders, 1990.

**"The Speech Pathologist's Role in Teaching Reading,"** Alief ISD, 1989.

**"Teaching Reading: Whose Responsibility Is It?"** Tenth Annual Communication Seminar, Ohio University, 1989.

### **Professional Affiliations**

International Dyslexia Association (*Life Member*)  
Academic Language Therapy Association  
Council for Educators of Students with Disabilities  
Council on Learning Disabilities  
International Reading Association  
Society for the Scientific Study of Reading  
Learning Disabilities Association  
American Educational Research Association  
Pro-literacy America  
Phi Delta Kappa  
Delta Kappa Gamma  
Phi Kappa Phi

### **Awards**

- Recipient of Phi Delta Kappa, Chapter 12, Graduate Research Award, 2003.
- Community Service Award, Rawson-Saunders School for Dyslexics, 2002.
- Community Builder Award, Austin Masonic Lodge 12, 2001.
- First recipient of Phi Delta Kappa, Chapter 12, Graduate Research Award, 2000.
- Selected as one of **2000 Most Influential Women of 2003.**
- Selected for 2002 - 2003 edition of **Who's Who of Professionals in the World.**
- Selected for 2002 - 2003 edition of **Who's Who in the World.**
- Selected for Millennium edition of **Who's Who in the World.**
- Selected for 1997 - 1998 edition of **Who's Who in the World.**
- Selected for 2007 - 2008 edition of **Who's Who in American Education.**
- Selected for 1996 - 1997 edition of **Who's Who in American Education.**
- Selected for 1995 - 1996 edition of **Who's Who in American Education.**
- Selected for 1992 - 1993 edition of **Who's Who in Human Resource Services.**
- Selected for 1989 - 1990 edition of **Who's Who in American Education.**