

CURRICULUM VITAE

Margaret Shepard Thomson, Senior Lecturer, Curriculum and Instruction

EDUCATION

B.A. Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Baylor University, 1973

M.Ed. Education, Reading Specialization, University of Houston, 1977

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Baylor University, School of Education	Lecturer, 1999- 2008 Senior Lecturer 2009 - present
University of Texas at Arlington, School of Education	Adjunct Lecturer, 2001-2010
Tarleton State University, School of Education	Adjunct Lecturer, 2010-2011
Baylor University Supervisor of Student Teachers	1999-2001, 1990-1995
ESC Region XII, Teacher Reading Academies	Academy Trainer, 2001-2004
Waco Montessori School	Head of School, 1995-1999
Woodway Elementary, Midway ISD	Elementary Teacher, 1983-1989
Parkdale Elementary, Waco ISD	Elementary Teacher, 1980-1982, 1978-1979
Anderson Fifth Grade Center, Aldine ISD	ELAR Teacher 1977-1978
Hidden Valley Elementary, Aldine ISD	ELAR Teacher, 1974-1977

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

National Conference Presentations

“When Down Under and the Lone Star Meet: What Preservice Teachers from Texas Learned About School Cultures, Student Achievement and High-Stakes Assessment While Teaching in Australia’ with Betty Ruth Baker, *Association of Teacher Educators*, Chicago, Illinois, February 2016.

“Enabling Teachers to Board the Informational Text Express” with Linda Cox, *International Reading Association*, New Orleans, Louisiana, May 2014.

“Getting to “Got It!” with Informational Text” with Linda Cox, *International Reading Association*, Chicago, Illinois, May 2012.

“Making Comprehension Concrete: Supporting Preservice Teachers as They Teach Comprehension Strategies” *Association of Teacher Educators*, San Antonio, Texas, February 2012.

“Vocabulary Collections: Building a Deeper Understanding of the Vocabulary of Literacy” with Barbara Purdum-Cassidy, *Association of Teacher Educators*, San Antonio, Texas, February 2012.

“Empowering Preservice Teachers in the Age of Informational Literacy” with Linda Cox, *Association of Teacher Educators*, San Antonio, Texas, February 2012.

“Powerful Strategies to Engage ALL Children in Informational Text” with Linda Cox, *International Reading Association*, Orlando, Florida, May 2011.

“Revisiting Reading, Researching and Reporting: Equipping Preservice Teachers to Utilize Nonfiction” with Linda Cox, *Association of Teacher Educators*, Orlando, Florida, February 2011.

“Envisioning the Masterful Teacher: Locus of Control and Teacher Dispositions” with Linda Cox, *Association of Teacher Educators*, Orlando, Florida, February 2011.

“Differentiation Through Assistive Technology: A General Ed./Special Ed. Inclusion Collaboration” with Pat Arredondo, *Association of Teacher Educators*, Orlando, Florida, February 2011.

“The Bluebonnet Project: Using Teleconferencing and Online Book Discussions to Link Characters, Candidates and Children” with Roxanne Glaser, ESC Region XII Media Specialist, *Association of Teacher Educators, Chicago, Illinois, February 2010*.

“Meaningful Realignment of Literacy-Related Course Content and Products in a Field-Based Program” with Barbara Purdum-Cassidy, Sheila Gloer, and Linda Cox. *Association of Teacher Educators, Chicago, Illinois, February 2010*.

“What Elementary Interns Need to Know When Teaching Science or Social Studies and What Happens When They Do: Collaboration Among University Supervisors and Faculty, Interns, and Mentor Teachers” (with Linda Cox) *Association of Teacher Educators, Chicago, Illinois, February 2010*.

“Connecting the Dots: Meaningful Realignment of Literacy-Related Course Content and Products in a Field-Based Program” with Linda Cox, Barbara Purdum-Cassidy, and Sheila Gloer, *Organization for Teacher Educators in Reading (OTER) section, International Reading Association, Chicago, Illinois, April, 2010*.

“What Went Wrong? I Taught It But They Didn’t Get It!” Scaffolding Reading Comprehension in the Content Areas” with Mrs. Linda Cox, *Organization for Teacher Educators in Reading (OTER) section, International Reading Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 3-7, 2009*.

“Reading to Learn While Learning to Read” with Mrs. Linda Cox, *Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, Texas February 16, 2009*

“Utilizing Constructivist Principles to Improve Preservice Candidates' Knowledge and Performance” with Dr. Barbara Purdum-Cassidy, *Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, Texas February 17, 2009*

“Resurrecting and Adapting Content Area Comprehension Strategies for Diverse Learners: Beyond the Basics” with Mrs. Linda Cox, *Association of Teacher Educators, New Orleans, Louisiana, February 25, 2008*.

“Using Wordless Picture Books in the Multilingual Classroom: Developing Oral Language Skills in Prekindergarten-Grade 5” with Dr. Pat Tipton Sharp and Ms. Betty Ruth Baker, *Association for Childhood Education, Atlanta, Georgia, March 24, 2008*.

“Practicing What We Preach: Utilizing Constructivist Principles to Improve Preservice Candidates’ Knowledge and Performance,” with Dr. Barbara Purdum-Cassidy, *Organization for Teacher Educators in Reading (OTER) section, International Reading Association*, Atlanta, Georgia, May 4, 2008.

“So When is It REALLY Teaching? The Significance of Real World Classroom Experience for Pre-service Literacy Teachers” Presented with Mrs. Linda Cox, *National Council of Teachers of English*, Indianapolis, Indiana, November 19, 2004.

“Differentiation: From Knowledge to Practice” Presented with Dr. Mary Witte, Dr. Susan K. Johnsen, Dr Pat Tipton Sharp, *National Association for Gifted Children*, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 5, 2004

“Look! Look! See Them Read! Look! Look! See Them Teach!” Presented with Mrs. Linda Cox, *National Council of Teachers of English Conference*, Atlanta, GA, November 21, 2002.

State and Local Conference Presentations

“Poetry Power! Unleashing a Passion for Poetry in Your Classroom” with Barbara Purdum-Cassidy and Linda Cox, *Texas Association for Literacy Education*, Austin, Texas, January, 2016.

“Ten Terrific Teacher-tested Strategies for Reading and Writing Informational Text” with Barbara Purdum=Cassidy, *Texas Association for Literacy Education*, The Woodlands, Texas, February 2015.

“All Aboard: Helping Every Young Reader Board the Informational Text Express” with Linda Cox, *Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts*, Houston, Texas, February 2015.

“Leading the Way: Equipping Young Readers to be Researchers and Writers of Informational Text” with Linda Cox, *Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts*, Corpus Christi, Texas, February 2014.

“Setting the Stage for Future Success: Scaffolding Experiences with Informational Text.” *Texas Association for Literacy Education*, Round Rock, Texas, October 2013.

“Inquiring Minds Want to Know: So How Can We Support Students as They Read, Research and Write Using Nonfiction?” with Linda Cox, *Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts*, San Antonio, Texas, January 2013.

“Reading, Research and Reporting: 3R’s for Informational Texts” with Linda Cox, *Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts*, San Antonio, Texas, January 2012.

“Informational Literacy: Empowering ALL Students to Read, Research and Report” with Linda Cox, *Texas Association for Literacy Education*, San Antonio, Texas, February, 2012

“Assistive Technology Table Talk: Preservice Preparation for Inclusive Classrooms” with Pat Arredondo *Baylor University Technology Showcase*, Waco, Texas, March 2011

“Sustaining Professional Collaboration after HEC” (roundtable discussion leader) *Higher Education Collaborative*, Dallas, Texas, November, 2009

“RAN at Robinson” poster session presented with Mrs. Linda H. Cox, *Higher Education Collaborative*, Austin, Texas, May 2009.

“How Do Young Children Learn to Read Nonfiction” with Robinson ISD Interns and Linda Cox. *The Science of Wondering: A Research Symposium*, Baylor University, April 2009,

“We RAN with it! Adapting Nonfiction Comprehension Strategies for Diverse Learners” presented with Mrs. Linda H. Cox, *Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts*, Ft. Worth, Texas, January 17, 2009.

“Using Outside Resources with Preservice Teachers” breakout group presentation, *Higher Education Collaborative*, Austin, TX, May 2008.

“Helping Struggling Authors Leap the Barriers to Authentic Writing” poster session presented with Mrs. Linda H. Cox, *Higher Education Collaborative*, Austin, TX, May 2007.

“Helping Struggling Authors Leap the Barriers to Authentic Writing” presented with Mrs. Linda H. Cox, *Texas State Reading Association*, Austin, TX, November 10, 2006.

“Using TRA Materials in Courses for Preservice Teachers” HEC Spring Conference, Dallas, Texas, May, 2006

“Utilizing Research-Based Literacy Materials in University Classrooms” Vaughn Gross Center for Reading and Language Arts at The University of Texas at Austin, Higher Education Collaborative, Winter Meeting, Dallas Texas December 2006 and February 2005

“Integrating TRA Materials in Lectures and Syllabi” HEC Spring Conference, Austin, Texas, May, 2004

“Developing Students’ Comprehension Skills Through the Magic of Literature Circles” *Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading*, Baylor University, Waco, TX, Fall 2004

“Making Parents Your Partners” *Texas Beginning Educators Support System Conference*, Baylor University, Waco, TX Spring 2001

“Cosmic Cookies: Integrating Social Studies and Language Arts” Co-presented with Ms. Molly Wall, *Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading*, Baylor University, Waco, TX, Fall 2000.

“Emergent Literacy in Montessori Environments” Co-presented with Ms. Terri Lloyd. *Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading*, Baylor University, Waco, TX, Spring 1999.

“Reading and Language Arts in Montessori Environments” *Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading*, Baylor University, Waco, TX, Spring 1995

Staff Development Workshops

“The Power of Vocabulary” Kids Hope USA mentor training, Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, August 24, 2013

“Head Start Ready/Kinder Ready” EOAC Head Start Employee Training, MCC Conference Center, Waco, Texas August 10, 2011

“Twenty-One Days to Small Groups” Bell’s Hill Elementary, Waco, Texas August 19, 2010.

“Administering and Interpreting Results of the TPRI” K-3 Classroom Teachers, Waco Montessori School, Waco, TX January 6, 2003, October 20, 2003

“Third Grade Reading Academy” Third Grade Teachers, Region XII Education Service Center, Waco, TX Summer 2002

“Second Grade Reading Academy” Second Grade Teachers, Region XII Service Center, Waco, TX Summer 2001, 2002

“Creative Approaches to Teaching Spelling” Fifth Grade Teachers, Aldine ISD, Houston, TX Fall 1975, 1976, 1977

Collaborative Projects

Co-chair of the first Baylor School of Education Summer Literacy Institute, a three-day conference for 4th-12th grade ELAR curriculum leaders and teachers of struggling adolescent readers, led by Kyleene Beers, Linda Rief, and Penny Kittle.

Co-chair of the annual Baylor TAIR (Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading) regional conference, which brings ELAR teachers and administrators from across central Texas to Waco to hear some of the best-known experts in ELAR instruction. Past presenters have included Kyleene Beers, Tanny McGregor, Linda Hoyt, Barry Gilmore, Lori Oczkus, and Valerie Ellery.

Bridges Out of Poverty, a region-wide initiative to address poverty in Waco and surrounding communities. Represented the SOE and Baylor in a week-long training in May 2013. Collaboration with the community leaders during monthly meetings in the 2013-2014 academic year.

The Bluebonnet Project, a month-long book club project linking Baylor SOE students with classes throughout the Region XII area using online discussions and videoconferencing. Collaboration with Region XII Service Center. Fall 2006-Fall 2012.

Articles and Reviews

Barbur, Nathan. (2014) *What Teachers Can Learn from Sports Coaches*, book review, Routledge, August, 2014

“Informational Literacy: Empowering ALL K-4 Students to Read, Research, and Report” *English in Texas*, Fall/Winter 2012, co-authored with Linda Cox

Vukelich, C., Christie, J. and Enz, B. (2012) *Helping Young Children Learn Language and Literacy: Birth through Kindergarten*, textbook review, Pearson, May 2013.

“Teaching Children to Think Like Readers and Writers: Intentional Early Literacy Instruction,” chapter review, Sage Publications, May 2009

“Teaching Emerging and Early Readers and Writers: A Critical and Reflective Approach,” chapter review, Sage Publications, February, 2009.

“Children’s Literature is Not Just For Reading,” chapter review, Sage Publications, May, 2008

Consulting

Center for Learning and Development, 2007, 2008

Waco Montessori School, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2007

SERVICE

Professional Affiliations

International Reading Association

- IRA Lee Bennett Hopkins Promising Poet Award Committee, 2012-2016.
- IRA Paul A. Witty Short Story Award Committee, 2012-2016

- IRA National Conference Presentation Proposal Reviewer, 2011-2014.

Organization for Teachers of English/Language Arts (OTEL), IRA SIG, 2014-present

Organization for Teacher Educators in Reading (OTER), IRA special interest group member. 2007-2013

- OTER Presentation Proposal reviewer, 2013

Texas Association for Literacy Educators (TALE), IRA state affiliate, charter member (2011-present)

- *2012 TALE Yearbook* Editorial Board Member, Texas Association for Literacy Education, 2012-present
- TALE Presentation Proposal reviewer, 2012-present

Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading (TAIR) Board Member (2006-present)

- TAIR Board President, 2015-2017
- TAIR Board President-elect, 2012-2014
- Baylor TAIR Conference Coordinator (2005 - present)
- TAIR Conference Advisory Board and volunteer, 2003-2004

Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts member (2005-present)

- TCTELA *English In Texas* Review Board Member, Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts, Spring 2011-present
- TCTELA conference presentation proposal reviewer, 2012-present

Higher Education Collaborative (HEC) member, 2002-2010

- Advisory Board Member, Higher Education Collaborative, Vaughn Gross Center for English and Language Arts, University of Texas at Austin 2006-2010
- Program Evaluator and Peer Advisor, Higher Education Collaborative, Vaughn Gross Center for English and Language Arts at the University of Texas at Austin, 2005-2006

Association for Childhood Education International (2007-2010)

Association of Teacher Educators (2005-2012)

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (1999-2010)

National Council for Teachers of English (2002-2012)

Texas Teacher Educators (2002-2012)

Phi Delta Kappa International (2002-2008)

- PDK Baylor Chapter Program Chair (2006-2007)
- PDK Baylor Chapter Membership Chair (2007-2008)

American Montessori Society (1991-2002)

- American Montessori Society Heads Section (1995-1999)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Heads Section (1998-1999)

McLennan County Child Care Association, Charter Member (1997-1999)

University

University Committee on Committees (2016 –present)

University Lecturers Committee (2009 - 2015)

- University Lecturers Committee Chair (2011-2012)

Undergraduate Research and Scholarly Achievement (URSA) committee member (2008 – 2010)

Faculty Partner, sponsor for The Arbors apartment complex (2008-2009)

Faculty Partner, sponsor for freshmen on first floor wing of Collins Hall (2007-2008)

Marshall, Spring Graduation Ceremonies (2004-2010, 2013, 2015)

School of Education

School of Education Development and Recognition Committee, 2012-2016

- Committee chair, 2014-2016

TAFE Conference judge and BU host, January, 2014

SOE Intern efolio second and third reader, 2006-present

Middle and Secondary Intern Seminars on state-mandated dyslexia training –unassigned teaching 2014

EC-6 Intern Seminars on Content Area Reading – unassigned teaching 2006-present

Advisor to interns and teaching associates at Parkdale PDS on use of wordless books in action research, 2007-2008, 2010- 2012

Lecturers' Task Force on Annual Faculty Review Criteria, Spring 2009

Community

Participated in a week-long training in May 2013 as BU/SOE representative to Bridges Out of Poverty city-wide initiative to address poverty in Waco. Continued to participate in follow-up sessions with Waco and WISD representatives. 2013-2015

Consulting & volunteer support for Kids Hope USA mentors at Brook Avenue Elementary School for 2013-2016

“Your Child: Kindergarten Ready!” EOAC Head Start Annual Parent Dinner, Waco, Texas February 7, 2012

Waco Chapter of Blue Star Mothers Charter Member (2009-present)

- Support for new parents of service personnel, particularly deployed enlisted
- Care Packages for troops in Afghanistan and Iraq
- Annual Blood drive for troops in combat areas

United States Naval Academy Blue and Gold Officer – Admissions Interviews and Advising (1999-2010)

- USNA Commandant's Award for Outstanding Service, recipient 2003, 2007

Boy Scouts of America

- Troop 453 Fundraising Chair (2002)
- Charter Representative (1991-1995, 1998-2005)
- Longhorn Council, Troop 453 Merit Badge Counselor (1998-2005)
- Heart O'Texas Council, Troop 497 Merit Badge Counselor (1991, 1993, 1995)
- District Basic Training Team (1993-1994)
- Blue and Gold Banquet Chair (1991, 1992, 2000)
- Pack 453 Fund Raising char (1991, 1992)

- Pack 453 Tiger Cub Organizer (1992-1993)
- 453 Roundup Chair (1993, 1994, 1995)
- Pack 453 Den Leader (1989-1991)
- Heart O'Texas Council, Boy Scouts of America, Scouter of the Year Award (1993 and 1994)

McLennan County Bar Auxiliary (1985-2002)

North Texas Naval Academy Parents' Club, Co-President (1999-2000)

North Texas Naval Academy Parents' Club, Co-President (2000-2001)

National and Local PTA, Midway ISD (1975-2000)

Woodway Elementary PTA Executive Board and Parent Education Chair (1988-1989)

McLennan Community College Early Childhood Coordinating Board (1996-2000)

Waco Chamber of Commerce Education Committee (1996-1998)

Take Time for Kids Committee, McLennan County (1998-2000)

Safe Kids/Shots Across Texas Community Representative (1997)

Board of Trustees, Waco Montessori School (1993-1995)

Religious Congregation

Columbus Avenue Baptist Church

Actively involved in:

- Journey Sunday School class
- church-wide prayer ministry
- women's Bible study