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Education

<i>Doctorate of Education</i> Reading Education August 2003	The University of Georgia, Athens, GA
<i>Master of Arts</i> Special Education May 1998	The University of Georgia, Athens, GA
<i>Bachelor of Arts</i> Psychology May 1993	The University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
Semester Abroad 1991	University of New South Wales Sydney, Australia

Professional Experience

August 2007 – present	Lecturer Department of Communication Sciences and Special Education The University of Georgia Athens, GA Responsibilities include instruction at both the graduate and undergraduate levels through didactic and on-line courses; coordination of practicum and student teaching placements; supervision and coordination of departmental supervisors; departmental representation at state and local trainings and forums; facilitation of program accreditation; advising of undergraduates; serving on committees of graduate students; Faculty Advisor to the Student Council for Exceptional Children.
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- January 2000 – present **Adjunct Faculty Member**
Piedmont College Athens Campus
Part-time instructor of undergraduate and graduate level courses in exceptionalities, assessment and applied behavior analysis. Supervision of Master's candidates for the Department of Special Education.
- August 2006 – July 2007 **Part-Time Assistant Professor**
Division of Academic Enhancement
The University of Georgia
Part-time instructor of Freshman College course. Conducted research on behalf of the department on early indicators of academic probation.
- August 2003 – 2007 **Part-Time Assistant Professor**
Department of Communication Sciences and Special Education
The University of Georgia Athens, GA
Part-time instructor of graduate, undergraduate and web-based courses in the Department of Special Education and the Department of Language and Literacy. Acted as Induction Coordinator for design and implementation of Virtual Conference Rooms for web-based certification program. Designed courses for undergraduate certification.
- June 2003 – June 2005 **Clarke Central High School** Athens, GA
Interrelated resource teacher; collaborative teacher responsible for modification of general education curriculum
- August 2000 – May 2003 **Clarke Middle School** Athens, GA
Interrelated resource teacher; collaborative teacher of multiple subjects; 7th and 8th grade; Special education department team co-leader.
- January 1997 – May 2000 **Rutland Comprehensive Academy** Athens, GA
Lead teacher for grades ranging from one to six. Reading tutor for high school students.
- May 1995 – June 1996 **The Heritage School** Newnan, GA
Kindergarten teacher; after school counselor; summer camp counselor; reading tutor.
- June 1993 – May 1995 **Capitol Legal Copies** Washington, DC
Director of Human Resources. Responsible for recruiting, interviewing, hiring, training, payroll, benefits and unemployment for legal reprographics firm.

Leadership Experience

- August 2007 – present **Faculty Advisor to Student Council for Exceptional Children for UGA**
Supervising the activities of the student organization including fund raising events, community service, presentations to other student groups, attendance in local and national conferences.
- August 2005 – August 2007 **Induction Coordinator, SPECTRUM Program, UGA**
Responsible for the design and implementation of Virtual Conference Rooms as part of a web-based certification program for special education teachers around the state. Supervised multiple graduate students.
- May 2001 – May 2002 **Department Team Co-Leader**
Clarke Middle, Department of Special Education. Responsible for supervision of twenty-six teachers, development and implementation of school wide policies, district representative for legal mandates and procedures. Acted as Local Education Agent (LEA) for Clarke Middle.
- January 2000 – June 2005 **Student Teacher Supervisor**
Responsible for the supervision of undergraduate student teachers from UGA Special Education Department at Rutland, Clarke Middle, and Clarke Central.
- August 1999 – June 2000 **Instructional Lead Teacher**
Rutland Psychoeducational Center, Primary Program
Responsible for providing support to new teachers in the elementary program, supervising instruction, implementing discipline procedures, and attending student meetings.

Research Experience

- April 2009 **Evaluation of Supplemental Remedial Reading Instruction for At-Risk Middle School Readers**
- August 2009 **Response to Intervention: A Needs-Based Assessment for Educators in Georgia**

- April 2008 **Effectiveness of Peer-Assisted Assessment in Reading for Progress Monitoring in Secondary Schools**
- August 2007 **SRA in the Middle Schools: A Look at Contributing Factors to it's Success**
- August 2003 **Effects of Explicit Instruction of Text Structure and the use of Graphic Organizers on Comprehension of Expository Text for Adolescents with Learning Disabilities**
- November 2001 **Effects of Direct Instruction of Expository Text Structure on the Writing of Students with Learning Disabilities: An Exploratory Study**
- August 2001 **Teachers' Perceptions of Reading Comprehension and the Use of Prior Knowledge for Students with and Without Learning Disabilities: A Qualitative Study**
- May 1998
Master's Thesis **The Effects of Sedative Music on Verbal and Physical Peer Interactions of Students in a Psychoeducational Center**
- May 1998 **Teachers' Perceptions on Transitions to and from a Psychoeducational Center**

Presentations

- Nealy, A. (September, 2010). The Parent's Role in the IEP. Presented at UGA's School of Law, Athens, GA.
- Nealy, A. (June, 2010). Response to Intervention in the Schools. Presented at the Second Annual CSSE Summer Institute, Athens, GA.
- Nealy, A., Stagliano, C., Berkeley, S., Ricomini, P. (April, 2010). Effectiveness of Peer-Assisted Assessment in Reading for Progress Monitoring in Secondary Schools. Presented at the National Council for Exceptional Children conference, Nashville, TN.

- Nealy, A. (November, 2009). LD for a Day: A Simulation. Presented to teacher candidates in the Department of Elementary Education, UGA.
- Nealy, A., Hamilton-Jones, B. (2009, September). RtI and General Education. Presented to teacher candidates in the Department of Elementary Education, UGA.
- Nealy, A., Leahy, B. (2009, June). LD for a Day: A Simulation. Presented to participants at the CSSE Summer Institute, UGA.
- Nealy, A., Connell, E. (2009, April). RtI and General Education. Presented to teacher candidates in the Department of Elementary Education, UGA.
- Nealy, A. (2009, February). LD for a Day: A Simulation. Presented to teacher candidates in the Department of Elementary Education, UGA.
- Nealy, A. (2008, November). RtI and General Education. Presented to teacher candidates in the Department of Elementary Education, UGA.
- Nealy, A., Leahy, B., and Leahy, J. (2008, October). LD for a Day: A Simulation. Presented to the Clarke County Principals, Athens, GA.
- Nealy, A. (2008, September). RtI and General Education. Presented to teacher candidates in the Department of Elementary Education, UGA.
- Nealy, A., Leahy, B., and Leahy, J. (2008, August). LD for a Day: A Simulation. Presented to Clarke County as a Professional Development Workshop, Athens, GA.
- Nealy, A. (2008, June). LD for a Day: A Simulation. Presented at the New Teacher Academy, Athens, GA.
- Nealy, A. (2008, April). RtI and General Education. Presented to graduating teacher candidates in Middle School Education, UGA.
- Nealy, A. (2008, April). RtI and Special Education Laws. Presented at the Special Education Law Symposium, UGA School of Law, Athens, GA.
- Nealy, A. (2008, February). Effective Co-Teaching. Presented to teacher candidates at Northeast Georgia RESA, Winterville, GA.
- Nealy, A. (2007, December) The Pyramid of Interventions. Presented to teacher candidates in the SPECTRUM program at UGA, Athens, GA.

- Nealy, A. (2004, August) Collaboration in the Real World (1/2 staff development)
Presented to faculty of Jonesboro High School, GA.
- Nealy, A. (2004, July). Collaboration in the Real World. (1 full-day staff
development). Presented to Ware County, Georgia faculty and staff.
- Nealy, A. (2004, October; 2003, November; 2002, May). How to Implement an
IEP in a General Education Classroom. Presented to general education
majors in elementary and middle grades education at UGA.
- Nealy, A. (2001, August). What Every New Teacher Should Know. Presented at
the Clarke County New Teacher Orientation, Athens, GA.
- Nealy, A. (1999, September). Special Education Issues for All Educators.
Presented with a panel of educators at Piedmont College, Athens, GA.
- Nealy, A. (1999, August). When Children are Frustrated: Creative Reading
Strategies for Children with Interfering Behaviors. Presented at the
Annual Psychoeducational Conference, St. Simon's Island, GA.

Publications

- Contributor:** Waller, J. (in press). *Foundations of Promoting School Mental
Health*. Danvers, MA: Bentham Science Publishing.
- Contributor:** National Middle School Association (2008). *This we believe:
Successful schools for young adolescents*. Westerville, OH: NMSA.
- Gazda, G.M., Balzer, F.J., Childers, W.C., Nealy, A.U., Phelps, R.E., &
Walters, R.P. (2005) *Human relations development: A manual for
educators (7th edition)*. Boston, MA: Pearson**
- Contributor:** Strickland, D.S. & Kamil, M.L (2004). *Improving reading
achievement through professional development*. Norwood, MA:
Christopher-Gordon.

Professional Projects

October 2000

The Research Base of Promising Practices
Steven Stahl and David Pearson / CIERA
Evaluation of the Reading Excellence Grant: Review
and evaluation of a variety of reading programs.
Concentration was on the Wilson Language Program

September 2000

Georgia Project for Assistive Technology

Clarke County member of ongoing project to update and disseminate information regarding technology available to students with exceptionalities

Recipient

**Excellence in Teaching for the College of Education
University of Georgia**

May, 2004

**Excellence in Teaching for the College of Education
University of Georgia**

May, 2005

Current Professional and Community Committees

Board of Directors, Extra Special People, Watkinsville, GA

Local Special Education Director's Association, UGA Representative

Georgia Department of Education, RtI State Committee

Professional Development School Task Force, UGA

Board of Regents 80% Plan Committee, UGA

Program Accreditation Steering Committee, CSSE at UGA

CSSE Summer Institute Steering Committee, CSSE at UGA

Professional Organizations

International Reading Association

Council for Exceptional Children

Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society

Pi Lambda Theta International Honor Society of Educators

Georgia Association of Educators

Certifications

Reading Education K-8

Learning Disabilities K-12

Emotional / Behavioral Disorders K-12

Mild Intellectual Disabilities K-12

Social Sciences K-8

Prevention and Management of Aggressive Behaviors (PMAB)

Crisis Prevention and Intervention (CPI)

Unrelated Activities and Interests

August 2005 – present

Certified Group Fitness / Spinning Instructor
Body Plex, Athens, GA

August 2005 – present

Bible Studies Teacher for High Schoolers
Oconee Presbyterian Church, Watkinsville