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EDUCATION

1986	Ph.D.	Reading (major), Psychology (minor) Louisiana State University
1983	M.Ed.	Reading Supervision Wright State University
1974	B.S.	Elementary/Special Education Wright State University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004-present	Lecturer Dept. of Language and Literacy University of Georgia Athens, GA
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2001-2004	Temporary Associate Professor Dept. of Reading Education University of Georgia Athens, GA
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Courses Taught at UGA:
Teaching of Reading to Early Elementary Children
Corrective Reading in the Early Elementary Grades
The Teaching of Reading, K-12
Literacy Development and Instruction in Early Childhood
Materials for Reading Instruction
Teaching Reading in the Secondary Schools
Seminar in Reading Education

1999-2001	Associate Professor Department of Curriculum and Instruction Texas A&M University Corpus Christi, TX
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Courses Taught:
Multicultural Literacy
Trends and Issues in Literacy

Children's and Adolescent Literature
Reading and the Language Process
Field Experiences in Reading
Fundamentals of Elementary Reading Instruction I & II

1997-1999

Temporary Assistant Professor
Department of Reading Education
University of Georgia
Athens, GA

Courses Taught:

Teaching of Reading to Early Elementary Children
Corrective Reading in the Early Elementary Grades
The Teaching of Reading, K-12
Supervision of the Reading Program

Additional Responsibilities:

Development of three online reading courses for the Georgia
Board of Regents Reading Consortium
(distance learning option for reading endorsement)

1993-1997

K-12 Reading/Language Arts Specialist
Volusia County Schools, Daytona Beach, FL

Areas of Responsibility:

develop and supervise curriculum in reading/language arts, K-12
develop and supervise assessment in reading/language arts, K-12
district reading/language arts liaison to school administrators
(64), teachers (3000), students (58,000), parents and community
provide professional development opportunities, K-12 (ELIC,
Frameworks, Celebration of Literacy, etc.)
provide technical assistance
intern placement
book adoptions and implementation

1987-1993

Assistant Professor
Instructional Programs
University of Central Florida
Orlando, FL

Courses Taught:

Application of Technology in Education
Foundations of Reading
Language Arts in the Elementary School
Literature for Children
Trends in Language Arts
Trends in Reading Education
Classroom Diagnosis and Development of Reading Proficiencies

- 1986-1987 Visiting Assistant Professor
 Department of Specialized Instructional Programs
 Cleveland State University
 Cleveland, OH
- Courses Taught:
 Reading and the English Language Arts
 Reading/Language Arts in Kindergarten/Primary Grades
 Children's Literature
 Advanced Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Disabilities
 Constructing a Theory for the Teaching of Reading
- 1983-1986 Graduate Teaching and Research Assistant
 Louisiana State University
 Baton Rouge, LA
- Courses Taught:
 Materials and Methods in Teaching Communicative
 Skills in the Elementary School
 Teaching Reading in the Junior and Senior High School
 Reading Instruction in the Elementary School
 Diagnostic-Prescriptive Instruction in Reading
- 1974-1982 Elementary Teacher, Learning Disabilities
 Springfield City Schools
 Springfield, OH

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (since 1990)

- Ratliff, J. & Inyega, H. (2005). "Teaching Online Literacy Courses: Lessons Learned," College Reading Association.
- Ratliff, J. (2005). "Literacy Instruction in Behavior Disorder Classrooms," International Reading Association.
- Ratliff, J. & Labbo, L. (2004). "Reading Visual Text: What Literacy Researchers Can Learn From Reality TV," National Reading Conference.
- Ratliff, J. et al (2004). "Technology and the Education of Literacy Teachers: Opportunities and Challenges," National Reading Conference.
- Ratliff, J. (2003). "Literacy Instruction in Behavior Disorder Classrooms," College Reading Association.
- Ratliff, J. (2003). "Making a Difference: Developing Literacy in Behavior Disorder Classrooms," International Reading Association.
- Ratliff, J. & Botzakis, S. (2002). "Tackling the Tough Issues: Teen Suicide in YA Literature," National Council of Teachers of English.
- Ratliff, J. & Montague, N. (2002). "Book Choices of Culturally Linguistically Diverse (CLD) Parents: Strategies for Sharing Books in Bilingual Homes," College Reading Association.

- Ratliff, J. & LaCroix, K. (2002). "Using the Internet for Independent Reading with Struggling Middle School Readers: Strategies for Instruction," World Congress on Reading.
- Ratliff, J., McDonald, J., Abrego, R., & Fuller, K. (2002). "Four Reflections on Collaboration: Taking Bold Steps in Field Based Instruction," Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development.
- Ratliff, J. (2001). "Worthwhile Websites to Support Middle School Readers," College Reading Association.
- Ratliff, J. (2001). "Using Shared and Guided Reading to Support Struggling Middle School Readers," TAMUCC Sixth Annual Reading Conference.
- Ratliff, J. & LaCroix, K. (2000). "Worthwhile Websites for Struggling Middle School Readers: Strategies for Instruction," Global Conversations on Language and Literacy.
- Ratliff, J., Many, J. et al (2000). "Making a Reading Endorsement Credential Available for All Teachers: Using Technology to Link Universities and Classrooms," International Reading Association.
- Ratliff, J., Bellon, T. & Roberts, E. (1999). "Linking Literacy and Technology: The State of Georgia's Initiative for Reading Endorsement," National Reading Conference.
- Ratliff, J. (1999). "Practicing What We Preach: Assessing Our Writing Habits," Teaching Teenagers to Write: When Theory Meets Reality, NCTE Professional Development Services Program.
- Ratliff, J. & Williams, D. (1999). "Supporting Struggling Readers: Using Shared and Guided Reading in Middle Schools," International Reading Association.
- Ratliff, J., Triplett, C., Pearson, C., White, D., Ash, G., & Duffy-Hester, A. (1999). "Expanding Our Vision: A Look at Preservice Teachers Across Time, Context, and Curriculum," American Educational Research Association.
- Ratliff, J. & Williams, D. (1998) "Reading To, With, and By Children: Shared and Guided Reading of Literature in the Middle School," Global Conversations on Language and Literacy.
- Ratliff, J. (1998). "Negotiating the River: Retention and Literacy," Florida Association of School Administrators.
- Ratliff, J. (1998). "How Do You Get to the Top of an Oak Tree? Reading Instruction for All Students," Bay Area Reading Conference.
- Ratliff, J. (1997). "Where Does Phonics Fit?" Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Regional Superintendents' Conference Day.
- Ratliff, J. (1997). "The Literacy Backbone," Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES Regional Superintendents' Conference Day.
- Ratliff, J. & LaCroix, K. (1996) "From At Risk to At Promise: Bringing Reluctant Middle School Readers to Books," World Congress on Reading.
- Ratliff, J. & Donsecz, A. (1992) "Literacy Development of Children Prenatally Exposed to Cocaine," NAPARE Conference.
- Ratliff, J. (1992) "Teacher's Reflections on Their Own Literacy," IRA Annual Conference.

- Ratliff, J. (1992) "Sharing Poetry Across the Curriculum," NCTE Spring Conference.
- Ratliff, J. & Donsecz, A. (1992) "Cocaine Babies: Will Our Literacy Programs Adapt?" Eastern Educational Research Association Conference
- Ratliff, J. & Buss, R. (1991) "Cocaine Babies: Will Our Reading Programs Adapt?" National Reading Conference.
- Ratliff, J. (1991) "Integrating Poetry into the Elementary Curriculum: Strategies for Sharing and Writing," Southeast IRA Regional Conference.
- Ratliff, J. (1991) Integrating Poetry into the Content Areas," Whole Language Umbrella Conference.
- Ratliff, J. (1991) "Sharing Poetry Across the Curriculum," Canadian-American Whole Language Conference.
- Ratliff, J. (1991) "Cocaine Babies: Will Our Literacy Programs Adapt?" Florida Council of Teachers of English.
- Ratliff, J. & Buss, R. (1990) "Teacher Literacy: Do We Practice What We Preach?" National Reading Conference.
- Ratliff, J. & Mott, S. (1990) "Fantastic Flight: Aviation Literature for Young Children," NCTE Fall Conference.
- Ratliff, J. & Mott, S. (1990) "Using Poetry Across the Curriculum," NCTE Fall Conference.
- A listing of an additional 20 presentations given from 1983-1989 at international and national conferences is available.

PUBLICATIONS

- Ratliff, J., & Montague, N. (2002). Book choices of Culturally-Linguistically-Diverse (CLD) parents: Strategies for sharing books in dual language homes. In J. Cassidy & S. Garrett (Eds.), Early Childhood Literacy: Programs and strategies to develop cultural, linguistic, scientific and healthcare literacy for very young children and their families. Corpus Christi: Center for Educational Development, Evaluation, and Research.
- Ratliff, J. (2002). Coming Together to Create a Community of Readers: A Book Buffet. In D. Ogle, Coming Together as Readers. Arlington Heights, IL: Skylight.
- Ratliff, J., Cassidy, J., Kester, D., & Cassidy, D. (2002). Literacy Trends and Issues: What's Hot and What's Not from Texas, The State of Reading, 7, 73-79.
- Ratliff, J., & McGarty, M. (2001). *Remembering the Good Times: Making a life memorable after suicide*. In J. Allen (Ed.), Using Literature to Help Troubled Teenagers Cope with End-of-Life Issues. Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing Group.
- White, D., Ratliff, J., Pearson, C., Carey, S., & Thomason, G. (2001). Negotiating a river: Four reflections on collaboration, The Teacher Educator, 37, 58-74.
- McGee, L. & Ratliff, J. (1987). Using the VCR in the language arts. In C. Personke & D. Johnson Language arts instruction and the beginning teacher: A practical guide (pp.208-216). Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice Hall.
- Ratliff, J. (1986). "Explicit instruction in story structure: Effects on

preschoolers' listening comprehension." Louisiana State University
Doctoral Dissertation.

- Buss, R., Ratliff, J., & Irion, J. (1985). Effects of instruction on the use of story structure in comprehension of narrative discourse. In J.A. Niles & R.V. Lalik (Eds.), Issues in Literacy: A Research Perspective (pp. 55-58). Rochester, NY: National Reading Conference.
- Burns, J. & Ratliff, J. (1985). A study of the relationship between levels of intelligence and early reading within high literacy homes. In J.A. Niles & R.V. Lalik (Eds.), Issues in Literacy: A Research Perspective (pp. 295-299). Rochester, NY: National Reading Conference.
- McGee, L., Ratliff, J., Sinex, A., Head, M., & LaCroix, K. (1984). Influence of story schema and concept of story on children's story compositions. In J.A. Niles & L.A. Harris (Eds.), Changing Perspectives on Research in Reading/Language Arts Processing and Instruction (pp. 270-277). Rochester, NY: National Reading Conference.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Professional Development Training:

- Frameworks Facilitator
- Early Literacy Inservice Course (ELIC) Facilitator
- Leadership for Literacy (L4L) Facilitator
- Central Florida Writing Project Fellow

Teacher Inservice (consultant):

- Strategies for Early Readers, Gaines Elementary School
- Strategies to Enhance Literacy Learning, Barnes Elementary School
- Using Guided and Shared Reading with Struggling Middle School Readers, Flour Bluff Independent Schools
- Reading Strategies for All Children, Jackson County Schools
- Writing in the Primary Grades, Hardee County Schools
- Strategies for Reluctant Middle School Readers, Pinnellas County Schools
- Putting Poetry Into the Curriculum, Brevard County Schools
- Evaluating Children's Writing, Flagler County Schools
- Aviation Literature for Children, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University
- Whole Language: Integrated Approach to Language and Reading, Lake County Schools
- Teaching Reading in the Middle Grades, Cleveland City Schools

SERVICE

Dept. of Language and Literacy Committee:
Foreign Language Search Committee

Dept. of Reading Education Committees:
Masters/Specialist Admissions and Comprehensive Exam 2002, 2003, 2004
Department Grievance Committee 2003
Elmer Jackson Memorial Scholarship 2001, 2002 (chair)

Georgia Learning Resource System Reading Task Force 2001-2005

Georgia Reading Consortium 1998, 1999, 2002-present

Proposal Reviewer:
National Reading Conference 1988, 1992, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
American Educational Research Association 2003, 2004
College Reading Association 2005

College Reading Association Editorial Advisory Board 2003, 2004, 2005

Text reviewer for McGraw-Hill Publishers, 2004; Richard Owens Publishers, 2005

Co-Editor, The State of Reading (journal of the Texas State Reading Association), Fall 2000-Spring 2003

Texas A&M Student Reading Association (Advisor)

Judge, Peabody Awards, 1998, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005
Judge, NCTE writing competition, 1988
Judge, Science Fair, 2000, 2001

Co-Chair, Supervisors of Reading SIG of International Reading Association, 1994-1996

Florida Department of Education Service (1993-1997):
Sunshine State Standards Language Arts Writing Team
Florida Writing Assessment Team (eighth grade)
Florida State Course Code Revision Committee
School Year 2000 Committee (senior high)
Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Advisory Committee

UCF representative to (1987-1993):
Florida Council on Elementary Education (4 years)
Volusia County Teacher Education Committee (3 years)

GRANTS

Director, State Improvement Grant Alternative Reading Strategies (Special Education)
\$400,000 (2001-2004)

TAMUCC Faculty Research Enhancement Grant \$500 (2001)

Author of the Master Reading Teacher proposal to the State Board of Education (TX) for
TAMUCC (program approved) (2000)

Author of model grant proposal for Rigby Publishers in Florida (1998)

Goals 2000 Grant \$475,000 (1994-1996)

College Professional Development Grant (UCF) \$500 (1988), \$400 (1990), \$350 (1991)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

UGA/Clarke County Schools Partnership Project (2002-2004)

Drop Everything and Read (1999-2000) in conjunction with Corpus Christi Independent School District

Well and Wise Readers Service Learning Project (1997-1998) in conjunction with Athens Regional Medical Center (co-director)

Ghostwriter Project (1993-1997) in conjunction with the News Journal and WCEU (PBS).

“Give Kids a Healthy Start and a Healthy Tomorrow” Florida Prevention and Early Intervention Forum, Logistics Chair, 1991.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Alpha Upsilon Alpha Honor Society

College Reading Association

International Reading Association

National Council of Teachers of English

National Reading Conference