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EDUCATION

- 2009-Present USC-Aiken, working on adding LD to teaching certificate
- 1986-1988 Augusta College (now Augusta State University), Masters Degree in Special Education
- 1979-1983 Augusta College, Bachelor of Science in Special Education

TEACHING EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2009-Present Clearwater Elementary, grades K-5, Learning Disabilities, Mild Mental Disabilities, Developmental Delay
- 2007-Present USC-A Adjunct Professor in the Education Department
- 1998-2008 Jefferson Elementary School, grades 3-5, Mild Mental Disabilities. Served as department chair for Special Education Department from Fall 2006-2008.
- 1994-1998 Midland Valley High School, grades 9-12, Mild Mental Disabilities.
- 1992-1994 Overseas with military spouse.
- 1998-1992 Midland Valley High School, grades 9-12, Mild Mental Disabilities.
- 1986-1988 Pinecrest Special School, 5-10 year olds, Severe Mental Disabilities.
- 1983-1986 Freedman Vocational High School, grades 9-12, Mild Mental Disabilities.

Professional Association Memberships

- Since 2006 Council for Exceptional Children
- Since 2000 South Carolina International Reading Association

Staff Development Activities

- 2008-Present Served as Cooperating Teacher for two USC-A practicum students
Serving as co-coordinator for our School Support Team/504 Coordinator
- 2008-2009 Served as 504 Coordinator for Jefferson Elementary
- 2006- 2007 Served as mentor to two new special education teachers and provided training in how to write IEP's.
- 2006- 2007 Served as Cooperating Teacher for two student interns from USC-Aiken.
- 2005- 2006 Served as Cooperating Teacher for two USC-Aiken practicum students.
- 2004 Attended and completed ADEPT training in order to supervise student interns.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2008 Nominated for the 2nd time for the “Spirit of Ruth Patrick” Award through USC-Aiken.
- 2007 Chosen as one of the top 7 for District Teacher of the Year. Served on the District Honor Council during this year.

- 2007 Chosen Teacher of the Year, Jefferson Elementary School.
- 2007 Nominated to serve on the selection committee for our new school superintendent. Representing all elementary schools and special education.
- 2007 Asked to submit an article about the Special Education Intern Program at USC-Aiken; published May 2007 in the Augusta Chronicle.
- 2006 Nominated for the "Spirit of Ruth Patrick" Award through USC-Aiken.
- 2006 Chosen to represent Aiken County in Washington, DC, on an Expert Panel to discuss the issues of testing Special Education students.
- 2004 Applied for and awarded second Westinghouse Grant.
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- 1999 Nominated for Teacher of the Year, Jefferson Elementary School.
- 1992 Received "High Flyer" Award for Area 3.
- 1990 Nominated for Teacher of the Year, Midland Valley High School.
- 1983 Chosen Teacher of the Year, Freedman Vocational High School.

REFERENCES

Available upon Request.