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SUMMARY

Dr. Jill Allor is a University Distinguished Professor and former chair of the Department of Teaching and Learning at Southern Methodist University. In 1996, she received her doctorate in special education from Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. A former special education teacher, her research is school-based and focuses on literacy acquisition for students with and without disabilities. She was awarded the 2000 Award for Outstanding Research by the Council on Learning Disabilities and is the co-recipient of the Best Article in Learning Disabilities Research and Practice for 1999. In 2012, the International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council presented her with the Innovator Award for Outstanding Educator. After being nominated by her students, she received the Rotunda Outstanding Professor award at SMU in 2016. In 2019, she was awarded a Ford Research Fellowship from SMU. As principal/co-principal investigator, she has received nearly \$10 million of external research funds, including a \$3.3 million grant funded in 2020 by the Institute of Education Sciences to test the efficacy of the *Friends on the Block* literacy curriculum when provided to students with intensive needs. She has also received over \$1 million to support teacher preparation and development in the area of literacy. In addition to publishing early literacy programs for typical and struggling readers, as well as students with disabilities, she has also published over 50 peer-reviewed research articles and book chapters. Throughout her career, she has presented widely at national professional meetings and has led numerous professional development workshops on a wide variety of literacy related topics, including peer tutoring, early literacy development, phonemic awareness instruction, literacy assessment, and early literacy text.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Doctor of Education, Special Education, August, 1996
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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August, 2005 to May, 2014	Chair, Department of Teaching and Learning Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development <i>Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX</i>
July, 2004 to July, 2011	Associate Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development Fellow, Institute for Reading Research <i>Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX</i>
August, 1998 to June, 2004	Assistant Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction Special Education and Early Literacy <i>Louisiana State University</i> Baton Rouge, LA (awarded tenure and promoted in 2004)
September, 1996 to July, 1998	Research Associate/Adjunct Professor Project Coordinator, Project PERFECT (Preventing Early Reading Failure by Enhancing Classroom Technology, Grant #H180G60004) Principal Investigators: Patricia Mathes and Joseph Torgesen <i>Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL</i>
August 1992 to June, 1996	Research Assistant <i>Peabody College of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN</i>
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June 1991 to July 1992	Individual/Small-Group Tutor <i>Counseling and Diagnostic Associates, Denham Springs, LA</i>

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PUBLICATIONS

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

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EXTERNAL FUNDING

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Co-Principal Investigator: Institute of Education Sciences, *Project FOCUS: Exploring RTI implementation with a Focus on Students Receiving Tier 3 and Special Education*. PI, Stephanie Al Otaiba. July, 2016-June, 2020. Funding: \$1,500,000.

Principal Investigator: Institute of Education Sciences, *Project Intensity: The Development of a Supplemental Literacy Program Designed to Provide Extensive Practice with Multiple-Criteria Text for Students with Intellectual Disabilities*. July, 2013-June, 2018. Total Funding: \$1,500,000.

Wehby, J., Lemons, C.J., Fuchs, D. & Fuchs, L.S. (2015-2019). National Center on Leadership in Intensive Intervention (NCLII). Office of Special Education Projects, U.S.

Department of Education (\$7,500,000). Role: Fellow.

Innovative Teaching Grant from Dallas Down Syndrome Guild (2015). Technology to Support Intensive Reading Instruction for Students with Down Syndrome (\$5000). PIs Stephanie Al Otaiba & Jill Allor.

Co-Principal Investigator: Institute of Education Sciences, *Using Imperfect Fidelity Measures to Improve Statistical Inferences about Educational Interventions*, 2009-2011. Total Funding: \$431,823.

Principal Investigator: U.S. Department of Education, *Maximizing Literacy Learning among Children with Mild to Moderate Mental Retardation*, 2005-2009. Total Funding: \$2,941,086.

Co-Principal Investigator: Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Board of Regents, *Louisiana Reading Intervention Program*. 2003-2006. Approximate Total Funding: \$700,000.

Co-Principal Investigator: Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Board of Regents, *Project LICENSE: Louisiana's Innovative Certification of Educators in Special Education*, 1999-2001. Approximate Total Funding: \$300,000

Principal Investigator: Louisiana Department of Education and the Louisiana Board of Regents, *America Reads*, 1998-2001. Approximate Total Funding: \$150,000.

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AREAS OF RESEARCH INTEREST

Effective early literacy instruction for general education and special education students.
Implementation of research-based practices by general and special educators.
Preparation and professional development of general and special educators.
Early reading text.
Literacy instruction for students with intensive needs

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS

Gregor, C., & Preast, J., Benner, G. & **Allor, J. H.** (January, 2026). *Picking Up the Pace: Strategies for Quickly Building Reading Fluency and Comprehension for Students with ASD and DD*. International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Long Beach, CA.

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Hermecz, S. **Allor, J. H.**, Gregor, C., & Al Otaiba, S., Hermecz, S. (March, 2025). *Boosting fluency and text comprehension for students with intensive needs: Case studies with diverse learners*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Louisville, KY.

Allor, J. H., Benner, G., Al Otaiba, S., Hermecz, S., & Gregor, C. (March, 2025). *Closing the gap: Long-term effects of a comprehensive early literacy program for students with disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Louisville, KY.

Allor, J. H., Gregor, C., & Hermecz, S. (January, 2025). *Successes, challenges, and lessons learned: Intensive literacy and behavioral instruction for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater Beach, FL.

Benner, G., **Allor, J. H.**, Gregor, C., & Hermecz, S. (January, 2025). *Long-term effects of a comprehensive early literacy curriculum on reading performance of students with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater Beach, FL.

Gregor, C., Hermecz, S., Preast, J., **Allor, J. H.**, & Al Otaiba, S. (October, 2024). *Literacy instruction for nonresponders and students at risk: A practical method for teaching ALL students to read*. Reading, Literacy and Learning Conference of the International Dyslexia Association, Dallas, TX.

Al Otaiba, S., **Allor, J.**, Gregor, C., & Preast, J. (March, 2024). *Successes, challenges, and lessons learned: Literacy instruction for all students*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Benner, G., Smolkowski, K., **Allor, J. H.**, Al Otaiba, S., Preast, J., Gregor, C., & Hermecz, S. (March, 2024). *Boosting the reading and language growth of students with intensive needs, including students with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, San Antonio, TX.

Benner, G., Smolkowski, K., **Allor, J. H.**, Al Otaiba, S., Gregor, C., & Hermecz, S. (January, 2024). *Research informing Friends on the Block: A text-centered early literacy curriculum for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Honolulu, HI.

Allor, J. H., Gregor, C., & Al Otaiba (March, 2023). *Research informing a text-based early literacy curriculum*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Louisville, KY.

- Allor, J. H.** & Gregor, C. (January, 2023). *Research informing Friends on the Block: A text-centered early literacy curriculum for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater Beach, FL.
- Allor, J. H.** (April, 2022, invited). *Literacy instruction for students with developmental disabilities: What do we know and how do we put it into practice?* Ontario Association for Developmental Education, Ontario, Canada.
- Stewart, J., Al Otaiba, S., Petscher, Y., Rivas, B., & Allor, J.H. (January, 2022). Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Orlando, FL.
- Connor, C., Gifford, D., Jones, F. J., & **Allor, J. H.** (March, 2021). *Using an observation tool to assess reading comprehension for students with disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, virtual.
- Connor, C., **Allor, J. H.**, Gifford, D., Al Otaiba, S. A. (March, 2021). *Comprehensive reading interventions for students with ASD and cognitive disabilities: Focus on reading comprehension*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, virtual.
- Allor, J. H.** (January, 2021, invited). *Teaching students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to read: Is it really any different than teaching other students to read?* Center for Research on the Challenges of Acquiring Language and Literacy Distinguished Lecture Series. Georgia State University.
- Al Otaiba, S., Stewart, J., Baker, K., **Allor, J. H.**, & Conner, C. (February, 2020). *Exploring school-implemented RTI: Findings from a national study*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Portland, OR.
- Al Otaiba, S., **Allor, J. H.**, Baker, K. Stewart, J., Conner, C., & Mellado de la Cruz, V. (November, 2019). *Structured literacy approaches for phonemic awareness and word reading*. Reading, Literacy and Learning Conference of the International Dyslexia Association, Portland, OR.
- Allor, J. H.** (July, 2019, invited). *Teaching children with intellectual disability how to read: Research to Practice*. Pediatric Epilepsy Surgery Family and Professional Conference, Cleveland, OH.
- Allor, J. H.**, Kearns, D., Al Otaiba, S., Ortiz, M. B., & Conner, C. (February, 2019). *Improving the "text diet" of early and struggling readers: Selecting and adapting text*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Indianapolis, IN.
- Allor, J. H.** (January, 2019). *Teaching students with intellectual disability to read using Friends on the Block, a comprehensive, text-centered curriculum*. International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Maui, HI.

- Allor, J. H.** (October, 2018, invited) Texas congressional testimony for Roundtable on PreK in Texas. Dallas, TX.
- Allor, J. H.,** Al Otaiba, S. & Conner, C. (July, 2018). *Evidence for a literacy intervention for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading, Brighton, UK.
- Conner, C., Baker, K, **Allor, J. H.** & Al Otaiba, S. (July, 2018). *Key characteristics of an early literacy intervention for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities*. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading, Brighton, UK.
- Al Otaiba, S., **Allor, J. H.,** Baker, K., Lan, P., Rivas, B., & Yovanoff, P. (February, 2018). *Measuring teachers' knowledge about RTI*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Tampa, FL.
- Allor, J. H.,** Al Otaiba, S., Ortiz, M. B., & Conner, C. (February, 2018). *Promising evidence for a text-centered literacy curriculum for students with intellectual disability*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Tampa, FL.
- Allor, J. H.,** Al Otaiba, S., Ortiz, M. B., Conner, C., & Baker, K. (February, 2018). *Addressing foundational reading skills using a text-centered curriculum for students with disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Tampa, FL.
- Yovanoff, P., **Allor, J. H.,** & Al Otaiba, S. (February, 2018). *Project Intensity – Single case effect size estimation and meta analyses*. Pacific Coast Research Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Allor, J. H.** (January, 2018). *Research support for Friends on the Block: A text-centered early literacy curriculum for students with disabilities*. International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater Beach, FL.
- Allor, J. H.** & Conner, C. (January, 2018). *Raising literacy expectations: Instructional implications from recent research on a text-centered curriculum*. International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater Beach, FL.
- Allor, J. H.,** Woodruff, T., & Stephens, H. (November, 2017). *Serving all children with structured literacy: evidence-based practices within an RTI framework*. Reading, Literacy and Learning Conference of the International Dyslexia Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Allor, J. H.,** Al Otaiba, S., Ortiz, M. B., Yovanoff, P., Conner, C., & Baker, K. (April, 2017). *The effectiveness of a text-centered literacy curriculum for students with intellectual disability*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Boston, MA.

Allor, J. H., Al Otaiba, S., Yovanoff, P., & Ortiz, M. B. (February, 2017). *Promising findings for a text-centered literacy curriculum for students with intellectual disability*. Pacific Coast Research Conference, San Diego, CA.

Allor, J. H., *Literacy instruction for students with intellectual disability: Recent advances and assessment issues*. (February, 2017). Statewide Evaluation Conference for Special Education Evaluation Personnel, Dallas, TX. (invited)

Allor, J. H., Al Otaiba, S., & Yovanoff, P. (December, 2016). *Demonstrating the effectiveness of a text-centered literacy curriculum for students with intellectual disability*. Institute of Education Sciences Principal Investigators Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Allor, J. H., Al Otaiba, S., Yovanoff, P., & Ortiz, M. B. (April, 2016). *The effects of a text-centered supplemental curriculum for students with intellectual disability*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, St. Louis, MO.

Jones, G. F., Gifford, D. B., Yovanoff, P., Al Otaiba, & **Allor, J.** (April, 2016). *Alternate formats for progress monitoring students with ID: Do alternate formats increase the reliability of performance for students with ID?* Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, St. Louis, MO.

Allor, J. H., Al Otaiba, S., Yovanoff, P., & Cheatham, J. (December, 2015). *The Effects of a Text-Centered Supplemental Curriculum for Students with Intellectual Disabilities*. Institute of Education Sciences Principal Investigators Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Allor, J. H. (October, 2015). *Supporting High Quality Literacy Systems, Practice and Instruction: Foundational knowledge and Methods for Teaching Students with Disabilities to Read (Invited Keynote)*. Statewide Meeting of the New York State Education Department Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Centers. Albany, NY.

Allor, J. H. (October, 2015). *Supporting High Quality Literacy Systems, Practice and Instruction: Applying Effective Literacy Practices to Specific Cases – Digging a Little Deeper (Invited Session)*. Statewide Meeting of the New York State Education Department Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Centers. Albany, NY.

Carreker, S., Al Otaiba, S., & **Allor, J. H.** (October, 2015). *Dyslexia: A Dynamic Approach to Teacher Training*. International Dyslexia Association, Dallas, TX.

Allor, J. H. (September, 2015). *The Goldilocks Principle: How to Select Text that is “Just Right” for Early Readers (Invited Keynote)*. Region XIII Fall Dyslexia Conference. Austin, TX.

Allor, J. H. (September, 2015). *How to Select Text that is “Just Right” for Early Readers (Invited Session)*. Region XIII Fall Dyslexia Conference. Austin, TX.

- Allor, J. H.** (September, 2015). *Effective Strategies for Teaching Reading to Students with Intellectual Disability: Current Research and Implications for Instruction (Invited Workshop)*. Region XIII Fall Dyslexia Conference. Austin, TX.
- Allor, J. H.,** McGee, M., Engels, D. (August, 2015). Distance Education @ SMU. SMU Teaching Effectiveness Symposium, Dallas, TX.
- Allor, J. H.,** Al Otaiba, S., Yovanoff, P., Cheatham, J., Gifford, D., Levy, D., Ortiz, M., Sandoval, A. & Jones, F. (July, 2015). *The Effects of a Text-Centered Supplemental Curriculum for Students with Intellectual Disabilities*. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading, Kona, HI.
- Allor, J. H.** (January, 2015). *Improving Reading for Individuals with Down Syndrome: Insight from Research* (invited), Down Syndrome Guild, Dallas, TX.
- Allor, J. H.** (October, 2014). *Intensive Tier 3 Reading Instruction: Current Research Evidence*. CEC Division for Learning Disabilities Symposium, Dallas, TX.
- Al Otaiba, S., Ciullo, S., Whalon, K., **Allor, J. H.,** Ortiz, M., Parker, A. Ciullo, S. (April, 2014). *Integration and Collaboration to Support Struggling Readers Including Readers with Disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Philadelphia, PA.
- Allor, J. H.,** & Al Otaiba, S. (February, 2014). *Designing Intensive Supplemental Intervention for Students with Intellectual Disabilities*. Pacific Coast Research Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Allor, J. H.,** Al Otaiba, S., & Cheatham, J. P. (November, 2013). *Research on Characteristics of Early Reading Text and Implications for Practice*. The International Dyslexia Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Allor, J. H.,** Cheatham, J. P., Weiser, B., & Al Otaiba, S. (November, 2013). *Volunteers Making a Difference for Struggling Readers: Demonstrating that Structured Tutorials Improve Reading Performance*. The International Dyslexia Association Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Al Otaiba, S., **Allor, J. H.,** Ortiz, M., Parker, A. Ciullo, S. (April, 2013). *Integration and Collaboration to Support Struggling Readers Including Readers with Disabilities*. Annual Meeting of the International Reading Association, San Antonio, TX.
- Allor, J.,** Al Otaiba, S., Yovanoff, P., Roberts, K. & Ortiz, M. (April, 2013) *Understanding child characteristics associated with responsiveness to literacy instruction and intervention among students with intellectual disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, San Antonio, TX.

- Al Otaiba, S., **Allor, J. H.**, Folsom, J., & Lemons, C. (April, 2013). *Response of Students with Intellectual Disabilities to Early Reading*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, San Antonio, TX.
- Allor, J.**, Al Otaiba, S., Yovanoff, P., Roberts, K. & Ortiz, M. (February, 2013) *Understanding child characteristics associated with responsiveness to literacy instruction and intervention among students with intellectual disabilities*. Paper presented at the Annual Pacific Coast Research Conference. San Diego, CA.
- Allor, J. H.** (May, 2011). *Involving Families and Tutors in Early Reading Instruction: Engaging and Effective Practices*. Annual Meeting of the International Reading Association, Orlando, FL.
- Allor, J. H.** (May, 2011). *Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities to Read: Results from a Four-Year Longitudinal Study*. Annual Meeting of the International Reading Association, Orlando, FL.
- Allor, J. H.** (April, 2011). Invited. *Using Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts with K-5 Students with High-Incidence Disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, National Harbor, MD.
- Allor, J. H.** (April, 2011). *Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities to Transfer Early Reading Skills to Text*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, National Harbor, MD.
- Flowers, C. & **Allor, J. H.** (March, 2011). *Language and Reading Measures for Students with Developmental Disabilities*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Allor, J. H.** (July, 2010). *Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities to Read: Results from a Four-year Longitudinal Study*. Institute of Education Sciences Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Allor, J. H.**, & Champlin, T. M. (April, 2010). *Results from a Longitudinal Reading Intervention Study with Students with Intellectual Disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Nashville, TN.
- Allor, J. H.**, & Lemons, C. (April, 2010). Strand Leaders – *Reading Instruction for Children with Intellectual Disabilities: Research and Practical Implications*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Nashville, TN.
- Allor, J. H.**, & Champlin, T. M. (January, 2010). *Methods for Increasing the Intensity of Reading Instruction for Students with Disabilities*. International Conference on Cognitive Disabilities, Autism, and other Developmental Disabilities. Maui, HI.
- Allor, J. H.**, & Champlin, T. M. (January, 2010). *Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities*

to Transfer Early Reading Skills to Connected Text. International Conference on Cognitive Disabilities, Autism, and other Developmental Disabilities. Maui, HI.

Roberts, J. K., **Allor, J. H.** & Mathes, P. G. (June, 2009). *Measurement Solutions for Continuous Progress Monitoring of Students with Intellectual Disabilities*. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Reading, Boston, MA.

Allor, J. H. (June, 2009). *Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities to Read: An Experimental Examination of a Comprehensive Reading Intervention*. Institute of Education Sciences Research Conference, Washington, D.C.

Allor, J. H. & Champlin, T. M. (April, 2009). *Response to Reading Intervention by Students with Low IQs*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Seattle, WA.

Allor, J. H. & Champlin, T. M. (April, 2009). *Effective Reading Instruction for Students with Intellectual Disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Seattle, WA.

Mathes, P. G., & **Allor, J. H.** (October, 2008). *Practical, Research-Based Practices for Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities to Read*. Annual Conference for the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. Dallas, TX.

Allor, J. H. (October, 2008). *Practical, Research-Based Techniques for Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities to Read*. International Conference on Cognitive Disabilities, Autism, and other Developmental Disabilities. San Diego, CA.

Jones, F. G. & **Allor, J. H.** (April, 2008). *Techniques for Teaching Reading to Students with Intellectual Disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Boston, MA.

Allor, J. H. & Roberts, J. K. (April, 2008). *Results from a Longitudinal Reading Intervention Study with Students with Intellectual Disabilities*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Boston, MA.

Allor, J. H. (March, 2008). *Maximizing Literacy Outcomes for Students with Cognitive Disabilities: Research Study Findings from the First Two Years of a Longitudinal Intervention Study*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.

Cheatham, J. P., **Allor, J. H.**, & Roberts, J. K. (February, 2008). *Maximizing Literacy Outcomes for Students with Mental Retardation*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southwest Educational Research Association. New Orleans, LA.

Allor, J. H., & Mathes, P. G. (January, 2008). *Maximizing Literacy Outcomes for Students with Cognitive Disabilities: National Advisory Board Update*. Annual Meeting of Reading and Mental Retardation Advisory Board, Charlotte, NC.

- Allor, J. H.** (June, 2007). *Maximizing Literacy Outcomes for Students with Cognitive Disabilities: Findings from the Second Year of a Longitudinal Study*. Institution of Education Sciences Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
- Allor, J. H., & Jones, F. G.** (April, 2007). *Maximizing Literacy Outcomes for Students with Cognitive Disabilities: Research Study Findings from the First Two Years of a Longitudinal Intervention Study*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Louisville, KY.
- Allor, J. H., & Jones, F. G.** (January, 2007). *Evidence Based Practices for Literacy Instruction for Children with Cognitive Disabilities: Methods and Research*. International Conference on Cognitive Disabilities, Autism, and other Developmental Disabilities. Kona, HI.
- Allor, J. H.** (September, 2006) Invited Keynote Speaker. *Preventing Reading Failure: Possibilities and Barriers*. Georgia Reading First Struggling Readers' Conference. Atlanta, GA.
- Allor, J. H.** (May, 2006). *Teaching Phonemic Awareness with a Game: It Can Work*. International Reading Association. Chicago, IL.
- Allor, J. H., Jones, F. G. & Mathes, P. G.** (April, 2006). *Maximizing Literacy Outcomes for Students with Mental Retardation: Research Study Findings*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Salt Lake City, NV.
- Allor, J. H., Mathes, P. G., & Jones, F. G.** (April, 2006). *Children with Mental Retardation Can Learn to Read: Setting and Achieving Goals*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Salt Lake City, NV.
- Allor, J. H.** (February, 2006). *Demonstration of an Early Literacy Game Designed for Individual Tutoring by Paraprofessionals*. International Learning Disabilities Association Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Allor, J. H.** (February, 2006). *Increasing Phonemic Awareness: An Analysis of a Tutoring Intervention with At-Risk Kindergartners*. International Learning Disabilities Association Conference, Jacksonville, FL.
- Allor, J. H., Mathes, P., Jones, F., Browder, D., and Sevcik, R.** (July, 2005). *Teaching Students with Mental Retardation to Read: Current Large-Scale Research Projects*. United States Office of Special Education Programs Project Directors' Conference, Washington, DC.
- Allor, J. H., Gansle, K. A., & Denny, R. K.** (April, 2005). *Increasing Phonemic Awareness: An Analysis of a Tutoring Intervention with At-Risk Kindergartners*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Baltimore, MD.

- Allor, J. H.,** Gansle, K. A., Denny, R. K., & Mooney, P. (April, 2005). *Demonstration of an Early Literacy Game Designed for Individual Tutoring by Paraprofessionals*. Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Baltimore, MD.
- Benner, G. J., **Allor, J. H.,** & Beaudoin, K. (November, 2004). *The Influence of Processing Speed on the Social Adjustment and Academic Performance of Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*. 28th Annual Conference for Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders, Tempe, AZ.
- Allor, J. H.,** & McCathren, R. B. (April, 2004). *Strategies for Achieving Reading Success (STARS): A Structured Tutoring Program*. National Council for Exceptional Children Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Allor, J. H.,** & McCathren, R. B. (April, 2004). *The efficacy of an early literacy tutoring program implemented by college students*. National Council for Exceptional Children Convention, New Orleans, LA.
- Lachney, R. & **Allor, J. H.** (October, 2002). *Adult-mediated reading instruction for grades 3 through 5*. 24th International Conference on Learning Disabilities, Denver, CO.
- Allor, J. H.** (February, 2002). *The Efficacy of an Early Literacy Tutoring Program Implemented by College Students: A Summary of Findings from Three Experiments*. Pacific Coast Research Conference, LaJolla, CA.
- Allor, J. H.** (September, 2001). *Tiger Pals: Tutoring Struggling First-Grade Readers*. Preschool and Primary Grades Conference sponsored by the Louisiana Department of Education, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Allor, J. H.,** & Setliff, D. (February, 2001). *Assessing Early Literacy Using Continuous Progress Monitoring*. 21st Annual Louisiana Superconference on Special Education, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Allor, J. H.** (July, 2001). *Ti-GRRRR PALS (It's Time to Get Ready and Read, Read, Read): The Effectiveness of College Students Tutoring First Graders*. U.S. Department of Education Project Director's Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- Allor, J. H.** (October, 2000). *The Relationships of Phonemic Awareness and Rapid Naming to Reading Development*. International Conference on Learning Disabilities, Austin, TX. (Winner of the Council for Learning Disabilities 2000 Award for Outstanding Research)
- Allor, J. H.,** Schorzman, E., & Smith, P. (November, 1999). *Can College Students Effectively Tutor Beginning Readers Who Are At-Risk for Reading Failure?* Louisiana Reading Association Annual Conference, Lafayette, LA.
- Allor, J. H.,** Schorzman, E., Smith, P., & Cheek, E. (April, 2000). *Perceptions of College Students about their Roles as Tutors in an Early Literacy Program*. Paper presented at

the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.

Howard, J. K. (July, 1999). *Can College Students Effectively Tutor Beginning Readers Who Are At-risk for Reading Failure?* U.S. Department of Education Project Director's Meeting, Washington, D.C.

Mathes, P. G., & **Howard, J. K.**, (November, 1998). *Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies for First-Grade Readers: Making Early Reading Instruction Responsive to the Needs of Diverse Learners*. 21st Annual Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Dallas, TX.

Harper, G., Mathes, P., **Howard, J. K.**, & Greenwood, C. (February, 1998). *Contributions of Oral and Written Language Skills to School Difficulty*. Pacific Coast Research Conference, LaJolla, CA.

Mathes, P. G., **Howard, J. K.**, & Edwards, B. (July, 1997). *Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies for Beginning Readers -- Two Experimental Studies of Efficacy and Feasibility*. Presented at the Annual Project Director's Meeting for the U.S. Office of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, Division of Innovation and Development, Washington, D.C.

Howard, J. K., & Mathes, P. G. (November, 1996). *Applying Phonological Processing Research in the General Education Classroom*. Council for Learning Disabilities 18th International Conference, Nashville, TN.

Howard, J. K. (November, 1995). *Striking a Balance Between Holistic and Phonics-Based Strategies with Peabody Classwide Peer Tutoring (CWPT) for Beginning Readers*. International Reading Association Regional Conference, Nashville, TN.

Howard, J. K. (November, 1994). *Phonological Processing and Beginning Reading Instruction*. Presented at the Joint Conference, Nashville, TN.

Fuchs, D., Dempsey, S., **Howard, J. K.** & Locke, W. (April, 1994). *Peabody-Metro Reintegration Project*. National Council for Exceptional Children Convention, Denver, CO.

Fuchs, D., Dempsey, S., **Howard, J. K.** & Stewart, M. (March, 1994). *Peabody-Metro Reintegration Project*. National Convention of the Learning Disabilities Association, Washington, D.C.

Fuchs, D., Dempsey, S., **Howard, J. K.** & Locke, W. (January, 1994). *Peabody-Metro Reintegration Project*. Presented at the Joint Conference, Nashville, TN.

Fuchs, D., Dempsey, S., **Howard, J. K.**, Dutka, S., & Locke, W. (January, 1993). *Responsible Reintegration of Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities: Collaboration Between Peabody/Vanderbilt and the Metro-Nashville Public Schools*. Leadership Conference on

Least Restrictive Environment, Nashville, TN.

HONORS

2023, 2022, 2021 Research Excellence “Road to R1” Award, SMU.

2020 University Distinguished Professor, SMU.

2019 Gerald J. Ford Research Fellowship, SMU.

2016 Rotunda Outstanding Professor Award, SMU.

2012 International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council Innovator Award for Outstanding Educator in a College or University.

2000 Award for Outstanding Research, Council for Learning Disabilities. Presented at the International Conference on Learning Disabilities, October, 2000.

2000 Outstanding Young Secondary Educator. Presented by the Baton Rouge Jaycees in recognition of outstanding leadership, November, 2000.

1999 Winner of the Best Article in Learning Disabilities Research and Practice, awarded by the Council for Exceptional Children, Division of Learning Disabilities.

Mathes, P. G., Grek, M. L., **Howard, J. K.**, Babyak, A. E., & Allen, S. H. (1999). Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies for First-Grade Readers: A tool for preventing early reading failure. *Learning Disabilities Research and Practice*, 14(1), 50-60.

Recipient, Regular Education/Special Education Joint Stipend, Learning Disabilities Association, February, 1999.

Co-Recipient of the 1999 Outstanding Proud Project by the Learning Disabilities Association of America. **Howard, J. K.**, Fuchs, D., & Mathes, P. G. (1999). What is lexical retrieval and why might it be important? In T. E. Citro (Ed.). *Parenting the Child with a Learning Disability: The Experts Speak* (pp. 77-82). Weston, MA: Learning Disabilities Association of Massachusetts.

National Institute of Child Health and Development Mental Retardation Research Training Doctoral Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 1994-1995.

SPECIAL TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

What Works Clearinghouse Reviewer Certification Training, July 2015

Training in WWC review standards for Group Design (Randomized Control Trials and Quasi-Experimental Design). Focused explicitly on the WWC evidence standards and how they apply to research design, methodology, and analysis.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS/TRAINING (selected)

- Allor, J. H. (October, 2022).** *Implementing Friends on the Block with Students with Intensive Needs*. The Emerge School for Autism, Baton Rouge, LA.
- Allor, J. H. & Ortiz, M. (April, 2020).** *Friends on the Block: Providing Meaningful, Engaging and Effective Literacy Intervention to Students with Intensive Needs*. DaVinci Education and Research, St. James, NY.
- Allor, J. H. & Ortiz, M. (May, 2019).** *High Impact Evidence-Based Practices for Early Literacy Instruction*. Commit Dallas Partnership Early Matters Dallas. (Participants from Cedar Hill ISD, Mesquite ISD, & Dallas ISD).
- Allor, J. H. (June, 2018).** *Teaching Students with Intellectual Disability to Read using a Comprehensive, Text-Centered Curriculum*.
- Allor, J. H. (October, 2018).** *Friends on the Block Literacy Curriculum*. Richardson Independent School District.
- Allor, J. H. (2018-2019).** KIPP Destiny.
- Allor, J. H. (October, 2015, invited Keynote).** *Supporting High Quality Literacy Systems, Practice and Instruction: Foundational Knowledge and Methods for Teaching Students with Disabilities to Read*. New York State Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center Statewide Professional Development.
- Allor, J. H. (October, 2015, invited).** *Effective Strategies for Teaching Reading to Students with Disabilities: 10 Tips for Helping Your Students Go the Distance*. New York State Regional Special Education Technical Assistance Support Center Statewide Professional Development.
- Allor, J. H. (July, 2013).** Literacy Summit Keynote. Monroe County Community School Corporation, Bloomington, Indiana.
- Allor, J. H. (January, 2011 & May, 2011).** Literacy and Intellectual Disability. Monroe County Community School Corporation, Bloomington, Indiana.
- Allor, J. H. (July, 2010 - June, 2012).** Early Reading First Consultant. Montana Office of Public Instruction.
- Allor, J. H. (January - February, 2007).** New York State Department Reading First Workshops: *Systematic and Explicit Reading Instruction: Making it Happen within a 3-Tiered Model*.
- Allor, J. H. (July, 2004 - January, 2005).** *Louisiana Reading First Workshops*. Shreveport and Alexandria, LA.

Allor, J. H. (July, 2002). *Peer Assisted Strategies for Grades 1-6*. Juniper Gardens Children's Project, Kansas City, KS.

Allor, J. H. (August, 2001). *Helping Teachers with Struggling Readers: Fostering the Use of 1st Grade PALS (Peer-Assisted Literacy Strategies) and Teacher-Directed PALS (Paths to Achieving Literacy Success)*. Pupil Appraisal Summer Institute, State of Louisiana.

Allor, J. H. (November, 2000). *Reading Acquisition: The Importance of Teaching Word Recognition*. Workshop presented to Highland Elementary as part of professional development partnership with Louisiana State University.

Howard, J. K. (October, 1997-May, 1998). *Using Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies as Part of a Balanced Literacy Curriculum*. Series of workshops presented to general and special educators at the elementary level, Quincy, FL.

Howard, J. K. (October, 1997). *Phonemic Awareness Training for Kindergarten Students*. Quincy, FL.

Howard, J. K. (July, 1997). *Putting Reading Research into Practice*. Workshop sponsored by Florida State University and Florida A&M University Regional CSPD and Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System, Quincy, FL.

Howard, J. K. (June, 1997). *Peabody Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies*. Presented at the Florida State University Regional CSPD Summer Reading Institute, Havana, FL.

Fuchs, D., Dempsey, S., Siegel, A., **Howard, J. K.**, & Locke, W. (January, 1994). *Classwide Peer-Tutoring* (inservice teacher training). Nashville, TN.

Fuchs, D., Dempsey, S., Stewart, M., **Howard, J. K.**, & Locke, W. (January, 1993). *Classwide Peer-Tutoring* (inservice teacher training). Nashville, TN.

Fuchs, D., Dempsey, S., Stewart, M., **Howard, J. K.**, & Locke, W. (October, 1992). *Peabody-Metro Reintegration Project* (inservice teacher training). Nashville, TN.

COLLEGE TEACHING/SUPERVISION

Doctoral Students

Dayna Russell Freudenthal (committee member) Ph.D. awarded in 2023.

Charlotte Showalter Gregor (chair) began program Fall of 2021.

Carlin Conner (chair) Ph.D. awarded in 2020.

Jennifer Stewart (committee member) Ph.D. awarded in 2020.

Miriam Ortiz (committee member). Ph.D. awarded in 2017.

Diane Gifford (co-chair with Dr. Paul Yovanoff). Ph.D. awarded in 2013.

Long “Michael” Luo (committee member; statistics doctoral student). Ph.D. awarded in 2012.
Jose’ Ramos (committee member) Ph.D. awarded in 2012.
Holly Stovall (committee member; statistics doctoral student). Ph.D. awarded in 2012.
Laura Minze (committee member; psychology doctoral student). Ph.D. awarded in 2012.
Jennifer Cheatham (chair) *Practicing Independent Reading with Decodable Texts: A Comparison Study of Texts with Second Graders*. Ph.D. awarded in 2010.
Lisa Guidry (chair) *A Phonological Awareness Intervention for at-Risk Preschoolers: The Effects of Supplemental, Intensive, Small-Group Instruction*. Ph.D. awarded in 2003.
Randy Lachney (co-chair with Dr. Ken Denny). *Adult-Mediated Reading Instruction for Third through Fifth Grade Children with Reading Difficulties*. Ph.D. awarded in 2002.

Courses Taught

Literacy Practicum. 2020-present.

Early Literacy Acquisition I and II. Two-course sequence that provides in-depth examination of early literacy based on the latest research evidence relevant for teaching literacy to K-2 grade students and those with disabilities in the early stages of learning to read. 2015-present.

Learning to Read and Write. This course is designed for the elementary cohort members of the M.Ed. with Certification program. This course introduces research, practices, and materials for teaching reading/writing in grades PK-1. All literacy classes require field experiences in local schools. Fall, 2013 (combined with *Emergent Literacy*).

Emergent Literacy. Undergraduate course that examines principles of literacy learning in young children and predictable stages of oral language, writing, and reading development. All literacy classes require field experiences in local schools. Fall, 2013.

Designing Learning Environments. Doctoral level core course focusing on evidence-based instructional practices and issues related to implementing, sustaining, scaling, and evaluating instructional practices and interventions. Fall, 2011.

Literacy and Society. Undergraduate elective designed to develop civic leadership with emphasis on role of literacy in our society and heavy service-learning component. Spring 2011.

Independent Study: Special Topics. Doctoral level independent study course on selected topics. Jennifer Cheatham, Fall, 2007; Beverly Weiser, Spring, 2008; Jennifer Lawton, Fall, 2009; Megan Oliphint, 2011.

Independent Study: Special Topics. Graduate level independent study course on selected topics. Mary Beth Vercillo, Summer, 2009; Tammi Champlin, Spring, 2010.

Advanced Quantitative Research Methods. Doctoral level course concentrates on the concepts, principles, designs, and approaches used in school-based research, including the newest approaches required by federal definitions of validated instruction (i.e. empirically-based instruction). 2010-2011.

Literacy Assessment. Graduate level course in which students learn formal and informal reading assessment procedure. Emphasis is on gathering and interpreting assessment information for making instructional decisions. 2004-2009. Southern Methodist University.

Literacy Acquisition. Graduate level course presents the most current understanding of early reading acquisition based on recent research. The course focuses on fundamental reading skills typically learned in pre-kindergarten through second grade. 2006-2009.

Advanced Literacy Development. This course builds on *Literacy Acquisition* and presents

current understanding of intermediate- and secondary-grade reading instruction based on recent research. 2005-2009.

Assessment for Special Education Instructional Practice. Undergraduate assessment course, including interpreting standardized test results, designing and using classroom-based assessment, and making instructional decisions. Spring, 2003. Louisiana State University.

Instructional Practice for Students with Disabilities I. Undergraduate methods course, including procedures and materials for students with mild to moderate learning and behavior problems. 2002-2004. Louisiana State University.

Instructional Practice for Students with Disabilities II. Advanced undergraduate methods course focusing on reflective practice and making informed instructional decisions based on ongoing assessment. 2002-2004. Louisiana State University.

Assessing and Guiding Reading Instruction. Undergraduate advanced methods course for elementary majors. Includes formal and informal diagnostic procedures, critical analysis of assessment data, and appropriate instructional strategies. 2002-2004. Louisiana State University.

Service Learning in Literacy Acquisition. Undergraduate course focusing on learning through service in local elementary schools as reading tutors. 2000-2004. Louisiana State University.

Characteristics of Learners with Exceptionalities. Introductory undergraduate course on the characteristics, educational programs, and resources for the education and support of learners with various exceptionalities. Also includes field experience. Louisiana State University.

Trends and Issues in Special Education. Doctoral seminar developed and co-taught with Dr. David Houchins. Designed to promote a broad understanding of trends and issues in special education. 2000. Louisiana State University.

Problems in Curriculum and Instruction: Doctoral Seminar in Special Education. This seminar is a continuation of “Trends and Issues in Special Education” with specific emphasis on in-depth critique of research in special education. 2001, Louisiana State University.

Teaching Academic Subjects to Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities. Graduate level methods course, 1999-2001. Louisiana State University.

Teaching Students with Learning and Behavior Problems. Graduate level methods course, 1999-2001.

Introduction to Exceptionalities. Undergraduate introductory survey course, Summer, 1997. Florida State University. 2001-2002. Louisiana State University.

Individualized Instruction for Exceptional Children. Undergraduate/graduate methods course, Spring, 1997 and 1998. Florida State University. (guest lecturer for reading methods)

Introduction to Learning Disabilities. Undergraduate survey course, Fall, 1996 and 1997. Florida State University.

Supervision of Practicum Students/Interns. Spring, 1996 (Vanderbilt University). Spring, 1997 and 1998 (Florida State University).

Instructional Principles and Procedures in Language Arts Instruction for Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities. Graduate methods course, Fall, 1995. Vanderbilt University.

SERVICE

University Service

SMU Committees and Other Service

Center for Faith and Learning Board Member (2016-present)
Chair, Chaplain's Office Search Committee (2023)
Simmons Dean Search Committee (2016-2017)
Ethics and Tenure Committee of the Faculty Senate (2014-2017)
Academic Petitions Committee (2014-2016)
CTE Panel Member, Road to Tenure (2014, 2015)
Provost's Advisory Committee on Promotion and Tenure (2011-2014)
Research Policy Committee (2011-2013)
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Reaccreditation Steering (2009-2010)
Office of Research Administration Review Committee (2009-2010)
Educational Programs Committee (2005-2008)
Library Committee (2006-2007)
Provost Search Committee (2006-2007)
Associate VP of Research and Dean of Graduate Studies Search Committee (2006-2007)

Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development Committees

Promotion and Tenure Dean's Advisory Committee Chair (2022)
Research Council (2018-present)
Promotion and Tenure Dean's Advisory Council (2019, 2021)
Promotion and Tenure Committee (2014-2018)
Harold Simmons Building User Group (2013-2014)
Dean's Advisory Council (2006-2014)
Annette Caldwell Simmons Building User Group (2009-2010)
Ph.D. Program Committee (2007-2012)

Department of Teaching and Learning Committees and Other Service

Literacy/Special Education Curriculum, co-chair (2014-16, 2023-current) and member (2014-present)
Early Literacy Scholarship support (2021-present)
Co-Chair, Open Rank Faculty Search (2023-2024)
Bilingual Search Committee (2021-2022)
Promotion and Tenure Committee (2018-2020, 2022-present)
Literacy Curriculum Committee, chair (2006-2009) and member (2009-2014)
Department Chair/Professor of Teaching and Learning Search Committee (2018-2019)
Early Literacy Scholar Program Development and Leadership (2013-2019):
 This is an 18-hour program funded by a private donor. Funding for the 5th and 6th cohorts was requested and received during 2018, including funding for .50 FTE for additional faculty for 2018-2020.
Beginning Teacher's Institute (2013, 2014, 2015)
Dept Chair, August, 2005 through May, 2014
Master's in Reading and Writing Online Course Development (2013-2014)
Video Demonstrations for SMU Coursework (2014)
Sampling Simmons December 2014
Special Populations, Special Ed. Program Development Subcommittee (2011-2014)
Ph.D. Program Committee, chair (2006-2007)
Director, Master Reading Teacher Program (2004-2009)

LSU Committees:

Technology Integration Committee (1998-2004)
Assessment Committee, LSU Laboratory School (1998-1999)
Program Review Committee (1999-2000)
Courses and Curriculum Committee (1999-2001)
Associate Dean Search Committee (2000)
PreK-3 Certification Redesign Committee (2001-2004)
Special Education Certification Redesign Committee (1998-2004)
Special Education Graduate Coursework Redesign Committee (1998-2004)

Service to the Profession

Mentorship for Non-SMU Students

Victoria Whalen, Ph.D. student, grant writing mentorship, advisor: Devin Kearns, University of Connecticut (2020)

Advisor (pro bono), 2017-2019. Evaluation of Structured Methods in Language Education (SMiLE): A Program Combining Literacy and Language Development for K–5 Students with Significant Cognitive Disabilities in NYC's District 75. IES Grant, Caroline Parker, PI.

Guest Speaker, 2017/2018 (invited). Ask the Expert: Phonics Approaches for Students with Intellectual Disability, Guest Speaker in Christopher Lemons' special education course at Vanderbilt University.

Dyslexia Certification Exam Item Writer, International Dyslexia Association (2015)

Institute of Education Sciences

Reading, Writing, and Language Development Education Research Scientific Review Panel
Member (2014-2017); Chair (2017)

External Reviewer for Promotion & Tenure at another university (2013, 2016)

Advisory Board, Project ERIC Institute of Education Sciences Grant (2011-2014)

Expert Consultant, SBIR Grant, The Attainment Company (2011)

Editorial Boards

Journal of Learning Disabilities (2017-present)
Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities (2015-present)
Elementary School Journal (2012-2022)
Reading and Writing Quarterly: Overcoming Learning Difficulties (2009-present)
Annals of Dyslexia (2009-2017)

Guest Associate Editor

American Journal for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 2019-2021

Guest Reviewer

Reading Teacher, 2023
Psychology in the Schools, 2022
Exceptional Children, 2017, 2019, 2021, 2022 (2 articles)
Reading Research Quarterly, 2020, 2021, 2022
Annals of Dyslexia, 2018, 2021
Journal of Intellectual and Developmental Disability, 2020
American Journal for Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities 2016, 2018
International Journal of Speech-Language Pathology, 2018, 2019
Assessment for Effective Intervention, 2017
International Journal of Developmental Disabilities, 2017
Teacher Education and Special Education, 2017
Research in Developmental Disabilities 2016
Journal of Intellectual Disability Research 2015, 2016
Remedial and Special Education 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016
Pan American Interdisciplinary Conference 2015
Child Language Teaching and Therapy 2014
Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, 2011
Educational Policy, 2011, 2012
Research and Practice for Persons with Severe Disabilities, 2011
Educational Policy, 2009
Scientific Studies of Reading, 2007, 2008, 2009
Educational and Psychological Measurement, 2008
American Educational Research Journal, 2005, 2008
Learning Disabilities Quarterly, 2005
Language, Speech, and Hearing Services in Schools, 2005, 2007

Secretary, Louisiana Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children. (2000-2002).

Reviewer, Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children 21st Annual Superconference on Special Education. (November, 2000).

Reviewer, Wadsworth Publishing Company. (April, 2000). *Teaching Learners with Mild Disabilities*, second edition, by R. Meese.

Community Service

Richardson Independent School District, Thurgood Marshall Elementary (2016-2017), ongoing consulting on data-based instructional decision making, *Mondo* implementation, and *Friends on the Block* implementation

Readers 2 Leaders, Advisory Board Member (2012 – 2018)

Plano Independent School District Strategic Plan Focus Group, Plano, Texas (2007)

Heart House (2006-2009, Dallas, TX). Provided tutoring program materials; assisted in

organizing and training college students as reading tutors for Heart House after school program.

Tiger Tutoring (1999-2004; Baton Rouge, LA). Organized, trained, and supervised college students (federal work-study and service learning) as reading tutors for elementary students who were at-risk for reading failure.

TK Ministries (1995-1996, Nashville, TN). Organized and trained volunteers to conduct individual tutoring with at-risk students.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Educational Research Association

Council for Exceptional Children

(Division of Learning Disabilities, Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities,
Teacher Education, and Research Division)

Council for Learning Disabilities

International Reading Association

International Dyslexia Association

Society for Research on Educational Effectiveness

Society for the Scientific Study of Reading