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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK, Education
Administration Curriculum and Supervision, May, 2005

M.Ed. Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, OK
Secondary School Counseling, May, 1997

B.A. Cameron University, Lawton, OK, History, May, 1994

CERTIFICATIONS

- Superintendent
- Secondary Principal
- Secondary Counselor
- Language Arts Middle School
- American History
- Economics
- Geography
- Oklahoma History
- Sociology/Anthropology
- U.S. Government
- World History

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Department Chair, Education Department, Cameron University 2009 – present
- Associate Professor, Education Department Cameron University 2011-present
- Assistant Professor, Education Department, Cameron University 2005-2011
- School Counselor, Lawton Public Schools 1997-2005
- Seventh Grade Geography Teacher, Lawton Public Schools 1995-1997

TEACHING/ ADMINISTRATIVE ASSIGNMENTS

- Department Chair 2009-present
- Associate Professor 2011-present
- Assistant Professor 2005-2011
- Internship in the Jr./Sr. High School 2006-present
- Advanced Foundations of Secondary Education 2007-present
- Internship in School Administration 2007-present
- Practicum in Teaching and Learning 2007-present
- University Life for PLUS Students 2009-2010

- Advanced Methods of Teaching Secondary 2007-2009
- Supervision of Curriculum and Instruction 2006-2009
- Community and School Relations 2005-07, 2016
- Master of Arts in Teaching Coordinator 2005-2007
- The Secondary Learner 2005-2007
- Teaching in the Secondary School 2005-2007
- Internship Seminar 2005-2007

PUBLICATIONS

Article

- Dennis, J.J. & O’Hair, M.J. (2010). *Overcoming obstacles in using authentic instruction: A comparative case study of math and science teachers. American Secondary Education* 38 (2), 4-22.

Book Review

- Dennis, J.J. (2008). Review of the book *Teaching writing in kindergarten: A structured approach to daily writing that helps every child become a confident, capable writer. Education Review*, November 1, 2008.

Dissertation

- Dennis, J.J. (2005). Authentic instruction: A comparative case study of three urban high schools. *Dissertation Abstracts International*, 66, 02A.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

- Dzindolet, M., Boss, S., Dennis, J., & Huffman, L. (2016). *Joining forces: Fostering creativity and success across departments*. Presented at the 33rd Academic Chairpersons Conference, Charleston, SC in February, 2016.
- Dennis, J., Dzindolet, M., Boss, S., & Huffman, L. (2015). *Joining forces: Fostering creativity and success across departments*. Presented at the Oklahoma Women in Higher Education Tenth Anniversary Conference, Edmond, OK in November, 2015.
- Dennis, J.J. (2015). *Finnish Lessons: What can the world learn from educational change in Finland?* Presented at the Critical Questions in Education Conference, San Diego, CA in February, 2015.
- Dennis, J.J. & Glazer, C.S. (2014). *REAL Teachers: A university/public schools collaboration supporting novice alternatively-licensed teachers*. Presented at the National Association for Alternative Certification Conference, Orlando, FL in March, 2014.
- Dennis, J.J. (2013). *Teacher Evaluation: What works to improve student achievement*. Presented at the Critical Questions in Education Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Glazer, C.S., Dennis, J.J., & Dzindolet, M. (2012). *Retaining*

Excellent Alternatively Licensed (REAL) Teachers Program: A University/School Partnership in Support of Novice Teachers. Presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association's 35th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

- Dennis, J.J. & Glazer, C.S. (2011). *Alternative Certification: The Good, the Bad, & the Ugly.* Presented at the Southwest Educational Research Association's 34th Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Dennis, J.J. (2009). *Overcoming Obstacles in the Use of Authentic Instruction: Case Studies of High School Mathematics and Science Teachers.* Presented at the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education 61st Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Dennis, J.J. (2006). *Authentic instruction: A comparative case study of three urban high schools.* Presented at the fall conference of Oklahoma Association of Teacher Educators, Shawnee, OK.
- Smith, M., Blackburn, M., Dennis, J., & Neale, J. (2005). *Alignment of the Oklahoma Subject Area Test framework for elementary education with the Association for Childhood Education International standards.* Presented at the fall conference of Oklahoma Association of Teacher Educators, Edmond, OK.

GRANTS

External

- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (\$10,000); *CU Become a Teacher* with Lisa Huffman (2015)
- Women's Foundation of Oklahoma (\$5,000); *Single Mothers Academic Resources Team (SMART)* (2015).
- Educational Quality and Accountability Grant (\$92,800) Teacher Induction Program (2014-2015)
- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (\$9,000); *Retaining Excellent Alternatively Licensed (REAL) Teachers: A Joint Project of Cameron University & Public Schools from Southwest Oklahoma* with Courtney Glazer (2013)
- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Minority Teacher Recruitment Center (\$9,000); *Retaining Excellent Alternatively Licensed (REAL) Teachers: A Joint Project of Cameron University & Public Schools from Southwest Oklahoma* with Courtney Glazer (2012)
- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Minority Teacher Recruitment Center (\$10,000); *Retaining Excellent Alternatively Licensed (REAL) Teachers: A Joint Project of Cameron University & Public Schools from Southwest Oklahoma* with Courtney Glazer (2011)
- Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Minority Teacher Recruitment Center (\$10,000); *Retaining Excellent Alternatively Licensed (REAL) Teachers: A Joint Project of Cameron University & Lawton Public Schools* with Courtney Glazer (2010)

Internal

- Lectures and Concerts (\$1,500) *Special Education Professional Development Conference* (2016-2017)
- Lectures and Concerts (\$1,000) *Reaching the Hard to Reach with Brain-Friendly Teaching Strategies* (2015-2016)
- Assessment Grant (\$800) Reliability Study for Department of Education (2013-2014)
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- Assessment Grant (\$3,600) Validity Study for Department of Education (2011-2012)
- Faculty Development Funds (\$1,205) Department Chair Training Professional Development (2010)
- Student Activity Fee Funding (\$1,500); Field Trip of Field Trips with Courtney Glazer (2008-2009)
- Student Activity Fee Funding (\$1,400); Field Trip of Field Trips with Courtney Glazer (2007-2008)

SERVICE

Departmental

- Eisenhower High School College and Career Fair Night presenter, 2016
- Elgin Middle School Career Night, 2015
- Coordinated the Education Departmental awards for the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences Student Recognition Ceremony, 2015
- Standard 6 NCATE Chair, 2009-2015
- Conceptual Framework NCATE Committee, 2009-2015
- Educational Leadership Committee, 2008-present
- Recruitment Committee, 2005-present
- Biology Club Presentation for M.Ed. recruitment, 2014
- Special Education Program Report to CEC, Fall, 2013
- Educational Leadership Program Report to ELCC, Spring, 2012
- Helping Aggie Teachers Succeed (HATS) Off mentor to new teachers, 2010-2012
- Represented department at Teacher Education Day at the Capitol, 2010
- Teacher Education Preview Night, 2010
- Graduate Faculty Committee, 2005-present; secretary, 2005-2006; chair, 2007-2009
- M.Ed. Program Assessment Advisory Committee 2007-present
- Alumni Exhibits of Excellence Faculty Sponsor, 2009
- Centennial Week event to honor Duncan alumni, 2009

- Assessment Committee, 2006-2009
- Social Events, chair, 2006-2009

University

- Faculty Committee, 2015-present
- Presenter, Exploring Majors Event, 2015
- Introduced the film, *Monsieur Lazhar*, at the Cameron French Film Festival, 2014
- Faculty Development Committee, Chair, 2011-2014
- Graduate Council, member, 2005-present
- Teacher Education Council, 2005-present
- Graduate Preview Night presenter, 2010-present
- Presentation to Eisenhower High School senior English classes about college life, 2005-2013
- *Ask an Aggie*, 2007-present
- Middle School Career Day Presentations, 2008-present
- Rubric Workshop Facilitator, spring, 2013
- CU Succeed Workshop Presenter: *Exploring Majors: Education*, fall, 2012
- Recruitment Committee, 2007-2010
- Teaching and Learning Committee, 2008-2010
- PLUS Interview and Selection Committee, 2009
- University Life course development committee 2008-2009
- Lectures and Concerts Committee, 2007-2009
- Open Doors and Upward Bound Advisory Board, 2008-2009

Community

- Lawton Public School Foundation Board Member, 2014-present; Secretary 2015, Vice-President Elect 2016
- Pioneer Park Elementary School PTA Secretary, 2015-2016
- Coordinated the Pat Henry “Tower Garden Celebration” as part of the 2014-2015 Academic Festival
- Coordinated the screening of *Fed Up* at Duncan Regional Hospital as part of the 2014-2015 Academic Festival
- Eagle Legacy Board of Directors (alumni association for Eisenhower High School), 2005-present
- Great Plains Technology Center, Pre-Education Program Advisory Committee, 2009-present
- Presented information about Education and Teacher Preparation in the U.S. to the Allied Officers from Fort Sill, OK, fall, 2013
- Coordinated Girl Scout Day, April 17, 2010
- Camp of Champs transportation, 2010-2012, 2014-present
- Lawton PTA Council President, 2008-2010
- Lawton PTA Council Executive Board, 2010-2011
- Oklahoma PTA Board of Directors 2008-2010
- LEAP Marketing Committee & Yes for K.I.D.S. School Bond/Sales Tax Campaign Committee, 2009

- Lawton Public Schools Superintendent's Professional Council 2008-2010
- Lawton Public Schools District Educational Improvement Council, 2008-2011
- Lawton Public Schools Comprehensive Local Education Plan Advisory Committee, 2008-2009
- Lawton Public Schools Title IV Safe and Drug Free Schools Advisory Council, 2008-2009
- Treasure Lake Job Corps Academic Advisory Council, 2009
- Great Plains Technology Center, Nursing Assistant Program, Advisory Committee, 2008-2009
- Crosby Park PTA vice-president 2011-2014
- Crosby Park PTA secretary 2010-2011
- Crosby Park School Volunteer, 2008-2014
- Learning Tree Academy PTA Treasurer & School Volunteer, 2007-2008, 2011-2012

Professional

- Invited presenter to the Elgin EdCamp: CU Graduate Programs, Elgin, OK, 2016
- Secondary Principal Comprehensive Assessment, Oklahoma Subject Area Test Passing Score Review Conference, 2015
- Presented about careers in Education at the Pat Henry Elementary Career Day, 2015
- Peer-reviewer for proposals submitted to the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) Conference, 2015
- Southwest Oklahoma STEM Summit, Education Panelist, 2014
- Presented information in a video that was shown at the Lawton Public Schools Legislative Forum by giving perspective from the CU Education department on the teacher shortage in southwest Oklahoma, fall, 2013.
- CONNECTS Grant presenter: *Teacher Evaluation: Making Time to Give Meaningful Feedback* presented to southwest Oklahoma administrators, 2013, 2014.
- Non-blind/open reviewer for the International Conference on Education, Training and Informatics, 2010
- Presentation to GPTC Pre-Education students on *Parent Involvement*, 2010
- Professional Development Presentation on Differentiated Instruction to Eisenhower High School Faculty, November 11, 2008
- Presentation to the Grady County Democratic women on *No Child Left Behind*, 2008

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Engageok: On the Road, OSDE Summer Education Conference, Lawton High School, 2016
- CU Teaching & Learning Series: *It's in the Syllabus: Designing for a Growth-Mindset*, 2016

- Quality Matters, Independent Applying the QM Rubric, Lawton, OK, 2015
- OACTE/OEQA/OATE Fall Conference, University of Central Oklahoma, 2015
- CU Teaching & Learning Series: *Building Better Learners through Practice and Feedback: A Growth Mindset*, 2015
- CU Teaching & Learning Series: *Managing Failure: What to Do When Students Won't Try*, 2015
- Oklahoma Teacher Induction Program Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, 2015
- Academic Chairpersons Conference, Austin, TX, 2015
- Preventing Discrimination and Sexual Violence: Title IX, VAWA and Clery Act for Faculty and Staff, online, 2015
- Hazard Communication Standard, online, 2014
- Bloodborne Pathogens, online, 2014
- CAEP Conference, Washington, D.C., Fall, 2014.
- Information Systems and Data Security Awareness, online, 2014
- Title IX Awareness and Violence Prevention, online, 2014
- Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI), online, December, 2013
- OCTP ELCC Program Review Training, Norman, OK, 2013
- Basic Supervision Seminar, Lawton, OK, Fall, 2013
- CAEP Conference, Louisville, KY, Spring, 2013
- Board of Examiners Update Training, Norman, OK, April, 2013
- Performance Evaluation Training, online, March, 2013
- Interventions for Struggling Learners with Dr. Laura Riffel, Lawton, OK, February, 2013
- Unlawful Harassment Prevention for Higher Education Staff, online, January, 2013
- Teacher Leader Effectiveness (TLE) Training, Oklahoma City, OK, September, 2012
- Academic Leadership Internship at Cameron University with Provost John MacArthur, Fall, 2012
- Military Child Education Coalition, *Living in the New Normal*, Oklahoma City, OK, June, 2012
- Invitational Summit on Remedial Reform, OSRHE, Oklahoma City, OK, April, 2012
- Measurement Workshop, Lawton, Oklahoma, April, 2012
- Get Motivated! Seminar, Oklahoma City, OK, February, 2012
- OACTE/OCTP Fall Conference, Edmond, OK, 2011
- Oklahoma Education Forum, Oklahoma City, OK, April, 2011
- Great Expectations Regional Meeting, Oklahoma City, OK, February, 2011
- AACTE Leadership Academy for new Department Chairs, Charlotte, NC, 2010

- FEMA Training for National Incident Management System (NIMS), 2010
- FEMA Training for Introduction to the Incident Command System, 2010
- OCTP Program Review Training, Norman, OK, November, 2010
- OACTE/OCTP Fall Conference, Norman, OK, 2009
- Oklahoma PTA Convention chair of “Just for You” events, 2009
- OACTE/OCTP Fall Conference, Norman, OK, 2008
- Oklahoma PTA Convention, 2008

HONORS/AWARDS

- Cameron University Faculty Hall of Fame Award, 2015

**AFFILIATIONS/
MEMBERSHIPS**

- Oklahoma Parent Teacher Association Life Member
- Oklahoma Association of Teacher Educators, 2005-present
- Association of Supervision Curriculum and Development, 2006-2015

**ADMINISTRATIVE
EXPERIENCE**

- Chair, Department of Education: 2009-present; a half-time administrative post reporting to the Dean of the School of Education and Behavioral Sciences. Duties include teaching 6 hours of load, advising students, managing the department budget, and responsibility for offering and managing curriculum for five programs: Bachelor of Science programs in Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education and graduate degree programs in M.Ed. in Education, M.Ed. in Reading, and M.S. in Educational Leadership. It includes responsibility for program assessment, developing course schedules, and supervising full-time faculty, adjunct faculty, and staff members. Additionally, the position requires management and supervision of the Elementary Education program at Rogers State University in Claremore, Oklahoma, which includes 2 full time faculty and 1 staff member.