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EDUCATION

M.Ed.	University of Texas , Austin, TX Curriculum and Instruction	December 2011
B.A.	Wake Forest University , Winston-Salem, NC Major - Elementary Education, Minor - Psychology	May 2001

HONORS & AWARDS

Teacher of the Year District Semi-finalist Austin Independent School District, Austin, TX	May 2010
National Board for Professional Teaching Standards National Board Certified Teacher, Grades 4-8	November 2008
Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award Wake Forest University Award of \$20,000	March 2008

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University Level

Assistant Professor of Instruction <i>Language Arts Methods</i> University of Texas at Austin, Department of Curriculum and Instruction Undergraduate course in the teaching of process writing	Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2019
Co-Instructor <i>Heart of Texas Writing Project Invitational Summer Institute</i> University of Texas at Austin, Department of Curriculum and Instruction Graduate level course in the teaching of process writing	Summers 2012, 2013

K-12

Bilingual Curriculum Specialist Austin ISD, Austin, TX	August 2018-present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Project management and development of district-wide systems for Secondary Dual Language Programming including recruitment, curriculum development, course sequencing, professional development, and outreach• Coaching K-12 teachers in culturally sustaining Language Arts and Writing and connected learning practices to support multilingual students including Dual Language Spanish/English students as well as multilingual refugees	
English Language Learners Coordinator	2014-2015
Parent Support Specialist	
Language Arts Curriculum Development Coordinator	2013-2015
Special Education Interventionist Teacher, K-6 Teacher- Grade 4/5	2011-2013

Austin Discovery School, A Public Charter School, Austin, TX
 Received training in and implemented Social Emotional Learning curriculum including Restorative Justice, Drama-Based Instructional Strategies, Conscious Discipline, and CHAMPs

Parent Support Specialist 2010-2011
Teacher-Bilingual 4th Grade 2008-2010

Becker Elementary School, Austin ISD, Austin, TX

Teacher-Bilingual 4th Grade 2006-2008

St. Elmo Elementary, Austin ISD, Austin, Texas

Teacher-English Immersion 1st Grade 2003-2006

Lincoln School, a Private Bilingual American International School
 Buenos Aires, Argentina

Teacher-1st Grade 2001-2003

Oakton Elementary School, Fairfax County Public Schools, Oakton, Virginia

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Co-Director, Heart of Texas Writing Project 2014-2018

University of Texas at Austin

- Providing on-site Austin Area professional development to K-12 teachers in the teaching of process-based writing
- Designing and leading Professional Development workshops for Austin area teachers of writing

Teacher Consultant, Heart of Texas Writing Project 2007-present

University of Texas at Austin and Austin Area Schools

District-Wide K-6 English Language Arts Teachers

Bastrop ISD, Bastrop, TX

2016-2018

- Training and modeling lessons on 8 campuses for more than 150 K-6 ELA and SLA teachers, including summer institutes and on-site coaching

Middle School Dual Language Teachers

Austin ISD, Austin, TX

August 2017

- 3-day training conducted in Spanish on Writing Workshop and Writing in the Content areas for Spanish Language Arts and DL Content area teachers

Primary Bilingual Teacher Writing Workshop Institute

Manor ISD, Manor, TX

July 2014, 2015

- Week long intensive institute on Writing Workshop for Bilingual PreK-2 teachers

Primary Literacy Collaborative

Round Rock ISD, Round Rock, TX

June 2011

- 2-week intensive institute on Writing Workshop for PreK-1 teachers
- Coached teachers in field experience in implementing Writing Workshop

English Language Learner Writers

Winter 2010-11

Berkman Elementary, Round Rock ISD, Round Rock, TX

- Trained teachers in the development of Writing Workshop and authentic assessment of ELLs' writing
- Demonstrated lessons with students in 3rd and 4th grade bilingual classrooms

CURRICULUM WRITING

Contracted Curriculum Writer, Region XIII Service Center

June 2017-present

- Writing standards-based curriculum for TEKS Resource System Grades 5 and 6
- Writing English Language Arts and Spanish Language Arts curriculum units based on the Texas Education Agency State Standards adopted 2017
- Writing standards' specificity and Instructional Focus Documents including Unit understandings and questions, Performance Assessments, corresponding rubrics, and unit overviews

PUBLICATIONS

Rami, Meenoo. *Thrive: 5 Ways to (Re) Invigorate your Teaching*, Heinemann, March 2014, excerpt entitled *From Academically Unacceptable to Exemplary*

Garcia, Antero. Teaching in the Connected Learning Classroom, Digital Media and Learning Research Hub, February 2014, excerpt entitled *Lights, Camera, Social Action!*

Local and National Programs Nurture ELL Teacher-Leaders, National Writing Project, www.nwp.org February 2011, <http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/resource/3484>

Lights, Camera, Social Action! National Writing Project, www.digitalis.nwp.org October 2010, <http://digitalis.nwp.org/resource/781>

Building Culturally Responsive Units of Study: From Texas to Mexico and Back, National Writing Project www.nwp.org December 2009, <http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/resource/2929>

Meeting a Growing Need: Supporting Teachers of ELLs in Kansas City, www.nwp.org April 2010, <http://www.nwp.org/cs/public/print/resource/3112>

PRESENTATIONS

Travis Vertical Team Equity Conference, Lively Middle School, AISD
Conference Lead Coordinator and presenter

January 2019,
January 2020

Heart of Texas Writing Project Conference, University of Texas at Austin
Audience for All! The Power of Publication in a Multilingual Writing Classroom
Conference Lead and Keynote speaker, *Culturally Sustaining Teaching Today*

February 2018

Austin ISD Social Emotional Learning Symposium, Austin, TX
Presenter, *Writing Workshop in the SEL Classroom*

June 2017

SXSW Edu Conference, Austin, TX
Panelist for panel facilitated by CommonSense Media,
EdTech's Blindspot: Closing the ELL Equity Gap

March 2016

ELL Conference: Building Community, Working Toward Equity Greater Kansas City Writing Project, Kansas City, MO Keynote speaker, <i>Teaching for Equity and Excellence: Multilingual Writers and their Audience</i>	June 2013
Heart of Texas Writing Project Workshop , University of Texas at Austin <i>Getting Writing Workshop Going Strong</i> Keynote speaker and Coach for Presenters	October 2011, 2012, 2017
The Components of Writing Workshop , Austin Discovery School K-6 Professional Development	August 2012
Digital Media and Learning Conference , San Francisco, CA Panelist on panel facilitated by Howard Rheingold <i>Digital Innovation and Equity in Schools</i>	March 2012
Rural Sites Network Conference , Little Rock, AK A National Writing Project Conference <i>Transforming Multilinguals' Writing through Family and Community Involvement</i>	March 2011
National Writing Project Annual Meeting , Orlando, FL Co-presented with author JoBeth Allen <i>Inviting Families into Literacy Partnerships</i>	November 2010
National Writing Project Annual Meeting , Orlando, FL <i>Courageous Conversations: Meeting Needs of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students in Rural Classrooms</i>	November 2010
Heart of Texas Writing Project Inservice Institute , UT Austin <i>Spotlight on Multilingual Students</i>	July 2010
Bilingual, Immigrant, and Refugee Education Conference , Omaha, NE A Council of the Great City Schools Conference <i>Ensuring ELLs Equal Access to Curriculum</i>	May 2010
Urban Sites Network Conference , Portland, OR A National Writing Project Conference <i>Cultivating Community Partnerships through Celebrations of Student Writing</i>	April 2010
National Writing Project Annual Meeting , Philadelphia, PA <i>Pinpointing Promise: Looking Closely at the Writing of ELLs</i>	November 2009
Pflugerville Diversity Conference , Pflugerville, TX <i>Borderlands/La Frontera Literature Study: Engaging K-12 students with Racism, Community, and Local Issues</i>	August 2009
National Writing Project Spring Meeting , Washington, DC <i>Culturally Responsive Literacy Practice</i>	March 2009
National Writing Project Annual Meeting , San Antonio, TX <i>Culturally Relevant Teaching</i>	November 2008

Urban Sites Network Conference, Denver, CO
Social Action and Advocacy for ELLs

April 2008

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Austin Social Justice Teacher Inquiry Group

2009-2013

Member and Presenter

- Engaging with Austin area teachers in the study of teaching for social justice
- Presenting classroom practices and units of study to Austin area teachers

National Writing Project ELL Network Leadership Team

2009-2011

Member of a National team of 9 teachers of English Language Learners

- Reviewed grant proposals and selected grant recipients for funds to support professional development for teachers of English Language Learners across the United States
- Organized national conferences and retreats for teachers of English Language Learners
- Reviewed and organized resources for teachers of English Language Learners to access on www.nwp.org

Selection Committee for Marcellus Waddill Excellence in Teaching Award

2009

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC

- Reviewed portfolios and videos of teachers applying for teach award
- Worked together with Wake Forest University professors, including Dr. Patricia Cunningham, to select award recipient

CERTIFICATIONS

National Board Professional Teaching Certification, Middle Childhood

Texas Generalist Certified Teacher, EC-6

Texas Bilingual Certified Teacher, EC-8

Texas Special Education Certified Teacher, EC-12

SKILLS

Spanish fluency and literacy

American Sign Language proficiency

Educational Technology: advanced skills in the integration of digital media use in the Elementary Curriculum

Strong written and presentation skills, including grant writing