

DIANE DOWDEY
Associate Professor of English
Sam Houston State University

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

Director, 18 Hour English Graduate Certificate 2018-present
Director, Sam Houston Writing Center 2002–2008
Associate Director, Academic Enrichment Center, 1999-2002
Freshman Composition Director, 1995-1999

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Associate professor Sam Houston State University 1995–present

Assistant professor Sam Houston State University 1989–1995

Undergraduate courses taught: Developmental Writing, Freshman Composition, Readings in the Literature of the United States, Readings in the Literature of Great Britain and Its Commonwealth, Readings in Literature of the Western World, World Literature II: 17th century and After, Advanced Composition, Introduction to Technical Writing, American Novels, Composition Theory and the Teaching of Writing, Studies in Multicultural Literature, Studies in Rhetoric, Studies in Women’s Literature, Survey of American Literature Beginnings to 1865, The Narrative, Readings in Literary Genres, Survey of American Literature from 1865 to Present, Early English Masterworks, Later English Masterworks, African-American Literature, Introduction to Literary Genres, Survey Teaching Composition in Secondary Schools, Twentieth Century Literature of England, Ireland, and the Commonwealth

Graduate courses taught: Rhetoric and Composition Theory, American Literature from 1860-1920, Modern British Literature, Practicum in College Composition, Women’s Literature, Multicultural Literature, Studies in American Literature, 1800-1860, Workshop in Teaching Writing

Theses directed:

Frances R. Crawford “Grammar Knowledge and Grammar Instruction as Revealed by a Survey of Texas College Freshman” 2006

Marcia A. Wilson “Equality for All: Women Writers Unite to Form a Bond of Sisterhood during the Abolitionist Movement” 2006

George W. Reamy, “What is Good Writing? An Examination from Two Perspectives of Sam Houston State University First-Year Composition Student Essays.” 1998.

Sherry Lucas, “A Description of the Unique Demographic and Attitudinal Characteristics of Developmental English Students at Sam Houston State University.” 1997.

Kendra Davis, “Speaking the Unspeakable: Narrative Technique in the Novels of Gloria Naylor and Bebe Moore Campbell.” 1996.

Theses reader: Doris Fontaine(1993), Sally Herman(1993), Kimberly McCullough(2006), Valerie Bell (2008), Dana Allen (2009), Andrew Husband (2009), Steven Rydowarski (2010), Julia Guthrie (2011), Cody Harrison (2016), Bridget Schabron (2016), Elizabeth Evans (2017)

Assistant professor Texas A & M University 1984--1989

Undergraduate courses taught: Freshman Composition, Introduction to Literature, American Literature: Colonial to American Renaissance, American Literature: Civil War to Present, Technical Writing, Literature and Science

Graduate courses taught: Business Communication, Rhetoric of the Essay, Rhetoric of Science, History of the Essay

Adjunct assistant professor Tarrant County Junior College 1979--1980

Courses taught: Freshman Composition, Introduction to Literature, Survey of British Literature: Beginnings to 1700

Instructor University of Texas at Arlington 1980

Courses taught: Introduction to Literature

Teaching Assistant University of Wisconsin-Madison 1977--1984

Courses taught: Developmental English, Freshman Composition, Intermediate Composition, Nineteenth-Century Literature, Twentieth-Century Literature, Tutored in Writing Lab

EXTERNAL FUNDING:

2006 International Writing Centers Association Research Award, \$400

2003 Delta Kappa Gamma Professional Development Grant, \$500

2001-2003 Special Legislative Appropriation for Advising Center, with Patricia Williams \$300,000

1997 A Proposal to Houston Endowment Inc. to Support the Across-the-University Writing Program, with Beth Miles and Patricia Williams \$450,000

GRANTS SUBMITTED:

July, 2004 Submitted with Frances Crawford Fennessy a grant proposal "What Do Lakeisha, Jose, Cynthia and Michael Know About Grammar?" to The CCCC Research Initiative: Composition, Rhetoric, and Literacy—What We Know, What We Need to Know." Unfunded. November, 2004 "On-line Professional Development for Literacy Teachers" Joyce McCauley, lead researcher, with Diane Reed, Peter Cooper, Barbara Polnick to U. S. Department of Education. Unfunded.

PUBLICATIONS: Textbooks

TR5 To Research, To Read, To Reason, To Write, To Report: An Introduction to Research Writing. With Barbara Jones and Katie Pannell. Needham Heights, MA: Simon and Schuster. 1998.

The Researching Reader: Source-Based Writings Across the Disciplines. Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1990. Instructor's Manual. Holt, Rinehart, and Winston, 1991.

PUBLICATIONS: Chapters

"#Shakespeare: Shakespeare and Social Media 400 Years after his Death." *Reflections on Medieval and Renaissance Thought*. Edited by Darci N. Hill. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2017. pp. 124-137.

"Citation and Documentation Across the Curriculum." *Constructing Rhetorical Education*. Edited by Marie Secor and Davida Charney. Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1992. pp. 330-351.

PUBLICATIONS: Articles

"Online Education and Writing Across the Curriculum." *Panelists Statements. WAC 2002: The Sixth National Writing Across the Curriculum Conference*. Houston: Rice University, 2002.

"Gould, Stephen Jay." *Encyclopedia of the Essay*. London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 1997. 354-356.

"Science Essay." *Encyclopedia of the Essay*. London: Fitzroy Dearborn, 1997. 754-755.

"Society of Mind by Marvin Minsky." *Masterplots II: Nonfiction Series*. Salem Press, 1989. pp. 1383-1387.

"Stephen Jay Gould: 'This View of Science.'" *Markham Review* 16 (1987): 26-34.

"Rhetorical Techniques of Audience Adaptation in Popular Science Writing." *Journal of Technical Writing and Communication* 17 (1987): 275-285.

"Bridging the Gap: Science for a Popular Audience" in *Proceedings in Technical and Business Communication: The Conference on College Composition and Communication, Minneapolis-1985*. Ed. Douglas M. Catron. Ames, Iowa: Iowa State University, 1985. 147-155.

PUBLICATIONS: Reviews

Jacoby, Karl. *The Strange Career of William Ellis: The Texas Slave who Became a Mexican Millionaire*. New York: W. W. Norton, 2016. Publication forthcoming in *Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas*.

Davant, Robert, and Mickey Herskowitz. *Mystic Sails and Texas Trails: Captain Grimes, Shanghi Pierce, Range Wars, and Raising Texas*. Huntsville: Texas Review Press, 2016. Appeared in *Journal of the American Studies Association of Texas* 47 (November 2017): 115.

Kuismin, Anna, and M. J. Driscoll, eds. *White Field, Black Seeds: Nordic Literacy Practices in the Long Nineteenth Century*. *Studia Fennica Litteraria* 7. Helsinki: Finnish Literature Society, 2013. Appeared in *Journal of Finnish Studies* 18:2 (July 2015): 215-18.

PUBLICATIONS: Poems

"Song for a Widow." (poem) *Descant* 24 (Fall-Winter 1979-80):46.

"I Do Not Want to Leave Alone" (Translation from the Spanish of B. Montellano), *The Pawn Review* July, 1976.

PRESENTATIONS: International

"Getting into the Game" 18 July 2018. International Convention of Delta Kappa Gamma: Leading Women Educators, Impacting Education Worldwide. Austin. Co-Presenters: Dr. Andrea Foster, Dr. Barbara Polnick, SHSU.

"#Shakespeare." 9 April 2016. Second International Conference on Medieval and Renaissance Thought. Huntsville, TX.

"Navigating the On-Line World." 4 Nov. 2010. International Writing Centers Association Conference. Baltimore.

"Attribution Theory and Marginalization in the Language of Writing Center Scholarship." (Author's presentation). 6 Nov. 2010. International Writing Centers Association Conference. Research Network Forum, Editor's Roundtable. Baltimore.

"Planting Wildflowers Along the Highway: Getting Tutors to Weed their Own Garden." International Writing Centers Association. Oct. 30-Nov. 1 2008. Las Vegas, NV.

"Virtual Space: Another Frontier." International Writing Centers Association. 12-14 April 2007. Houston.

"Evaluating the Impact of a Writing Center" International Writing Centers Association. 23-25 October 2003. Hershey, Pennsylvania.

"Topoi as Critical Tool." International Society for the History of Rhetoric Convention. Tours, France. 16 July 1987.

PRESENTATIONS: National

"Whose Minding the Children? The Nanny Novel as a Glimpse at Multi-Ethnic Households." 7 March 2014. MELUS (Multi-Ethnic Literature in the U.S.) Conference. Oklahoma City.

"Connecting to and Reflecting on Certification and Accreditation: Where Do We Go from Here." 17-19 February 2011. South Central Writing Centers Association Conference. Houston. Co-presenters: Dr. Frances Crawford and John McCarter, San Antonio College.

"Accreditation, Certification, and Writing Centers." 5 April 2011. International Writing Centers Collaborative at Conference on College Composition and Communication. Atlanta. Co-presenters: Dr. Frances Crawford and John McCarter, San Antonio College.

"Writing a 'Second Life': Using Virtual Worlds in Composition Classes." 19-20 Feb. 2010. Digital Media in a Social World Conference. Ohio State University. Columbus, Ohio.

"Digital Voices: Making Students Avatars." 25-27 March 2010. College English Association.

San Antonio.

“Bridges to Success: Leveraging Your Grant.” 11-14 March 2009. Conference on College Composition and Communication. San Francisco.

“Writing Center Work.” 2-5 April 2008 College Composition and Communication. New Orleans, LA.

“Negotiation Strategies for Tutors.” Conference on College Composition and Communication. 21-24 March 2007. New York.

“Teacher or Editor? Helping Tutors Negotiate Their Role.” College English Association. 6-8 April 2006. San Antonio.

“Defining Success at a Writing Center: A Qualitative Approach.” Conference on College Composition and Communication. 22-25 March 2006. Chicago.

“Building Community in Tutor Training.” Conference on College Composition and Communication. 24-27 March 2004. San Antonio.

“Challenged Students Challenge a University.” National Association of Developmental Educators Conference. 12-15 February 2003. Austin.

“Out in the Street: Moving the Writing Center Off-Campus: Our Work with Home Schooled and Public School Students.” Workshop. Conference on College Composition and Communication. 20 March 2002. Chicago.

“How Can Technology and Intellectual Property Provisions Enhance Writing Across the Curriculum?” Invited Panel. “Online Education and Writing Across the Curriculum.” WAC 2002: The Sixth National Writing Across the Curriculum Conference. 8 March 2002. Houston.

“The Enterprise of Writing: Exploring New Spaces: The Voyages of the Writing Enterprise.” WAC 2002: The Sixth National Writing Across the Curriculum Conference. 7 March 2002. Houston.

“Aldine’s Teacher Education Class and Sam Houston State University: Creating a Teaching/Learning Partnership.” 82nd Annual Meeting Association of Teacher Educators. 2-6 February 2002. Denver.

“Supporting Computer-Mediated Communication and Technology Across the Curriculum: Pre-service Teachers Help 8th Grade Students Research the Internet.” Computers and Writing 2000 Conference. 25-28 May 2000. Fort Worth, Texas.

“Ten Years of Interdisciplinary Collaboration: Freshman Composition and Writing across the Curriculum.” Fourth National Conference on Writing Across the Curriculum. Ithaca, NY. 5-8 June 1999.

"Transforming Basic Writing: Theories, Perceptions, and Sites of Practice." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Atlanta, Georgia. 25 March 1999.

"Our Freshman Composition Program and Writing Across the Curriculum." Third National Conference on Writing Across the Curriculum. Charleston, South Carolina. 6-8 Feb. 1997.

"Developmental Reading and Writing at Sam Houston State University." Conference on Non-Traditional Pedagogies. Texas A & M University--Corpus Christi. Corpus Christi. 11-13 January 1996.

"Braggin' Writes: Implementing and Assessing a Successful WAC Program Using Faculty and Student Input for Assessment." Second National Conference on Writing Across the Curriculum. Charleston. 2-3 February 1995.

"What to Do on the First Day of Class in the Computer Classroom: Lessons and Observations." Association of Computers in English Poster Session. National Council of Teachers of English. Pittsburgh. 18-22 November 1993.

"Male and Female Realities and the Composition Paradigm." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Cincinnati. 19-21 March 1992.

"Asynchronous Conferencing: How a System Grew." Conference on Computers and Writing. Biloxi. 23-25 May 1991.

"Composition and Telemetric Systems: Integrating Databases into Freshman Composition." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Boston. 21-24 March 1991.

"Scientists and Nuclear War." Modern Languages Association convention. New Orleans. 28 December 1988.

"Citation and Documentation Across the Curriculum." Conference on Rhetoric and Composition. The Pennsylvania State University. University Park, Pennsylvania. 8 July 1988.

"The Cook as Rhetorician." Conference on College Composition and Communication. St. Louis. 19 March 1988.

"Bridging the Gap: Science for a Popular Audience." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Minneapolis. March 1985.

"The Trying Out of the Essay: How Scientific Essayists Compose." Conference on College Composition and Communication. New York. March 1984.

"How Aristotle's and Cicero's Topoi Are Implemented Today." Conference on Rhetoric and Composition. The Pennsylvania State University. University Park, Pennsylvania. July 1982.

PRESENTATIONS: Regional

“Journey to America=Journey to Domestic Work.” Nov. 9-11, 2017. American Studies Association of Texas. Huntsville.

“Crowdsourcing Transcription: Opening American Documents to the World.” American Studies Association of Texas. 12 Nov. 2015. Huntsville.

“The Dreaded Job” Laundry Practices from 1400-1950.” Texas Living History Association. 25 Jan 2015. Dallas.

“Civil War Remembrance: The Battle of Gettysburg.” 14 November 2014 American Studies Association of Texas. Huntsville.

“Connecting to and Reflecting on Certification and Accreditation: Where Do We Go From Here.” 17-19 February 2011. South Central Writing Centers Association Conference. Houston.

“Re-envisioning Online Writing Center Services.” 22-24 April 2010. South Central Writing Centers Conference. Lake Charles, LA.

“Virtual Pleasure in Online Tutoring: Taking the Writing Center to a New World.” South Central Writing Centers Conference. 3-4 April 2009. Georgetown, TX.

“Strategic Planning for Writing Centers.” South Central Writing Center Conference 6-8 March 2008 Norman, OK.

“What is a Successful Writing Center? A Problematic Definition.” South Central Writing Centers Association Conference. 23-26 February 2006. Little Rock, Arkansas.

“Reaching the Community: Writing Center Staff Talk to High School English Teachers.” South Central Writing Centers Association Conference. 3-5 March 2005. Baton Rouge, Louisiana

“Shakespeare on Writing Center Leadership.” South Central Writing Centers Association Conference. 19-21 February 2004. Stillwater, Oklahoma.

“The Third Person at the Conference: Communicating with the Faculty.” South Central Writing Centers Association Conference. 20-22 February 2003. Fayetteville, Arkansas.

“What They Bring; What They Take Away: Developmental Students at a Writing Center.” College Academic Skills Program Conference. 11 October 2002. Fort Worth.

“Multiple Disciplines, One Goal: Assessing the Effectiveness of Writing Centers in Meeting the Interdisciplinary Needs of Clients and Consultants: The Director’s Perspective.” The Annual Conference of the South Central Writing Centers Association. 22 February 2002. Houston.

“On-Line Writing Labs and Basic Writers.” College Academic Skills Programs Conference. 26 October 2001. Houston.

“Grow Your Own: A Partnership Between a School District and a University.” Fall 2001 Texas Teacher Education Conference, Sponsored by the Consortium of State Organizations for Texas Teacher Education. 14-16 October 2001. Corpus Christi, Texas.

“Successful Intervention to Improve ExCET Scores.” 2001 Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting. 15 October 2001. Corpus Christi, Texas.

“Sharing Concerns with Colleagues—How We Made It Productive!” College Academic Support Programs Conference. 18-20 October 2000. San Antonio, Texas.

"Preparing Students for Writing in the New Millennium." South Central Writing Center Association Annual Conference. Fort Worth, TX. 24-25 March 2000.

“Tapping into Expertise for Tutor Training.” Texas Writing Centers Association Special Session. Conference of College Teachers of English. College Station, TX. 2-4 March 2000.

"Dear Amanda to Dear Amanda: Preservice Teachers Respond to Special Needs Junior High Students." Texas Council of Teachers of English. Fort Worth. 5 Feb. 1999.

"Innovation and Tradition in the Teaching of Writing." Texas Association of Directors of Writing Programs Session. Conference of College Teachers of English. South Padre Island, Texas. March, 1997.

"Interviewing Developmental Writers: What We Learn about How They Have Been Taught to Write." Second Annual Developmental Educators' Exchange. Phoenix Institute. 21-23 May 1997.

"Cultural Issues: What Does 'Culture' Mean in a Multicultural Course?" Texas Council of Teachers of English Conference. El Paso. 25-27 January 1996.

"Check Your Mailbox: Using Junk Mail and Magazines in the Writing Classroom." Sam Houston Area Reading Council. Bryan, TX. 13 February 1993.

"Collaborative Learning in the Writing Classroom." Metro Council of Teachers of English. Houston. 30 January 1993.

"Pick Up Your Pens: Pre-writing Strategies for the Classroom." Sam Houston Area Reading Council. Spring, TX 24 October 1992.

"The Composing Process of Professional Essayists." Texas Joint Council of Teachers of English. McLennan Community College Waco, Texas. 1 October 1988.

"Observations on Science: The Essays of Stephen Jay Gould." South Central Modern Languages Association Meeting. Houston. 31 October 1987.

"The Use of Topoi." South Central Modern Language Association. New Orleans. 29 October 1986.

"A Rhetorical Analysis of the Assumptions Underlying Arguments about Recombinant DNA Research." Texas Sesquicentennial Scholars Symposium. Austin. 4 April 1986.

PRESENTATIONS: Local

"Getting Connected: Video Chat in an Online Class." 10 March 2017. Digital Education Summit. Co-Presenter: Bridget Schabron.

"Jane to Jasmine: Caregivers" First Friday Faculty Forum. 4 November 2016.

"Marginal" and the Transformation of Meaning in an Academic Discourse Community." 2013 CHSS Annual Research Conference. 15 February 2013.

"Virtual Worlds as a Teaching Tool: Why Would I Want a Second Life?" Fourth Friday Teaching Forum. 30 Oct. 2009.

HONORS:

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. An Honorary Society for Women Educators.

Who's Who in American Education. 1992-1993, 1993-1994, 1994-1995.

Outstanding Young Women of America. 1991.

Who's Who of American Women. 1986-1999.

Domestic Travel Fellowship University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1982.

Master's Fellow University of Missouri-Columbia, 1976--1977.

Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Tau Delta

INTERNAL FUNDING:

Reshaping the Past: Images of the American Civil War in Contemporary Novels funded by the Research Council of Sam Houston State University. Summer 1999.

A Profile of Developmental Writers at Sam Houston State University funded by the Research Council of Sam Houston State University. Summer 1997.

SERVICE:

Professional:

Sigma Tau Delta, Reviewer for 2015, 2016, and 2017 conferences

Sigma Tau Delta, Conference Committee for 2016 conference

American Studies Association of Texas, Reviewer for 2015 conference

South Central Writing Centers Association elected representative to the International Writing Centers Association Executive Board. 2006-2010.

Chair, Local Arrangements and Volunteer Committee, International Writing Centers Association 2007 International Conference, 2006-2007.

Elected President, Texas Writing Centers Association. 2000-2002.

Webmaster: Conference of College Teachers of English in Texas. 2001-2003.

State of the Profession Committee. Texas Council of Teachers of English. 1996-1999.
Publications Committee. Texas Council of Teachers of English. 1995-1998.
Reviewer. Studies in Technical Communication: Selected Papers from the 1992 CCCC and NCTE Meetings. Brenda R. Sims, ed. Denton: University of North Texas Press, 1993.
Associate Chair "Breaking Into Print: An Editor's View of Scholarly Publication." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Chicago. March, 1990.
Chair "Technical Writing and the Liberal Arts." Conference on College Composition and Communication. Atlanta, March, 1987.
Respondent "Aristotle, Isocrates and the Sophists Re-examined." Conference on College Composition and Communication. New Orleans, March, 1986.
Chair "Literary Form in English Non-fiction Prose Genres." South Central Modern Language Association. New Orleans, October, 1986.
Respondent "Dominant Metaphors in Popular Culture." Midwest Modern Language Association. Cincinnati, November, 1982.

Professional Consulting:

Textbook reviews for Longman, Burgess, McGraw-Hill, D. C. Heath, St. Martin's Press, Harper Collins, Delmar Publishers, and Mayfield Publishers, Allyn & Bacon.

Sam Houston State University:

Distance Education Committee. 2018-present.
Faculty Senate 2013-2018. Chair University Affairs Committee, 2015-2016.
American Studies Committee. 2013-present.
Writing in the Disciplines Committee. 2006-to present.
Distinguished Lecturer Committee. 2008-2012 and 2016-2018. Chair, 2016-2017
Coordinate the Excellence in Writing Awards Program 1990-2008.
Honors Council and Honors Admission Committee. 2002-2006.
Student Organizations Board 2001-2003
Parking Appeals Committee 2002-2005
Presentation: "Reading Right: How to Read and Comprehend Textbooks." Academic Enrichment Center Student Workshop. February 14, 2000.
Presentation: "Revising and Editing: Improving Editing and Correspondence and Publications." Across-the-University Writing Program. January 31, 2000.
Developmental Education Plan Committee 1999-2000.
Tutorial Subcommittee, Educator Preparation Program. 1999-2000.
Editor, Graduate Education, Self-Study Report for Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
Faculty Advisor for Mandatory Student Advising, 1996-2000.
Presentation: "Revisiting Revision." Across-the-University Writing Program. Jan. 27, 1999.
Presentation: "Responding to and Evaluating Student Writing" Across-the-University Writing Program. Nov. 11, 1996.
Presentation: "How to Handle the Paper Load" for Across-the-University Writing Program. 25 January 1995.
Special Advisory Committee on Multicultural Education 1994-1995.
Presentation: "Good Grammar Isn't Everything, But Bad Grammar Is Distracting" for the Across-the-University Writing Program. 22 October 1992.
Faculty Tenure Grievance Committee 1992.

Special Advisory Committee to the President's Cabinet on Information Technology 1991- 2001
Presentation: "Computers and Composition" for the Across-the-University Writing Program
Retreat. 9 November 1990.
Black History Committee 1990-1993.
Presentation: "Have You Read the Latest? Recent Research on Writing" for the Across the-
University Writing Program. 19 February 1990.
Across-the-University Writing Program committee 1989-2005.
Faculty Involvement Program 1990-1993
Faculty Mentor 1995-1996

Department of English:

Online Education Committee Chair, 2017-present
Job search committee for technical writing positions 2017-2018
MA Admissions Committee, chair 2016-present
Facilitator of Talking Teaching “Navigating the Way: Using Online Tools to Teach Literature” 6
Oct. 2016
Master’s Program Review of Comprehensive Exam Committee 2016
Review of Sophomore Literature Courses Committee 2013
Recorder of minutes at departmental meetings, 2009-2014
Presentation to Graduate Student Orientation Program “What is Graduate Level Writing?” 15
Aug. 2003.
Technology Committee 2002-2004
Coordinate the A. J. Koinm Freshman Essay Award 1990 to 2007.
Job search committee for Romantics position 1999
Job search committee for English methods position 1998
Chair, Freshman Writing Committee 1995- 2000
Chair, Curriculum Committee 1994-1996
Job search committee for linguistics position 1994
Program Committee 1994- 2002
Curriculum Committee 1996-1998
Computer Committee 1993-1999
Library liaison 1991-1993
Curriculum Review Committee: Sophomore Literature 1991
Freshman English Committee 1989-1991
U.I.L. Spelling Contest Judge 1990-1992
Job search committee for Rhetoric and Composition position 1990

Texas A&M University:

Supervisor of English Department Teaching Assistants 1986-1988
Chair Subcommittee on Genre Course 1985
Freshman English Committee 1984-1986 (Curriculum development)
Writing Outreach Workshops 1985-1987
Texas A&M Mentors 1987-1989

University of Wisconsin:

Organizational Committee for Implementing Writing Across the Curriculum Program 1983-1984

Introductory Courses Committee 1978-79

Professional Community Service:

Elected board member for the Texas Forest Region for the Texas Living History Association. 2012-2016.

Crockett:

UIL judge for Ready Writing and Editorial Writing. February 2010.
Co-Chair of the Houston County Heritage Days Festival. 2000 to 2005.
Commencement Speaker, Crockett Junior High, May 30, 2002.
Reader for Family Literacy Day, Crockett Junior High. April 22, 2002.
Advisory Board Friends of the Library, 1998.

Huntsville:

President, Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma 2016-2018.
Treasurer, Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma 1997- 2000. 2009-2018.
Recording Secretary, Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. 2008-2010 .
Membership Vice President, Upsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma 2000-2002.
Chair, Board of Directors of the Wesley Foundation of Sam Houston State University 1993.
Habitat for Humanity, Public Relations Officer 1990-1993.
Board of Directors Good Shepherd Mission 1991-1992
Board of Directors Wesley Foundation 1991-1993

Society Memberships

College Reading and Learning Association, Modern Language Association, National Council of Teachers of English, Conference on College Composition and Communication, Conference of College Teachers of English, International Association of Writing Centers, South Central Writing Center Association, Texas Council of Teachers of English, American Studies Association of Texas.