

College of Education Vita

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Education

Texas Tech University Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (2007)
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin M.A. in Education (2003)
Texas Tech University B.A. in Education (1981)

Honors

- Nominated for COE Civic Engagement Aware (2015)
- Nominated for David Payne Academic Community Engagement Award (2014)
- Nominated for COE Outstanding Teacher Award (2013)
- Outstanding Counselor, Western Region, Kappa Delta Pi (2013)
- Nominee for Sam Houston State Excellence Award in Teaching (2013)
- Nominated for Outstanding Teacher Award, the University of Texas Permian Basin (2006)
- Outstanding Reading Masters student (2003)
- Highest GPA, College of Education, Texas Tech University (1981)

Academic Positions

Associate Professor

Grants

Young, C., Durham, P., & Cox, D. (2017) *Improving comprehension with Readers Theater*. Enhancement Research Grant, \$14,550.

Publications

Refereed

Cox, D., Miller, M., & Berg, H. (2017) Start with a book, end with a conversation: Promoting critical literacy in the classroom. *The California Reader* (50),2, 48-50.

Haas, L., Lasley, E., Sosebee, T. & Cox, D. (2017) Increasing motivation of struggling readers: Can e-Readers, Apps, and Support Features Help? *Journal of Literacy and Technology*, (18), 2: Summer/Fall, 91-120.

- Miller, M., Berg, H. & Cox, D. (2016). Basically, you have to teach them to love what they are writing about: Perceptions of fourth grade writing teachers. *National Teacher Education Journal*, 9(1), 57-61.
- Cox, D., M. Miller & Berg, H. (2015). It's time to pay attention to listening skills: Strategies for young readers. *The New Mexico Journal of Reading*, 35(1), 15-21.
- Cox, D. and Nickson, L. (2014). A peek behind the page: How preservice teachers use social media to build understanding and community. *Teacher Education and Practice*, 27(4), 591-603.
- Miller, M., Cox, D., & Berg, H. (2014). Fluent or just fast? Re-examining reading fluency development. *Reading News, Autumn Issue*, 10-11.
- Cox, D., Miller, M., and Berg, H. (2013) Getting my nervouses out: The power of repeated oral reading performance to develop fluency in bilingual readers". *The Journal of Multiculturalism in Education*, 8, 1-20.
- Cox, D. (2013). Is accelerated reader best practice for all? *The California Reader*, 46(2), 14-22.
- Cox, D., Gerber, H., Miller, M., Berg, H., Williams, J., Votteler, N., & Carwile, D. (2012). Together as better: Strategies that invite convergent culture into the classroom via mobile devices. *Eastern Education Journal*, 41(1), 31-43.
- Cox, D., Lane, M., Price, D., Robbins, M., Breen, L., & Edmonson, S. (2012). What principals know about reading matters. *The Shepperd Institute Journal of Practical Leadership* 6(1).
- Miller, M., Berg, H., & Cox, D. (2012). Stories parents tell: A narrative analysis of interviews with parents and grandparents of selected children. *National Teacher Education Journal*, 5(3), 41-47.
- Williams, J., Berg, H., Gerber, H., Miller, M., Cox, D. Carwile, & Votteler, N. (2011). I get distracted by their being distracted: The etiquette of in-class texting. *Eastern Education Journal*, 40(1), 48-56.
- Miller, M., Berg, H., Carwile, D., Cox, D., Gerber, H., McGuire, M., Votteler, N., Williams, J. (2011). A bird's-eye view of an I-Phone world: Differing perceptions of cell phone use in academic settings. *Eastern Education Journal*, 40(1), 3-10.
- Miller, M. & Cox, D. (2010). Reading from back to front: Using manga with very young children. *Indiana Reading Journal*, 42(1), 10-14.
- Cox, D.** & Miller, M. (2010). Paper, not plastic: Towards a more organic literacy

environment. *Florida Reading Quarterly*, 46(3), 39-42.

Professional Presentations

National/International

Cox, D. (2017).

Cox, D., & Miller, M., (2016). Hand it to them: Manipulative content area reading strategies for young readers. UNIBE/SHSU International Education Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Miller, M., Cox, D., & Berg, H. (2016). Teaching reading strategies for students with struggling readers. UNIBE/SHSU International Education Conference, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Haas, L. E., & Cox, D. (2016). Empowering students as leaders through service learning. Educators Rising National Conference, Boston, MA, June 2016.

Cox, D. (2015). Speed over comprehension: Teaching fluency to our diverse learners of today. 19th European Conference on Literacy. Klagenfurt, Austria, July 2015.

Cox, D. (2015). A view of the land of others: An exploration of picture books that foster conversations. 19th European Conference on Literacy. Klagenfurt, Austria, July 2015.

Cox, D. & Contreras-Vanegas, A. Ties that bind: Strengthening reading relationships outside the classroom. Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, February 2015.

Cox, D. & Miller, M. Teaching fluency in today's diverse classrooms and high state mandates. The Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers Annual Conference, Delray Beach, FL, October 2014.

Cox, D. & Nickson, L. Their reflections in Facebook: What pre-service teachers say they need from us. The Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, February 2014.

D. Cox, Miller, M., & Berg, H. The ethics of outing unprofessional teachers by preservice teachers. The Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, February 2014.

M. Miller, H. Berg, & Cox, D. Common misconceptions of fluency in today's classrooms. The Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, February 2014.

Cox, D. & M. Miller. Reading from back to front: Exploring the use of manga

- with young children. Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers 57th Annual Conference, Dallas, TX, October, 2013.
- Cox, D. Scaffolding in the cyberhallways: How preservice teachers used Facebook to build understanding and community. Conference on Reading, Jonkoping, Sweden, August 2013.
- Berry, J., Price, D., Lane, M., & Cox, D. What principals know about reading matters. 18th Annual Conference on Reading, Jonkoping, Sweden, August 2013.
- Cox, D., Miller, M., & Berg, H. Still learning to read but reading to learn: Content area reading strategies for elementary age readers. 18th Annual Conference on Reading, Jonkoping, Sweden, August 2013.
- Votteler, N., Miller, M., Price, D., Gerber, H., Berg, H., Cox, D., & Williams, J. What we thought then, what we know now and where we think we are going: A retrospective on 10+ years of delivering a master's degree in reading online. Conference on Reading, Jönköping, Sweden, August 2013.
- Cox, D. Lost, but making good time: The case for sensible reading fluency development. Breakout session for Preconvention Institute #14, 58th International Reading Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, May 2013.
- Cox, D., Miller, M., Berg, H. The doorway to meaning: Content area literacy strategies for young readers. 36th Annual Conference of the Reading Association of Ireland, Dublin, August 2012.
- Miller, M., Berg, H., & Cox, D. Performance-based assessment: Modifications for English language learners in the teacher work sample. The Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers 56th Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, November 2012.
- Berg, H., Miller, M., & Cox, D. Effectively integrating vocabulary instruction for culturally and linguistically diverse learners. The Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers 56th Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, November 2012.
- Cox, D. Basketball book buddies: Chatting it up with female university athletes and at-risk female, fourth grade girls. The Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, November 2012.
- Price, D., Robbins, M., Cox, D., Edmonson, S., Berry, J., & Lane, M. What principals know about reading matters. The Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers Conference, Grand Rapids, MI, November 2012.
- Miller, M., Berg, H., & Cox, D. Literacy and bilingual program partnerships:

- exploring ways to help make content area literacy instruction for ELLs genuine for pre-service teachers. Literacy Research Association Conference. San Diego, CA, December 2012.
- Cox, D. Listening strategies: The forgotten key to early reading success. 17th Annual Conference on Reading, Mons, Belgium, August 2011.
- Gerber, H., and Cox, D. Social networks, role play, and preservice teacher literacy education: A digital literacy for digital times. 17th Annual Conference on Reading, Mons, Belgium, August 2011.
- Berg, H, Miller, M., & Cox, D. Inviting English learners into the classroom: Strategies for building vocabulary. ATE Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL, February 2011.
- Cox, D., Berg, H., and Miller, M. When teachers voices are silenced: How do you reach real reading and writing in a context in which scripted curriculum is mandated? ATE Meeting, Orlando, FL, February 2011.
- Cox, D., Price, D., & Robbins, M. Diversity as a lens for reflection with literacy preservice teachers. NRC/LRA 60th Annual Convention, Ft. Worth, TX, December 2010.
- Williams, J., Miller, M., & Cox, D. Inviting English learners into the classroom: Strategies for building vocabulary. Association of Teacher Education Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2010.
- Berg, H., Carwile, D., Cox, D., McGuire, M., Miller, M. Cell phone use in the college classroom: What are the challenges and possibilities? Association of Teacher Education Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, February 2010.
- Robbins, M., Price, D., Lane, M., Cox, D., Edmonson, S., and Breen, L. What principals know about reading matters. Presentation at the National Reading Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 2009.
- Williams, J. and Cox, D. The effect of accelerated reader on reader identity: The past, the present, and the future.” Presentation at the National Reading Conference, Albuquerque, NM, November 2009.
- Williams, J., Miller, M., Higgins, B., & Cox, D. Moving beyond definitions: Vocabulary development for elementary and middle school students. 16th European Conference on Reading, Braga, Portugal, August 2009.
- Cox, D. The synergy of fluency, comprehension and motivation: A case study of six middle school students. 16th European Conference on Reading, Braga, Portugal, August 2009.
- Robbins, M., Price, D., Lane, M., Cox, D., Edmonson, S., & Breen, L. What

principals know about reading matters. Presentation at the 16th European Conference on Reading, Braga, Portugal, August 2009.

Regional

Cox, D., Miller M., & Berg, H. Critical conversations in the classroom: Picture books that help build critical literacy. Texas Association of Literacy Education, The Woodlands, TX February 2015.

Cox, D. Fluent or just fast? Developing fluency without compromising comprehension. Texas Association for Literacy Education, Texas State University-Round Rock, Round Rock, TX October 2013.

Ezell, B., Rice, M. & Cox, D. Interaction between online instructors and student groups: Some practical tips. Texas Distance Learning Association. Houston, TX March 2010.

Cox, D. The synergy of fluency, comprehension, and motivation: A case study of sixth grade students. Southwest Regional Research Association Conference, New Orleans, LA February, 2008.

State/Local

Cox, D. & Miller, M. Reading fluency: What works and what doesn't. Sam Houston Association for the Education of Young Children Joan Prouty Conference, Sam Houston State, Huntsville, TX April 2014.

Miller M., Berg, H. & Cox, D. Conversations in the classroom: Picture books that help build critical literacy. Reading and Writing Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX September 2013.

Cox, D., Miller, M., & Berg, H. Great mini-books for content area subjects. 18th Annual Joan Prouty Young Child Winter Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX February 2013.

Cox, D., Miller, M., & Berg, H. Content area strategies: Helping 'em read the hard stuff. 17th Annual Joan Prouty Young Child Winter Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX February 2012.

Cox, D., Miller, M., and Berg, H. (2011). Why Teaching Listening Skills Matters for all children: Ways to improve reading through better listening. Joan Prouty Young Child Winter Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX February 2011.

Cox, D., and Miller, M. Listening with an ear towards fluency. Sam Houston Area

- Reading Council. The Woodlands, TX October 2009.
- Cox, D., and Miller, M. Reading back to front: Using manga with young children. Sam Houston Area Reading Council. The Woodlands, TX October 2009.
- Cox, D. Hear! Hear! Strategies for improving young student's listening skills. Joan Prouty Young Child Winter Conference. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX February 2009.
- Cox, D. Bookmaking Plans. Presentation for Kappa Delta Pi, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX March 2009.
- Cox, D. Birds of a Feather. Presentation for Scout Saturday at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX 2009.
- Ezelle, B., Cox, D., LaPrarie, K, and Burgess, M. Webcasting Workshop. Presentation for the College of Education as a brownbag luncheon session at Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

In House Presentations

- Cox, D. Literacy methods block information session. Mary Flippo's class. North Houston Campus, May 2015.
- Cox, D. Discussion concerning adult literacy and teaching undergraduate students. Dr. Melinda Miller doctoral class, University Center, The Woodlands, TX March 2015.
- Cox, D. Literacy methods block information session. Dr. Rachel Bordelon's class. North Houston Campus, December 2014.
- Cox, D. Literacy methods block information session. Dr. Rachel Bordelon's class. North Houston Campus, May 2014.
- Cox, D. Panel on adult literacy and teaching doctoral students. Dr. Melinda Miller's doctoral class, University Center, The Woodlands, TX March 2013.
- Cox, D. Discussion concerning adult literacy and teaching undergraduate students. Dr. Melinda Miller's doctoral class, University Center, The Woodlands, TX March 2012
- Cox, D. Discussion concerning adult literacy and teaching undergraduate students. Dr. Melinda Miller's doctoral class, University Center, The Woodlands, TX March 2011.
- Cox, D. Literacy methods block information session. Dr. Laurtice Nickson's class. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX April 2012.

Citation in Journal Articles

2010-2015 information from Google Scholar Citation database indicates 9 citations in journal such as *The Eastern Education Journal*.

ServiceUniversity

Faculty Senate (chair)	2016-2017
Faculty Senate	2012-2017
Homecoming Committee	2016-present
Safety Committee	2016-present
Ring Ceremony Committee	2016-present
Graduation Marshall	2016-present
Distinguished Lecturer Committee	2013-present
Faculty Women's Advisory Committee	2014-2015
Faculty Handbook Advisory Committee	2009-2012

College

Undergraduate Scholarship Committee	2011-2015
Counselor Kappa Delta Pi	2009-present
COE Technology Committee	2014-2015
Professional Concerns Committee	2010-2011
Professional Development School Committee	2011
Déjà vu Committee	2009-2010
NCATE Standard 5 Committee	2008-2009

Department

Policy and Guidelines Manual Committee	2017-2018
Social Committee	2016-present
Instructional Lab Committee (chair)	2013-2015
Scholarship Committee	2013-2015
Literacy Fellows	2014-present
Digital Literacy and Curriculum Committee (chair)	2012-2013
Curriculum Committee	2012-2013
LLSP Technology Committee	2010-2011
LLSP Undergraduate Recruitment (chair)	2010-2011
LLSP Technology Committee (chair)	2009-2010
Student Concerns Committee	2008-2010
Public Relations Committee	2008-2009

Community Service

Literacy Alive w/ Kappa Delta Pi; Sam Houston	2009-present
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Elementary School; Huntsville, TX.	
A Change for a Change in the Weather	2011-present
Participated with Literacy Block with Family	2013-2015
Night; Williams Elementary School, Magnolia ISD	
Literacy Block participated in "Flags for Our Heroes"	2013-2015
w/ Williams Elementary School, Magnolia ISD	
Participated in Williams Elementary School "Fall Festival", Magnolia ISD	2014
Judge for Huntsville High School First Annual Poetry Out Loud Competition	2011 & 2012
Organized "Literacy Alive" for Sam Houston Elementary School	2009-present
Scout Saturday @ Sam Houston State	2008

Ad Hoc Reviewer

2015 to present for READ online journal (SHSU)	
2012 for Sage Open	
2010 - 2012 <i>Advancing Women in Leadership Journal</i>	
2011 Reviewer of the text <i>Teaching Writing: Balancing Process and Product</i> , 6/e by Gail E. Tompkins.	
2009 Early Years Journal	

Program Proposal Reviewer

2015 Texas Association of Literacy Educators	
2014-2015 Association of Literacy Educators	
2013 Literacy Researchers Association	
2013-2014 Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers	
2013-2014 Texas Association of Literacy Educators	
2011 Kappa Delta Pi Convo	
2009-2010 National Reading Council Program Proposal Reviewer	
2007 Grant Evaluator for the West Texas Principal Center, Federal grant, The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	

Other

2009-2013 Program Reviewer for the International Reading association (IRA)	
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Professional Memberships

Association of Teacher Educators	
Nominations and Selections Committee (chair);	
ATE/KDP Task Force	2014-present
Reading and Language Arts SIG chair	2014-2016
Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers	
Teacher Educator SIG (chair)	2015-2017

Literacy Researchers Association
Texas Association of Literacy Educators
Kappa Delta Pi (counselor)
Texas Association of College Teachers
State President

2009-present

2007-present

2017-2019