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Education

Texas A&M University	Ed.D.	1998
Louisiana Tech University	M.A.	1979
Northwestern State University	B.A.	1970

Honors and Awards

- 2017 The Donn Brolin Award for State/Province Leadership and Service for 2016-2017. Awarded at the Council for Exceptional Children, Division of Career Development and Transition International Conference in Milwaukee, WI, October 2017.
- 2017 **Invited University Representative.** The Council for Exceptional Children Division of Career Development and Transition (DCDT), *National Certification in Transition Project*, Milwaukee, WI, October 12, 2017.
- 2017 **Invited State-Level Stakeholder Representative.** Update the Texas Education Agency's electronic "*Texas Transition and Employment Guide*," per state law requirement, Austin, TX, July 27, 2017.
- 2017 **Invited Speaker:** Building sustainable adult schedules using the life planning tool. *Beat the Heat* Regional Conference. Region 13 Education Service Center, Austin, TX, June 21, 2017.
- 2017 **Invited Keynote Speaker:** The 2nd Summer Symposium on 18+ Programs. *Making a difference with Megan Fry*. Region 4 Education Service Center, Houston, TX, June 19, 2017.
- 2017 **Invited Speaker:** *18+ Roundtable for Continuous Improvement*. Region 14 Education Service Center, Abilene, TX, June 13, 2017.

- 2017 **Invited Speaker:** *Building sustainable adult schedules with the life plan assessment tool*. Region 17 Education Service Center Summer Conference, Lubbock, TX, June 7, 2017.
- 2017 **Invited Speaker:** Workshop on *Developing and Implementing Adult Transition Programs*. The Region 10 Education Service Center, Richardson, TX, January 26, 2017.
- 2016 **Invited Keynote Speaker:** East Texas Transition Conference: Door to the Future. *The future is bright: A look at national and state changes in transition services*. Palestine, TX, November 4, 2016.
- 2016 Received the **Eleanor and Charles Garrett Endowed Chair** in Special Education, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, August 2016.
- 2016 **Nominated and elected Chair** of the Texas Education Agency's Continuous Advisory Committee on Special Education for the State of Texas, Austin, TX, August 2016-December 2017.
- 2016 **Invited Pre-Conference Presenter:** Region 13 Education Service Center. Beat the Heat: *Building sustainable adult schedules with the life planning tool*, Austin, TX, June 2016.
- 2016 **Invited Keynote Speaker:** Texas Association of Vocational Adjustment Coordinators (TAVAC) State Conference. *A guiding light: Three things to improve employment outcomes for students with disabilities in Texas*, Houston, TX, June 19, 2016.
- 2015 **Vice-Chair** of the Texas Education Agency's Continuous Advisory Committee on Special Education for the State of Texas, Austin, TX, 2014-2015.
- 2015 **Invited Keynote Speaker:** Region IV Education Service Center. 18+ Adult Transition Services Summer Symposium, *18+ the big picture: What it is and what it is not*, Houston, TX, June 19, 2015.

Academic Positions

- Fall 2016 to present Associate Professor, Eleanor & Charles Garrett Endowed Chair in Special Education, Co-Director for the Eleanor & Charles Garrett Center on Transition and Disability Studies
Language, Literacy, and Special Populations; Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
Department Head: Dr. Abdelilah Salim Sehlaoui

- 2008-2016 Statewide Education Consultant
Mitchell-Panter Consulting, LLC; Montgomery, TX
Conducted workshops and technical assistance in special education for Texas school districts and education service centers. Keynote at numerous state and regional conferences.
- 2004-2008 National Education Consultant
Stetson & Associates, Inc.; Houston, TX
Conducted workshops and technical assistance in special education in Nevada, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Texas.
- 2001-2002 Visiting Assistant Professor
Educational Psychology. Texas A&M University; College Station, TX.
Department Head: Dr. Doug Palmer
- 1997-2000 Assistant Professor
Special Education. Language, Literacy, and Special Populations; Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.
Department Head: Dr. Hollis Lowery-Moore

Research and Grant Funding

- 2017 **2016 to Current. Mitchell, V. J.,** Landmark, L., & Duran, J. *Program Evaluations of transition services: Lessons learned.* An on-going project with Dr. David Test from the National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT) on reviewing 8 years of program evaluation reports on Transition Services to determine “lessons learned”. University of North Carolina, Charlotte.
- 2017 **2017. In Progress/IRB Draft. Mitchell, V. J.,** Stockall, N., & Landmark, L. *The life plan transition assessment: The reliability and appropriate use of the tool.*
- 2017 **2017. In Progress/IRB Draft. Mitchell, V. J.,** Stockall, N., & Landmark, L. *The life plan transition assessment: A metaevaluation of completed reports representing statewide administration and demographic diversity.*
- 2017 **2017 Unfunded.** Texas Statewide Sibling Network Grant from the Texas Council for Developmental Disabilities. If awarded: **\$85,000 per year for up to five years for a total of \$425,000, if accepted and continued,** June 2017.
- 2016 Unfunded **\$1.5 million federal grant.** The Administration on Community Living: Partnerships in Employment, statewide systems change project, **co-author and co-investigator,** July 2016.

Practitioner Research

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, August). Program Evaluation. *Comal Independent School District: Program Review of Adult Transition Services*. New Braunfels, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016) Program Evaluation. *North East Independent School District: Brief Review of Transition Services Report*. San Antonio, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016) Program Evaluation. *Beaumont Consolidated Independent School District: Review of Transition Services Report*. Beaumont, TX.

Eleanor & Charles Garrett Center on Transition and Disability Studies – College of Education

Mitchell, V. J., Landmark, L., & Duran, J. B. (2017, May- December). Developed the Garrett Center website for use, statewide, by educators, administrators, students with disabilities, parents, and community stakeholders.

Mitchell, V. J., Duran, J. B., & Cole, C. V. (Proposed 2016, November; Approved 2017, February). The Eleanor & Charles Garrett Center for Transition and Disability Studies. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas.

Publications

Refereed Articles

Mitchell, V. J. & Cole, C. V. (2017). Transition and the role of the diagnostician. *The Dialog*, 46(2), 7-10.

Mitchell, V. J., Mubarak, M. I., Ward, K., & Dorman, H. M. (2017). Lessons learned: Providing professional development to support students with special needs in sub-Saharan Africa. *Journal of Universality of Global Education Issues*, 4(1). Retrieved from <https://journals.tdl.org/ugei/index.php/ugei/article/view/15/14>

Mitchell, V. J. & Cole, C. V. (in-press). Never too early, never too late: Why health care belongs in transition planning. *Tash Connections*. Baltimore, MD: TASH.

Haas, L., Cole, C. V., & **Mitchell, V. J.** (2017, December) Wordless picture books: Tools to support diversity through language and literacy development. *Ubiquity: Journal of Literature, Literacy, and the Arts*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Shelton, D. A. & **Mitchell, V. J.** (2017). Speech-language therapy and access to the general curriculum through literacy skills and curriculum content. *Scholar-Practitioner*

Quarterly: A journal for the scholar-practitioner leader, Stephen F. Austin State University. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Papay, C., Unger, D. D., Williams-Diehm, K., & **Mitchell, V. J.** (2015, July/August). Begin with the end in mind: Infusing transition planning and instruction into elementary classrooms. *Teaching Exceptional Children: Transition Skills in the 21st Century*. 47(6), 310-318.
Google Scholar: Cited 5 times.

Mitchell, V. J., Moening, J. H., & Panter, B. R. (2009). Student-led IEP meetings: Developing student leaders. *Journal of the American Deafness & Rehabilitation Association (JADARA)*, 230-240.
Google Scholar: Cited 4 times.

Boudah, D., Blair, E., & Mitchell, V. J. (2003). Implementing and sustaining instruction: Authentic and effective professional development or “business as usual.” *Exceptionality*, 11(1), 2-23.
Google Scholar: Cited 29 times.

Boudah, D., & Mitchell, V. J. (1998). The real thing: A tradition-breaking model of authentic staff development. *The Journal of Staff Development*, 19(3), 43-47.
Google Scholar: Cited 20 times.

Mitchell, V. J. (1994). The golden years: Postsecondary education as an alternative arrangement for special education students over 18 years of age. *The Journal for Vocational Special Needs Education*, 15(3), 57-60.

Journal Reviewer

2017 Reviewer. Career Development and Transition for Exceptional Individuals. Sage Journals.

2017 Editorial Board. Journal of Universality of Global Education Issues. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

2016 Reviewer. National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT). Conducting a national review of all refereed journal articles on transition for the U.S. Department of Education to update the evidence-based practices for the National Center. University of Oregon.

Non-Referred Publications Newsletters/Pamphlets/Reports/SHSU Reports

Haas, L., Cole, C., & **Mitchell, V.** (2017, July). *Wordless picture books: Instructional tools to develop and enhance literacy skills*. Book of Abstracts: 20th European Conference on Literacy, Madrid, Spain.

- Papay, C., Unger, D.D., Williams-Diehm, K., & **Mitchell, V.** (2015, October). Beginning with the end in mind: Infusing transition planning and instruction into elementary classrooms. *Teaching Exceptional Children*, 47(6), 310-318.
- Mitchell, V. (2015). WBL/CBVI report: Prepared for the Dallas independent school district. *Unpublished manuscript*. Mitchell-Panter Consulting, Montgomery, Texas.
- Mitchell, V. (2015). Life plan facilitator. *Unpublished manuscript for Region 13 Education Service Center, Austin, Texas*.
- Mitchell, V. J. (2016, July) *Life plan: A facilitator guide to conducting the life plan transition assessment*. Katy Independent School District, Katy, Texas.
- Mitchell, V. J. (2000, August). A writing organizer for comprehensive exam and essay questions. *Across the University Writing Program*, Sam Houston State University, 20, 11.
- Lynch, S., Swicegood, P., & Mitchell, V. J. (2000). Preparing special educators to meet the standards of the 21st century. *Texas Teacher Education Forum*, 25(1), 82-90.
- Mitchell, V. J., Parrish, L., & Webb-Johnson, G. (1999, April). Oversight team report: Prairie View A&M University. Unpublished report for the State Board of Educator Certification, Austin, Texas.
- Mitchell, V. J., Parrish, L., & Webb-Johnson, G. (1998, November). Oversight Team Report: Prairie View A&M University. Unpublished report for the State Board of Educator Certification, Austin, Texas.
- Mitchell, V. J. (1998). *A Metaevaluation of the Texas Education Agency's District Effectiveness and Compliance Review*. Unpublished document, Texas A&M University, Department of Educational Psychology, College Station, Texas.
- Google Scholar: Cited 3 times.**

Citations in Journal Articles

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Newsletters

- Mitchell, V. J.** (2017, October 16). Re: Free tools from other sources [Garrett Center Newsletter, 1(4)]. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, September 19). Re: To be or not to be: Making placement decisions for 18+ programs [Garrett Center Newsletter, 1(2)]. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, September 19). Re: Organizing transition assessment for your district or campus [Garrett Center Newsletter, 1(3)]. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, September 12). Re: Transition assessment and finding the time [Garrett Center Newsletter, 1(1)]. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX.

Miscellaneous

Mitchell, V. J. (2018, January). *District 18+ procedures manual*. Comal Independent School District, New Braunfels, TX

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, June). *Abilene independent school district: 18+ procedures manual*. Region 14 Education Service Center, Abilene, TX.

Editorship of Journals

2017 – Present. Assistant Editor. *Journal of Universality of Global Education Issues*, Sam Houston State University.

In Progress Articles

Stockall, N., **Mitchell, V. J.**, & Landmark, L. J. (2017). *The parent questionnaire: An assessment to identify instructional priorities for children with low incidence disabilities*. Manuscript in preparation.

Mitchell, V. J. & Landmark, L. (2017). *18+ transition programs: You have one whether you know it or not!* Manuscript in preparation.

Mitchell, V. J. & Mahadevan. (2017). *Decision points: The least restrictive environment of career and technical education and special education*. Manuscript in preparation.

Cole, C. V., Duran, J. B., & **Mitchell, V. J.** (In progress 2017). *From start to finish: Transition services and strategies for Hispanic students and their families*. Manuscript in preparation.

In Progress
Books/Manuals

Mitchell, V. J. & Williams-Diehm, K. (2017). *Teaching children how to help themselves: A practical guide to teaching self-determination skills*. Manuscript in preparation.

Mitchell, V. J. & Danner, E. (In progress). *A facilitator guide to the functional vocational evaluation process*. Region 13 Education Service Center: Austin, TX. Manuscript in preparation.

Professional Presentations

International

Cole, C. V., Haas, L., & **Mitchell, V. J.** (2017, July). Wordless picture books: Instructional tools to develop and enhance literacy skills. Research presented at the 20th European Conference on Literacy: Working together to encourage equity through literacy communities: A challenge of the 21st Century, Madrid, Spain, July 3-7, 2017.

National
Peer-Reviewed Conferences

Kellems, R., **Mitchell, V. J.**, & Smith, L. (2017). Video Modeling and Prompting: Lessons learned from the field. Research presented at the Council for Exceptional Children Division of Career Development and Transition, Milwaukee, WI, October 11-14, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J. & Williams-Diehm, K. (2017, October). Self-determination skills: Teaching elementary children to help themselves. Research presented at the Council for Exceptional Children Division of Career Development and Transition, Milwaukee, WI, October 11-14, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J., Landmark, L., & Duran, J. B. (2016). Special education services: The strategies and tools to develop model programs. Research presented at the 20th Annual International/national CEC Division of Career Development and Transition, Myrtle Beach, SC, October 2016.

Mitchell, V. J. & Osmani, K. (2016). Legislation and how you can make a difference: I'm only a bill. Research presented at the 20th Annual International/national CEC Division of Career Development and Transition, Myrtle Beach, SC, October 2016.

Mitchell, V. J. & Williams-Diehm, K. (2015). Self-determination in secondary starts in elementary: The research, results, and practical application strategies. Research presented at the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Division of Career Development and Transition National/International Conference, Portland, OR, October 2015.

Mitchell, V. J. & Gushansas, C. (2015). Goodbye classroom, hello world! Implementing an 18-21 program with results. Research presented at the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Division of Career Development and Transition National/International Conference, Portland, OR, October 2015.

State Conferences
Peer-Reviewed Conferences

Cole, C. V., Duran, J. B., & **Mitchell, V. J.** (2017). From start to finish: Transition services and strategies for Hispanic students and their families. Research presented at the 2017 Texas Transition Conference, The Westin Galleria, Houston, TX, February 22-24, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J. & Goldstein, I. What's health got to do with it? Research presented at the 2017 Texas Transition Conference, The Westin Galleria, Houston, TX, February 22-24, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J. Functional vocational evaluations: Make it legal, appropriate, and useful. Research presented at the 2017 Texas Transition Conference, The Westin Galleria, Houston, TX, February 22-24, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016). Invited Speaker: Functional vocational evaluations: Make it legal, appropriate, and useful. Research presented at the TEDA Conference, Waco, TX, October 2016.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016). Invited Speaker: Transition Assessment: Make it legal, appropriate, and useful for low incidence populations. Research presented at the TEDA Conference. Waco, TX, October 2016.

Mitchell, V. J. & Borreca, C. Esq. The administrative quagmire for 18+ programs. Research presented at the Texas Council for Administrators in Special Education (TCASE) State Conference, Austin, TX, February 2015.

State Conferences
Non-Peer Reviewed

Mitchell, V. J. (2017). **Invited Speaker:** Transition and vocational Assessment. Research presented at the Texas Educational Diagnostician Association (TEDA) Annual Conference, Arlington, TX, October 10, 2017

Mitchell, V. J. & Raposa, T. (2017). **Invited Speaker:** The functional vocational evaluation: Help me, FVE! You're my only hope! Research presented at the Texas Association of Vocational Adjustment Coordinators (TAVAC) State Conference, Grapevine, TX, August 1, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J. (2107). Invited Workshop Speaker: Transition services: Lifelong lessons from elementary to 18+ adult services. Research presented at Region 3 Education Service Center. Victoria, TX. July 28, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J. (2017). Invited Workshop Speaker: Beat the heat: Building sustainable adult schedules with the life planning tool. Research presented at Region 13 Education Service Center, Austin, TX, June 21, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J. (2107). Organizer and Invited Speaker: Quality indicators: Improving 18+ programs. Research presented at Region 4 Education Service Center, Houston, TX, June 19, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J. & Goldstein, I. (2017). Never too early, never too late: Planning for health care in adulthood. Research presented at the Parent to Parent Annual Conference, San Marcos, TX, June 17, 2017

Mitchell, V. J. (2017). Invited Speaker: 18+ roundtable for continuous improvement. Research presented at Region 14 Education Service Center, Abilene, TX, June 13, 2017.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016). Invited Keynote Speaker: The future is bright: A look at national and state changes in transition services. Research presented at the East Texas Transition Conference: Door to the Future, Palestine, TX, November 4, 2016.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016). Invited Pre-Conference Presenter: Beat the heat: Building sustainable adult schedules with the life planning tool. Research presented at Region 13 Education Service Center, Austin, TX, June 29, 2016.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016). Invited Keynote Speaker: A guiding light: Three things to improve employment outcomes for students with disabilities in Texas. Research presented at the Texas Association of Vocational Adjustment Coordinators (TAVAC) State Conference, Houston, TX, July 27, 2016.

Mitchell, V. J. (2015) Invited Keynote Speaker: 18+, The big picture: What it is and what it is not. Research presented at Region 4 ESC 18+ Summer Symposium, Houston, TX, June 19, 2015.

State Professional Development and Technical Assistance

Mitchell, V. J. & Cole, C. V. (2017, November 3). *Transition and the diagnostician: Making it more than a piece of paper in the IEP Meeting.* HOUMET Diagnostician Conference, Region 4 Education Service Center, Houston, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, July 28). Transition Services: The continuum from pre-k through 18+. Region 3 Education Service Center, Victoria, TX.

Invited Stakeholder Participant. (2017, July 27). Update the electronic Texas Transition and Employment Guide per state law requirement for the Texas Education Agency, Austin, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, June 28). *Classroom to community: Effective transition for students with disabilities*. Region 6 Education Service Center; Huntsville, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, June 21). *Goodbye classroom, hello community: Building a solid bridge to adult life with 18+ programs and services*. Region 13 Education Service Center; Austin, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, June 13). *18+ roundtable for continuous improvement*. Region 14 Education Service Center; Abilene, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2017, June 7). *How to improve 18+ programs: Changing how you think about transition*. Region 17 Education Service Center; Lubbock, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016, January-May). Training and district-level technical assistance to 6 rural districts on adult transition programs for students with disabilities 18-21. Region 12 Education Service Center; Waco, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016, January-May). Training and district-level technical assistance to 12 urban, suburban, and rural districts on adult transition programs for students with disabilities 18-21. Region 13 Education Service Center; Austin, TX.

Mitchell, V. J. (2016). Chaired the ESC 18+ Adult Transition Network for 55 school districts in Region 4 ESC. Region 4 Education Service Center; Houston, TX.

On-Going Research

Mitchell, V. J. (In progress). Statewide Systems Change and Transition from the Texas State School for the Blind and Visually Impaired and Katy Independent School District. Manuscript in preparation.

Education Conferences Attended

National

Division of Career Development and Transition (CEC-DCDT). 21st Annual International DCDT Conference, Milwaukee, WI, October 11-14, 2017.

Division of Career Development and Transition (CEC-DCDT). 20th Annual International DCDT Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC, October 18-22, 2016.

Council for Exceptional Children 2016 Special Education Convention and Expo, St. Louis, MO, April 13-16, 2016.

State

Texas Association of Vocational Adjustment Coordinators (TAVAC) State Conference, Grapevine, TX, August 1-3, 2017.

Parent to Parent Annual Conference, San Marcos, TX, June 17, 2017.

Texas Transition Conference, The Westin Galleria, Houston, TX, February 22-24, 2017.

Texas Educational Diagnostician Association (TEDA) Conference, Waco, TX, October 11, 2016.

Texas Association Vocational Adjustment Coordinators (TAVAC) Annual State Conference, Houston, TX. July 27- 28, 2016

Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education (TCASE) Interactive Conference, Austin, TX, July 19-21, 2016.

Texas Council of Administrators in Special Education (TCASE), Austin, TX, January 2015.

Trainings Attended/Online

National Technical Assistance Center on Transition (NTACT). Webinar: *Innovative PreETS Implementation in Schools, State Examples*, November 10, 2017.

Research Presentation. SHSU College of Education. Wine and Cheese. November 8, 2017.
The Division of Career Development and Transition 21st International Conference, "Revving Up for Transition," Milwaukee, WI, October 12-14, 2017.

5x5 Teaching Roundtable, SHSU College of Education, September 28, 2017.

WebCMS Training: IT@Sam Cherwell System, Sam Houston State University, July 27, 2017.

Building and Leading Teams: Skillssoft, SHSU Talent Manager, June 24, 2017.

Non-Disclosure Agreement, SHSU Talent Manager, June 24, 2017.

Blueprint Training, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, June 16-17, 2016.

New Faculty Investment, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, August 2016.

13th Annual SHSU Teaching and Learning Conference, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, August 18, 2016.

Online: Tenure and Promotion Training, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, October 17, 2016.

Online: Non-Disclosure Agreement Training, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, June 21, 2016.

Online: Title IX, Campus SaVE, and VAWA: Preventing and Reporting Gender-based Misconduct, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, June 21, 2016.

Online: Recognizing and Reporting Child Abuse Curriculum, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, June 21, 2016.

Service

National

Award (2017, October) The Donn Brolin Award for State/Province Leadership and Service from the Division of Career Development and Transition for the Council for Exceptional Children. Awarded at the 20th International Conference in Milwaukee, WI.

Member (2017) University Representative for the DCDT National Certification in Transition Project.

Member (2016-Present). Policy and Advocacy Committee. CEC Division of Career Development and Transition.

Reviewer (2017). Advances in Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ANDI).

Reviewer (2017). Journal of the Division of Career Development and Transition (DCDT).

Collaborator (2016-2017) Collaborative Planning & Advisory Team with Dr. Kris Ward, Assistant Professor in Special Education; University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. Development of inclusion strategies training materials for Uganda Initiative; Uganda Disability Support Organization, October 2014 – 2017.

State

Chair (2016-2017). Texas Education Agency Continuous Advisory Committee on Special Education, Austin, TX.

Member (2012-2017). The Texas Education Agency Continuous Advisory Committee on Special Education, Austin, TX.

Author. (2015, Spring) Authored SB Bill 1867 – Graduation Codes. Texas Legislature, Austin, TX.

Member. (2015). Project Advisory Committee for the Bridge to Career Certification Programs at Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.

Associate. (2013 – Present) Institute for Person-Centered Practices; A collaborative initiative between the Texas Center for Disability Studies at the University of Texas-Austin and the Center on Disability and Development at Texas A&M-College Station.

Member. (2013-2017). Project Advisory Committee, Texas A&M PATHS Certification Program, College Station, TX.

Stakeholder Representative (2017, July) Revision Committee for the Texas Transition and Employment Guide. The guide is required by state law to give to every student with a disability in Texas, ages 14 through 21. The four year review was due.

Oral Testimony. 85th Texas Legislature, Senate Education Committee, SB 2188, Austin, TX, April 18, 2017.

Past President/President, Public Policy Representative. Texas DCDT. Division of Career Development and Transition/Council for Exceptional Children. CEC-DCDT (2009-2015)

Local

Member. (2012-Present). Conroe/Lake Conroe Chamber of Commerce.

Participant. (2016). Heifer International Fundraiser; Houston, TX. December 4, 2016.

Facilitator. (2016, December 9). Region 6 Education Service Center, Huntsville, TX.
Facilitated, provided legislative updates and information with Dr. Jaime Duran for the ESC 6 and districts in the region due to a vacancy in the ESC 6 position for a Transition Specialist.

Service

University Committees

Member Writing in the Disciplines Committee 2017

University Committee: Requested to participate 2016

College of Education Committees

Assessment Committee	2016-2017
Garrett Center	2017
International Education Committee	2016-2017
CHART Disaster Relief Committee	2017
Strategic Planning Committee	2017
Academic Affairs Candidates	2016
Principles of Inclusion and Equity (PIE)	2016
Assessment Committee	2016
Center for International Education (CEI)	2016
Subcommittee: Africa and Australia	

LLSP Department Committees

Student Appeals Committee (Chair)	2017
Online Distance Education Committee	2017
LLSP Strategic Planning Committee	2017
Blackboard Committee	2016
Research Committee	2016
Educational Diagnostician Certification Advisory Board	2016

Other SHSU Activities

- Graduate Student Concerns Ad Hoc Committee: Nancy Votteler, Chair. 2017
- CHART – Hurricane Disaster Committee: Jannah Nerren, Chair. 2017
- Office of Academic Planning and Assessment. SPED 4301 students (26) participated in the “Field Test” for a Teamwork Self-Evaluation assessment. Brandi Jones & Tama Hamrick. November 7, 2016.
- New Student Convocation, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, August 21, 2016.
- Book Study. (Fall 2016). LLSP Department; Dr. Mary Petron. “Working From Within” by Luis Urrieta.
- Dean’s List Reception, College of Education, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, October 26, 2016.
- College of Education Open House Volunteer, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, October 29, 2016.

- Retired Faculty/Staff Alumni Club, The Sam Houston State University Walker Center, December 6, 2016.

Professional Memberships

- Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- CEC Teacher Education Division (TED)
- CEC Division for Career Development and Transition (DCDT)
- CEC Division for International Special Education and Services (DISES)
- CEC Council for Administrators in Special Education (CASE)
- Texas DCDT
- Texas CASE (TCASE)
- Texas Associate for Vocational Adjustment Coordinators (TAVAC)
- Texas Institute for Person-Centered Practices