

## VITA

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### **ACADEMIC PREPARATION:**

Doctorate of Education, *Sam Houston State University*

Dissertation: *Ethnic and Gender Differences in Advanced Placement Exam Performance: A Multiyear National Analysis*

Master of Arts in Instructional Leadership, *Sam Houston State University*

Thesis: *Intrusive Academic Advising and Student Satisfaction and Academic Success of College Honors Students: An Exploratory Study*

Bachelor of Arts, *University of Memphis*  
Major: Psychology

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

*Assistant Director*, Elliott T. Bowers Honors College, Sam Houston State University, 2011-2013

*Adjunct Instructor*, First Year Experience, Sam Houston State University, 2009-2013

*Academic Advisor*, Elliott T. Bowers Honors College, 2005-2013

*Senior Administrative Assistant*, Honors College, 2003-2011

*Substitute Teacher*, Shelby County Schools, Collierville, TN, 1997-1999

*Coordinator of Special Academic Programs*, University of Houston Honors College, 1981-1987

### **SCHOLARLY RESEARCH ACTIVITY**

Holmes, M. A., Slate, J. R., & Joyner, S. A. (2011). Gender differences in college preparatory courses in Texas high schools: Are girls more college-ready than boys? *International Journal of University Teaching and Faculty Development (IJUT&FD)*, 2(1). Retrieved from [https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=28775](https://www.novapublishers.com/catalog/product_info.php?products_id=28775)

Holmes, M. A. (2012, February). *Effect of intrusive advising on talent development of Honors College Students*. Paper presented to the Southwest Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.

Fowler, J., & Holmes, M. A. (2012, February). *Gender differences in college readiness indicators: A multi-year study of a Texas University's students*. Paper presented to the Southwest Educational Research Association, New Orleans, LA.

Holmes, M. A. (2010, March). *A study of intrusive academic advising strategies for student satisfaction and academic success of College Honors Students*. Paper presented to the SHSU Graduate Exchange Conference, Huntsville, TX.

Holmes, M. A.; Honors College Case Study, in Bustamante, R.M. (Ed.) (2013). *Collection of case studies in higher education leadership*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall-Hunt Publishers (ISBN: 978-1-4652-2606-8)

## **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

Southwest Educational Research Association, SERA Conference Proposal Reviewer, 2012  
National Collegiate Honors Conference, Honors Advising and Major Scholarship Committee, *The Advising Balance: Providing Structured Guidance and Improvising Solutions*, Workshop, 2009  
National Collegiate Honors Conference, *Growing the Honors College Ambassador Program*, Presenter, 2008  
SHSU Undergraduate Research Symposium, Co-chair, 2008-2012  
31<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference on the First-year Experience, delegate, 2012  
National Collegiate Honors Council, delegate, 2004-2009  
Great Plains Honors Council, delegate, 2004-2007  
Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Honors Council, delegate, 2004-2007

## **SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS**

*Educational Leadership Doctoral Scholarship*, Sam Houston State University, 2013  
*International Internship Doctoral Scholarship*, Sam Houston State University, 2012  
*Joe Kortz Spirit of Leadership Award in Educational Leadership*, Sam Houston State University, 2011  
*President's Staff Scholarship*, 2009-2013  
*Outstanding Master's Student Award in Educational Leadership*, Sam Houston State University, 2009  
*Engaged Scholar Award*, 2011  
*Sammie Award Nominee*, 2009

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:**

### **National:**

National Collegiate Honors Council, member, 2005-2013  
Honors Advising and Major Scholarship Standing Committee, member, 2009-2013  
Southwest Educational Research Association, member, 2010-2012  
National Academic Advising Association, member, 2009-2011

### **Regional:**

Gulf Coast Intercollegiate Honors Council, 2005-2012

Great Plains Honors Council, 2005-2012

**Local:**

American Association of University Women, member  
University of Texas Alumni Association Life Member  
University of Houston Alumni Association Life Member  
Sam Houston State University Alumni Association Life Member

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**National:**

Honors Advising Standing Committee of the National Collegiate Honors Council (NCHC)  
Commission for Advising High Achieving College Students of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA)  
Reader and Evaluator of 2011 Conference Proposals for SERA  
Reader and Evaluator of 2011 Conference Proposals for NACADA

**Sam Houston State University Committees:**

SHSU Undergraduate Research Symposium planning committee, Co-Chair 2007-2013  
Office of the President Special Events Committee, member 2005-2013  
University Marketing Committee, 2013  
Honors Council, Ex-officio Member 2003-2013  
“Let’s Talk” Honors Fundraising Committee, Ex-officio member and web manager, 2007-2013  
Orange Key Selection Committee, member 2005-2013  
Barkats Read to Succeed Committee, member 2007-2013  
Honors Student Ambassadors, Sponsor 2005-2013  
Honors Student Advisory Council, Co-Sponsor 2003-2013  
Emergency Shelter Volunteer Coordination Committee, member 2008-2012  
SHSU Marketing and Communications Committee, member 2008-2011

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

SHSU Professional and Academic Center for Excellence Teaching Conference, 2009-2011  
SHSU Educational Leadership Workshop, *Race to Nowhere: The Dark Side of America’s Achievement Culture*, 2011  
SHSU Educational Leadership Conference, *Leadership and Counseling Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, 2009  
SHSU Academic Instructional Technology and Distance Learning Workshop, 2008-2009  
NCHC/NACADA Honors Advising Workshop, 2007

**CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Trinity Episcopal Woodlands Bookstore Volunteer, 2005-2012  
Good Shepherd Mission, Board of Directors, 2009-2012  
Wynn Home Arts Center Volunteer, 2005-2009