

# *Cynthia K. Walters*

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## **EDUCATION**

- MAT May, 1998. Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan  
Focus: Language Arts/Reading
- B.S. April, 1990. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
Major: Elementary Education  
Minor: English  
Minor: Family Life Education

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### University

Instructor of Elementary Education  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida.  
August, 2007–present

#### Undergraduate

Language Arts in the Elementary School (LAE 4314)  
Literature for Children (LAE 3414)  
Integrated Arts and Movement in Elementary School (EDE4223)  
Basic Foundations of Reading (RED 3012)  
Diagnostic and Corrective Reading (RED 4519)  
Practicum in Reading (RED4942)

#### Other Assignments

Clinical Experiences Coordinator of Senior Interns  
Faculty Advisor  
Western Region Elementary Education Program Coordinator

### Public School

Classroom Teacher, First Grade. Chestnut Elementary School, Poinciana, Florida.  
August, 2006-August, 2007

Project CHILD Classroom Reading Teacher, Kindergarten-Second Grade. Chestnut Elementary School,  
Poinciana, Florida.  
August, 2005-August 2006

Classroom Teacher, Second Grade. Deerwood Elementary School, Poinciana, Florida.  
August, 2004-August 2005

Classroom Teacher, First Grade. Jenison, Michigan.  
August 1991- 2004

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## PUBLICATIONS

Cardullo, V., Jacques, P., Knox, C., Lavendol, V., Miller, A., Morrison, B., **Walters, C.**, Walters, L. (2012) Can We Maintain Excellence in Education with Increasing Enrollments and Dwindling Resources? Vol. 11, No. 1. *University of Central Florida Faculty Focus*.

Walters, C. (2007) *Write What You Think*. Carson-Dellosa Publishing Company, Inc.

## PRESENTATIONS

### National Conferences:

Hutchinson, C., Verkler, K., **Walters, C.**, & Palmer, C. (2011). *College of Education majors quench their thirst at a different type of HAPPY Hour*. 2011 Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, February 12-16, 2011.

Carter, B., Ergle, R., **Walters, C.** (2010) "Are You Serious? Can You Successfully Integrate Literacy and the Arts Across the Content Areas?" National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention. November 2010.

### Regional Conferences:

Hoffman, E., **Walters, C.** *Enhancing Pre-service Teachers' Cultural Competency Through the Use of Multicultural Children's Literature*. 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators, October 27-29, 2011, Savannah, Georgia.

Verkler, K., Hutchinson, C., & **Walters, C.** *Intoxicated with Professional Development: A New Kind of HAPPY Hour*. 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators, October 27-29, 2011, Savannah, Georgia.

Verkler, K., Hutchinson, C., & **Walters, C.** *Intoxicated with Professional Development: A New Kind of HAPPY Hour*. 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators, October 28-30, 2010, Nashville, Tennessee.

Hoffman, E., **Walters, C.** *CCSS + FEAPS x Content Area Literacy Strategies = Best Practices in the Classroom*. Florida Association of Teacher Educators 2012 Annual Conference, October, 2012, FL.

Hutchinson, C., Verkler, K., **Walters, C.**, & Palmer, C. (2010). *Cheers to a New Kind of HAPPY Hour: Professional Development for Teacher Candidates*. Florida Association of Teacher Educators 2010 Annual Conference, October 8-9, 2010, St. Petersburg, FL.

### Local Conferences:

Everett, B., Hoffman, E., **Walters, C.**, Williams, K., (2010) *Integration of the Arts at UCF*. Florida Alliance for Arts Education Conference, Brevard, Florida

## SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Judge for Lake County Rookie Teacher of the Year. 2008-2011

Judge for Lake County Teacher of the Year. 2009-2010

Faculty Advisor for Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI). 2008-2011

UCF College of Education Western Region Team captain for March of Dimes March for Babies. 2008

UCF Western Region Recruitment- Pig on the Pond in Lake County. 2012-2013

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Scheduled and Facilitated HAPPY Hour Workshops in Western Region. 2008-2013

NASA  
Understanding Poverty- Dr. Ruby Payne  
Digital Storytelling  
What is HAPPY Hour?  
Whole Brain Teaching- the research and classroom implementation  
Rhythm, Readin', Ritin', & Rithmetic & Really Rambunctious Ramifications  
Diversity: Understanding Your Hidden Biases  
Diversity: Inclusive Communication  
Diversity: Power and Privilege  
Understanding AYP  
Lake County Title 1 Services  
RtI  
Brain Based Research & Learning- The Physiology of Learning  
A New Children's Book- Behind the Scenes with the Author  
How to Become a Student Presenter  
TESOL Notebook: A Piece of Cake  
Let's Meet the Florida Teacher of the Year  
Lake County Principal's Panel  
Interview Tips

Sponsored a reading program entitled, "Classroom Care Program" in partnership with Scholastic Books.

Led National "Read for the Record" campaign for UCF Western Region. 2009-2012

Sponsored UCF Leesburg Education Students in WashingtonFest parade where over 500 children books were handed out to community children. 2009

Member of UCF College of Education HAPPY Hour Committee. 2009-2013

Member of UCF's Success for Women Faculty Executive Committee. 2011-2013

Member of the UCF Western Region Faculty Council. 2007-2013

Member of UCF College of Education Special Interest Group on Bullying. 2010

Member of UCF College of Education Search Committees. 2010-2013

UCF Interactive White Board Fellow. 2010-2011

Served on multiple FTCE teams at the Florida Department of Education. 2009-2012

Recruitment at UCF/LSCC Welcome Back events. 2008-2013

Faculty Advisor for Baby DJ volunteer work with UCF Leesburg cohorts packing holiday boxes. 2010

Faculty Advisor for Leesburg Mardi Gras Parade with UCF Leesburg cohorts were books and bookmarks were handed out to community children. 2010

Co-Chaired the Scholastic Book Fair at the UCF Book Festival. 2010

Volunteered at UCF Young Author's Conference. 2010-2011

Co-Facilitated the UCF Young Author's Conference. 2012-2013

Faculty Advisor for Western Region UCF students volunteering at Give Kids the World. 2008-2011

Collaborate with UCF Alumni in Lake County on Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop. 2009-2013

Partner with UCF Alumni in Lake County with Language Arts course in area of student writing. 2009-2013

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## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)  
International Reading Association (IRA)  
Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)  
Florida Association of Teacher Educators (FATE)  
Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE)  
Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)  
Florida Reading Association (FRA)