

Vita
Karri Williams, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Reading/Language Arts
School of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership
College of Education
University of Central Florida

Educational Background

Doctor of Philosophy, University of Arizona, 1984.

Major: Reading; Minor: Linguistics; Cognate: Research and Statistics

Master of Education, Mississippi State University, 1980.

Major: Secondary Education; Special Emphasis: Reading

Bachelor of Science in Education, Delta State University, 1977.

Major: English; Minor: Secondary Education

Professional Experience

Associate Professor, School of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership, College of Education, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, May 1989 - present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Instructional Programs, College of Education, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, August 1984 - April 1989.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Reading, College of Education, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, January 1983 - June 1984.

Instructor, Pima Community College, Tucson, Arizona, January 1983 - July 1984.

Reading Teacher, Grades 5-8, Eupora Middle School, Eupora, Mississippi, August 1979 - May 1981.

English/Reading Teacher, Grades 9-12, Eupora High School, Eupora, Mississippi, August 1978 - May 1979.

Instructor, Wood Junior College, Mathiston, Mississippi, January 1978 - May 1978.

Current Faculty Load:

Fall 2011, RED 3012, Foundations of Reading

Fall 2011, RED 4519, Diagnostic and Corrective Reading Strategies

Fall 2011, RED 5517, Classroom Diagnosis/Development of Reading Proficiencies

Spring 2012, RED 3012, Foundations of Reading

Spring 2012, RED 4519, Diagnostic and Corrective Reading Strategies

Other Collegiate Assignments for Current Year:

2011-2012, Reading Program Coordinator, All UCF Campuses (since 2005)

2011-2012, Elementary Education Coordinator, All UCF Campuses (since 2007)

2011-2012, Elementary Education Coordinator, UCF Cocoa Campus (since 1999)

Advisor, Elementary Education BS, MA, MEd; Reading Education MEd

2011-2012 Doctoral Committees

Chair, Maureen Tinsley

Committee Member, Jocelyn Downs

Committee Member, Theresa Wright

Honors in the Major Committees (last 5 years)

Jessica Close. Preparing Elementary Teachers to Teach Students with Disabilities:
A Comparison of Program Structures and Elements Across Teacher
Preparation Institutions. 2011.

Rebecca Arico. Thesis: The Impact of Student Achievement in Mathematics Through the
Integration of Children's Literature. 2007.

Courses Taught:

Graduate: (*indicates within last 5 years)

RED 5147* Developmental Reading
RED 5517* Classroom Diagnostic/Development of Reading Proficiencies
RED 6116 Trends in Reading Education
RED 6336* Reading in the Content Area
RED 6337* Reading in the Secondary School
RED 6845 Advanced Evaluation and Instruction in Reading
RED 6846* Reading Practicum
LAE 5319 Methods of Elementary School Language Arts
LAE 5415* Children's Literature in the Elementary Education
LAE 6616 Trends in Language Arts Education
LAE 6417 Investigations in Children's Literature

Undergraduate:(*indicates within last 5 years)

RED 3012* Foundations of Reading
RED 4519* Diagnostic and Corrective Reading Strategies
LAE 3414* Literature for Children
LAE 4314 Language Arts in the Elementary School

Current Research:

Teacher Think Alouds: Reading Focus

Mathematics and Reading Processes: Comparison through Think Alouds

Strategic Reading Logs: A Study of Metacognitive Awareness

Professional Presentations

National:

Meeting of the Minds: A Comparison of Thinking Processes Exhibited During Reading and
Math Think-Alouds. To be presented at American Reading Forum Annual Conference,
Sanibel, FL, December 9, 2011. (with M. Hopkins)

What Are We Really Thinking? Finding Common Ground for Cognitive Processes in Reading
and Mathematics. Presented at International Reading Association Annual Convention,
Orlando, FL, May 11, 2011. (with M. Hopkins)

I-STEP - Internship Start Early Program: A Collaborative Program to Expand Roles of Mentors
and Intern. Presentation at Association of Teacher Educators Annual Conference,
Orlando FL, February 14, 2011. (with Patricia Shelton)

Phonics Keys to Success: Meaningful, Relevant, and Linguistically Sound. Presentation to
International Reading Association, Annual Convention, May 5, 1998, Orlando Florida.

Using Literature to Develop Foundations for Phonics Knowledge and Use. Presentation to
Association for Childhood Education International Annual Conference, April 17, 1998,
Tampa Florida.

Engaging Learners: Applying Language Learning Conditions Across Ages and Disciplines. International Society for Exploring Teaching Alternatives Annual Conference, October 16, 1998, Cocoa Beach, Florida.

Mathematics and Literacy: Language Learning Conditions as the Interdisciplinary Threads. Presented at International Reading Association, Annual Convention, New Orleans LA, May 1, 1996. (With M. Hopkins)

Respondent to "Mathematics Literary Competition". Presented at Research Council for Diagnostic and Prescriptive Mathematics Annual Conference, Melbourne Beach, Florida, March 1, 1996.

Using Children's Literature to Explore Diversity and Similarity Across Cultures. Kappa Delta Pi, 1994. Biennial Convocation, Orlando, Florida, March 26, 1994.

Promoting Literacy through Math: Selecting and Using the Best Literature. Presentation at International Reading Association Annual Convention, Orlando, Florida, May 7, 1992. (With M. Hopkins)

Procedures for Adapted Narrative Analysis. Preconference Institute. National Reading Conference, November 27, 1990, Miami, Florida.

Adaptation as a Phenomenon in Reading Textbooks. Paper in symposium. National Reading Conference, November 28, 1990, Miami, Florida.

An Analysis of Retellings: Results of Cohesion Analysis. Paper in symposium. National Reading Conference, November 29, 1990, Miami, Florida.

Expanding Literacy: Solving Math Problems. Presentation at International Reading Association Annual Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, May 9, 1990. (With M. Hopkins)

Using Narrative Analysis to Analyze Retellings. National Reading Conference, November 29 - December 2, 1989, Austin, Texas.

A Cognitive Processes Approach to Trade Book Comprehension. International Reading Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, April 30-May 4, 1989. With D. Canfield, R. De La Rosa, L. Francisco, and S. Thee.

Preservice Elementary Teachers' Use of Metacognition during Reading Comprehension and Miscue Analysis Tasks. International Reading Association, Toronto, Canada, May 3, 1988.

Solving the Problem of Math Prescriptions through Language Experience. Research Council for Diagnostic and Prescriptive Mathematics Conference, Metairie, Louisiana, February 6, 1988. With M.H. Hopkins.

Preservice Teachers: Reading Comprehension Skills and their Metacognitive Awareness of Processing Text. American Reading Forum, Sarasota, Florida, December 6, 1987. With J.M. Platt.

Teachers' Use of Instructional Strategies: From Preservice Training to Beginning Teaching. International Reading Association, Anaheim, California, May 7, 1987.

An Investigation of Reading Methods Courses' Influence on Beginning Teachers' Comprehension Instruction. American Reading Forum, Sarasota, Florida, December 12, 1986.

Beginning Teachers' Implementation of Strategies for Comprehension Instruction: From Training to Practice. National Reading Conference, Austin, Texas, December 3, 1986.

Reading Comprehension Skills of Preservice Teachers: Implications for Teacher Education Programs. International Reading Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, April 15, 1986.

The Impact of State Mandated Testing on Teacher Education in Florida. Association of Teacher Educators, Atlanta, Georgia, February 24, 1986. With B. Anderson and A.R. Joels.

Effects of Text Feature Instruction on Comprehension of Original and Adapted Story Versions. National Reading Conference, San Diego, California, December 4, 1985.

An Analysis of the Postdictability of Surprise Story Endings. National Reading Conference, St. Petersburg Beach, Florida, November 29, 1984. With J.N. Mitchell.

Guidelines for Selection of High Interest-Low Vocabulary Materials. International Reading

Association, Atlanta, Georgia, May, 1984.
A Text Analysis Comparison of Original and Adapted Text. National Reading Conference,
Austin, Texas, December 2, 1983.

Regional:

Teacher as Lifetime Reader: Exploring Comprehension and Metacomprehension Skills of
Inservice and Preservice Teachers. Southeast Regional Conference of the International
Reading Association, Charleston, South Carolina, November 11, 1988. With J. Platt.
Narrative Analysis in the Classroom: Procedures and Applications. Southeast Regional
Conference of the International Reading Association, Nashville, Tennessee, November
5, 1985.

State:

What are we really thinking in reading and mathematics, and how do those processes fit
together? Presentation to Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual
Conference, Jacksonville, FL, October 14, 2011. (With M. Hopkins)
Think Alouds: Revealing Treasures of the Mind. Presentation to Florida Reading Association,
Orlando, FL, September 9, 2011. (With Vanderpool and Warren)
Literature Lights the Way to Integration and Intervention. Presentation to Florida Reading
Association, September 11, 2010, Orlando, Florida (with Warren and Vanderpool)
Destinations Comprehension and Metacognition: Solid Reading Boosters. Presentation at
Florida Reading Association, Orlando, FL, September 2009. (with Warren and
Vanderpool). (After proposal accepted, we were selected as featured speakers.).
Strategic Reading Logs: Snapshots of the Metacognitive Reading Journey. Presentation at
Florida Reading Association, Orlando, FL, September 6, 2008.
(with Warren and Vanderpool)
Metacognitive Strategies Work Their Magic on Reading Comprehension. Presentation at
Florida Reading Association Annual Conference, Orlando FL, September 8, 2007.
(with C. Vanderpool and B. Warren)
Reading Logs: Putting Metacognition at the Heart of Reading Instruction. Presentation to
Florida Reading Association, Annual Conference. October 21 2006. (With Cindy
Vanderpool and Beth Warren, Brevard County Teachers)
Strategic Reading Logs: A Path to Metacognition. To be presented to Florida Reading
Association, October 21, 2005. (With C. Vanderpool and B. Warren)
TECST: Teachers Exploring Comprehension Strategies. Presented to Florida Reading
Association, October, 2003. (With D. Corbridge, L. Garrett, S. Rogers.)
TECST II: Teachers Exploring Comprehension Strategies, Phase II. Presented to Florida
Reading Association, October 16, 2004. (With D. Corbridge, L. Garrett, and B. Warren)
A Pen Pal Path to Joyful Reading and Writing. Presented to Florida Reading Association,
Annual Conference, October 2002.
Reader Response Logs: Words from the Heart and Mind, presented to Florida Reading
Association, Orlando Florida, October 13, 2000. (With B. Warren and J. Whitacre)
Phonics Fantasies, Myths, and Illusions: Reviving Reality. Presentation to Florida Reading
Association, October 16, 1999, Kissimmee, Florida.
Phonics Phundamentals: Phorward to "Basics". Presentation at Florida Reading Association
Annual Conference, October 17, 1997. Kissimmee, Florida.
Reading Workshop: Using Writing Workshop as the Key. Presentation at Florida Reading
Association, October 30, 1990, Orlando, Florida. With D. Gentry.
Cognitive Processes Instruction: Navigating through a Literature-Based Reading Program.
Presentation at Florida Reading Association, , October 13, 1989, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.
Weaving Cognitive Processes Instruction into a Literature-Based Reading Program. Invited

presentation at Curriculum Assistance Conference, March 2, 1990, Tampa, Florida.
Cognitive Skills Instruction: Linking the New to the Known. Florida Reading Association, Orlando, Florida, October 13, 1988. With co-presenters.
Main Idea Comprehension: Understanding and Modeling the Process. Florida Reading Association, Bal Harbour, Florida, October 16, 1987.
Diagnostic Use of Techniques to Increase Efficiency of Basal Reader Programs. Florida Reading Association, Grenelefe, Florida, October 16, 1986.
Reading Comprehension: A Process Teaching Approach. Florida Reading Association, Kissimmee, Florida, October 19, 1985.
Narrative Analysis: An Aid to Developing and Assessing Story Comprehension. Mississippi Reading Association, Biloxi, Mississippi, January 25, 1985.

Local:

Strategic Reading Logs: Tools for Thinking and Learning. UCF Literacy Symposium 2009. (with Warren and Vanderpool).
Reading Aloud to Your Child: The Key to Lifelong Literacy. Community presentation through UCF Brevard Presents.... Presented January 24, 2002, Florida Solar Energy Center.
What's New in Literature?, Brevard Reading Council, May 1996.
Reading Readiness, Parent Group, Challenger 7 Elementary School, Brevard County, March 1997.
Integrating Math through Literature. Presentation to Brevard Reading Council, Cocoa Beach, Florida, September 25, 1992. With M. Hopkins.
Retelling as a Measure of Children's Reading Comprehension. Elementary Education Conference, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona, February, 15, 1982. With J. Mitchell, P. Irwin, and J. Stockseth.

Professional Publications

Book Chapter:

Text organization and reading comprehension at the elementary level. In R. Thompson (Ed.), Classroom Reading Instruction. Kendall-Hunt. (1988).

Articles:

Preservice and inservice teachers' reading comprehension skills and their metacognitive awareness of processing of text. In D.D. Lumpkin (Ed.), American Reading Forum Yearbook. (1988). With J. Platt.
Effects of text feature instruction on comprehension of original and adapted story versions. In J.A. Niles and R.V. Lalik (Eds.), Solving Problems in Literacy: Learners, Teachers, and Researchers. Rochester NY: National Reading Conference. (1986)
Florida teacher education testing: Requirements and results. Action in Teacher Education, 8, 39-44. (1986). With B. Anderson and R.W. Joels.
A comparison of postdictability of original and adapted story versions. In J.A. Niles and R.V. Lalik (Eds.), Issues in Literacy: A Research Perspective. Rochester NY: National Reading Conference. (1985)
A text analysis comparison of original and adapted text. In J.A. Niles and L.A. Harris (Eds.), Changing Perspectives on Research in Reading/Language Processing and Instruction. Rochester NY: National Reading Conference. (1984)
Readable materials: Are we getting more than we bargained for? Arizona Reading Journal, 12, 14-16. (1983) With J. Mitchell.

Professional Grants

Master Mentor Grant. Submitted by Brevard County Schools. Funded by DOE. 1999, 2000. \$189,000. (Served on steering committee for this grant.)

A Comparison of the Effects of Two Methods of Skills Instruction on Selected Fourth Grade Students' Comprehension of Passage Main Idea. University of Central Florida In-House Research Award, \$2575, 1986-87.

An Investigation of the Effects of Reading Methods Courses' Content on Beginning Teachers' Use of Instructional Strategies To Teach Reading in the Elementary School. University of Central Florida In-House Research Award, \$3010, 1987-88.

Professional Service:

Service to Public Schools:

Member, Professional Development Committee, Brevard County Schools, 2010-2012

I-StEP (Internship Start Early Program), Pilot Program, Co-Director, 2010-2012.

Facilitated UCF Cocoa Summer Reading Buddies with Cambridge Elementary School, Students in Transition program. Summer 2011.

Facilitated Graduate Reading Practicum at Saturn Elementary School, Summers 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010.

Member, School Advisory Council, Edgewood Jr/Sr High School, 2003-2011

Secretary, School Advisory Council, Edgewood Jr/Sr High School, 2004-2005.

Brevard Future Educators Association Judge, Presenter, Support.

Mentor, Edgewood Jr/Sr High School, 2003-2005.

Member, School Advisory Council, Tropical Elementary School, 1998-2005.

Co-Chair, School Advisory Council, Tropical Elementary School, 2002-2004. _____

Apple Corps Volunteer, Brevard County Schools, Grades K-6, 1996-present.

Consultant. Narrative Writing. Discovery Elementary School. October 16, 1998.

Consultant. Phonics Fundamentals: From Stories to Sounds. Presented to Title I teachers, Brevard County Schools, September 21, 1998.

Consultant. Reading Comprehension Strategies- Primary. Cambridge Elementary School, April 21, 1998.

Consultant. Reading Comprehension Strategies-Intermediate. Cambridge Elementary School, April 21, 1998.

Consultant. Reading Comprehension Strategies-Demonstrations. Cambridge Elementary School, April 18, 1998.

Consultant. Creating Effective Writing Programs. Tropical Elementary School. March 18, 1998.

Consultant. Expository Writing. Tropical Elementary School. March 25, 1998.

Consultant. Balancing the Writing Program. Croton Elementary School, April 9, 1997.

Consultant. Writing Workshop: Focus on Nonfiction. Atlantis Elementary School. August 8, 1996.

Consultant. Accountability and Assessment. Christa McAuliffe Elementary School. August 6, 1996.

Consultant. Enhancing Language Arts through Authentic Computer Applications. Brevard County Teachers. July 8-10, 1996.

Consultant. Reading Comprehension Demonstrations. Harbor City Elementary School. Melbourne, Florida. March 12, 1996.

Consultant. Accountability in Reading Instruction. Lewis Carroll Elementary School, November 21, 1995.

Consultant. Accountability in Reading Instruction. Brevard County Elementary Principals, November 15, 1995.

Consultant. Reading Comprehension Strategies. Brevard County Title I Teaching Assistants, November 10, 1995.

Consultant. Writing Workshop. University Park Elementary School, October 21, 1995.

Consultant. Reading Comprehension Strategies. Ocean Breeze Elementary School, September 12, 1995.

Consultant/Leader. Engagement in Literacy: Reading Process and Application. Summer Institute. Brevard County Schools. June 19-30, 1995.

Consultant. Reading Comprehension. Brevard County Schools. 1994-1995.

Consultant. Emergent Literacy and Mathematics for Young Children. Workshop sponsored by Management Training Institute, Brevard County for school administrators and teachers of pre-K children, January 21, 1994.

Judge. Florida Association of Computers in Education, Region IV Desktop Publishing Competition, Grades 1-2. 1995, 1994, 1993, 1992.

Speaker. Emergent Literacy: Strategies and Evaluation. Brevard Community College Lab School, Cocoa Beach, Florida, March 17, 1993.

Consultant. Alternatives to the Traditional Spelling Program. Lewis Carroll Elementary School, Merritt Island, Florida. October, 1992.

Miscue Analysis Workshop. Primary Specialists, Brevard County, November 16, 1990, January 11, 1991.

Making Math "Porpoiseful" with Children's Literature. Presentation at Brevard County Annual Whole Language Conference. February 18, 1991. With M. Hopkins.

Writing Process Inservice. Elementary Teachers, Brevard County Schools, September 13-14, 1990, October 4-5, 1990, November 8-9, 1989, January 31-February 1, 1991, February 28-March 1, 1991.

Consultant. Fairglen Elementary School, Whole Language Pilot Program, Whole Language Curriculum Guide. Brevard County Schools, June-July, 1990.

Summer Writing Institute. Elementary Teachers, Brevard County, July 31-August 8, 1990.

An Introduction to "Whole Language": Natural Literacy Learning. Presentation to elementary teachers, Fairglen Elementary School, Cocoa, Florida, February 16, 1990.

Integrating Comprehension Strategies in a Literature-Based Classroom. Elementary Teachers. Whole Language Mini-Conference, Brevard County Schools, February 19, 1990.

Writing Process Inservice. Elementary Teachers, Brevard County Schools, September 21-22, 1989, November 2-3, 1989, February 2-3, 1990, March 8-9, 1990, April 26-27, 1990.

Writing Institute. Elementary Teachers, Brevard County, June 12-15, 1989.

Writing Books for Children. Classroom presentation to Mrs. J. Campbell's Eighth Grade Class, Jackson Heights Middle School, Seminole County, March 1989.

Writing Process Inservice. Elementary Teachers, Brevard County Schools, October 27-28, 1988, December 8-9, 1988, March 16-17, 1989, April 20-21, 1989, May 25-26, 1989.

State Judge, National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing, 1987, 1988.

Workshop, "Sharing Literature: Creative Alternatives to Book Reports." English teachers, Marion County Secondary Schools, August 17, 1988.

Workshop, "Middle School Reading Instruction." Reading/Language Arts teachers, Marion County Middle Schools, January 18, 1988.

Workshop, "Cognitive Instruction in Reading." Reading/Language Arts teachers, Marion County Middle Schools, June 10 - 11, 1987.

Workshop, "Motivational Techniques to Use with Slow Learners." McCoy Elementary School teachers, Orange County Schools, May, 1987.

Workshop, "Motivational Techniques". Audubon Elementary School teachers, Brevard County Schools, October 18, 1985.

Professional Leadership and Committees:

University:

Faculty Senate 1985-1991 (Admissions and Standards Committee, Steering Committee)

College:

Undergraduate Curriculum and Standards Committee 2011-2012; 2008-2009

Clinical Experiences Advisory Committee 2008-2012

Response to Intervention Special Interest Group

Morgridge International Reading Center Planning Committee

UCF Book Festival – Young Authors’ Conference Facilitator, 2010, 2011.

Promotion and Tenure Committees

Brevard Academic Student Services Coordinator Search Committee - Chair, 1999

Undergraduate Standards and Curriculum Committee - Member (1993-2000), Chair (1998-2000)

Action Plan Curriculum Committee

Differentiated Staffing Ad Hoc Committee

Department:

Program Coordinator, Reading Education

Program Coordinator, Elementary Education

Department Chair Search Committees

English Education Search Committees

Reading/Language Search Committees

Curriculum Committee

Personnel Committees

Elementary Education Comprehensive Exam Committees

Childhood Education Forum

Elementary/Middle Area Faculty

Leadership in Professional Organizations:

Faculty Advisor, Brevard Association of Childhood Education International, 1998-2009

Planning Committee, Brevard Future Educators Association (2002-2003)

International Reading Association

Student Membership Committee, 1985-86, 1986-87.

Organization of Teacher Educators in Reading

Acting Secretary, 1985.

Florida Organization of Teacher Educators in Reading

President, 1988-89

Vice-President, 1987-88

Vice-President-Elect, 1986-87

Florida Reading Association

Board of Directors, 1988-89, 1987-88

Legislative Committee, 1987-88.

Program Committee, 1987-88.

Assistant chair of Hospitality Committee for Florida Reading Association Annual Conference, October 1997.

Brevard County Reading Council

Literary Response Group Leader, 1995-96.

President, 1989-90

Vice-President, 1988-89

Vice-President-Elect, 1987-88, 1986-87.

Phi Delta Kappa-Cape Kennedy Chapter

Executive Board, 1986-87

Current Professional Organizations:

Association of Teacher Educators

Florida Reading Association

International Reading Association

American Reading Forum

Professional Training:

IDL, IRB, Turn It In, FCTL Winter and Summer Conferences

LiveText Trainings.

ESOL Training (2001-2002)

Tech IMPACT Training, December 2001.

Guided Reading Workshop, Fountas & Pinnell. Orlando, Florida. 2000.