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EDUCATION

Masters in Art of Teaching

May, 1998. Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan
Focus: Language Arts/Reading

Bachelor of Science

April, 1990. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: English Minor: Family Life Education

AWARDS

2013-2014 UCF Teaching Incentive Program Award,
2013-2014 UCF Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Faculty Advising

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2007–2016 Instructor of Elementary Education
2015-Present Independent Educational Consultant
2016-Present Associate Instructor of Elementary Education
University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida
College of Education and Human Performance
School of Teaching, Learning, and Leadership

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

Language Arts in the Elementary School
Literature for Children
Integrated Arts and Movement in Elementary School
Basic Foundations of Reading
Diagnostic and Corrective Reading
Practicum in Reading
Teaching Strategies and Classroom Management
Arts and Wellness

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE Cont.

Additional Professional Assignments:

Clinical Experiences Coordinator of Junior and Senior
Elementary Education Interns
Faculty Advisor
UCF Western Region Elementary Education Coordinator
UCF Liaison to Sumter & Lake County School Districts
UCF Central Region Elementary Education Coordinator
UCF Liaison to Osceola County School District
Course Shepherd, EDG4410

1999-2004 Adjunct Instructor of Elementary Education
Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Undergraduate

Introduction to Education
Summer Science Camp

1990-2007 Classroom Teacher, K-2.
Jenison Public Schools, Michigan
The School District of Osceola County, Florida

PUBLICATIONS

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

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*.

PRESENTATIONS

International Conferences:

Walters, C., Permensky, K. *Coaching for Excellence in English Learner Teacher Education.* TESOL International Association Conference, Portland, Oregon, March 21, 2023.

Walters, C., Nutta, J., Monroe, L., Mendez, L., Mihai, F. *Dual Language Digital Badges-Teacher Preparation Skill Development and Assessment.* TESOL International Association Conference, Virtual, March 26, 2021.

Walters, C., Jennings-Towle, K., Kaczmarczyk, A., Spalding, L. *Closing the Opportunity Gaps in K-12 Classrooms.* International Literacy Association (ILA) Conference, Orlando, Florida, July 16, 2017

Walters, C., Jennings-Towle, K., Spalding, L., Olcese, N. *Personalizing the Teachers Preparation Experience through Micro-credentials.* International Literacy Association (ILA) Conference, Orlando, Florida, July 16, 2017

Nutta, J., Regall, M., Hutchinson, C., **Walters, C.,** Ashtari, N. *Understanding English Learner Proficiency Levels through Interacting with TeachLivE English Learner Avatars.* World Language Education International & Global Student Colloquium, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, February 29, 2016

National Conferences:

Rengifo, C., Toffoli, B. *Innovative Partnerships Leading the Way in Urban Teacher Pipelines and Recruitment.* Council of Great City Schools (CGCS) Conference, October. 2022.

Rengifo, C., Toffoli, B. *Crossing the Finish Line through an Innovative University-School District Partnership,* American Association for Employment in Education (AAEE) Conference, October. 24, 2022.

Walters, C., Walters, L., Anthony, A. *Negotiating LivE: Integrating TeachLivE to Improve University Faculty Mentoring.* 5th Annual National TeachLivE Conference, UCF, Orlando, Florida, June 7-9, 2017.

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Walters, C., Nutta, J., Hutchinson, C. *Can You Tell Me How Not to Ask Questions? Coaching Generalist Teacher Candidates to Adjust Instructional Questions to English Proficiency through Simulation.* 2011 Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, February 12, 2017

Walters, C., Jennings-Towle, K., Kaczmarcyk, A . *What did I Do? Teaching Strategies & Engagement of Empowerment for the K-12 Classroom.* 2011 Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, February 13, 2017

Walters, C., Nutta, J. *The Circle of Live: Engaging Virtual English Language Learners (ELs) in Reading Circle Activities.* 3rd Annual National TeachLive Conference, UCF, Orlando, Florida, June 4-5 2015.

Walters, C. *Faculty Initiatives with Mixed-reality Environments.* 2nd Annual National TeachLive Conference, UCF, Orlando, Florida, May 2014.

Hutchinson, C., Verkler, K., **Walters, C.,** & Palmer, C. *College of Education Majors Quench Their Thirst at a Different Type of HAPPY Hour.* 2011 Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, February 12-16, 2011.

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

Regional/State Conferences:

Rengifo, C., Toffoli, B. *Zooming in on an Innovative University-School District Partnership,* The Florida Association for Teacher Educators Conference, Tampa, Florida, December 4, 2021.

Walters, C., Bergman, T., Angles, T. *On the Road to ELL Success.* Florida Reading Association (FRA), November 7, 2017, Tampa, Florida.

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Hutchinson, C., & **Walters, C.** *Let's Toast to a New Kind of HAPPY Hour: Professional Learning for Teacher Candidates.* Annual Conference of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE), October, 2013, Sarasota, Florida.

Hoffman, E., **Walters, C.** *Content Area Literacy Strategies for the Classroom.* Annual Conference of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE), October, 2013, Sarasota, Florida.

Walters, C., Hoffman, E. *Literacy Strategies to Support Content Area Reading.* Florida Reading Association (FRA), 2013, Orlando, Florida.

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

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

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

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

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 (FATE) 2010 Annual Conference, October 8-9, 2010, St. Petersburg, FL.

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Local Conferences:

Walters, C., Roberts, S., Foresman, D. *Trans-forming Diversity Training through Children's Literature: Focus on Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Children's Literature.* 9th Biennial Jean Greenlaw Children's Literature Conference, Stetson University, Orlando, Florida, September 19, 2016.

Walters, C. *Keeping it Real in a Mixed-Reality Environment.* UCF Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) Winter Conference, UCF, Orlando, Florida, December 10, 2014.

Walters, C., Hoffman, E., *Connecting Common Core State Standards, Cultural Competency & Children's Multicultural Literature.* 8th Biennial Jean Greenlaw Children's Literature Conference, Stetson University, Orlando, Florida, October 20, 2014.

Walters, C., Hoffman, E., *Effective Literacy Strategies to Support Students' Content Area Reading.* University of Central Florida Literacy Symposium, Orlando, Florida, April 2013.

Dadurka, D., Dunlop-Pyle, L., Forlaw, L., Ludwig, V., Rotatrious, T., **Walters, C.** *Faculty Roles in Addressing Students' Needs.* UCF Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) Winter Conference, UCF, Orlando, Florida, December, 2012.

Walters, C. *UCF: A Way of Life!* UCF Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) Winter Conference, UCF, Orlando, Florida, December, 2012.

Walters, C., Hoffman, E., *Diversity Modifications to LAE3414- Literature for Children: The Addition of UCF's Cultural Competencies.* UCF Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) Summer Conference, UCF, Orlando, Florida, May, 2011

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

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RESEARCH

- 2016-2021 Micro-credentialing of English Learner Teaching Skills (MELTS).
Funded by the Office of English Language Acquisition, US
Department of Education.

Served as Lead Coach for Virtual Simulation of Skills
- 2013-2014 TeachLivE Partnership Expansion. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation-
UCF Foundation, \$1,500,000 funded.

Served as **Lead Research Associate**
- 2012-2015 TeachLivE Partnership Expansion. Bill and Melinda Gates
Foundation

Served as **Lead Data Collector**

SERVICE

- 2020-Present UCF Liaison and Advisor for Future Teacher Academy partnership
between UCF, Valencia College, and Osceola School District.
- 2019-2021 Developed, in partnership with Orange County Public Schools, Title I
School Tours and facilitated tours for UCF Teacher Candidates.
- 2019 Completed Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. Gained
certification through 2022.
- 2019 Participated as Panel Speaker for Women's Mentoring Committee.
- 2018-2019 Co-Chair of Honors in the Major Thesis Committee
Tanisha Rosa LeBron, Elementary Education Major
Creating a Sentence Frame Toolkit Based on Third-Grade Writing
Standards to Support Spanish-Speaking English Learners with Writing
Instruction.

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- 2018-2019 Served on Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) development and validating teams through Pearson.
- 2018 Produced videos for ESOL MELTS grant for instructional modules.
- 2018 Active member of Women's Leadership Community through the Center for Success of Women Faculty.
- 2018 Presented at Osceola County's Future Educators Academy Professional Development Day.
- 2017 Participated in JA for a Day through Junior Achievement partnering UCF teacher candidates and local business professionals with Millennia Elementary School classes K-5.
- 2016 Served as Judge for Osceola County School District Battle of the Books.
- 2016 Partnered with Lakeview Elementary School in Osceola County School District to provide Literacy PD for 3rd grade teachers.
- 2015 Co-Organizer of UCF Faculty Center for Teaching & Learning Summer Conference Track: Center for Success of Women Faculty: Empowering Faculty Success
- 2011-2015 Member of UCF's Success for Women Faculty Executive Committee.
- 2009-2015 Collaborated with UCF Alumni in Lake County School District on Reader's Workshop and Writer's Workshop.
- 2009-2015 Partnered with UCF Alumni in Lake County School District with Language Arts course in area of student writing.
- 2015 Member of Honors in the Major Thesis Committee
Natasha Vashist, Psychology Major
Misogynistic Humor on Television and Attitudes toward Women

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- 2007-2015 Organizer & Facilitator of UCF HAPPY (**H**aving **A**ctive **P**articipation **P**repares **Y**ou) Hour Undergraduate Professional Development Workshops
- TESOL Notebook? It's a Piece of Cake
Presenter: Donna Frazee, UCF TESOL Instructor
- Children's Art is Revealed
Presenter: Dr. Nan Williams, National Art Presenter
- A New Children's Book- Behind the Scenes with the Author
Presenter: Dr. Maria Cox
- How Do I Group Thee? Let Me Count the Ways
Presenter: Dr. Karen Verkler
- AYP: What Is IT? And...Why Do I Need to Know About It?
Presenter: Betsy Theis, UCF Educator in Residence/Orange County Public School District
- Inclusive Communication
Presenter: Barbara Thompson, UCF Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Power and Privilege
Presenter: Barbara Thompson, UCF Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Understanding Poverty by Dr. Ruby Payne
Presenter: Barbara Thompson, UCF Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Understanding Your "Hidden" Biases
Presenter: Barbara Thompson, UCF Office of Diversity and Inclusion
- Writing Rocks!
Presenter: Jeanne McDonald, Lake County Writing Coach
- "Thriving Family, School and Community Partnerships"
Presenters: Lake County Title 1 Program
- Rhythm, Readin', Ritin', & Rithmetic & Really Rambunctious
Presenter: Bill Carter, retired Lake County teacher; musician
- Speaking From Experience
Presenter: Nina D. Kuhn, Lake County Achievement Liaison & RtI Coordinator
- Digital Storytelling
Presenter: Dr. Leanne Spalding, UCF Children's Literature Lecturer
- Brain Based Research & Learning- The Physiology of Learning
Presenter: Lake County 4th grade classroom teacher

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Let's Meet the Florida Teacher of the Year

Presenter: Florida Teacher of the Year

Rise and Shine: Tips for First-Year Teachers

Presenter: Audrey Dench, UCF Alumni/Lake County teacher

- 2014 Member of Honors in the Major Thesis Committee
Michelle Craske, Psychology Major
Normalization of Music Influences on Health Compromising Behaviors
- 2013 Member of Honors in the Major Thesis Committee
Melissa Patrick, Psychology Major
Television Viewing Habits and the Sexualization of Women
- 2012-2014 Sponsored a reading program for entitled, "Classroom Care Program" in partnership with Scholastic Book Clubs, Inc.
- 2009-2014 Served on Florida Teacher Certification Exam (FTCE) development and validating teams at the Florida Department of Education (FLDOE).
- 2007-2014 Member of the UCF Western Region Faculty Council.
- 2009-2014 Led local chapter of the National "Read for the Record" campaign.
- 2012-2013 UCF Western Region Recruitment- Pig on the Pond in Lake County.
- 2008-2011 Judge for Lake County Rookie Teacher of the Year.
- 2008-2011 Faculty Advisor for Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI).
- 2009-2010 Judge for Lake County Teacher of the Year.
- 2010 Member of UCF College of Education Special Interest Group on Bullying.
- 2010-2013 UCF Interactive White Board Fellow.

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- 2008-2015 Recruitment at UCF/Lake Sumter State College (LSSC) Welcome Back events.
- 2010 Faculty Advisor for Baby DJ volunteer work with Leesburg cohorts packing holiday boxes.
- 2010 Faculty Advisor for Leesburg Mardi Gras Parade with UCF Leesburg education students where we won 1st place for spirit.
- 2010 Co-Chaired the Scholastic Book Fair at the UCF Book Festival.
- 2012-2013 Co-Facilitated the UCF Young Author's Conference.
- 2008-2011 Faculty Advisor for UCF Western Region volunteers at Give Kids the World.
- 2009 Faculty Advisor for UCF Leesburg Education Students in Lake County's Washington Fest parade where over 500 children's books were handed out.

CONSULTATIONS

Rengifo, C. (2023) Collaborative Planning and Implementation Beyond Grade Level PLCs. Pinellas County School Board, Florida.

Rengifo, C., (2022) Dual Language Roles and Responsibilities of Teachers. Pinellas County Schools, Florida.

Rengifo, C. (2022) Collaboration Between ESOL and Classroom Teachers Working with English Learners. Pinellas County Schools, Florida.

Rengifo, C. (2021) Diving Deeper into ACCESS Testing of our English Learners. Belleair Elementary School Pinellas County, Florida.

Rengifo, C. (2021) Dual Language in Kindergarten: Design and Implementation. Ponce De Leon Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida.

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Rengifo, C. (2020) Grade Level Collaborative Planning with ELs in Mind. Belleair, Florida.

Walters, C. (2019) Standards Based Planning. Dunedin Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2019) Scaffolding Vocabulary Using the Frayer Model for Primary Grade. Skyview Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2019) ELA Toolkits and Academic Language. Ponce De Leon Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2019) Making the ELA CORE accessible to All Learners. Ponce De Leon Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2018) Collaboration: When and Where? Belleair Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2018) Collaboration: Roles and Responsibilities. Belleair Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2018) Collaboration: Are We In? Belleair Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2018) Supporting Reading of Complex Texts. Skyview Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2018) Using WIDA Can Do Descriptors to Plan for ELA Standards. Frontier Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2018) Collaboration: Roles and Responsibilities. McMullen Booth Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2018) Collaboration and Sheltered Instruction. Dunedin Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2018) Model Performance Indicator Training. McMullen Booth Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

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Walters, C. (2017) Professional Development facilitator on Making Reading Instruction More Effective for ELs and Other Title 1 Students at Skyview Elementary, Pinellas County School District, FL.

Walters, C. (2017) Professional Development facilitator on Improving English Learner Achievement at Eisenhower Elementary, Pinellas School District, FL.

Walters, C. (2016) English Language Arts Professional Development training of K-6 classroom teachers using TeachLive English Learner classroom with real time coaching and grade level debriefing sessions.

Walters, C. (2015-16) ESOL Professional Book Study facilitator and classroom Coach for Frontier Elementary School, Pinellas County School District, Clearwater, FL.

Walters, C. (2015) TeachLive Facilitator and Technology Specialist for ETS Tryout at The University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL. Amities, Inc. San Francisco, CA.

Walters, C. (2015) Design User Experience Phases for Educational Testing Service (ETS). Princeton, New Jersey. Amities, Inc. San Francisco, CA.

Straub, C., **Walters, C.** (2015) Facilitating and Designing Mixed-Reality Simulation. Osceola Public School District, Osceola County, FL

Nutta, J., **Walters, C.** (2015) Applying K-2 Daily 5 Non-Fiction Reading Strategies to English Language Learners in a Mixed-Reality Classroom. The University of North Carolina Wilmington & the Wilmington School District, Wilmington, NC

Nutta, J., **Walters, C.** (2015) Applying 3-5 Guided Reading Non-Fiction Text Strategies to English Language Learners in a Mixed-Reality Classroom.

University of North Carolina Wilmington & the Wilmington School District, Wilmington, NC

Walters, C. (2015) Instructional and Simulation Design. The University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado

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Nutta, J., **Walters, C.** (2015) Improving English Learner Achievement. Frontier Elementary School, Pinellas County, Florida

Walters, C. (2012-2015) UCF TeachLivE Gates Foundation Grant Research Associate. UCF, Orlando, FL.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2022-2023 National Association for Bilingual Education (NABE)
- 2020-2023 Teaching English for speakers of other languages (TESOL)
- 2018-2023 International Literacy Association (IRA)
- 2018-2023 Florida Literacy Association (FLA)
- 2006-2018 Florida Reading Association (FRA)
- 2006-2018 National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
- 2007-2018 International Literacy Association (ILA)
- 2007-2016 Florida Association of Teacher Educators (FATE)
- 2007-2016 Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE)
- 2007-2018 Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)
- 2007-2012 Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)