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Education: 2006 Ph.D.
University of Virginia, Charlottesville
Elementary Education – Literacy Emphasis
Dissertation title: An examination of a teacher’s oral language
within a second grade writers’ workshop: A case study

2002 M.A.
University of Colorado, Boulder
Instruction and Curriculum in Elementary Content Areas

1999 B.A.
University of Colorado, Boulder.
Psychology
Professional Teaching License, State of Colorado
Honors:
Psi Chi Honor Society
Mortar Board National Honor Society

Work Experience: Fall 2009-Present
Public Education and Business Coalition
Instructor
Teach courses on literacy methods to “Teach for America” fellows
completing the program in Denver Public Schools

2007-2008

Public Education and Business Coalition
Literacy Consultant and Staff Developer
Provide professional development in the area of literacy instruction to one elementary school in Loveland, CO.

2006-Present

University of Northern Colorado
Assistant Professor
Teach undergraduate courses, supervise student teachers, coordinate elementary education program, advise students, conduct research and publish. Coordinate elementary education program. Awarded graduate faculty status.

2000-2003

Boulder Valley School District
Elementary School Teacher
Taught Kindergarten, first-grade, and Title I literacy to students K-2.

Summer 2002-2003

Boulder Valley School District
Literacy Instructor
Taught literacy skills to struggling elementary students. Trained colleagues in assessment measures.

Professional
Academic:

2003-2006

University of Virginia
Graduate Instructor and Researcher
Taught graduate-level curriculum course and researched in area schools. Supervised student teachers.

2004-2006

University of Virginia
Student Teacher Supervisor
Supervised and evaluated elementary student teachers.

Area of Specialization: Writing instruction, literacy methods

Research Areas/
Interests:

Writing instruction, responsive teaching, language of instruction, beginning teachers, writing across the curriculum, professional development.

Publications:

Juried Publications:

Lawrence, J.K. (2009). "You ain't gonna make me pick another topic? How one writer makes writers' workshop work for him." *The Journal of Teaching Writing*. Vol 24(2); pages 79-94.

Lawrence, J.K. (2009). Breaking free: One teacher examines her own fears about writing to become a better writing teacher. *Colorado Reading Council Journal*, Vol. 20(1); pages 14-19.

Lawrence, J.K. (Spring 2007). Using writers' workshop to promote literacy engagement: A glimpse into two elementary classrooms. *Colorado Council Reading Journal*, Vol. 18(1); pages 23-28.

Lawrence, J.K. (2006). Revoicing: How one teacher's language creates active learners in a constructivist classroom. *The Constructivist*. Vol. 17(1).

Accepted Publication:

Hansen, J., Kissel, B., Bressler, H. & Lawrence, J. (2009). Influential Interactions: When Others Influence Pre-Kindergarten Writers. *Journal of Early Childhood Literacy*.

Manuscripts in Progress

Lawrence, J.K. and Kissel, B.T. (2008) Research into practice: A look at teachers of writing. (under revision)

Lawrence, J.K. and Guccione, L. (2009). Multi-genre life stories: College writers become confident writers. (in progress)

Editorial Publications:

2006-2009: Associate Editor Colorado Communicator

Non-juried publications:

Lawrence, J.K. (2006) "Meet Jody Kahn Lawrence – And her mentor, Jane Hansen. *Colorado Communicator*. Vol. 30(1).

Lawrence, J. (2006). "Top ten tips for teaching writing: A writers' workshop approach." *Colorado Communicator*. Vol. 30(2).

Professional Presentations:

February, 2010. Lawrence, J., Guccione, L., Loyd, S. *Multi-genre life story books: When teachers become writers*. Presented at Colorado Council International Reading Association in Denver, CO.

February, 2010. Lawrence, J., Streeter, S., Loyd, S. *Becoming a writer: One teacher's journey*. Presented at Colorado Council International Reading Association in Denver, CO.

November, 2007. Hansen, J., Kissel, B., Bressler, H. & Lawrence, J. *Pre-kindergarten writers as learners*. Presented at National Reading Conference in Austin, TX.

November, 2006. Hansen, J., Lawrence, J., & Thunder, K. *The "compleat" words of one writing teacher: A grade two teacher shares the precise words she uses to encourage her learners*. Presented at National Council for the Teachers of English in Nashville, TN.

May, 2004. Hansen, J., Lawrence, J., & Bowles, P. *Struggling writers in an inner-city Virginia school*. Presented at International Reading Association in Reno, NV.

University Service:

2009

Dissertation Committee Member: Cherylann Dozier (successful defense of dissertation June 2009)

Dissertation Committee Member: Bonnie Hamilton

Dissertation Committee Member: Lindsey Guccione

Dissertation Co-Chair: Angie McDowell

Co-chair: CEBS Dispositions Committee

Evaluation Committee Member – STE

Comprehensive Exams for M.A.T. – wrote questions and scored responses

2008-present

Co-chair CEBS Dispositions Committee

Evaluation Committee Member - STE

Colorado Dissertation Committee Member – Lindsey Guccione

2007-present

Committee Member Professional Education Council (PEC)

January 2007-December 2008

Elementary PTEP Program Coordinator

College of Education and Behavioral Science

University of Northern Colorado

Winter 2007

Member of search committee for new faculty

College of Education and Behavioral Science– Reading Department

University of Northern Colorado

Teaching:

Fall 2009

EDEL 445 – Intermediate Literacy Methods (3 sections)

Summer 2009

EDF 500 – Foundations of Education (Secondary Post-bac Loveland cohort)

EDRD 314: Literature for Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults

EDEL 640: Instruction in Language Arts & Literacy in the Elementary School

Spring 2009

EDEL 445 – Intermediate Literacy Methods

EDRD 642 – The Writing Process

EDEL 454 – Supervision of Student Teachers

Fall 2008

EDEL 451: Literacy Methods I

EDRD 314: Literature for Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults

Summer 2008

EDRD 414: Literature for Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults

EDEL 640: Instruction in Language Arts and Literacy in the Elementary School

EDF 366: Foundations of Education

Spring 2008

EDEL 460: Integrated Methods I: Reading, Language Arts, Science, & Health

Fall 2007

EDEL 460: Integrated Methods I: Reading, Language Arts, Science, & Health

Summer 2007

EDRD 414: Literature for Children, Adolescents, and Young Adults

EDEL 640: Instruction in Language Arts and Literacy in the Elementary School

Spring 2007

EDEL 460: Integrated Methods I: Reading, Language Arts, Science, & Health

Fall 2006

EDEL 460: Integrated Methods I: Reading, Language Arts, Science, & Health

EDRD 419: Language and Literacy Development of Preschool and Elementary School Children

Summer 2006:

EDRD 419: Language and Literacy Development of Preschool and Elementary School Children

2005-2006:

*Various courses at the University of Virginia during doctoral studies.