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Education

- Ed.D. – Literacy, Sam Houston State University
- M.L.S. –Library Science, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX
- Principal Certification – Lamar University, Beaumont, TX
- B.S. – Mass Communications, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA

Certifications

- Librarian Certificate – EC-12, Texas
- Principal Certificate – EC-12, Texas
- Standard Teacher Certificate – 4-8 Generalist, Texas
- ESL Supplemental – EC-12 Endorsement, Texas
- Special Education – EC-12 Endorsement, Texas
- Online Instructor Certificate – Harris County Department of Education

Current Educator Experience

Lecturer, School of Library and Information Science – University of Houston Clear Lake

- Teaching various courses in the School of Library and Information Science curriculum
- Providing assistance in updating the SLIS courses
- Collaborating on research studies

Educational Leadership Experience

- District online research databases instructor
- Campus Improvement Plan Committee member
- Aldine Leadership Academy Participant
- Aldine Advanced Academic Council Member
- Aldine ISD Library Advisory Committee
- Information Specialist team instructing new AASL Standards
- Schoology – train the trainer
- Information Literacy Specialist curriculum writing team member
- Parental Involvement Committee facilitator
- Key Communicator for campus news and activities

- School Grant Coordinator
- Benefits Advisory Committee representative
- Advisor Name That Book Team
- Advisor High School Parliamentary Procedure Team
- Houston Food Bank School Market Pantry Program School Coordinator

Previous Educator Experience

English Language Arts Teacher – Harris County Department of Education

Information Literacy Specialist – Aldine ISD

- Overseeing annual library media and supply budgets and purchasing media
- Providing understanding to teachers and students on instructional technology
- Instructing research skills and database use to students and district staff
- Assisting students in book selection for leisure and educational reading
- Supporting teachers by providing curriculum materials both print and digital

English and Humanities Teacher—Aldine ISD

- Integrated various instructional and intervention strategies for student motivation
- Assessed students daily, weekly, and monthly to determine differentiated needs
- Developed discipline management plan to manage classroom behavior

Math co-teacher – Aldine ISD

- Utilized Reasoning Mind computer-based math program for various sub-groups
- Assessed students daily, weekly, and monthly to determine differentiated needs
- Developed discipline management plan to manage classroom behavior

Grants and Awards

- Dr. James A. Johnson Researcher of the Year Award, TABSE 2019 Conference
- CPA Society of Houston Educator Grant - \$1500.00 used to purchase books geared towards struggling readers
- Dollar General Literacy Grant - \$2,500.00 for Stepping Up to Literacy Reading Intervention Project
- Donors Choose recipient for Relax and Read project for library café table and chairs
- Donors Choose recipient for Kindle-ing for Reading – Kindles, adapters, and covers for small group reading

Conferences, Presentations, and Papers

- Thomas, M. & Haas, L., (Fall 2020). Information Literacy Skills Proficiency and Academic Achievement of Select 12th-Grade Students at a High-Minority High Poverty School: A Mixed Methods Study. Journal of Texas Association of Black School Educators (JTABSE).
- TABSE Dr. James A. Johnson Research Institute Panel Discussion – TABSE Conference 2021, Virtual – A Conversation with TABSE Journal Authors about their research
- TABSE Dr. James A. Johnson Research Institute Roundtable session, TABSE Conference 2019, Galveston, TX. Topic: Information Literacy Proficiency Readiness of At-Risk Secondary Minority Students
- Lead Table Discussant - An Evening with Education, Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX, November 1, 2018. Topic: “Information Literacy: Are teachers proficiently skilled to ensure their students are?”
- Texas Library Association Houston Conference 2016 - Co-Chair Career Development Center
- Technology Curriculum Conference of Aldine - QRacking the Code: Using QR codes in education

Professional Affiliations

- Texas Association of Literacy Educators
- Texas Library Association
- American Library Association
- American Association of School Librarians
- Kappa Delta Pi – International Honor Society in Education
- Houston Area Association of Black School Educators
- Texas Area Association of Black School Educators
- Texas Association of Black Personnel in Higher Education
- National Association of Parliamentarians
- Texas State Association of Parliamentarians