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Stephen F. Austin State University
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EDUCATION

1982	Ed.D. Highest Honors	Curriculum and Instruction Major: Reading Minor: Early Childhood Education Dissertation: <i>Effects of Novelty Stimulus on Learning Retention of Stories in Kindergarten Students</i>	University of Nevada, Reno
1973	M.S. Equivalency	Elementary Education	Penn State University
1970	B.S.	Elementary Education Minor: Humanities Student Teaching, invited Pitt Campus Falk School	University of Pittsburgh
Certifications:		PA Certifications Code 62 /99 years: Elementary Education Kdg – 8 th Early Childhood Nursery – 3 rd Reading Specialist K-12 NETnet room Operator NETnet room Instructor Online & Master Instructor	PA – permanent PA – permanent PA – permanent SFA Certified in 2004 SFA Certified in 2003 SFA Certified in 2001

HONORS / AWARDS

Margaret Hoover Perkins Professorship – 2012 – 2013
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Nominated, University Foundation Teaching Excellence Award, 2007
Teaching Excellence Award, Stephen F. Austin State University Dept. of Elementary Ed. 2000
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, University of Nevada, Reno 1982

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006-present **Promoted to Professor**
Stephen F. Austin State University; Nacogdoches, TX
Awarded, Post Tenure Status, 2017
Awarded, Graduate Faculty, Full Membership, 2016; updated 2021
- 2003-2006 **Awarded Tenure, Associate Professor**
Stephen F. Austin State University; Nacogdoches, TX
- 2002-2003 **Promoted to Associate Professor**
Stephen F. Austin State University; Nacogdoches, TX
- 1997-2002 **Assistant Professor**, tenure-track
Stephen F. Austin State University; Nacogdoches, TX
- 1995-1996 **Reading Specialist**
1st – 6th grade; Penncrest School District; Saegertown, PA
- 1994 **Assistant Professor**
Slippery Rock University; Slippery Rock, PA
- 1993 **Student Teacher Supervisor**
Elementary and Special Ed; Slippery Rock University;
Slippery Rock, PA.
- 1992 **Model Teacher**
University Lab. School, 3rd/4th grade combination
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania; Edinboro, PA
- 1984-1991 **Mother & Reading Tutor**
North Hills of Pittsburgh, PA
- 1982-1984 **Paralegal** (during completion of doctoral study in Pittsburgh)
Eckert, Seamans, Cherrin & Mellott Law Firm; Pittsburgh, PA
- 1981 **Office Manager** (during doctoral studies at UNR)
Trinity Montessori School; Reno, NV
- 1970-1980 **Public School Teacher** (took sabbatical to complete doctorate)
Kindergarten Teacher, 10 years, “Excellent” ratings
North Hills School District; Pgh., PA
- 1970, Summer **Supervisor, Summer Recreation**
K – 6th grade. North Hills School District; Pittsburgh, PA

COURSES

UNDERGRADUATE

- RDG 312 Skills for Reading (K-6th)
- RDG 314 Text Based Reading Techniques and Procedures
- RDG 318 Early Literacy Development and Assessment (preK – 3rd)
- RDG 318 Interactive TV Course delivered to distant locations across TX

RDG 318 Online Completer Program Course, EC-6, MLG 4-8, Special Ed programs
 READ 3320 / RDG 320 Language and Literacy I, EC-6, MLG 4-8, Spec Ed (Course Director)
 READ 3310 Survey of Reading
 ECED 3310 ECH Theory and Practice
 ELE 351 EC-4 Learners: Internship 1 Program through various local public & charter schools
 ELE 352 with ELE 351 & RDG 415 – Internship Field Based LAB
 RDG 412 Diagnosis and Correction (K-6th)
 RDG 416 Reading as a Process; Language Arts Internship
 ELE 441 Student Teaching Supervision – Elementary Classroom
 ELE 442 Student Teaching Seminar for the PD ExCET (Professional Dev.)
 ELE 442 Student Teaching Seminar for the EC ExCET (Language Arts)
 ELE 475 Student Teaching Seminar for the EC ExCET (Language Arts)

GRADUATE LEVEL

READ 5308 Advanced Studies in Early Literacy of Young Children
 ELED 5310 Standards-Based Assessment (Course Director)
 RDG 501 Early Literacy of Young Children
 RDG 503 Master Reading Teacher – Reading Assessment
 RDG 507 Survey of Reading (History, Trends, Issues)
 READ 5300 / RDG 518 Reading Methods for Early Childhood (Course Director)
 RDG 519 Reading Methods: Upper Level Readers
 ELE 520 Survey of Teaching
 ELE 575 Skills for Reading, Advanced

CREATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKS

- Co-Author 2023. Xu, Tingting; Hasbun, Tracey; Abel, Carolyn. *Why teach? Challenges, Rewards and Future Considerations for the Profession*. Texas Educator Preparation Journal. <https://txep.csotte.com/index.php/txep/article/view/6/5>
- Co-Author 2021. Abel CF, Abel CD, Gooch DM. "Religion in Schools: Navigating the Law." *The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society* 11 (1): 255-264. doi:10.18848/2154-8633/CGP/v11i01/255-264
<https://cgscholar.com/bookstore/works/religion-in-schools-2b0939df-c79c-4ad9-8310-2d368b0d8bbb>
- Co-Author 2017. Abel CD and Abel CF. Early Literacy in Cuba; Lessons for America. *Texas Journal of Literacy Education*, 5(1).
<http://www.texasreaders.org/uploads/4/4/9/0/44902393/5-1-tjle.pdf>
- Co-Author 2015. Abel CD, Nerren JW and Wilson HE. *Leaping the language gap: Strategies for preschool and head start teachers*. *International Journal of Child Care and Education Policy* 2015, 9:7 (4 June 2015) DOI 10.1186/s40723-015-0009-8
https://scholarworks.sfasu.edu/elementaryed_facultypubs/22/
- Co-Author 2015. Nerren, Wilson, and Abel. Dialogue from the Field: *Language Stimulation Techniques for Three-Year-Old and Four-Year-Old Children: Patterns of Language Development*. In NNSA Dialog, *The Research-to-Practice Journal for the Early Education Field*, 18 (1) Fall 2015.
<https://journals.uncc.edu/dialog/article/view/189>
- Co-Author 2015. Federal Grant Proposal submitted 7-6-15. With Gonzales, Casey, Vaughan, Xu, Reily, Akerson, Hasbun, Nerren, Griffin, and Harkness. Building the Language *Development of Infants and toddlers through the SPEAK Program*. Early Head Start University Partnerships: Building the

	Evidence Base for Infant-Toddler Center-based Programs HHS-2015-ACF-OPRE-YR-1010 \$2,055,155. Unfunded.
Author	2015. New online course created for the department, Summer 2015. RDG 501.501 Advanced Studies in Early Literacy of Young Children.
Author	2014 Newly revised course created for the department beginning Spring 2015. RDG 518 Reading Methods for Early Childhood for the regular program.
Author	2014. New online course created for the department beginning Fall 2014. RDG 320 Language & Literacy 1 <i>Transition F2F Course</i> (RDG 318 & 320 combo).
Author	2014. New online course created for the department beginning Fall 2014. RDG 320 Language & Literacy 1 <i>Transition Online Course</i> (RDG 318 & 320 combo).
Author	2014. New online course created for the department beginning Spring 2015 RDG 518 Reading Methods for Early Childhood for the AP program.
Author	2014. New online course created for the department beginning Spring 2015. RDG 320 Language & Literacy 1 Master Course (face to face)
Author	2013. New online course created for the department beginning Spring 2015. RDG 320 Language & Literacy 1 Master Course (Completer EC6 Program).
Co-Author	2012. Sept. <i>Language Stimulation techniques for prekindergarten English Language Learners</i> . In <i>Texas English Language Teaching (TexELT)</i> , 1(1). With J. Nerren and H. Wilson. http://www.textesolv.org/index.php?module=documents&JAS_DocumentManager_op=downloadFile&JAS_File_id=45
Author	2011. Course creation for RDG 518—new online course requested and paid for by SFA. <i>Reading Methods for Early Childhood</i> . Revisions: 2012 – adapted to D2L; revised 2013. Currently maintained as READ 5300.
Author	2011 – <i>Roll Call</i> . In <i>The Learning Online Idea Book</i> , Vol. 2. Edited by P. Shank.
Author	2011 – <i>Maximize Learning—Review</i> . In <i>Transitions</i> . Edited by Cay McAninch.
Co-Author	2010 – <i>Say it Again: New Researched Techniques for Supporting Language Development in Preschool ELLs</i> . With Jannah Nerren. Monograph in <i>Teaching English Language Learners: An International Perspective</i> . Journal of the International Assoc. for the Global Achievement Gap.
Co-Author	2009 – Abel, Gottshall, Nerren, and Payne. <i>Integration of Language Techniques in ESL Preschool Classrooms in East Texas: Impact on English Language Development</i> . In <i>James I. Perkins Faculty Research Academy</i> .
Co-Author	2008 – Featured Journal Newsletter article – <i>It Takes A Village and a Lawyer: The Jurisprudence of Religious Expression in Schools</i> . In <i>Focus on Middle School</i> (ACEI) Summer 2008.
Author/Creator	2007 – RDG 503 Developed Online Assessment Course for Master Reading Teacher Program. Stephen F. Austin State University.
Author/Creator	2007 – NCATE Technology Report (for national university accreditation) www.education.sfasu.edu/ele/classes/abel/NCATE_TECHNOLOGY_REPORT.html
Author/Creator	2009 – Modules from paid course creations for SFA during 2002 – 2004 requested for use in new Head Start online program.
Author/Creator	2004 –2012 Course Modules for Online Certificate EC-4 for Stephen F. Austin State University (Foundations for Reading, Beginning Reader Texts, Phonemic Awareness, Alphabetic Principle, Reading Theories, Reading Levels & Stages, PAC Assessment, TPRI Assessment, Kid-Watching Assessment, English Language Learners plus two Introductory Modules)
Co-Author	2004 - Journal Newsletter article – <i>Literature Circles: Interview with a Middle School Teacher</i> . In <i>Focus on Middle School</i> (ACEI) Winter, 2004. Vol 17. No. 2.

- Co-Author 2004 - Book Chapter, [*The Ethics of Classroom Advocacy*](#). In [*Service-Learning: History, Theory, and Issues*](#). Bruce W. Speck, Ed. Winter 2004. Greenwood Press.
- Author 2002 - *Family Adjustment to American Culture*. In [*Internationalizing Higher Education*](#) / Beth Carmical and Bruce W. Speck, Editors, 2002 (Jossey-Bass). <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/he.50>
- Co-Author 2002 - *Stories from the Shadows: High-Stakes Testing and Teacher Preparation* in [*Language Arts*](#), Dec. 2002
<http://www.ncte.org/journals/la/issues/v79-3>
- Author 2000 - Online Prep Course, TAAS Exit Reading Prep / online interactive review course, www.TESTU.com Paid by Test-U.
- Co-Author 2000 - Book Chapter, *The ExCET Exams: History, Promises and Concerns*, (with C. F. Abel, et al.) in J. L. Kincheloe, S. R. Steinberg and D. Weil (eds.), [*Encyclopedia of Standards 2000*](#) (Santa Barbara, CA; ABC-CLIO, Inc.,2000).
- Co-Author 2000 - Book Chapter, *Anatomy of an ExCET* (with Dr. S. L. McCune, et al.) in [*American Standards: Quality Education in a Complex World--The Texas Case*](#). Editors, R. A. Horn and J. L. Kincheloe. (Peter Lang Publishing Inc.2000).
- Co-Author 1997 - Funded Reading Improvement Grant, Academics 2000 with Vi Alexander. *First Things First*.
- Author/Creator 1990 - Video aired Mother's Day on Lifetime TV, *To Mom with Love*.

PAPERS / PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Abel, CF and Abel, CD. *Politics, Education, and Moral Responsibility*. Southwestern Social Science Association 2023 Annual Meeting. March 30, 2023. Ft. Worth, TX.
- 2023 Xu, Tingting; Hasbun, Tracey; and Abel, Carolyn. *Teaching is demanding but rewarding: Are pre-service teachers prepared?* Critical Questions in Education conference, February 27, 2023, San Diego, CA.
- 2022 Abel, CF, Abel, CD. *One View of the Elephant; A right to an education*. 2022 Critical Questions in Education Symposium hosted by the Academy for Educational Studies, October 24-26, 2022, Denver, CO.
<https://academyforeducationalstudies.org/conference/previous-conferences/>
- 2022 Xu, Tingting, Covington Hasbun, Tracey, and Abel, Carolyn Davidson. *Being a Teacher: Inspiring Conversations with Experienced Teachers*. 2022 Critical Questions in Education Symposium hosted by the Academy for Educational Studies, October 24-26, 2022, Denver, CO.
<https://academyforeducationalstudies.org/conference/previous-conferences/>
- 2022 Abel, CF, Abel, CD. *Inviting Religion into the Classroom*. National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) Annual International Conference, Multicultural Education Light in a Troubled World, Anaheim, California Spring Virtual March 10-12, 2022
https://www.nameorg.org/name_2022_spring_virtual_conf.php
- 2020 Abel, CF; Abel, CD, and Gooch, DM. *Inviting the Study of Religion into the Classroom* International Conference on Religion & Spirituality in Society (Vancouver, April 30 – May 1, 2020). Virtual Poster (Covid semester).
- 2018 Gooch, D. M. (Author and Presenter); Abel, C. F. (Author); and Abel, C. D. (Author). "Making Room for Religious Diversity: Texas Public School Policy on Religious Expression" Southern Political Science Association 2018 Annual Meeting; New Orleans, LA. (January 4 – 6, 2018).
- 2017 Abel, C. F. (Presenter & Author), Abel, C. (Presenter & Author), Gooch, D. M. (Author), 27th Annual International Conference, Re-Imagining Multicultural Education in Changing Times. "Addressing Religious Diversity in Public

- Schools," National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), Salt Lake City, Utah. (November 1 – 5, 2017).
- 2017 Abel, C. F. (Presenter & Author), Abel, C. (Presenter & Author), Gooch, D. M. (Presenter & Author), 16th Annual Conference, Envisioning, Enacting, and Engaging Equity through the Lens of Multicultural Education, "Supporting Religious Diversity in Public Schools: Texas Pubic School Policy on Religious Expression," Texas Chapter of the National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), Nacogdoches, TX. (April 8, 2017).
- 2016 National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) 26th International Conference In Cleveland, OH. November 10 – 13, 2016. *Achieving Justice Through Equity* (with C.F. Abel).
- 2015 National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME) 25th International Conference in New Orleans, LA, October 1-4, 2015. Discussion RE Educational Tour of Cuba; *The Literacy Project* with C.F. Abel
- 2013 AERA Annual National Meeting in San Francisco, CA, April 29, 2013 *Overcoming Poverty to Construct Language: Differences in Rural and Urban Head Start Preschoolers' English Language Acquisition and Response to Language Stimulation* Nerren, Jannah; Wilson, Hope; and Abel, Carolyn
- 2012 NAEYC Annual National Conference & Expo; Atlanta, Georgia; November 7 – 10, 2012 *Indirect Language Stimulation for Preschoolers: Let Me Listen, Hear Me Talk!* Our research presented by co-researcher, Jannah Nerren.
- 2012 SFA First Annual Life-Long Learner Conference; April 28, 2012 in Nacogdoches, TX *Say What? Indirect Language Stimulation in Early Childhood*. With J Nerren.
- 2012 AERA Annual National Meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada; April 17, 2012 *Differences in Language Development of 3 and 4 year old Children in a Constructivist Context*. Our paper presented by J Nerren and E H Wilson.
- 2012 TEXES Workshop for Interns. Stephen F. Austin State University. Jan 25, 2012.
- 2011 3rd Annual ODK Leadership Conference, *One Eyelash*, Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, Stephen F. Austin State University. Nov. 5, 2011 by Carolyn Abel.
- 2011 TEXES Prep Workshop, Stephen F. Austin State University. Fall 2011. Carolyn Abel
- 2011 NAEYC Annual Conference. Orlando, FLA. *I Say What I Do, and What You Do Too! Using Descriptive Language to Promote Language Development in Preschool Students* Co-Authors Nerren, Wilson, and Abel; Presented by J. Nerren.
- 2011 AERA 2011 Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA. Apr 8 – 12, 2011. *Impact of Language Stimulation Techniques on English Language Development of Head Start 3-year-old ESL Students*. Presented by Nerren, J. and Wilson, H.
- 2011 NABE 49th National Annual Conference on Bilingual Education in New Orleans, LA. *A Description of the Effects of Indirect Language Stimulation on English Language Development of Head Start Students*. Feb. 16 – 18, 2011. Research by Abel, Nerren, & Wilson; presented by J. Nerren.
- 2011 9th Annual Hawaii International Conference on Education; Honolulu, Hawaii. *Practitioner Support: Indirect Language Stimulation Techniques to Promote English Language Development in Preschool Students*. Paper with Nerren, J. and Wilson, H. Jan 4 – 7, 2011. Presented by J. Nerren.
- 2010 NRC / LRA in Ft Worth, TX Dec 1-4, 2010. *Language Jumpstart: Professional Development for Head Start Teachers of English Language Learners*. Paper with Nerren, J. and Wilson, H. Presented by Abel.
- 2010 Head Start's 10th National Research Conference in Washington, DC. *Impact of Professional Development Training in Indirect Language Stimulation Techniques on English Language Development in Head Start ESL Preschool*

- Children. Poster – Research Update with Nerren, J. and Wilson, H. June 21-23, 2010. Presented by J. Nerren.
- 2010 AERA, Denver, CO. *An Exploration of the Impact of Teacher Training in Constructivist-Based Indirect Language Stimulation Techniques on English Language Development in the complex Ecologies of ESL Students in a Head Start Preschool Program*. Paper presented with Nerren, J. and Wilson, H. Apr 30 – May 4, 2010.
- 2010 SFA Bright Ideas Conference; Nacogdoches, TX *Research Update on Preschool Head Start English Language Learning*. April 8, 2010 with Nerren, J., Wilson, H., and Gottshall, D. and student presenter, Jackie Becker.
- 2010 ACEI International Conference in Phoenix, AZ. Virtual Presentation. *A Language Explosion for English Language Learners. Presenters: Carolyn Abel, Tracey Hasbun, Jannah Nerren, Hope Wilson*. http://www.education.sfasu.edu/ele/classes/abel/ACEI_virtual10.ppt April 18 – 20, 2010. With Hasbun, T, Nerren, J. and Wilson, H.
- 2010 NABE 39th Annual Conference in Denver, CO. Accepted but did not present. *Impact of Indirect Language Stimulation Techniques on English Language Development in ESL Head Start Students*. Paper with Nerren, J. and Gottshall, D. Feb 3-6, 2010.
- 2010 Hawaii International Conference on Education; Honolulu, Hawaii. *Exploring the Impact of Teacher Training in Indirect Language Stimulation Techniques on the English Language Development of ESL Students in Head Start* Jan 7 – 10, 2010. Paper with J. Nerren. Presented by J. Nerren.
- 2009 NRC, Albuquerque, NM. 2009 Annual Meeting. Dec 1-5, 2009. *Paving the Way for Language and Literacy: An Exploration of Language Stimulation Training for Early Childhood Teachers*. Presented with Gottshall, D. and Nerren, J.
- 2009 HEC; Dallas, TX. Poster Session. Nov 4-5, 2009. *Head Start Professional Development Study: Integrating Language Stimulation Techniques into Classroom Teaching*. Presented with Nerren, J. and Gottshall, D.
- 2009 SFA – Language Training Workshop for Teachers; Nacogdoches, TX. *Good Talking With You – Language Stimulation Training*. Oct 5-6, 2009. J. Nerren (lead) and C. Abel (supporting).
- 2009 SFA Early Childhood Research Center – Grand Opening. Nacogdoches, TX. *Research on English Language Learners*. Presented with J. Nerren. July 19, 2009. Presented with Nerren, J. and Gottshall, D.
- 2009 NAEYC, Charlotte, NC. *The Language of Play: Indirect Stimulation Techniques to Enhance Early Language Development in Preschool Children*. June 14-17, 2009. Presented workshop with Gottshall, D. and Nerren, J.
- 2009 SFA College of Education Faculty Showcase; Nacogdoches, TX *Teaching English to ESL Preschoolers: A Pilot Study* Apr 29, 2009. Presented with Gottshall, D., and Nerren, J.
- 2009 AERA, San Diego, CA. *Integration of English Language Development Strategies Into ESL Preschool Classrooms in Rural East Texas (A Two Phase Project)* April 13-17, 2009. Paper with Gottshall, D., Nerren, J., and Payne, L. Presented with D. Gottshall and J. Nerren.
- 2009 ACEI, Chicago, Illinois. *Researching English Language Development in ESL Preschoolers*. Virtual presentation with Gottshall, D., Nerren, J, & Payne, L. Mar 2009.
- 2009 Padagogische Hochschule Freiburg – University of Education at Freiburg *Integration of Language Stimulation Strategies into ESL Preschool Classrooms in Rural East Texas: A Pilot Study* Paper by C.Abel, Gottshall, D., Nerren, J. and Payne, L. Presented by D. Gottshall, March 28, 2009.
- 2009 NABE, Austin, TX. *Integration of Language Stimulation Strategies into ESL Preschool Classrooms in Rural East Texas: A Pilot Study* with Nerren, J. and Gottshall, D. February 2009.

2008	HEC – Invited. <i>Research Update: English for ESL Preschoolers</i> Oct. 16, 2008. Seminar & Paper Presentation. Austin, Texas. With Gottshall, D. and Nerren, J.
2008	SFA Workshop—Training for Teachers; Nacogdoches, TX. <i>Professional Development: Teacher Training for Phase One</i> June 26 – 27, 2008. With Gottshall, D., and Nerren, J.
2008	<i>Language Development Training for ESL Preschool Teachers</i> MAY 20-21, 2008 – Invited Poster and Paper / Research in Reading Seminar: Culturally Responsive Reading Education and English Language Learners; Higher Education Collaborative. Austin, Texas. Presented with Nerren, J and Gottshall, D.
2008	SFA University Faculty Appreciation Reception, Nacogdoches, TX. <i>Impact of Language Development on ESL Preschoolers: Phase One</i> May 1, 2008 Poster Session with Gottshall, D., and Nerren, J.
2008	SFA Bright Ideas Conference, Nacogdoches, TX. <i>Impact of Language Development Training for ESL Preschool Teachers in Rural East Texas</i> April 24, 2008 – Poster / Presented with Gottshall, D. and Nerren, J.
2006	TxDLA Regional Meeting. <i>Best Practices in Course Design and Online Teaching: Distance Education—A Peek Online</i> . SFA, Nacogdoches, Texas. April 18, 2006.
2006	SFA Bright Ideas Conference, Nacogdoches, TX. <i>Videoconferencing Classrooms</i> . May, 2006, Poster.
2004-2007	Numerous presentations during this time and prior including poster sessions and collaborative forums, which included the Higher Education Collaborative of the Texas Reading Initiative.

GRANTS & SPONSORED RESEARCH

Research Phase 6	2012 – Nerren & Abel. Extending Our Reach: Materials Development for Indirect Language Stimulation Training.
Research Phase 5	2011 – Nerren, Abel, Wilson. Impact of professional development training in indirect language stimulation techniques on low SES Head Start preschool children in large urban district.
Research Phase 4	2010 – Abel, Nerren, Wilson. Impact of professional development training in indirect language stimulation techniques on English language development in Head Start 3-year-old ESL students [same / Head Start Preschool 3 year olds].
Research Phase 3	2009 – Abel, Gottshall, Nerren, Wilson. Impact of professional development training in indirect language stimulation techniques on English language development in Head Start preschool children [same / Head Start Preschool 4 year olds].
Research Phase 2	2008 – Abel, Gottshall, Nerren, Payne, Wilson. Integration of Language Development Strategies into ESL Preschool Classrooms in Rural East Texas: Impact on English Language Development [same / into the classroom].
Research Phase 1	2008 – Abel, Carolyn; Gottshall, Dottie; and Nerren, Jannah. Study of the Integration of Language Development Strategies into ESL Preschool Classrooms in East Texas: Training the Teachers. Grant Recipient and Project Leader of funds from Perkins College Of Education Research Academy to study impact of Language Development Stimulation Techniques by training local ESL Preschool Teachers who will then integrate same into their teaching to improve English language development in their ESL preschoolers.