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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Ph. D.** August 1997
Doctor of Philosophy in Secondary Education, TESOL
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS
- Ed.S.** August 1991
Educational Specialist, Elementary Education
Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
- M.Ed.** August 1983
Master of Education, Elementary Education
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
- B.S.** May 1978
Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS
- A.A.** November 1976
Associate of Arts, Education
Southwest Community College, Summit, MS

TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, Liberty University, 2006-Present

- Serve as Assistant Professor in the School of Education teaching residential undergraduate and distance graduate courses
- Program Specialist Coordinator

Elementary Teacher, Oregon, 1999-2004

- Salem-Keizer Public Schools, Salem, OR, Reading Specialist, kindergarten through grade five
- Portland Public Schools, Portland, OR, ESL Specialist, kindergarten through grade five

Elementary Teacher, California, 1997-1998

- West Contra Costa Public School District, Richmond, CA, first and second grade teacher

Instructor, University of Mississippi, 1996-1997

- Served as an instructor and student teacher supervisor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Mississippi 1995-1996

- Served as a graduate teaching assistant and student teacher supervisor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction

Graduate Assistant, Delta State University, Fall 1994

- Served as a graduate teaching assistant in the School of Education

Teacher, Okinawa Christian School, Japan, 1992-1993

- Served as a kindergarten teacher

Teacher, Pass Christian, Mississippi Public Schools, 1991-1992

- Served as a kindergarten teacher

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Mississippi State University, 1989-1991

- Served as a graduate teaching assistant and student teacher supervisor in the School of Education

Elementary Teacher, Mississippi, 1978-1989

- Served as a kindergarten and junior high Title I reading teacher

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

- State of Mississippi Educator's Certificate
 - Elementary Teacher, K-8
 - Reading Specialist
 - TESOL
 - Supervisor
 - Principal
- State of Virginia Postgraduate Professional License
 - Administration and Supervision, PreK-12
 - Elementary Education, PreK-6
 - English as a Second Language, PreK-12
 - Reading Specialist

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

ACE Award for Pi Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, 2009

ACE Award for Pi Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, 2007

Phi Delta Kappa, 20 Year Membership Recognition Certificate, 2009

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY: PUBLICATIONS

- Jones, J. & McDonald, C. (Fall 2007). *God's design and phonemic awareness: What is phonemic awareness, what is phonics, and what does God have to do with it.* Christian Perspectives in Education, 1(1). Retrieved February 6, 2008 from <http://digitalcommons.liberty.edu/cpe/vol1/iss1/6/>.
- McDonald, C. (1997). *An investigation of selected factors related to preparing teachers to work with limited English proficient students in north Mississippi public schools.* Doctoral dissertation. Oxford, MS: University of Mississippi.
- McDonald, C. (1996). *Stormy horizon.* In *Our Words, Our Worlds: Essays from the 1996 Summer Writing Institute* (pp. 33-36). Oxford, MS: University of Mississippi.
- McDonald, C. (1991). *A study of trends in computer and selected telecommunication technologies and their impact on the knowledge age.* Unpublished specialist's manuscript, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY: PRESENTATIONS

- McDonald, C. (February 2009). *Comprehension text strategies.* Virginia State Reading Association Conference, Arlington, Virginia.
- McDonald, C., & Whicker, A. (March 2008). *Hoyt's expository text strategies.* Virginia State Reading Association Conference, Richmond, Virginia.
- McDonald, C., Goodwin, M., & Moore-Austin, S. (November 2007). *An action plan: Your ACE in the hole.* Kappa Delta Pi Biennial Convocation, Louisville, Kentucky.
- McDonald, C., Goodwin, M., & Moore-Austin, S. (November 2007). *Kappa Delta Pi National Convocation regional meeting facilitators.* Kappa Delta Pi Biennial Convocation, Louisville, Kentucky.
- Morgan, K. & McDonald, C. (March 2007). *Viewing skills & methods of visually representing.* Virginia State Reading Association Conference, Roanoke, Virginia
- McDonald, C. (1996) *Strategies for improving reading comprehension.* Summer Institute of the University of Mississippi Writing Project in Oxford, Mississippi.
- McDonald, C. (1996). *Teaching writing skills to limited English proficient college students.* Internship at the Intensive English Program of University of Mississippi in Oxford, Mississippi.
- McDonald, C., et al. (1990) *An evaluation of issues and innovations in reading instruction.* Paper presented at a display session of the annual meeting of the Mid-South Educational Research Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- McDonald, C. (1990, October). *Whole language: Education for the future.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Association on Children Under Six, Jackson, MS.
- McDonald, C. (1990, June). *The power of motivation: Make and take workshop.* Workshop conducted at the Second Annual Mississippi State University Reading Conference, Starkville, Mississippi.

SERVICE

- **Leadership**
 - Program Specialist Coordinator, Summer 2008-Present
 - Japanese Homestay Program Coordinator, Summer 2008-Present
 - Counselor for Pi Sigma of Kappa Delta Pi, Fall 2006-Present
 - Faculty Sponsor, Christian Educators Association International

- **Committee or Task Force Service, University**
 - Member of School of Education Field Experience Assessment Research Committee
 - Member of Senate Committee on Academic & Academic Standards, Summer 2008-Present
 - Liberty University Bookstore Advisory Committee. 2007- Present
 - Member-Undergraduate Course Description Committee for EDUC courses, Fall 2006-Present
 - Member- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees, 2007-Present
 - Chair-Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committees, 2007-Present
 - Member-NCATE Diversity Committee, Spring 2008
 - Chair-Dissertation Committees, 2007-Present
 - Reader-Dissertation Committees, 2007-Present

- **Committee or Task Force Service, Non-University**
 - Virginia/NCATE Partnership Program Standards Alignment Reviewer for Reading Specialist Programs, Virginia State Department of Education, Richmond, Virginia, May 2009
 - Scholarship Reviewer for Kappa Delta Pi International, Summer 2008
 - Association of Teacher Educators Proposal Reviewer, May 2008
 - International Reading Association Proposal Reviewer, June 2008
 - Peer Reviewer for Christian Perspectives in Education, 2007-Present

- **Community/Church**
 - Assistant Sunday School Teacher, Family Life Church Adult Class, Fall 2008-Present
 - Family Life Church Adoption Seminar Speaker, July 2008
 - LU Practicum Facilitator at Linkhorne Elementary School, Fall 2006- Present
 - LU Practicum Facilitator at Amherst Elementary School, Fall 2008-Present
 - LU Practicum Facilitator at Liberty Christian Academy, Fall 2006-Present

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Laptop Training, July 2006, Liberty University
- New Employee Orientation Class, July 2006, Liberty University
- Introduction to Blackboard Basics, August 2006, Liberty University
- Using the Smart Classroom Equipment, August 2006, Liberty University
- Faculty Evaluation Portfolio Development, August 2006, Liberty University
- Getting Ready to Teach a Class, August 2006, Liberty University
- Getting Published: The Fundamentals, August 2006, Liberty University
- What Makes LU Distinctive, September 2006, Liberty University
- Naturalism, Humanism, and Theism, November 2006, Liberty University
- Peer Evaluation Tips, February 2007
- Course Embedded Assessment, March 2007
- Every Thought Captive: World View Planning, Teaching, and Assessment, May 2007
- Introducing the Liberty University Digital Commons, May 2007
- International Students: Optimizing the Classroom Experience, May 2007
- Responsibilities in the Classroom and Legally, August 2007
- Emergency Response for Critical Incidents, August 2007
- Helping Dissertation and Thesis Students Through the IRB Process, August 2007
- The Big Picture, August 2007
- Common Punctuation Errors, August 2007
- VACTE Conference, October 2007
- Kappa Delta Pi Biennial Convocation, November 2007
- LiveText, August 2008
- Presenting in A New Way: PointCast, August 2008
- Deep and Not So Wide: Demystifying Qualitative Research, August 2008
- Blackboard 7.3 Gradebook Enhancements, August 2008
- SMART Lectern Software, August 2008
- What's New At the Writing Center, August 2008
- Academic Integrity, August 2008
- Virginia College Reading Educators Conference, September 2008
- MS OneNote Basics, October 2008
- Turnitin, November 2008
- Worldview Seminar, August 2009
- Virginia State Reading Educators Workshop, September 2009

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Christian Educators International
Association of Teacher Educators in Virginia
Virginia Reading Association
Piedmont Area Reading Council

Phi Delta Kappa
Kappa Delta Pi
International Reading Association