

**Arkansas State University
Professional Education Faculty Vita
Lina Leatherwood Owens
2004-2013**

ACADEMIC DEGREES

Ph.D.	University of Mississippi Major: Elementary Education Dissertation: Teacher Self-Concept and Job Satisfaction and the Relationship with Student Achievement in First and Fourth Grades	1988
M.Ed.	University of Mississippi Major: Elementary Education	1977
B.A.	Harding University Major: Elementary Education	1973

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Arkansas State University, State University, AR	1999-present
Interim Chair	2011-2013
Associate Professor	2003-present
Assistant Professor	1999-2003
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS	1994-1999
Assistant Professor	
Harding University, Searcy, AR	1991-1994
Assistant Professor	
Chair of Elementary & Special Education	1992-1994
Oxford-University School, Oxford, MS	1988-1991
Administrator/Principal	
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS	1988-90
Visiting Assistant Professor	
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS	1988-89
Administrative Assistant, Early Childhood Leadership Institute Grant Mississippi Dept. of Education	
University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS	1985-1988
Graduate Instructor	
Lafayette County Schools, Oxford, MS	1976-85
First & Second Grade Teacher	
Corinth Municipal Schools, Corinth, MS	1973-76
First-Grade Teacher	

PUBLICATIONS (since 2004)

- **Books**

Gilbert, B. B. & Owens, L. L. (2004). *Cultural diversity through literature: Developing children's awareness*. Kaplan Publishers: Lewisville, NC.

- **Invited Chapter(s), Review Articles, Exhibits, etc.**

Owens, L. L. & Gilbert, B. B., & Chibucos, P. E. (2011). *Instructor's Manual for George Morrison's Early Childhood Education Today, 12th ed.* Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Publishing.

- **Book Chapters**

Owens, L. L., Towery, R. & Lawler, D. (2011). School-University Partnerships: Bridging the Gap in Preservice Teacher Assessment. *Professional Development School Handbook* (pp.119-134). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing

- **Journal Articles: Paginated by Volume**

Owens, L. L., Skinner, C.A., & Weaver, R. M (2004). Opening doors through literature: Involving adolescents in decision-making. *Social Studies Journal*, 32, 25-35.

Williams, D.L. & Owens, L. L. (2008) SPARKS: An on-line journal source to select literature. *Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*, 74 (4), 42-43.

- **Other Articles**

Hoeting, M., Hogue, G., Yates, G., Gilbert, B.B., & Owens, L.L. (2012). Collaborative iPad Project between a University and Concurrently Enrolled High School Social Studies Students. *Proceedings of the National Social Science Association*, 50, 26-35.

- **Other Publications**

CREATIVE RESEARCH (since 2004)

(Exhibitions: Specify national/international, regional, state or local)

(Performances: Specify national/international, regional, state or local)

(Other)

I am the voice of Emma Peak Johnson in the oral history vignettes for Lakeport Plantation which is one part of the Delta Heritage Initiatives. The Lakeport Plantation is the only remaining Arkansas plantation home on the Mississippi River. Invitation was extended by Dr. Ruth Hawkins and tapings were done in the ASU Radio & Television Station on June 28, 2012

PRESENTATIONS AT LEARNED FORUMS (since 2004)

- **National/International**

2013

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Grymes, J.M., Williams, D.L., & Lawler, D.
Title: Celebrating Early Social Emotional Development with Children's Literature:
Using Early Learning Standards as a Starting Point with Children's Books
Forum: International Reading Association (IRA)
Date: April 21, 2013
Place: San Antonio, TX

2012

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Gilbert, B.B., & Nalley, J.
Title: Mathematics + Literature = Success: Meeting Preschool Math Standards
with Children's Books
Forum: National Association on the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 8, 2012
Place: Atlanta, GA

Presenters: Grymes, J., Owens, L. L., Williams, D., & Lawler, D.
Title: Comparing and Contrasting the Seven Essential Skills of *Mind in the Making*
with a Cross-Section of Social-Emotional Early Learning Standards:
Supporting Both Sets of Outcomes with Children's Literature.
Forum: National Association on the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 8, 2012
Place: Atlanta, GA

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Hawkins, S. G., & Gilbert, B.B.
Title: A Penny for Your Thoughts: Exploring the Values of Linking Historical and
Present Events Through the Newbery Honor Book, *The Hundred Penny
Box* by Sharon Bell Mathis.
Forum: National Social Science Association
Date: July 30, 2012
Place: Lake Tahoe, NV

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Gilbert, B.B., & Hawkins, S. G.
Presentation: Opening Doors Through Literature: Entering the 21st Century.
Forum: National Social Science Association
Date: July 30, 2012
Place: Lake Tahoe, NV

Presenters: Gilbert, B.B., Hogue, G., Yates, G., Hoeting, M., & Owens, L.L.
Presentation: Collaborative iPad Project between a University and Concurrently Enrolled
High School Social Studies Students
Forum: National Social Science Association
Date: July 30, 2012
Place: Lake Tahoe, NV

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Grymes, J., & Williams, D.
Presentation: Dramatic Play + Children's Literature = Positive Opportunities for Early Childhood Language and Literacy Learning.
Forum: International Reading Association
Date: May 1, 2012
Place: Chicago, IL

2011

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Grymes, J., & Williams, D.
Presentation: The Power of Nonfiction to Support Literacy in Early Childhood Classrooms
Forum: International Reading Association (IRA)
Date: May 9, 2011
Place: Orlando, FL

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Williams, D., & Grymes, J.
Presentation: Using EXPRESSIONS: Preparing Pre-Service Teachers to Use Create Professional Websites
Forum: Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education
Date: March 2011 Nashville, TN

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Grymes, J., & Williams, D. L.
Presentation: Helping Adult Learners Understand Galinsky's Seven Essential Life Skills Through Children's Literature
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 3, 2011
Place: Orlando, FL

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Williams, D. L.
Presentation: Still Not Using Technology? Let's Discover Some Ways to Change That
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date and Place of Meeting: November 3, 2011 Orlando, FL

2010

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Grymes, J.
Title: Empathy as Disposition: Helping Adults Better Understand the Stressors in Children's Lives through Children's Literature
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 5, 2010
Place: Anaheim, CA

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Grymes, J., & Williams, D. L.
Title: Celebrating the Characteristics of Effective Early Childhood Teachers through Children's Literature
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 5, 2010
Place: Anaheim, CA

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Developing Children's Awareness of Diversity through Literature
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 4, 2010
Place: Anaheim, CA

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Choi, J.
Title: Evaluating and Addressing Children's Perception of Gender-Specific Occupations: A Comparison Across Grade-Level and Geographical Regions
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 4, 2010
Place: Anaheim, CA

2009

Presenters: Owens, L., Gilbert, B.B., Grymes, J, & Williams, D.
Title: Linking Children's Literature and Self-Regulation Learning in Preschool
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 19, 2009
Place: Washington, DC

Presenters: Owens, L., Gilbert, B.B., Grymes, J, & Williams, D.
Title: Encouraging Father Involvement and Supporting the Father-Child Bond with Children's Literature
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 21, 2009
Place: Washington, DC

Presenters: Owens, L.L. & Boals Gilbert, B.
Title: A Longitudinal Study of a State Credentialing Program in Early Childhood Education
Forum: American Educational Research Association
Date: April 14, 2009
Place: San Diego, CA

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Murphy, P., & Lawler-Prince, D.
Title: Children at the Crossroads: Using Literature to Chart the Path
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: March 20, 2009
Place: Chicago, Illinois

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Gilbert, B., Grymes, J. & Williams, D.
Title: Multiple Roads to Mathematics Learning: Integrating Math Throughout the Day
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: March 20, 2009
Place: Chicago, Illinois

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Williams, D.L., Grymes, J. & Gilbert, B.B.
Title: Supporting Digital Immigrants in Teaching Digital Natives about Integrating Technology in Early Childhood Education Curriculum
Forum: Association of Teacher Education
Date: February 16, 2009
Place: Dallas, Texas

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Towery, R., & Fillippino, T
Title: One Partnership Ten Years Later
Forum: Association of Teacher Education
Date: February 16, 2009;
Place: Dallas, Texas

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Boals, B.B., Grymes, J., & Williams, D.L.
Title: Culture and Community: Preparing BSE and MSE Students to Facilitate Growth and Understanding
Forum: Association of Teacher Education
Date: February 17, 2009
Place: Dallas, Texas

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Grymes, J., Boals, B. & Williams, D.
Title: Dispositions, Ethics and Advocacy Skills: What is Expected, What is Realistic?
Forum: Association of Teacher Education
Date: February 17, 2009
Place: Dallas, Texas

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Towery, R., & Fillippino, T.,
Title: Teacher Role Perceptions: A Look at the Perceptions of Traditionally and Non-Traditionally Trained Teachers
Forum: Association of Teacher Education
Date: February 16, 2009
Place: Dallas, Texas

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Boals, B., Grymes, J. & Williams, D.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Develop Empathy and Understanding in Adults
Forum: Association of Teacher Education
Date: February 18, 2009
Place: Dallas, Texas

2008

Presenters: Prince, D., Bradley, M. J., Owens, L. L., Towery, R., Stewart, P., & Fillippino, T.
Title: Realities and Challenges: Collaborative Program Design and Delivery
Forum: Association of Teacher Education
Date: February 25, 2008
Place: New Orleans, LA

Presenters: Grymes, J., Owens, L. L., Cramer, J., Cramer, M., Prince, D., & Malinski, M.
Title: Reaching for the Future: Literature Promoting Social Justice and Equity
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: March 27, 2008
Place: Atlanta, Georgia

Presenters: Prince, D., Bradley, M. J., Owens, L. L., Towery, R., Stewart, P., & Fillippino, T.
Title: Partnership Schools: Learning from the Past, Reaching for the Future
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: March 29, 2008
Place: Atlanta, Georgia

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Engaging Learners in Celebrating Diversity Through Literature
Forum: International Reading Association (IRA)
Date: May 7, 2008
Place: Atlanta, Georgia

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Gilbert, B. B., & Grymes, J.
Title: Toddling Along: First Steps in Toddlers' Emergent Literacy
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 7, 2008
Place: Dallas, Texas

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Gilbert, B. B., & Grymes, J.
Title: NCTM Standards & Children's Literature: Enhancing Children's Understanding of Mathematical Concepts
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 6, 2008
Place: Dallas, Texas

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Gilbert, B. B., & Grymes, J.
Title: Developing Resiliency: The Role of Children's Literature
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 8, 2008
Place: Dallas, Texas

2007

Presenters: Williams, D. L., Owens, L. L., & Fillippino, T.
Title: Creating Sparks with Children's Literature
Forum: Hawaii International Conference on Education
Date: Honolulu, HA
Place: January 8, 2007

Presenters: Prince, D. L., Bradley, M. J., Owens, L. L., Towery, R., & Maness, D.
Title: Partnership Schools: Reinventing and Educational Landscape through Integrated Teaching Experiences and In-depth Supervision
Forum: Association of Teacher Educators
Date: February 19, 2007
Place: San Diego, CA

Presenters: Bradley, M. J., Owens, L. L., Prince, D. L., Towery, R., & Maness, D.
Title: Partnership Schools: A Collaborative Approach for the Transition of Pre-Service Teachers to Beginning Teachers
Forum: Association of Teacher Educators
Date: February 20, 2007
Place: San Diego, CA

Presenters: Prince, D. L., Owens, L. L., Towery, R., & Bradley, M. J.
Title: Transforming Pre-service Teachers Through Partnership School Experiences
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: May 3, 2007
Place: Tampa, FL

Presenters: Grymes, J.M. & Owens, L.L.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Teach Child Development Concepts
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: May 4, 2007
Place: Tampa, FL

Presenters: Owens, L.L., & Gilbert, B. B. &
Title: Children's Literature: Focus on Diversity
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: May 5, 2007
Place: Tampa, FL

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Gilbert, B.B. & Grymes, J.M.
Title: Using Literature to Promote Critical Literacy and Social Activism
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children
Date: November 9, 2007
Place: Chicago, IL

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Grymes, J.M., & Gilbert, B.B.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Enhance Adult Empathy and Understanding: Bibliotherapy as Professional Development
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children
Date: November 8, 2007
Place: Chicago, IL

Presenters: Gilbert, B.B., Nalley, J., Grymes, J.M., & Owens, L.L.
Title: Reviewing a Statewide Licensure and Certification Program for Work in Infant/Toddler Rooms, Preschools, Primary Grades, and Family Child Care
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children
Date: November 10, 2007
Place: Chicago, IL

Presenters: Gilbert, B. B. & Owens, L. L.
Title: Exploring Diversity Through Literature Using Multimodal Forms of Media
Forum: National Council of Teachers of English
Date: November 16, 2008
Place: New York, NY

2006

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Using Children's Literature in the Classroom to Develop Diversity Awareness: Children's Authentic Works
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: April 15, 2006
Place: San Antonio, TX

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Grymes, J. M. & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Support State Mathematics Standards: Mathematics + Literature = Success
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: November 10, 2006
Place: Atlanta, GA

2005

Presenters: Williams, D. L., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Using SPARKS to Enrich Your Classroom.
Forum: Hawaii International Conference on Education
Date: January 6, 2005
Place: Honolulu, HA

Presenters: Towery, R. Owens, L. L., Bradley, M., & Maness, D.
Title: Growing Teachers: Partnership Schools, Integrated Teaching Experiences, and High Quality Supervision in Partnership Settings.
Forum: Holmes Partnership Conference
Date: January, 2005
Place: Philadelphia, PA.
(Presentation prepared, accepted, airline reservations secured, unable to attend due to inclement weather.)

Presenters: Bradley, M., Owens, L., Towery, R., Maness, D., Farris, K., & Martin, K.
Title: The Transitions from Pre-Service to Beginning Teachers
Forum: Holmes Partnership Conference
Date: January, 2005
Place: Philadelphia, PA.
(Presentation prepared, accepted, airline reservations secured, unable to attend due to inclement weather.)

Presenters: Bradley, M., Maness, D., Owens, L. L., & Towery, R.
Title: Review of Literature: Simultaneous Renewal in Professional Development Schools/Partnerships
Forum: Holmes Partnership Conference
Date: January, 2005
Place: Philadelphia, PA
(Presentation prepared, accepted, airline reservations secured, unable to attend due to inclement weather.)

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Skinner, C.A.
Title: Deep in the Heart of Texas: A Blending of Literature and Content Knowledge Through Thematic Exploration.
Forum: International Reading Association
Date: May 2005.
Place: San Antonio, TX

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Grymes, G. M
Title: Using Children's Literature to Support State Science Standards
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Date: December 10, 2005
Place: Washington, D.C

2004

Presenters: Grymes, J., Owens, L. L. & Skinner, C. A.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Support Implementation of State Standards in PreK Education.
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children
Date: November 12, 2004.
Place: Anaheim, CA

Presenters: Gilbert, B. B., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Promoting Understandings of Cultural and Linguistic Diversity for Families and Staff of Infants and Toddlers with a Focus on Fathers.
Forum: National Association for the Education of Young Children
Date: November 12, 2004.
Place: Anaheim, CA

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Skinner, C.A.
Title: The A,B,C's of Expository Text.
Forum: International Reading Association
Date: May 4, 2004
Place: Reno, Nevada

Presenters: Skinner, C. A., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Ready, Set, Rehearse, Perform: A "Ticket" to Reading Comprehension.
Forum: International Reading Association
Date: May 4, 2004
Place: Reno, Nevada

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Weaver, R. M., & Lawler-Prince, D.
Title: Pre-Service Pizzaz.
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: April 17, 2004
Place: New Orleans, LA

Presenters: Towery, R., Lawler-Prince, D., Owens, L. L., Weaver, R., & Ponder, J.
Title: Integrating Content Methods in a Senior Level Field Experience.
Forum: Association for Childhood Education International
Date: April 16, 2004
Place: New Orleans, LA

Presenters: Lawler-Prince, D., Bradley, M. J., Maness, D., Owens, L. L., Towery, R., & Weaver, R. M.
Title: Public Support: Moving Toward Excellence in Partnership Governance
Forum: National Partners of the Holmes Partnership
Date: January 17, 2004
Place: San Diego, CA

- **Regional**
2013

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Grymes, J.M., Williams, D.L., & Lawler, S.D.
Title: Helping Teachers Help Children Learn Seven Essential Skills for Healthy Social-Emotional Development
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Date: March 2, 2013
Place: Mobile, AL

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Grymes, J.M., & Williams, D.L.
Title: Come into the Garden Through Children's Literature
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Date: March 1, 2013
Place: Mobile, AL

2012

Presenters: Owens, L.L. & Lawler, D.
Title: Providing Professional Development for Lifelong Learners
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Date: February 3, 2012
Place: San Antonio, TX

2011

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: We Are Alike, We Are Different: Young Children's Perceptions of Diversity
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Date: January 29, 2011
Place: Savannah, GA

2010

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Williams, D. L.
Title: Using *Inspiration* of Inspire Learning
Forum: Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE)
Date: October 29, 2010
Place: Nashville, TN

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Williams, D. L.
Title: Presentation Programs: They Can Do More Than You Think
Forum: Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE)
Date: October 28, 2010
Place: Nashville, TN

Presenters: Owens, L. L. & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Children's Literature: They Mystique of the South Comes Alive
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Date: January 23, 2010
Place: Little Rock, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L. & Grymes, J.
Title: Language and Literacy Development for Toddlers and Preschoolers:
Selecting Enriching Experiences, Activities, and Literature with Correlation
To Standards
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Date: January 23, 2010
Place: Little Rock, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L. & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Embracing Diversity: Using Quality Children's Literature As a Teaching
Tool
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Date: January 23, 2010
Place: Little Rock, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Williams, D. L., & Grymes, J.
Title: PowerPoint: More Than a Slideshow
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Date: January 22, 2010
Place: Little Rock, AR

2007

Presenters: Owens, L. L. & Grymes, J.M.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Support State Science Standards
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Date: March 31, 2007
Place: Jacksonville, FL

Presenters: Towery, R., Prince, D. L., Stewart, P., Fillippino, T., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Partnership Schools: Learning from the Past, Reaching for the Future
Forum: Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE)
Date: November 7-9, 2007
Place: St. Louis, MO

Presenters: Owens, L. L. & Williams, D. L.
Title: SPARK to Literature
Forum: Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators
Date: November 7-9, 2007
Place: St. Louis, MO

2006

Presenters: Prince, D. L., Towery, T., Owens, L. L., & Harrington, R.
Title: Teacher Training: Working in Partnership Schools in Field Experiences and Internships
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association
Date: February 3, 2006
Place: Nashville, TN

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Developing Children's Awareness of Diversity through Literature
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association
Date: February 3, 2006
Place: Nashville, TN

Presenters: Grymes, J. M., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Using Children's Literature as a Teaching Tool with Adults
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association
Date: February 3, 2006
Place: Nashville, TN

2004

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Celebrate Diversity
Forum: Southern Early Childhood Association,
Date: March 19, 2004
Place: Daytona Beach, FL

- **State**

2013

Presenters: Owens, L. L.
Title: My Favorite Book – Old & New
Forum: 43rd Annual Early Childhood Conference
Date: August 6, 2013
Place: Jonesboro, AR

2012

Presenters: Owens, L. L.
Title: My Favorite Books
Forum: Arkansas Reading Association (ARA)
Date: November 16, 2012
Place: Little Rock, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Williams, D., & Grymes, J.,
Title: Using Digital Photography in the Early Childhood Classroom.
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Assoc. (AECA)
Date: October 19, 2012
Place: Hot Springs, AR.

Presenters: Owens, L. L. & Williams, D.
Title: Our Favorite Books (And Why You Should Care!)
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Assoc. (AECA)
Date: October 19, 2012
Place: Hot Springs, AR.

Presenter: Owens, L.L.
Title: My Favorite Book – Old & New
Forum: 42nd Annual Early Childhood Conference
Date: August 6 – 8, 2012
Place: Jonesboro, AR

Presenter: Owens, L.L.
Title: The Power of Partnerships and the Arkansas Out of School Network
Forum: The “Afterschool is Key” Summit
Date: March 29, 2012
Place: Jonesboro, AR

2011

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Williams, D., & Grymes, J.,
Title: Supporting literacy with digital tools.
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Assoc. (AECA)
Date: October 2011
Place: Hot Springs, AR.

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Williams, D. L.,
Title: SPARKS: A New Chapter
Forum: Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Date: April 1, 2011
Place: Searcy, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Owens, D., Keyes, D., Murphy, P., Kelly, R. & Dewailly, J.M.
Title: Preparing Reading Professionals for the Next Chapter in Arkansas: Infusing the Common Core Standards in Higher Education
Forum: Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (ArACTE)
Date: April 1, 2011
Place: Searcy, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Williams, D. L.
Title: SPARKS: A New Chapter
Forum: Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (ArACTE)
Date: April 1, 2011
Place: Searcy, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L.
Title: My Favorite New Books
Forum: 41st Annual Early Childhood Conference
Date: August, 2011
Place: Jonesboro, AR

2010

Presenters: Owens, L. L., Williams, D. L., & Grymes, J.
Title: Beyond Nursery Rhymes and Storybooks: Using Non-Fiction Books Effectively with Preschoolers
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association (AECA)
Date: October 16, 2010
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L. (3 hour – invited session)
Title: Children's Literature: Endless Possibilities
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association (AECA)
Date: October 14, 2010
Place: Hot Springs, AR

2009

Presenters: Owens, L.L. & Boals Gilbert, B.
Title: Books You Can Count On
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 9, 2009
Place: Little Rock, AR

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Gilbert, B.B., & Johnson, M.
Title: Engaging Language and Literacy Experiences for Toddlers and Preschoolers: Correlation to Frameworks and Standards
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 9, 2009
Place: Little Rock, AR

Presenters: Owens, L.L. & Dewailly, J.M.
Title: Everywhere in Arkansas: Reading Across the State
Forum: Arkansas Reading Association
Date: November 20, 2009
Place: Little Rock, AR

2008

Presenters: Owens, L.L. & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Fun With Math: Using Children's Book Characters to Teach Mathematical Concepts
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 17, 2008
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Gilbert, B. B. & Owens, L.L.
Title: Integrating Curriculum Using Children's Literature
Forum: 38th Annual Early Childhood Conference
Date: August 4, 2008
Place: Arkansas State University; Jonesboro, AR

2007

Presenters: Owens, L. L. & Williams, D. L.
Title: SPARKS: Discovering Great Books
Forum: Arkansas Association on Instructional Media
Date: April 24, 2007
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Owens, L.L., Gilbert, B. B., Bacot, N. E., & Harrington, R.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Facilitate Language, Literacy and Understanding of the Aged
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 19, 2007
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Owens, L.L. & Gilbert, B. B.
Title: Using Literature to Promote Concepts of Knowledge, Justice and Equity
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 19, 2007
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Williams, D. L.
Title: SPARKS: Igniting Quality Reading Choice
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 19, 2007
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Williams, D., Grymes, J.M. & Owens, L.L.
Title: Using Easily Accessible Technology to Create Books for Your Classroom!
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 19, 2007
Place: Hot Springs, AR

2006

Presenters: Williams, D. L., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Using SPARKS to Enrich Your Classroom
Forum: Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Date: April 7, 2006
Place: Arkadelphia, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Gilbert, B.B
Title: Fun With Math: Using Children's Book Characters to Teach Mathematical Concepts
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 20, 2006
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Grymes, J. M.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Support Science Standard-Based Curriculum.
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 20, 2006
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Williams, D. L.
Title: Spark to Reading
Forum: Arkansas Reading Association
Date: November 17, 2006
Place: Little Rock, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & ASU Pre-Service Teachers
Title: Making Literature Come Alive
Forum: Arkansas Reading Association
Date: November 17, 2006
Place: Little Rock, AR

2005

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Gilbert, B.B.
Title: Developing Children's Awareness of Diversity Through Literature
Forum: Arkansas Reading Association
Date: November 18, 2005
Place: Little Rock, AR

Presenters: Gilbert, B.B., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Celebrating Diversity through Children's Literature
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 14, 2005
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Grymes, J. M., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Using Children's Literature to Illustrated Principles of Children's Development in Professional Development Opportunities
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 14, 2005
Place: Hot Springs, AR

Presenters: Gilbert, B.B., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Exploring Art through Children's Literature
Forum: Early Childhood Education Conference
Date: August 2, 2005
Place: Jonesboro, AR

Presenters: Owens, L. L., & Gilbert, B.B.
Title: Diversity through Children's Literature
Forum: Early Childhood Education Conference
Date: August 1, 2005
Place: Jonesboro, AR

2004

Presenters: Williams, D., Owens, L. L., & Skinner, C. A.
Title: SPARKS: Using an Online Journal to Support Student Learning
Forum: Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: October 16, 2004
Place: Hot Springs, AR

• **Local**

2010

Presenters: Owens, L. L.
Title: Helping Your Child Learn To Read
Forum: Literacy Meeting for Parents
Date: October 25, 2010
Place: Fox Meadow Elementary; Jonesboro, AR

2005

Presenters: Williams, D.L., & Owens, L. L.
Title: Hot Off the Press
Forum: Northeast Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Date: September 7, 2005
Place: Jonesboro, AR

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS (current)

Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)
Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development (ASCD)
Delta Kappa Gamma (Scholarship Committee, Chair)
Kappa Delta Pi
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)
International Reading Association (IRA)
Arkansas Reading Association
Northeast Arkansas Reading Council
Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
Arkansas Early Childhood Association
Northeast Early Childhood Association

HONORS

2012 Recipient Educators Make the Difference
Awarded by Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education for
dedication to students in the field of education. Presented on April 2, 2102.

OTHER

2013

Selected as a visiting fellow to the Summer Research Institute, Harris Manchester College,
Oxford University, Oxford, England. June 30-July 7, 2013.

2012

Participated in the Mind in the Making Institute (MTMI) in New York, January 2012.
Invitation extended by Dr. Ellen Galinsky. Grant funded by Kellogg Foundation.

2005-present Editor, SPARKS: Children's Literature Review Journal.

2005-2007 Outside Reviewer - University of Mississippi. Reviewed documents of faculty seeking tenure and promotion in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.