

## RONALD W. TOWERY

Professor of Teacher Education (Tenured)  
Undergraduate and Graduate Faculty  
Appointed 1988

### Academic Degrees

Ed. D.	Mississippi State University Major: Elementary Education, Minor: Educational Leadership Dissertation: <i>The Role of the Elementary Teacher As Perceived by the Elementary Teacher and the Elementary Principal.</i> August 8, 1985	1985
M. Ed.	Mississippi State University Major: Elementary Education	1974
B. S.	Mississippi State University Major: Social Studies Education (Secondary)	1970

### Professional Experience

1988-Present	Arkansas State University, Professor of Teacher Education (Assistant 88-93, Associate 93-99)
1985-1988	Middle Tennessee State University, Assistant Professor and Director of Homer Pittard Laboratory School
1977-1985	Mississippi University for Women, Assistant Professor and Director, The Demonstration School
1974-1977	Principal, Hamilton Elementary School, Monroe County (Mississippi) Schools
1970-1974	Instructor, Grades 5 - 8, Hamilton Elementary School, Monroe County (Mississippi) Schools

### Courses Taught

At Arkansas State University

#### Undergraduate

ELED 3003	Human Growth and Learning
ELED 3033	Curriculum, Methods, and Techniques in the Elementary and Middle Grades
ELED 3073	Methods and Materials for Teaching Language Arts in the Elementary and Middle Grades
ELED 3093	Methods and Materials for Teaching Social Studies in

	the Elementary and Middle Grades
MLED 3033	Effective Teaching Strategies
MLED 3073	Key Issues for Teaching in the Middle Grades
ELED 4003	Measurement and Evaluation
ELED 4043	Foundations of American Education
ELED 4073	Field Experiences II
ELED 4016	Student Teaching in the Elementary School 4-6
ELED 4026	Student Teaching in Kindergarten
ELED 4036	Student Teaching in the Primary Grades 1-3
MLED 4116/26	Teaching Internship for Middle Grades
ECH 4003	Field Experiences III: Classroom Management and Instruction
ECH 4023	Methods and Materials for Teaching Language Arts and Social Studies P-4
ECH 4043	Methods and Materials for Teaching Mathematics and Science P-4
ECH 4016	Internship in the Primary Grades
ECH 4036	Internship in Kindergarten
RDNG 3003	Reading Acceleration
RDNG 4303	Reading Assessment and Instruction: A Process Approach
RDNG 4313	Methods and Materials in Reading
RDNG 4343	Reading in the Content Areas

#### Graduate

ELED 6023	Curriculum Construction-Elementary
ELED 6043	Social Studies in the Elementary School
ELED 6053	Principles and Practices for Teaching Language Arts in the Elementary School
ELED 5803	Special Topics Workshop: Applying the Whole Language Philosophy to Developing Classroom Reading Programs
ELED 5906	Mathematics, Science, and Reading: An Integrated Approach K-4
RDNG 5313	Methods and Materials in Reading
RDNG 5343	Reading in the Content Areas
EDFN 6763	Philosophies of Education
EDAD 6023	Elementary School Administration

#### At Other Institutions

ED 343	Methods for the Middle Grades
ED 363	Methods for Teaching Science in the Elementary School
ED 301 C	Elementary School Science
ED 301 D	Elementary School Social Studies

#### Courses Developed

ELED 3083	Methods and Materials for Teaching Science in the Elementary And Middle Grades (with M. McJunkin)
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ELED 3093	Methods and Materials for Teaching Social Studies in the Elementary and Middle Grades
ELED 4073	Field Experiences II (with M. Vance and B. Gilbert)
ELED 6083	Teaching Natural Science in the Elementary School (with M. McJunkin)
ELED 5906	Mathematics, Science, and Reading: An Integrated Approach (with M. Cramer, J. Cramer and M. Midkiff)
MLED 3073	Key Issues for Teaching in the Middle Grades
MLED 4023	Methods and Materials for Teaching Language Arts and Social Studies in the Middle Grades
MLED 4034	Classroom Management with Curricular Applications (with M. Holifield)

### **Other Collegiate Assignments**

#### **University**

Chair, Council of Professional Education (COPE) (01-02)  
 COPE Program Assessment Committee (Chair 01-02, Member 02-03)  
 CO-Chair, Professional Development School Network Council (01-02)  
 University Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Committee (Secretary 01-02, Member 02-03)  
 Member, Professional Development Schools/Educational Partnerships Steering Committee (1996-97).  
 Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Council (91-92, 95-97, 98-00)  
 Member, North Central Accreditation Committee for Review of Student Assessment in Specialty Program Areas. (92-93)  
 Member, Reserve Officer Training Corps Advisory Committee (89-92)

#### **College of Education**

Member, NCATE Standard 2 Writing Team (00-02)  
 Facilitator, 4-8 Program Re-design (99-00)  
 Site Coordinator, Partnership Initiative Program (1997-02)  
 Chair, College of Education Curriculum Committee (91-92, 95-97)  
 Member, College of Education Promotion Retention, and Tenure Committee (98-03, Chair 01-03)  
 Editor, Staff Development Newsletter, COE Staff Development Committee (97-98)  
 Chair, NCATE Area IV: Faculty Committee, College of Education (90-93)  
 Member, NCATE Steering Committee, College of Education (90-93, 95-97)  
 Director, First Year Professional Support Program (92-94)

#### **Department of Teacher Education**

Advisor, BSE Candidates  
 Advisor, MSE Candidates  
 Program Supervisor, 4-8 Programs of Study for Additional Certification  
 Coordinator, 4-8 Program Team 99-02)  
 Chair, National Middle School Folio Writing Team, 2001  
 Chair, Department Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Committee (97-02)

Advisor, Alternative Certification Program (89-01)  
Department Curriculum Committee (Member 88-94 and 98-03,  
Chair 91-92, 94-97)  
Chair, Department Social Committee (88-92)  
Member, Department NCATE Area I Committee (90-93)  
Member, Department Merit Committee (91-93)  
Member, Department Advising, Screening, and Retention Committee (90-92)  
Coordinator, Block Observation Activities (1989-94)

### **Current Professional and Academic Membership**

Phi Delta Kappa  
National Social Science Association  
National Middle School Association  
Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators  
Arkansas State Reading Council  
Association for Childhood Education International  
Arkansas Geographic Alliance  
Arkansas Association of Middle Level Educators  
Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

### **Selected Professional Assignments and Activities**

Trainer, Arkansas K-4 Crusade: Improving Math, Science, and Reading Instruction  
Arkansas Department of Higher Education.  
Trainer, Great Expectations in Math and Science, GEMS Center, University of  
Arkansas at Conway  
Member, Teacher's Task Force, Arkansas Educational Renewal Consortium (93-95)  
Member, Comprehensive Outcomes Evaluation Review Teams, Arkansas Department of  
Education (21 Instances)  
Consultant, Reading, Math, and Science In-service Education Programs, Crowley's  
RidgeEducational Cooperative  
Facilitator, Springfield Simulation for Administrative Training, National Association of  
Secondary School Principals  
Member, Later Childhood/Adolescent Committee, Association for Childhood Education  
International.  
Reviewer, NCATE Folio for Association for Childhood Education International (14  
Instances)  
Member, Evaluation Team, Pulaski County Magnet School Project. Office Of  
Educational Research and Service, Arkansas State University.  
Member, Evaluation Team, Forrest City Magnet School Project. Office of Educational  
Research and Service, Arkansas State University.  
Member, Evaluation Team, Pine Bluff Magnet School Project. Office of Educational  
Research and Service, Arkansas State University.  
Consultant, Animal Tracks, Inc. Office of Educational Research and Service, Arkansas  
State University.

Consultant, Comprehensive Outcomes Evaluation (Data Assessment), Swifton School District, Swifton, AR.

Consultant, Portfolio Assessment, Mammoth Spring School District, Mammoth Spring, AR.

Consultant, Mathematics and Reading Improvement Program Assessment. Cardwell School District, Cardwell, MO.

Consultant, Instructional Improvement, Hughes School District, Hughes, Arkansas.

Consultant, Mathematics and Science Instruction, Great Rivers Educational Cooperative, Helena, Arkansas.

Consultant, Social Studies Education, North Central Educational Cooperative, AR

Consultant, Mathematics and Reading Instruction, Montgomery County School System Clarksville, TN.

Consultant, Mathematics and Reading Instruction, OUR Educational Cooperative Harrison AR.

Consultant, Mathematics Curriculum Alignment, West Point Public School, West Point, MS.

Member, Executive Council, Board of Directors, Arkansas Association of Middle Level Educators.

Consultant, The National Faculty. Forrest City High School Reading Improvement Project

Consultant, Gates Educational Technology Grant, Arkansas Department of Education

## **Publications**

- \*Towery, R. (Winter 1991) "Integrating Literature Into Social Studies Instruction: Getting Started." Reading Improvement. 28-4: pp. 277-82.
- \*Towery, R. (Spring, 1991) "Roadblocks To Effective Social Studies Instruction: A Study In the Elementary School." National Social Science Journal. 3-2: pp. 1-8.
- \*Midkiff, R. B., R. Towery, and S. Roark. (1991) "Accommodating Learning Style Needs of Academically At-Risk Students in the Library Media Center." Ohio Media Spectrum. 43-2: pp. 45-51.
- Midkiff, R. B., R. Towery, and S. Roark., (1991). "Learning Style Needs of At-Risk Students: Teaching Math and Social Studies The Way They Learn." ERIC: ED 331 632.
- Brady, M., P. Gleason, R. Towery, and D. Trusock. (1990). "Faculty Development Activities for Student Teaching Supervisors." Design of the Curriculum and Faculty Development. pp. 89-110.
- Towery, R. "A Competency Based Model for Evaluation in Elementary Teacher Education." Design of the Curriculum and Faculty Development. 43-1 (July 1990): 253-261.
- Midkiff, R. B. and R. Towery, "Alternate Methods of Math And Social Studies Instruction for At-Risk Students Based on Learning Style Needs." Conference Proceedings: 1991 Rural Education Symposium. (March 1991) 10 pages (Unnumbered).

- Towery, R. "Roadblocks To Effective Social Studies Instruction: A Study in the Elementary School." The Social Science Perspectives Journal. 4-3 (November 1989): 272-281.
- \*Midkiff, R. B., R. Towery, and S. Roark. "Accommodating Learning Style Needs of Academically At-Risk Students in the Library Media Center." Interchange. 34-1. (Spring, 1992): 17-23. Interchange is the journal of the Oregon Media Association. Reprinted with permission from The Ohio Media Spectrum.
- \*Towery, R. "Integrating Literature Into Social Studies Instruction: A Guide for Beginners." The Reader ... IRA in Arkansas. 16. (Spring 1992): 9-16.
- Towery, R. and R. B. Midkiff. "Teach Them Social Studies The Way They Learn: Developing Appropriate Teaching Strategies for At-Risk Students Based on Learning Style Need." The Social Science Perspectives Journal. 6-2 (September, 1992): 156-167.
- Morrison, Susan. Animal Tracks Activities. (R. Towery and K. Layton eds.). Animal Tracks, Inc. Fayetteville, AR. (1993).
- Bass, J. A., and R. Towery. (1994) "Accommodating Different Thinking Styles in Social Studies." National Social Science Perspectives Journal. 4-2, 6-17.
- Towery, R. and J. A. Bass and R. Bass. (1995) "The Textbook As A Tool: Strategies for Using The Textbook in the Social Studies Classroom. National Social Science Perspectives Journal. 4-2, 216-228.
- \*Towery, R. and J. A. Bass and R. Bass. (1995) "The Textbook As A Tool: Strategies for Using The Textbook in the Social Studies Classroom. National Social Science Journal. 9-1, 58-67.
- \*Midkiff, R. B., R. Towery, and M. McJunkin. (1995) "Cinderella: Cultural Literacy." Ohio Media Spectrum. 47-2, 16-18.
- \*Towery, R. (1996) "KWL Is Not Enough" The Reader...IRA in Arkansas. 20, 10-12.
- \*Bass, J. A. and R. Towery (1996) "Integrated Units and Thinking." Louisiana Middle School Journal. V-1, 3-9.
- \*Bass, J. A. And R. Towery (1997). "Teaching With Thematic Units" Rural Educator. 19-2, 11-19.
- \*Towery, R. and R. B. Midkiff. (2000). "Character Education in the Middle Grades: Make It Part of Your Curriculum." Louisiana Middle School Journal. Spring 2000.
- \*Towery, R. and R. B. Midkiff (1999). "Integrating Technology in the Middle Grades." Trends and Issues: The Publication of the Florida Council for the Social Studies. 11(3), 25-27.
- \*Midkiff, R. B. and R. Towery (2001). "Time," Essay in the Encyclopedia of Mathematics Education. Grinstein, L. and S. Lipsey, Editors, New York: Routledge Farmer pp. 761-2.
- \*Midkiff, R. B. and R. Towery (2001). "Basic Skills," Essay in The Encyclopedia of Mathematics Education. Grinstein, L. and S. Lipsey, Editors, New York: Routledge Farmer, pp. 69-72.

\*Adjudicated

## Presentations

### National

- Towery, R. "Jazz Up Social Studies With Trade Books." National Conference of the International Reading Association. New Orleans, LA: 4 May 1989.
- Towery, R. "A Competency Based Model for Evaluation in Elementary Teacher Education." In a Professional Clinic: "Preparing for NCATE: Help Where You Need It Most." Chaired by D. Jones. Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators. New Orleans, LA: 17 February 1991.
- Turner, J., A. W. Shelton, R. Towery, and C. Williams. "No Rhyme or Reason." Elementary Education Special Interest Group, Annual Meeting of the Association Of Teacher Educators. New Orleans, LA: 19 February 1991.
- Towery, R. "Directions for Research in Teacher Education." Elementary Education Special Interest Group, Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators. New Orleans, LA: 19 February 1991.
- Towery, R. and R. B. Midkiff. "Alternative Methods of Math and Social Studies Instruction for At-Risk Students Based on Learning Style Needs." National Association of Rural and Small Schools Symposium on Rural Education. Nashville, TN: 17 March 1991.
- Towery, R. "Roadblocks To Effective Social Studies Instruction: A Study in the Elementary School." Semi-Annual Meeting of the National Social Science Association. New Orleans, LA: 3 November 1989.
- Towery, R. "Teach Them The Way They Learn: Developing Appropriate Learning Strategies Based on Learning Style Needs." Semi-Annual Meeting of The National Social Science Association. Memphis, TN: 16 November 1991.
- Towery, R. "Teach Them the Way They Learn: Appropriate Instructional Strategies for At-Risk Children Based on Learning Style Needs." Centennial Conference of The Association for Childhood Education International. Chicago, ILL. 24 April 1992.
- Towery, R. "Doing Social Studies: Helping Children Learn Through Active Participation." Centennial Conference of The Association for Childhood Education International. Chicago, ILL. 25 April, 1992.
- Cramer, M. and R. Towery. "Teaching Children To Be Responsible: How, When, and Why?" Annual Conference of The National Association for the Education of Young Children. New Orleans, LA. 13 November 1992.
- Prince, D., M. Cramer, J. Cramer., and R. Towery. "Developing Thematic Instruction in The Primary Grades." Annual Study Conference of the Association for Childhood Education International. Phoenix, AZ. 10 May, 1993
- Towery, R. and Bass, J. A. "The Text As A Tool: Strategies for Using the Textbook in Social Studies Instruction." Fall Conference of the National Social Science Association. San Antonio, TX. 11 November, 1993.
- Bass, J. A. and R. Towery, "Developing Thinking Skills in Social Studies." Fall Conference of the National Social Science Association. San Antonio, TX. 12 November 1993.

- Towery, R. and N. Bertrand "The Role of the Textbook in the Whole Language Appropriate Middle School Curriculum: A Look at the development of Teaching Teams and Instructional Practice." Annual Study Council of The Association For Childhood Education International. New Orleans, LA. 1 April, 1994.
- Towery, R., Lawler-Prince, D., and Cramer, M. "Assisting Middle School Students in Developing Self-Acceptance Through Thematic Study." Annual Study Council of The Association for Childhood Educational International. New Orleans, LA. 2 April 1994.
- Towery, R., Bass J. F., and Bass R. "Teaching Values to Middle School Students in Social Studies." National Meeting of The National Social Science Association. New Orleans, LA: 3 November 1994.
- Midkiff, R. B. and Towery, R. "Developing Middle Grader's Interest in Reading Through Thematic Study." National Social Science Association. 3 November, 1994.
- Bass, J. A., Bass, R. and Towery, R. "Teaching About the Rural South Through Thematic Study." Fall Meeting of the National Social Science Association. 4 November, 1994.
- Grymes, J., Donaghy, J., Midkiff, R., and Towery, R. "Conflict Resolution in the Primary Grades. Annual Study Conference of the Association for Childhood Education International. Washington D.C.: 14 April, 1995.
- Midkiff, R. and Towery, R. "Teach Them the Way They Learn: Meeting the Learning Style Needs of Middle Grade Students." Annual Study Conference of The Association for Childhood Education International. Washington D. C.: 15 April, 1995.
- Towery, R. and R. B. Midkiff. "Integrated Units: Connecting Learning to the Individual World of the Child." Annual Study Conference of the Association for Childhood Education International. Washington, D. C.: 15 April, 1995
- Bass, J. A. and R. Towery. "Teaching Through Thematic Units." Association of Teacher Educators. St Louis, MO: 9 February, 1995.
- McJunkin, M. and R. Towery. "Integrating Math, Science, and Reading: The K-4 Crusade in Arkansas." National Science Teachers Association. St. Louis, MO 8 April 1996.
- Towery, R. And R. Midkiff. "Fairytale, Folktales, and Math." National Council of Teachers of Mathematics National Conference. Minneapolis, MN: 17 April, 1997.
- Prince, D., M. J. Bradley, M. Cramer, R. Midkiff, and R. Towery. "Partner Schools: A Review of the Literature." Kansas State University Professional Development School Conference. Kansas City, MO: February, 1999.
- Prince, D, L. Owens, R. Towery, and R. Weaver. "Assessment in a Field Based Practicum". Association for Childhood Education International: San Diego, CA: April, 2002.

## **Regional**

- Towery, R., C. Green, and L. Kemp. "Recruiting and Retaining Minority Faculty in Higher Education." North Central Association Drive-In Conference. Jonesboro, AR: 26 July 1990.
- Towery, R. "A Competency Based Model for Evaluation in Elementary Teacher Education. Annual Meeting of The Southeast Association of Teacher Educators. Little Rock, AR: 9 November 1992.
- Trusock, D. and R. Towery. "Faculty Development: Improving the Interpersonal Skills of University Supervisors." Annual Conference of the Southeast Association of Teacher Educators. Jackson, MS: 7 November, 1992.
- Towery, R. and M. McJunkin. "The Elementary Teacher's Role As Perceived By Elementary Teachers in the Changing Climate of Today's Schools." Annual Conference of the Southeast Association of Teacher Educators. Jackson, MS: 7 November 1992.
- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery. "Using Learning Style Needs To Develop Alternative Methods of Instruction for At-Risk Children." Annual Conference of the Southeast Association of Teacher Educators. Jackson, MS. 8 November, 1992.
- Bass, J. A. and R. Towery. "Developing Thinking Skills in Content Area Instruction." Southwest Regional meeting of the International Reading Association. Little Rock, AR: 18 November 1994.
- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery. "Developing Interest in Reading Through Thematic Study: A Reading Natural Way To Learn." Southwest Regional meeting of the International Association. Little Rock, AR. 18 November, 1994.
- Towery, R. "Adventures in Travel: Using Mathematics in Integrated Instruction." Central Regional National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Conference. Springfield, MO: 12 October 1995.
- McJunkin, M., R. Towery, and J. Ponder. "Literacy Learning Through Integrated Math And Science." Great Lakes and Southeast Combined IRA Regional. Nashville, TN: 12 November 1995.
- Towery, R., J. Bass, and M. McJunkin. "Keeping Instruction in Balance: The Role of Background Knowledge in Content Area Reading." Great Lakes and Southeast Combined IRA Regional. Nashville, TN: 13 November 1995.
- Bass, J and R. Towery. "Balancing Reading Instruction With Thematic Units." Great Lakes and Southeast Combined IRA Regional. Nashville, TN: 14 November, 1995.
- Towery, R. "Thematic Teaching Using Multicultural Literature." 1996 Baylor Reading Conference. Waco, TX: 16 February, 1996.
- Towery, R. and Midkiff, R. "Shapes Around the Neighborhood" Southeast Regional National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. New Orleans, LA: 16 January 1997.
- Midkiff, R. and Towery, R. "Math, Manipulative, and Multicultural Literature" Southeast Regional Conference of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. New Orleans, LA: 17 January 1997.
- Towery, R. "If This Is Social Studies, Why Are We doing Math?" Southeast Regional

- Conference of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Memphis, TN: 17 October 1997.
- Towery, R. "Integrating Social Studies and Mathematics." Southwest Regional Meeting Of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Little Rock, AR: 30 October 1998.
- Prince, D., M. J. Bradley, M. Cramer, R. Midkiff, and R. Towery. "Partner Schools: A Review of the Literature." Mid-South Educational Research Association. New Orleans, LA: 5 November 1998.
- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery. "Reading Mathematics: Using multicultural Literature to Create Understanding "Southwest Conference of the International Reading Association, Little Rock, AR: 18 November, 1999.
- Ponder, J., V. McClain, and R. Towery. "Developing a School Wide Literacy Program." Southwest International Reading Association: Dallas, TX: March, 2002.
- Prince, D., R. Towery, J. Ponder, L. Owens, and R. Weaver. "Integrating Methods Courses in an Early Childhood Field Experience." Southeast Association of Teacher Educators. Hot Springs, AR: 1 November, 2002.
- Towery, R., D. Prince, J. Ponder, L. Owens, and R. Weaver. "Linking Assessment to Standards in a Field Based Practicum." Southeast Association of Teacher Educators. Hot Springs, AR: 1 November, 2002.

#### **State**

- Towery, R. "Developing Effective Mid-Level Field Experiences." Annual Meeting of The Arkansas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education. Little Rock, AR: 30 March 1989.
- Towery, R. "Mapping Skills For The Primary Grades." Annual Meeting of The Arkansas Education Association. Little Rock, AR: 12 October 1989.
- Layton, K. and R. Towery. "Teachers Who Want To Teach." Annual Meeting of The Arkansas Association of Colleges of Teacher Education. Little Rock, AR: 5 April 1990.
- Towery, R. "Integrating Literature Into Social Studies and Other Content Areas." Annual Conference of The Arkansas Reading Council. Little Rock, AR: 8 November 1990.
- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery. "Teach Them The Way They Learn." Conference of The Arkansas Reading Council. Little Rock, AR: 14 November 1991.
- Towery, R. and M. McJunkin. "How Can I Teach Them If They Can't Read The Book?" Conference of The Arkansas Reading Council." Little Rock, AR: 14 November, 1991.
- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery. "Teach Them Math and Social Studies The Way They Learn." Annual Conference of The Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Hot Springs, AR. 24 July, 1992.
- Bass, J. A. and R. Towery. "Developing Thinking Skills in Content Area Instruction. State Conference of the Arkansas Reading Association. Little Rock, AR: 1 November 1993.

- Towery, R. and J. A. Bass. "The Textbook As A Tool: Strategies for Using the Textbook In Content Area Instruction." Conference of the Arkansas Reading Association. Little Rock, AR: 14 November 1993.
- Midkiff, R. B. and R. W. Towery. "Integrating Math in the Primary Grades." Arkansas Early Childhood Association. Little Rock, AR: 22 October, 1994.
- Towery, R. "Effective Classroom Management." Arkansas Department of Education First Year Teacher Conference. Hot Springs, AR: 24 January 1995.
- Towery, R. "Building Background Knowledge in Content Area Reading Insurrection." Arkansas Department of Education Chapter 1 Mid-Winter Conference. Hot Springs, AR: 25 January 1995.
- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery. "Closing the Connection." Arkansas Department of Education Chapter 1 Mid-Winter Conference. Hot Springs, AR: 26 January, 1995.
- Towery, R. and M. McJunkin. "The Role of Background Experience in Content Area Reading." Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Hot Springs, AR: 27 June 1995.
- McJunkin, M. R. Towery, and R. Midkiff. "The K-4 Crusade in Arkansas." Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Hot Springs, AR: 27 June 1995.
- Towery, R. "Developing a Whole Language Approach to Social Studies Instruction." Annual Conference of the Arkansas Education Association. Little Rock, AR: 3
- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery. "Ten Different Ways to Teach the Same Content." Arkansas Association of Middle Level Educators. Hot Springs, AR: 2 April, 1996.
- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery. "Celebrating Growth and Achievement Through Portfolio Assessment." Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Hot Springs, AR: 18 June 1996.
- Towery, R. and R. Midkiff. "Celebrating Learning Diversity: Learning Styles, Multiple Intelligence's and Thinking Styles." Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Hot Springs, AR: 18 June, 1996.
- Towery, R. "Building Background for Social Studies Activities." Northeast Arkansas Geographic Alliance Annual Conference. Arkansas State University: October, 1996.
- Midkiff, R. And R. Towery. "Math, Multicultural Literature, and Manipulatives." Arkansas Association of Middle Level Educators Annual Conference. Hot Springs, AR: 7 April 1997.
- Towery, R. "Integrating Mathematics and Social Studies." Second Annual Arkansas Conference on Teaching. Little Rock, AR: 24 October 1997.
- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery. "Fairy Tales and Math." Second Annual Arkansas Conference on Teaching. Little Rock, AR: 24 October 1997.
- Towery, R. and L. Loggins. "How Can I Teach Them, If They Can't Read The Book?" Arkansas Association of Middle Level Educators. Hot Springs, AR: 6 April, 1998.
- Towery, R. "Writing for Publication." Arkansas Association of Middle Level Educators. Hot Springs, AR: 9 April, 2001.

## Research

### Published Research Reports

- Towery, R. "Osceola School District: A Comprehensive Report." Office of Educational Research and Service, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR: January 1991.
- Towery, R. "South Mississippi County: A Comprehensive School District Study. Office of Educational Research and Service, Arkansas State University. Jonesboro, AR: January 1991.
- Towery, R. "Reorganization???: South Mississippi County and Osceola School Districts." Office of Educational Research and Service, Arkansas State University. Jonesboro, AR: January 1, 1991.

### Unpublished or In Preparation

- Towery, R. and J. Ponder. "Reflective Practice in Partner Ship Schools" Manuscript in preparation
- Towery, R. and J. Ponder. "Group Conducted Research" Manuscript in preparation.
- Towery, R., J. Ponder, L. Owens, D. Prince, R. Weaver. "One Partnership 6 years later" Development of a follow-up questionnaire to an initial study conducted in 97-98 exploring the progress of the Partnership Schools Program at Arkansas State University. Data will be collected this spring.

### Member, Dissertation Committee (Completed)

- McBride, Jackie R., "Developing a Model Sexual Harassment Policy"
- Webb, Ann, "Local School Governance in the South: A Gender Issue"
- Boeckman, Mary E. "Superintendent Perceptions of the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium Standards for School Leaders"
- Echols, Rodney, "Decision Making Processes Used by School Boards in Selected Delta Schools"

### Member, Doctoral Committees

- Faught, Brad "Creating Suicide Prevention Policies for Middle and Secondary Grades" (In progress)
- Stewart, Kima, No topic selected
- Kimbrole, Tom, No topic selected

## Grants Funded

- Midkiff, R. and R. Towery \$1200.00 Computer Software Grant. Funded by Arkansas State University Computer Services. January 1995
- Cramer, J., M. Cramer, R. Midkiff, and R. Towery. \$247,000.00. Science, Mathematics, And Reading: An Interdisciplinary Approach K-4. Arkansas Department of Higher Education. April, 1995
- Cramer, J., M. Cramer, R. Towery. \$71,750.00 ASSI K-4, Math/Science Equipment for Public Schools. Arkansas Department of Higher Education. September, 1995.

Towery, R., R. Midkiff, and M. McJunkin. \$17,600.00 K-4: The Next Generation. Arkansas Department of Education, December 1995.

Cramer, J., M. Cramer, R. Towery. \$160,099. Science, Mathematics, and Reading: An Interdisciplinary Approach K-4. Arkansas Department of Higher Education. April 1996.

Cramer, J., M. Cramer, R. Towery. \$108,000. Science, Mathematics, and Reading: An Interdisciplinary Approach K-4. Arkansas Department of Higher Education. June 1997.

Cramer, M., J. Cramer, and R. Towery. 34,600.00. Math/Science Materials for Public Schools. Arkansas Department of Higher Education. 1997.

Midkiff, L., J. Cramer, R. Towery, R. Midkiff. \$81,000.00 First Year Teachers and First Year Principles Induction Program. Goals 2000. October 1997.

Johnson, L., and R. Towery. \$4,200.00 Sub-grant to implement inclusive practices, develop partnerships, and provide training to practicing teachers. Arkansas Department of Education. 1999.

### **Grant Applications in Review**

Hogue, Gina, and R. Towery "Teaching About Local History" A request for 431,000.00 to train teachers in grades 5, 8, and 11 the use of technology in teaching about American History with a focus on the Mississippi Delta. U. S. Department of Education.

### **Evaluation/Accreditation Teams/NCATE Folio Reviews**

Comprehensive Outcome Evaluation Site Visit Teams for the Arkansas Department of Education (Selected Sites)

- North Elementary School, Springdale, AR 1992
- Earl High School, Earl, AR 1992
- Hughes High School, Hughes Arkansas 1993
- Forrest Hills Elementary School, Forrest City, AR 1993
- Mountain Home Jr. High, Mountain Home, AR 1994
- Cord-Charlotte High School, Cord, AR 1994
- West Elementary School, Jonesboro, AR 1994
- Tyronza High School, Tyronza, AR 1995
- Cedar Park Elementary School, Truman, AR 1995
- Wynne Primary School, Wynne, AR 1995

Program Evaluations conducted for The Office of Research and Service, College of Education, Arkansas State University

- Forrest City Magnet School Program, Forrest City AR. April 1993 (Compensated)
- Pulaski County Magnet School Program, Little Rock, AR. May 1993 (Compensated)
- Magnet School Program, Pine Bluff Schools, Pine Bluff, AR April, 1994 (Compensated)
- Pulaski County Magnet School Program, Little Rock, AR. May 1994 (Compensated)
- Magnet School Program, Pine Bluff Schools, Pine Bluff, AR, April 1995 (Compensated)
- Pulaski County Magnet School Program, Little Rock, AR. May, 1996 (Compensated)

Other Program Evaluations

Math and Reading Program Review, Southland School District, Caldwell, MO,  
December 1993-September 1994. (Compensated)  
Animal Tracks Program Validation, Office of Research and Service, Arkansas State  
University, 1993-1994. (Compensated)

NCATE Folio Reviews conducted for The Association for Childhood Education International  
Nicholls State University, June, 1995, Undergraduate Programs  
(Rejoinder) Nicholls state University, Undergraduate Programs, December 1995  
University of South Carolina, Undergraduate Programs, June, 1995  
(Rejoinder) University of South Carolina, Undergraduate Programs, December 1995  
University of South Carolina, Graduate Programs, June, 1995  
Central Michigan University, Undergraduate Programs, December 1995  
(Rejoinder) Central Michigan University, Undergraduate Programs, June 1996  
Minnesota-Morris University, Undergraduate Programs, June 1996  
William Patterson College, Undergraduate Programs, June 1996  
(Rejoinder) William Patterson College, Undergraduate Programs, December 1996

### **Selected In-service Training Conducted for Public School Teachers**

#### Workshops Presented in Arkansas

“Disaggregating Data to Select School Improvement Correlates.” Swifton School District,  
Swifton, AR 21 October 1993. (Uncompensated)  
“Portfolio Assessment.” Mammoth Springs Elementary School, Mammoth Springs,  
AR, 29 October 1993 (Compensated)  
“Integrating Instruction Through Literature Based Units.” Jonesboro Public Schools,  
Jonesboro, AR 14 May 1994. (Compensated)  
“An Introduction to Learning Styles.” Tyronza Elementary School, Tyronza, AR 13  
August 1996. (Compensated)  
“Smart Steps to Technology Leadership” Arkansas Department of Education, Nettleton  
High School, Jonesboro, AR: 18-20 June and 23-25 June, 2001

Workshops presented for the Crowley’s Ridge Educational Cooperative  
With D. Lawler-Prince “Portfolio Assessment: What’s Coming?” 1 August 1995.  
“Effective Use of the Textbook in Content Area Instruction.” 29 August 1996.  
With Midkiff, R. “If the Shoe Fits.” 30 July 1997.

Workshops presented for the Dawson Educational Cooperative  
“Integrating Mathematics Grades K-3.” 10 August, 1994 (Compensated)  
“Improving Content Area Reading.” 10 August, 1994 (Compensated)

Workshops presented for Great Rivers Education Service Cooperative  
With Midkiff, R. “Integrating Mathematics in Grades K-3.” 1 October 1994.  
(Compensated)

With Midkiff, R. "Portfolio Assessment in Grades K-6." 18 July, 1995

Workshops presented for the Hughes Public Schools

With Midkiff, R. "Teacher Behaviors for Improving Instruction in Grades 4-6." 18 August 1994. (Compensated)

With Midkiff, R. "Writing Across the Curriculum." 20-21 March 1995. (Compensated)

With Midkiff, R. "Supporting Whole Language." 11-12 May, 1995. (Compensated)

With Midkiff, R. "School Improvement." 23 February 1996. (Compensated)

Workshops presented for the Ozarks Unlimited Resources Education Service Cooperative

With Midkiff, R. "Integrating Mathematics across the Curriculum." 8-9 June 1995. (Compensated).

With Midkiff, R. "Portfolio Assessment: What to Expect." 7 July 1995. (Compensated).

With Midkiff, R. "Thinking Styles and Learning Styles." 13-14 July 1995. (Compensated).

"Developing Content Area Knowledge in Content Area Reading." 17 August, 1995 (Compensated)

"Questions for Thinking." 17 August, 1995 (Compensated)

"Developing Literature Based Thematic Units." 14 August 1996. (Compensated)

Workshops for Forrest City High School

"The Fundamentals of Reading" 27 October, 2000 (Compensated)

"Teaching Through Illustrations" 28 October, 2000 (Compensated)

"A Four Point Plan for Teaching Reading in the Content Area" 9 March 2001 (Compensated)

"Questioning Strategies" 18 May, 2001

Workshops presented in other states

With McJunkin, M. "Integrating Literature with Content Area Instruction." R11 School District, MO 20 November, 1995 (Compensated)

Workshops presented for the West Point School District, West Point, MS

With Midkiff, R. "In All Probability." 2 September, 1997 (Compensated)

Workshops Presented for the Arkansas Department of Education

With L. Midkiff and K. Wilbankes. "Using Technology to Promote School Improvement."

Jonesboro, AR: June 2001, June 2001, June 2002

## **Selected Professional Development**

"ACEI Folio Reviewers Training for NCATE Accreditation" by Association for

Childhood Education International. Phoenix, AZ: 9 April 1993.

“Springfield Development Program for Administrators” by National Association of Secondary School Principles. Jonesboro, AR: January 1993.

“Springfield Development Program for Administrators: Leadership Training Workshop.” By National Association of Secondary School Principles. Jonesboro, AR. March 1993.

“Dean’s Council on Inclusion.” By Arkansas Department of Education. Little Rock, AR: 23-25 May: 1994.

“Schools Are for All Kids.” By Arkansas Department of Education. Lake DeGray State Park, Arkadelphia, AR: 1 July, 1994.

“ELED 5096 Math, Science, and Reading an Integrated Approach K-4” Six-hour graduate course taught by Dr. Mark McJunkin. Arkansas State University. Pocahantas, AR: March-October, 1994.

“First Steps Training” by Black River Development District. Walnut Ridge, AR: 18 January, 1995.

“K-4 Crusade Training for Trainers” by Arkansas Statewide Systemic Initiative. Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Searcy, AR: 9-12 August 1995.

“Professional Development Seminar: Leadership Training” by Association for Childhood Education International. Washington, D. C. 12 April 1995.

“Portfolio Assessment in Teacher Education.” By Arkansas Department of Higher Education. Conway, AR: 21 November 1995.

“Middle Level Teacher Education Programs” by Arkansas Department of Education. Little Rock, AR: 29 March 1996.

“ADE Licensure Standards and Folio Guidelines” by ASU Department of Elementary Education. Paragould, AR: 7 June 1996.

“Planning Instruction for All Students.” Dean’s Symposium on Diversity. Conway, AR: October 1996.

“Assessment Conference” by The American Association of Higher Education. Washington, DC: 21-24 November 1996.

“Training for Trainers, Great Expectations in Math and Science” by GEMS Center, Little Rock, AR: 13-14 November 1997.

“Partnership Development Workshop” by College of Education, Arkansas State University: 28 July 1997.

“Partnership Development/Middle Level Cadres” by Arkansas State University and Georgia College and State University, Millageville, GA: 10-12 May 1997.

“Reflective Writing and Inquiry Based Learning” by Dr. Ruth Supuko, College of Education, Arkansas State University. Jonesboro, AR: 27 January 1998.

“Professional Development Schools” by Dr. Richard Ishler, College of Education, Arkansas State University. 29 January 1998.

“Redesign of the College of Education” by Dr. Robert Wiesniewski, College of Education, Arkansas State University. Jonesboro, AR: 20 February 1998.

“Professional Development School Conference” by University of Louisville. Louisville, KY: March 1998.

“The First Days of School” by Harry Wong, Crowley’s Ridge Educational Service Cooperative. Jonesboro, AR: 13 August 1998.

“Teaching and Assessment” by Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. Nashville, TN: October 1998.

“Smart Start” by Arkansas Department of Education and Crowley’s Ridge Educational Service Cooperative. Jonesboro, AR: 9 December 1998.

“Smart Steps for Technology Leadership: Program Training” Fairfield Bay, AR: 28-31 January, 2001.

“Developing Effective Middle School Teachers.” National Middle School Association Spring Symposium. Dallas, TX: February, 2001.

“Active Learning with Technology: Leader Training” Southwest Educational Development Laboratory. Melbourne, AR: 1-2 March, 2001.

“Grand Gathering for Technology Leadership in Schools.” Arkansas Department of Education. Little Rock, AR: March 2001.

“Multicultural Awareness Seminar” Arkansas State University, September, 2001.

“Smart Steps for Technology Training: Leader Training Update.” WinRock Conference Center, Pettie Jean, AR: March 2002

