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- Education

1972 - 1974	University of Southwestern Louisiana	Lafayette, LA
	Master of Education	
	○ Elementary Education	
1969-1971	University of Southwestern Louisiana	Lafayette, LA
	Bachelor of Arts	
	○ Elementary Education Grades 1-8	

Teaching Philosophy - It is my firm opinion that to be a successful educator, I must meet certain requirements. First, I must possess the appropriate knowledge, skills and disposition. It is more than “just a job”. Second, I consider my role as an educator as a mentorship and partnership with each candidate. For this partnership to be successful I facilitate the learning process and my students take an active role in the learning process. I establish relationships built on trust, care, and concern.

Instructor is a role that I take very seriously; therefore, I make every effort for my students to know that I am here for them, and that I will do whatever it takes to assist them in reaching their full potential and be successful in their future classroom. My ultimate goal is to help my students become self-directed, reflective practitioners who are ready to embark on an exciting and rewarding profession. With that being said, the following quote exemplifies a major ideology of education and it encapsulates my teaching philosophy: “Give a man a fish and he eats for a day; teach a man to fish and he eats for a lifetime.”

Hence, I do not *give* them anything, but instead I strive to instill within them not only the required knowledge, skills, and disposition; but also the desire to succeed for a *lifetime*.

Bio: My career in education has been an exciting, rewarding, and a challenging journey. It certainly has not been easy, but the rewards have made it all worthwhile. I received my B.A. from University of Louisiana (then University of Southwestern Louisiana) and three years later received my master’s degree also from ULL. I taught seven years in public education in St. Landry Parish. My first assignment was a 4th and 5th grade combination. That was very interesting and turned out to be a wonderful experience. Then I asked to be transferred to a school in Opelousas since it was closer to my home. In the next six years I taught at North Elementary (grades 1-3 social studies) and Southwest Elementary (grades 1, 2,

and 4). After seven years I had the opportunity to work at the Academy of the Sacred Heart. For the next nineteen years, I taught literature to 6th and 7th grade, math to 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade, and one year I taught 4th grade self-contained. After ten years in the classroom at the Academy, I was asked to join the administration and oversee the lower school, grades P-K to 4. I was actually like an assistant principal, but my title was Primary Coordinator. Then in 1999 fate brought me to ULL and I have been “home” ever since.

The memorable moments of my years in education are more than I can mention, but there are some highlights in my career that stand out in my mind. One of the first highlights was being recognized as a model 4th grade teacher of language arts while in St. Landry Parish. I was videotaped teaching a language arts lesson which was used throughout the parish for training. At the Academy of the Sacred Heart, I had the opportunity and pleasure to be part of a national committee of Sacred Heart teachers. I represented the Sacred Heart schools in the southern part of the U.S. There were five members on the committee, and we met three to four times a year (different parts of the U.S.) and our task was to plan and facilitate professional development for all of the schools of the Sacred Heart (nineteen in the United States). Highlights from my ULL years include making presentations at conferences (just to name a few: Hawaii, Montreal, Orlando, Las Vegas; some real exciting places!), conducting in-service meetings for various schools in the surrounding parishes, and being named Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year in Region IV LACUE. However, if you asked me to name my biggest highlight at ULL, it would be having the opportunity to teach so many extraordinary pre-service teachers and playing a role in shaping their career.

Lagniappe information for the curious: aside from teaching, I love interior decorating and seasonal decorating (interior and exterior). In 2010 I decided to make my hobby official, so I enrolled in a course, and I am now a certified home stager! Christmas, of course, is my busiest time. In addition to interior/exterior decorating, I also took a course in flower arranging. I find decorating and flower arranging relaxing and rewarding. Finally, my last love outside of teaching is antiquing.

Courses taught –

EDCI 430 – Classroom Management for Elementary Teachers

EDCI 349 – PK-6 Math Methods I

EDCI 350 – PK-6 Math Methods II

EDCI 351 – Practicum in Elementary Math

IREC 320 – Technology in the Classroom

Advising – advise Elementary Education 1-5 majors. Mrs. Beard advises approximately forty advisees each semester. In the span of the twenty years at UL Lafayette, Mrs. Beard has advised approximately 1,600 candidates!

Teaching experience –

1999-Present

University of Louisiana

Lafayette, LA

- Responsible for advising students and teaching a variety of methods courses in Curriculum and Instruction.

- Technology Trainer for all Professional Development Schools (two years)
- Direct the three summer programs sponsored by the Center for Gifted Education. (seven years)
- Coordinator UL/LSUE 2+2 Program (five years)
- Interim Director of Teacher Clinical Experiences 2019 – present

1998-1999 Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA
Instructor/Advisor

- Responsible for advising students in the fall semester and teaching EDCI 3200 Methods of Language Arts and Reading and EDCI 3126 Methods of Mathematics in the spring semester.

1989 – 1998 Academy of the Sacred Heart Grand Coteau, LA
Coordinator of Primary School

- Supervise the teachers in the lower school, plan and conduct all events on campus, and write weekly communication letter to parents. Coordinate the day-to-day activities, schedules, and general running of the school for the students and teachers in grades pre-kindergarten through fourth grade.
- Teach one to two classes

1980-1989 Academy of the Sacred Heart Grand Coteau, LA
Teacher

- Responsible for teaching reading, language arts, and math for grades five through eight.

1982-1998 Academy of the Sacred Heart Grand Coteau, LA
Administrator of summer camp

- Create, organize/computerize, and conduct a day camp for children ages 3-12 including all aspects from hiring, training, and motivating staff to coordinating budgets, business operations, and vendor relations.

1976-1980 Southwest Elementary School Opelousas, LA
Teacher

- Responsible for teaching fourth grade all general subjects.

1974-1976 North Elementary School Opelousas, LA
Teacher

- Responsible for teaching social studies and language arts in grades one through three.

1972-1973 Morrow Elementary Opelousas, LA
• Responsible for teaching a fourth/fifth grade combined class all subjects

Publications –

Samsonov P. & Beard M. (2003). Preparing Teachers Who Will Teach Colleagues Online: A Case Study on A Professional Development Course in Educational Technology for Teachers. SITE-AACE International Conference, Albuquerque, March 2003. Proceedings from the Conference, pp. 2176-2178.

Samsonov P. & Beard M. (2003). Training Trainers to Teach Online: Experience of A Professional Development Course in Educational Technology. Ed-Media 2003 World Conference on Educational Media, Hypermedia and Telecommunications. June 23-28, Honolulu, Hawaii. Proceedings from the Conference, pp. 1760-1763.

Grants –

External Grant

2021

Tolley, L. M., Sheppard, P., & Beard, M. C. (2020-2021 FY). *Enhancing University-School Mentor Partnerships at UL Lafayette* (\$60,000), Targeted Departmental Enhancement Program, Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund.

Beard, M. Summer Scholars Residential Program. Five grant proposals funded for five summers: 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 by the Joe W. and Dorothy Dorsett Brown Foundation. (total \$200,000)

Parker, J. and Beard, M. Creative/Academic Scholars Program. Four grant proposals funded for four summers: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education. (total \$140,000)

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Samsonov, P. and Beard, M. Implementing Blackboard Online Delivery System at Lafayette High School. Enhancement grant through the Board of Regents for one year. (total \$27,372)

Presentations/Conferences attended

2016 organized and participated in a five-hour workshop for Promethean Board Basics

- Lafayette Parish Technology Center Lafayette, LA

2015 organized and participated in a five-hour workshop for Promethean Board Basics

- Lafayette Parish Technology Center Lafayette, LA

2014 organized and participated in a five-hour workshop for Promethean Board Basics

- Lafayette Parish Technology Center Lafayette, LA

2012 organized and participated in a three-hour workshop for students in IRED 315.

- Lafayette Parish Technology Center Lafayette, LA

2011 organized and participated in a three-hour workshop for Block II students in EDCI 439.

- Lafayette Parish Technology Center Lafayette, LA

2010 participated in a six-hour Professional Development in Promethean Training

- Region 4 Teaching, Learning and Technology Center Kaplan, LA

2009 Conducted seven-hour Professional Development workshop Morgan City, LA

- Central Catholic High School in-service

2009 Louisiana Computer Using Educators State Conference Baton Rouge, LA

- Presented “Not Your Mother’s PowerPoint Presentation”

2007 National Social Sciences Association Las Vegas, NV

- Presented You Can Do What With PowerPoint? You’re Kidding!

2006 Louisiana Association of Computer Using Educators Baton Rouge, LA

- Presented Empowering with PowerPoint: Interactive Activities
- Presented Technology Empowering Students to Teach Parents

2006 International Alliance for Invitational Education Atlanta, Georgia

- Presented The Mythical Divide: Can Schools and Communities Genuinely Co-exist?

2005 AACE International Conference Montreal, Canada

- Presented Results from a year-long Case Study of Teachers Teaching Online

- 2005 Society for Information Technology & Teacher Education Phoenix, AZ
- International presentation: The Dos and Don'ts of Online teaching
- 2004 Louisiana Computer Using Educators State Conference Alexandria, LA
- Presented Online Teaching using Blackboard
 - Conducted workshop on The Power Of PowerPoint
- 2003 International Conference, SITE-AACE Albuquerque, NM
- Presented a Case Study on A Professional Development Course in Educational Technology for Teachers: Preparing teacher Who Will Teach Colleagues Online.
- 2003 Ed-Media World Conference on Educational Media Honolulu, Hawaii
- Presented Training Trainers to Teach Online: Experience of A Professional Development Course in Educational Technology.
- 2003 National Conference on Professional Development Schools Orlando, FL
- Presented Building Strength, Connectedness, and Growth Through Partnerships
- 2003 International Conference on Education Oahu, Hawaii
- Presented Seamlessly Integrating Technology into the Curriculum
- 2002 National Conference for Gifted Children Denver, CO
- Attended only
- 2002 National Conference Kappa Delta Pi Orlando, FL
- Co-counselor, attended only
- 2002 Conducted In-Service workshop Morse, LA
- Morse Elementary grades 1-8
 - Topic: Integrating technology into the curriculum
- 2002 State Conference for Pre-K to Fourth Grade Monroe, LA
- Presented Integrating Technology into the Curriculum
- 2001 Conducted In-service workshop Lafayette, LA
- Lafayette Charter High School
 - Topic: Integrating technology into the curriculum
- 2001 Institute for Technology Integration LSUE Eunice, LA
- Presented Integrating Technology into the Curriculum for Little or No Cost
- 1989 National Faculty Institute San Francisco, CA
- Member of Planning Committee
 - Presented Mentoring Workshop

Professional membership –

Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity

Kappa Delta pi Educational Fraternity

International Society for Technology in Education

National Association for Gifted Children

Chair, NCATE committee, Standard V

Chair, Specialized Programs Association: Association of Childhood Education International (ACEI)

Member, University of Louisiana Senate

Chair, College of Education Awards Banquet
Chair, Selective Admissions Committee
Chair, Curriculum & Instruction Verve Committee
Member, Professional Development for Cooperating Teachers Committee
Member, CAEP Evidence Team
Member, Retention and Recruitment Committee for College
Advisor, Undergraduate Elementary Education
Advisor, A+PEL (Associated Professional Educators of Louisiana)
Member of Advisory Board, Shining Light Foundation

Awards –

2009 - 20219 Outstanding Advisor Award for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2009 Wrote report and received National Recognition for Association of Childhood Education International (ACEI)
2007 Outstanding Advisor Award for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2007 Post Secondary Teacher of the Year
2006 Louisiana Teacher Assistance & Assessment Program

- Trained to be a state assessor of new teachers

2006 Book Reviewer: Burden, P. R. & Byrd, D. M. (2007). *Methods for Effective Teaching* (3rd Ed.). Boston: Pearson Education, Inc.
2006 Louisiana FIRST TIPS workshop
2006 Outstanding Advisor Award for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette
2005 Outstanding Advisor Award for the College of Education