

Latasha Holt, Ph.D.

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Education	Ph.D. Curriculum and Instruction Texas Tech University M.Ed., Instructional Improvement/Curriculum and Instruction, Emphasis in Reading, ESL, and Special Education Arkansas Tech University B.S.E, Early Childhood Education Arkansas Tech University
Teaching Philosophy	<p>It is my strong belief that education is the foundational piece to <i>all</i> change in today's world. Education is the basis of all positive and negative effects we as mankind must embrace. I believe our children sit at the heart of this change. Being literate is imperative for success in all we do as a society. Therefore, I believe, it is critical we guide our children to become literate members of the greater society in which we all belong.</p> <p>For the past thirteen years, I have worked with children and families, teachers, pre-service teachers, and other members of the educational community to education. My experiences, combined with my graduate work in curriculum studies, have been foundational as I continue my personal growth and reflect on best-practices.</p> <p>As an Assistant Professor of Elementary Literacy at UL Lafayette, I use my passion for learning and experiences to support literacy education. This inspires my own teaching, service, and scholarship endeavors. My teaching style incorporates a constructivist approach where I act as a facilitator of learning. I model the importance of being a life-long learner and an active participant in professional learning communities. It is my belief that educators should always remain culturally responsive and advocate for the whole child.</p> <p>It is my mission to teach, research, and serve in the field of education-bridging theory and practice.</p>
Bio	Dr. Holt received a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from Texas Tech University. Prior to her doctoral work, she completed a master's degree in educational instructional improvement which included an emphasis in teaching

	<p>reading, special education, and English as a second language. Her bachelor’s degree is in early childhood education and was the start of her ten years’ experience working in the public-school system. Her graduate work, combined with her classroom experience, helped her arrive in higher education where she continues to teach, research, and work alongside the best to support education and impact many.</p> <p>Literacy instruction has served as the basis of her teaching career in both the public school and higher education. This experience guides her research interests and drive for political and social change. She believes that obtaining literacy skills and making educational gains are critical to both individual and community growth.</p>
Course Taught	<p>READ 310 Reading in the Elementary School READ 311 Reading Practicum READ 409 The Reading Act</p>
Research Interests	<p>Dr. Holt’s research interests include focusing on ways to support the integration of technology and literacy in today’s classroom to better prepare students for academic success. She is passionate about identifying and intervening where there are needs with literacy education to enhance communities locally, nationally, and abroad. Imbedded in this topic is her specific interests relating to the analysis of technology-based standardized literacy testing.</p> <p>Dr. Holt’s work to support literacy education with all learners, including those with exceptional needs, remains at the forefront of what she does. Dr. Holt believes that culturally responsive considerations when fostering literacy engagement is essential.</p> <p>Dr. Holt’s research philosophy stands firmly on the idea for a necessary integration of literacy across the curriculum. Placing techno-literacy classroom instruction in the heart of classroom content studies and the arts is her focus.</p>
Teaching Experience	<p>2019-Present Assistant Professor of Elementary Literacy University of Louisiana at Lafayette</p> <p>Courses Taught: READ 310 Reading in the Elementary School READ 311 Reading Practicum READ 409 The Reading Act</p> <p>Other responsibilities/additional Information: Besides teaching, I am working with fellow professors and local schools to provide a rich practicum experience for pre-service teachers.</p>

2016-2019

Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction
Arkansas Tech University

Courses Taught:

Graduate

SPED 5023 *Planning Instruction for Children with Exceptionalities, Grade K-6*

SPED 5073 *Planning Instruction in the Early Childhood Setting*

SPED 5053 *Planning Instruction for Children with Exceptionalities, Grades 7-12*

DYS 5043 *Structured Language Teaching*

DYS 5003 *Dyslexia and Other Learning Disorders*

DYS 5033 *Professional Learning and Leadership*

DYS 5003 *Dyslexia and Other Learning Disorders*

DYS 5023 *Interpreting and Administration of Assessments for Planning Instruction*

MTLL 6551 *Internship Practicum*

EDFD 6313 *Principles of Curriculum Development*

Undergraduate

RDNG 4023 *Disciplinary Reading and Writing*

RDNG 4003 *Literacy Assessment and Intervention*

RDNG 3163 *Integrated Language Arts*

RDNG 3003 *Teaching Literacy Foundations*

SPED 3153 *Planning, Instruction, and Assessment for Students with Disabilities*

ELED 2003 *Educational Research and the Lifelong Learner*

ELED 4033 *Classroom and Behavior Management*

ELED 3113 *Human Development of Learning Theories*

ECED 3172 *Guiding Young Children II*

ECED 3183 *Language and Literacy II*

ECED 3192 *Children's Literature II*

ECED 3113 *Integrated Curriculum II*

EDFD 1001 *Orientation to Teaching K-12*

TECH 1001 *Orientation to University*

Other responsibilities/additional information:

In addition to teaching the aforementioned courses, I also designed several courses for a partnership program. These include: RDNG 4003 *Literacy*

	<p><i>Assessment and Intervention</i>, RDNG 4023 <i>Disciplinary Reading and Writing</i>, and ELED 4033 <i>Classroom and Behavior Management</i>.</p> <p>I also co-designed EDFD 1001 Orientation to Teaching K-12 to support student retention in the program.</p> <p>Additionally, I served as the campus supervisor for students in teaching internships throughout my years.</p>
Publications	<p>Holt, L. (2018) “Real” technology matters: implementing purposeful technology-based reading instruction to enhance reading standardized test scores. <i>Oklahoma Reader Fall 2018</i>.</p> <p>Holt, L. (2018) Online standardized testing with young children: teacher’s action research cries out for help. <i>Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators Journal Volume 8. March 2018</i>.</p>
Presentations	<p>Holt, L., Sasser, S., (2019, February) <i>A closer look at collaboration: perceptions of school leaders, elementary teachers, pre-service teachers, and university professors regarding the university and school partnerships</i>. 3rd Annual National Conference on Academic Research in Education (CARE). Las Vegas, Nevada.</p> <p>Sasser, S., Holt, L., (2018, September). <i>TULhe role of mentorship with advising in the higher education setting</i>. Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators ArATE Searcy, Arkansas.</p> <p>Holt, L., (2018, July). <i>Literacy projects in the science of reading: Group Work</i>. <i>Arkansas Literacy Roundtable</i>. Harding University, Little Rock Campus.</p> <p>Bell, D., Holt, L., (2018, June). <i>Rise and shine: professional development: micro-credentials a ray of hope</i>. Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development AASCD Hot Springs, Arkansas.</p> <p>Holt, L., (2018, April). <i>Connecting art, literature, and scientific reasoning to engage classroom conversations: a scientific approach</i>. Artful Teaching Conference 2018. Winthrop Rockefeller Institute. Morrilton, Arkansas.</p> <p>Holt, L. (2018, March). <i>Teachers and students need support moving beyond traditional literacy to thrive with online assessment in reading and writing</i>. 11th Annual International Conference on eLearning and Innovative Pedagogies. New York, New York.</p> <p>Holt, L. (2018, February). <i>The future of micro-credentials in teacher preparation and licensure: a discussion of where our nation’s universities stand</i>.</p>

2nd Annual National Conference on Academic Research in Education (CARE) Las, Vegas, Nevada.

Holt, L., Paxton, J., Leggett, T. Bell, D., (2017, October) *Super smell, super taste, super touch, super hearing*. 56th Annual Arkansas Early Childhood Association Conference (AECA). Little Rock, Arkansas.

Holt, L., Bell, D., Leggett, T. (2017, October). *Will they drive teacher learning?* 64th Annual Conference Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE) Rogers, Arkansas.

Holt, (2017, July). *Online standardized testing with young children: addressing the cry for new media strategies to promote learning*. 24th Annual International Conference on Learning. Honolulu, Hawaii.

Holt, L. (2017, July). *Literacy unbound remix: Conrad's heart of darkness*. Columbia University, Manhattan, New York.

Paxton, J., Bell, D., Holt, L., Leggett, T., Murphy, D., (2017, June). *Auditory processing disorders in preschool and elementary children: You make my head hurt!* Arkansas AASCD Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Paxton, J., Bell, D., Holt, L., Leggett, T., Murphy, D., (2017, June). *Sensory processing disorders in preschool and elementary children* Arkansas AASCD Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Holt, L., Wagnon, A., (2017, February). *Screencasts across content areas*. Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Austin, Texas.

Holt, L. (2017, January). *Online standardized testing with young children: teacher's action research cries out for support reducing stress levels*. Conference on Academic Research in Education (CARE) Las, Vegas, Nevada.

Pepper, S., Holt, L., Murphy, D. (2016, April). *Creative thinkers: three perspectives on accountability, change, and challenge in p-12 education*. Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (ArACTE) Russellville, Arkansas.

Holt, L., Murphy, D. (2016, September). *What's next in teacher preparation? Preparing students for the future*. Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators (ArATE) Russellville, Arkansas.

Grants	<p>2017-2018 Arkansas Tech University Professional Development Grant: <i>Online Standardized Testing with Young Children: Addressing the Cry for New Media Strategies to Promote New Learning</i> Link to final grant report: https://www.atu.edu/research/professionaldevelopmentgrants/17-18/Holt-Bocksnick-FinalReport-OnlineStandTest.pdf</p> <p>2017 Arkansas Tech College of Education Professional Development Grant</p> <p>2016-2017 Arkansas Tech University Professional Development Grant: <i>Screencasts in the Content Areas</i> Link to final grant report: https://www.atu.edu/research/professionaldevelopmentgrants/16-17/Holt-FinalReport-ScreencastsAcrossContentAreas.pdf</p>
Conferences Attended	<p>2016-2019 <i>Artful Teaching: Integrating Literacy Instruction and the Arts</i>, Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Arkansas</p> <p>2016-2019 <i>ArATE: Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators</i>, Arkansas</p> <p>2016-2019 <i>ArACTE: Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education</i>, Arkansas</p> <p>2016-2019 <i>AASCD Arkansas Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development</i>, Hot Springs, Arkansas</p> <p>2017-2019 <i>CARE: National Conference on Academic Research</i>, Las Vegas, Nevada</p> <p>2018 <i>International Conference on eLearning and Innovative Pedagogies</i>, New York, New York</p> <p>2017 <i>Literacy Unbound</i>, Columbia Teacher’s College, Columbia University</p> <p>2017 <i>International Conference on Learning</i>, Honolulu, Hawaii</p> <p>2017 <i>AECA: Arkansas Early Childhood Association Conference</i>, Little Rock, Arkansas</p> <p>2017 <i>SRATE: Southeastern Regional Association of College Teachers</i>, Rogers, Arkansas</p> <p>2017 <i>Texas Computer Education Association</i>, Austin, Texas</p>
Professional Memberships	<p>Texas Computer Education Association TCEA Conference on Academic Research CARE Arkansas Association of Teacher Education ArATE ArACTE Arkansas Association of College Teachers for Education</p>

	<p>Learner Research Network Arkansas Early Childhood Association Association of Teacher Educators</p>
Awards	<p>2019 Multicultural Stole Mentor Award: Making an Impact on Diverse Students Nomination for Online University Teaching Design Award</p> <p>2018 Multicultural Stole Mentor Award: Making an Impact on Diverse Students Court Appointed Service Advocate (CASA) for abused and neglected children Sworn in June 2018 Faculty Impact Appreciation Award: Student Athlete Recognition Student Athlete Mentor Recognition: Golf Team Mentorship College of Education Appreciation Award for Commitment to Academic Research</p>
Additional Skills	
Dissertation	<p>Holt, L. (2016). <i>Teacher and Student Perceptions of Stress-Reduction Strategies on Standardized Tests</i>. (Doctoral dissertation). Retrieved from https://ttu-ir.tdl.org/handle/2346/68043</p>
Other Professional Experience	<p>Praxis Reading and Writing Workshop, 2019 Attended the Ken Bain <i>What the Best Teacher's Do Institute</i>, 2019 CAEP Accreditation Program Committee Leader, 2019 Vice-President of Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators, 2018 Co-Chair of the Arkansas Tech University New Faculty Orientation Committee, 2018 Reviewer of the Arkansas Social Studies Academic Standards for Arkansas Department of Education, 2018 Representative with Arkansas Department of Education: Competencies Revision, 2017</p>

	<p>Arkansas Tech College of Education New Reading Master’s Committee: Curriculum Alignment and Planning, 2017</p> <p>Peer Review Referee for The Learner Collection Academic Journal, 2017</p> <p>Columbia Teacher’s College Literacy Unbound Focus Group eBook Research Team, 2017</p>
<p>Service</p>	<p>2018-2019</p> <p>Art Faculty Search Committee</p> <p>Pediatrics Plus Fall Fest Outreach Event Co-Coordinator</p> <p>Student Theatrical Production: The Playground King Faculty Mentor</p> <p>Convocation Ceremony Faculty</p> <p>Freshman Orientation: College of Education Outreach Move in Day Volunteer</p> <p>Faculty Golf Mentor</p> <p>University Branding Committee Representative</p> <p>Hiring Committee: Instructor in the College of Education</p> <p>New Faculty Orientation Committee</p> <p>Bridge to Excellence Mentor</p> <p>Hosted Bridge to Excellence Connection Outreach Event</p> <p>Faculty Mentor Advising Support: Helping New Faculty Succeed</p> <p>Admissions, Academic Standards, & Student Honors Committee Arkansas</p> <p>Literacy Roundtable, University of Central Arkansas</p> <p>Homecoming Open House Committee for Recruitment</p> <p>Hiring Committee Dean College of Education</p> <p>Athletics Committee Supporting Student Athletes in Higher Education</p> <p>Phi Mu Miracle Week Volunteer</p>

Community Panel for Statewide Regional Development at Cooperative

New Master's in Reading Committee: Curriculum Focus

Arkansas Tech University Book Club: *What The Best College Teachers Do*
written by Ken Bain

Court Appointed Service Advocate for abused and neglected children: Active
Court Volunteer

Angel One Children's Miracle Network National Award Partnership Outreach:

Angel One/ Arkansas Children's Hospital 5k Fundraiser

Arkansas Children's Color of Hope Outreach Leader

Make-a-Wish "The Art of Wishing" Family Volunteer

2017-2016

New Higher Education Faculty Orientation Committee

Athletics Committee: Supporting Student Athletes in Higher Education

Hiring Committee Museum Assistant Position: Educational Representative
Grant Committee: Avatars and Education Faculty Excellence

Member of the Faculty Pilot Study Member: New Advising Outreach

SRATE: *Southeastern Regional Association of College Teachers* Special
Projects Coordinator

Community Outreach with Community Colleges: Preparing Teachers for
Technology Speaker

College Student Move in Day Faculty Volunteer

K-12 Summer Reading Program Planning Committee

Member of Associate Dean Search Committee

Presented at ATU University Faculty Professional Development Session on
Levels of Learning, ATU Professional Development

	<p>Fox 16 News Outreach promoting ACH Northwest Children's Hospital, 2017</p> <p>Magazine Feature for the Arkansas Children's Hospital Angel One Photo Shoot and Children's Representative, 2017</p> <p>The Greater Little Rock Development Group Partnership Magazine Feature for Children and Health, 2017</p> <p>Arkansas Children's Hospital Ambassador Family and Parent Representation, 2017</p> <p>Arkansas Children's Miracle Ball Guest Speaker, 2017</p> <p>Local Rundown Online News Collaboration and Community Outreach Supporting Children, 2017</p> <p>Artful Teaching Group Leader and Conference Attendee April 3-4, 2017</p> <p>Arkansas Tech University Reading Specialist Planning Committee 2017</p> <p>ATU Mentor Volunteer for Dramatic Reading Playwright Production November 16, 2017</p>
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