

**V I T A**  
**Richard A. Evans Jr.**  
**Assistant Professor, Special Education Program**  
**Angelo State University**

**Education**

Ph.D., Educational Psychology, Texas A&M University, December, 2004.

M.Ed., School Administration, Angelo State University, December, 1998.

B.S., Elementary Education -Generic Special Education, Angelo State University, December, 1996.

**Professional Experience**

**2008-present Assistant Professor – Advisor for the SPED Undergraduate program** *College of Education, Dept. Teacher Education at Angelo State University*

**2005-2008 Assistant Professor - Coordinator SPED Undergraduate (5 year M.Ed.) program**  
*College of Education, Dept. Exceptional Education at James Madison University*

**2003-2005 Assistant Professor:** Coordinator of Undergraduate Special Programs  
*School of Education, University of Texas of the Permian Basin*

**2000-2003 Researcher Associate/Instructor:** *Department of Educational Psychology, Texas A&M University*

**2001-2003 Instructor:** *Blinn College (Bryan Campus)*

**2000-2003 Researcher Associate/Instructor:** *Texas A&M University.*

**2000 -2001 Special Education Teacher:** *Bryan Independent School District, Texas.*

**1999 -2000 Middle School Special Education Teacher:** *Brady Independent School District, TX.*

**1997-1999 Middle School Science Inclusion Teacher:** *Brady Independent School District, TX.*

**1995-1997 Alternative Campus Special Education Teacher:** *Brady ISD, TX.*

**Certifications**

- **Provisional:** Elementary: Self contained, Math, and Science 1-8, Generic Special Education K-12,
- **Professional:** Texas Mid-Management
- **Standard:** Master Reading Teacher EC-12, ESL

**Grants Awarded:**

Evans, R. (2009, May) “A Dyslexia Reading Program and The English Language Learner” Faculty Development and Enrichment Grant from Angelo State University for \$10,000, For language and reading tutors to work with English Language Learners. **Funded.**

Evans, R. (2009, July) Research Training grant to attend the 2009 SUMMER RESEARCH INSTITUTE JULY 20 - 22, 2009. Training sponsored by the CITR, the Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP), and the College of Graduate Studies only 14 individuals were selected to attend the 3-day Summer Research Institute in Fredericksburg, TX. **Funded.**

Evans, R. (2007, January) “Reading Enabled: Intensive Help for Low-Skilled Students” Request submitted to the College of Education at James Madison University Center for Faculty Development and Support for \$1500, for the purchase of needed equipment, software and materials. **Funded.**

Evans, R. (2006, March) “Survey of Learning Disabilities” Request submitted to the 2006 CIT Faculty Summer Institute for Online Course Development for \$2000, for training and software for development of online courses and continuing education courses. **Funded.**

Smith, K., Oekerman, R., Evans, R., & Ramirez, Y. (Co-writer & Co-P.I.) (2005, August) “PROJECT SHARE: Preparing Highly Qualified Special Education Teachers to Work with Culturally Diverse Students. CFDA 84.325K U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). \$788,000, 48 months. **Funded.**

Evans, R. (2005, March) “Technology at Work” Request submitted to the Center for Instructional Development of \$2900, for a Laptop and equipment for development of online courses and continuing education courses. **Funded.**

Evans, R. (P.I.) (2004, July) “Promoting Urban Culturally Diverse Special Needs Student Success” The LASER (Linking Academic Scholars to Educational Resources, CFDA 84.326M) project, which is a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). \$5000, 12 months. **Funded.**

Evans, R. (2004 February) "The Power of Technology - Professional Staff Development Training Program" for the Faculty of UTPB. Funded Instructional Development to attend The NECC (National Educational Computing Conference) June 19–22 2004 conference and present training. Funded through the University of Texas - Permian Basin's Center for Instructional Development. \$1500, 12 months. **Funded.**

### **Grants Managed**

1999 – 2005 Special Education Leadership in Interagency Collaboration (SELIC).  
US Department of Education (Federal) Total Funding: \$ 762,593.  
1998 - 2003 High Incidence - Diagnostician 2000 (Fulfilling the Spirit of IDEA 97).  
US Department of Education (Federal) Total Funding: \$ 522,189.

### **Publications**

#### **Articles Published in Peer-Reviewed Journals**

Evans, R. & Stough, L. (2002, Winter). Functions of self-injurious behaviors in students with mental retardation. Beyond Behavior, 12, (1), 3-7.

#### **Articles Published in Non-Peer-Reviewed Journals**

Evans, R. (Winter, 2008). *Perspectives From the Field*. December 2008, Educators with Disabilities (EDC) Cause Newsletter. EDC is a cause representing the Council of Exceptional Children.  
Evans, R. (Winter, 2003). Divide and Conquer. Literacy Links newsletter June 2003, Texas Center for Adult Literacy and Learning's Literacy Links Newsletter.  
Evans, R., Higginbotham A., McGowan, H. & Loh R. (2001). Mobility and Transportation. In L. Stough, & M. Rickett (Eds.), A Directory of Community Services for Individuals with Disabilities and their Families in Bryan/College Station (Chapter 9).

#### **Manuscripts in Preparation**

Evans, R. & Manning, M (in preparation). Reading Enabled: Intensive Help for Low-Skilled Students with Behavior Issues. Based on a Presentation at the CCBID International Conference 2009.  
Evans, R. & Manning, M (in preparation). Focused Reading Instruction and CLD Student Achievement. Based on a Presentation at the LDA 45th Conference 2009.

#### **Invited Featured Speaker**

Evans, R. (October, 2008). Radford University Guest Lecture, Characteristics of Individuals with Learning Disabilities – Beyond the Medical Module via Video conference from Angelo State University  
Evans, R. (September, 2008). Virginia Council for Learning Disabilities Spring Symposium Collaboration: Partners in Learning for Students Key Note Speaker Winchester, Virginia.  
Evans, R. (March, 2007). Partners in Learning for Student Success. Key Note Speaker for the Virginia Council for Learning Disabilities Spring Symposium, Harrisonburg, Virginia.  
Evans, R. (November, 2004). Fostering Success in Reading. Topic presented at the 29th Annual HouMet (Houston Metropolitan Area Diagnosticians' Association) Conference Houston, TX.  
Evans, R. (January, 2004). Best practices in Reading based on the characteristics and challenges of special needs students. Topic presented at the 7th Annual SWEP (State-Wide Evaluation Project) Conference Corpus Christi, TX.

## **Presentations Presented**

### **National**

- Evans, R., Goodwin, T., Martina, L., & Manwaring, M. (April, 2008). Focused Reading Instruction and Student Achievement. To be presented at the CEC 2008 Convention and Expo, Boston, Massachusetts (Presented by Evans, Goodwin, & Martina).
- Evans, R., & Manning, M, (February, 2008). Focused Reading Instruction and CLD Student Achievement. Presented at the LDA 45<sup>th</sup> Annual International Conference, Chicago, IL. (Presented by Evans, Manwaring, & Demski).
- Evans, R., Manning, M, Demski, M., Goodwin, T., Martina, L., & Manwaring, M. (November, 2007). Improve Reading Instruction in the General Education Classroom. Presented at 29th Annual TED Conference and Annual TED/TAM Conference, (Presented by Evans, Manwaring, & Demski).
- Evans, R., and Manning, M, (October, 2007). Improve Reading Instruction in the General Education Classroom. Presented at the International Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (CCBD) Conference in Dallas, TX, (Presented by Evans, and Manning).
- Evans, R. (October, 2007). A Survey of Collaboration Practices in High Performing Elementary Schools. Topic presented at the 29th International Conference on Learning Disabilities, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Evans, R. (February, 2007). Technology: A Tool to Enhance Online Instruction. Presented at Creating Futures through Technology Conference 2007. Biloxi, Mississippi.
- Evans, R., Santos, K., Kyger, M., & Clemens, R. (November, 2006). Interactive Video-conferencing A Range of Uses in Teacher Preparation. Presented at 29th Annual TED Conference and 2nd Annual TED/TAM Conference, San Diego, CA (Presented by Evans & Santos).
- Evans, R. (November, 2005). A survey of instructional reading practices in culturally diverse high-performing elementary schools. Presented at 28th Annual TED Conference and 1st Annual TED/TAM Conference, Portland, Maine.
- Evans, R. (October, 2005). A Survey of Teaching Methods in High-Performing Elementary Schools. Topic presented at the 27th International Conference on Learning Disabilities, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.
- Evans, R. (September, 2005). Effective Teaching Strategies for Students from Culturally diverse Urban Schools Topic presented at the 5th Annual LASER Urban Educational Research Conference, Tampa, Florida.
- Evans, R., Lynch, P., Brossart, D., & Callicott, K. (April, 2005). Why Should I Stay in Special Education? A Survey of Texas A&M University Special Education Graduates. Paper presented at the meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children, Baltimore, MD. (Presented by Lynch, Callicott, & Evans).
- Evans, R. (October, 2004). Accommodation vs. Modification is there a difference; should there be? Topic presented at the 26th International Conference on Learning Disabilities, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Evans, R. (April, 2002). Fostering Reading Success: Early Intervention Support Strategies. Paper presented at the meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children, New York, NY.

### **State**

- Evans, R., Demski, M., & Manwaring, M. (October, 2007). Improve Reading Instruction. Presented at 49th Annual VA CEC Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia.
- Evans, R., Goodwin, T., & Martina, L. October, 2007). Tier Two Reading Instruction. Presented at 49th Annual VA CEC Conference, Charlottesville, Virginia.

- Evans, R. (February, 2007). Technology: A Tool to Enhance Instruction. Presented at 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference - Virginia Association for Early Childhood Education. Norfolk, Virginia.
- Evans, R. (November, 2004). Characteristics of Special Needs Students and Reading. Topic presented at the 29th Annual HouMet (Houston Metropolitan Area Diagnosticians' Association) Conference Houston, TX.
- Evans, R., Hall, L, O'Neill, K., & Parker, R.. (October, 2003). Fostering Reading Success: A Survey of Practices of High Performing Texas Schools. Presented at the Thirty Eighth Annual LDAT (Learning Disabilities Association of Texas) Conference Austin, TX. (Presented by Evans & Hall).
- Evans, R., Hall, L, O'Neill, K., & Parker, R.. (October, 2003). Fostering Reading Success: A Survey of Practices of High Performing Texas Schools. Presented at the Texas ASCD Fall 2003 Conference in San Antonio, TX. (Presented by Evans).
- Evans, R. & Stough, L. (2001, August). Functions of self-injurious behaviors in students with mental retardation. Presentation at the annual meeting of The Texas Association on Mental Retardation and Region V American Association on Mental Retardation Convention, San Antonio, TX.
- Evans, R. & Stough, L. (2001, March). Intervention strategies for self-injurious behaviors in students with mental retardation. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Texas Council for Exceptional Children, Houston, TX.

### **Local**

- Evans, R., & Manwaring, M. (April, 2008). Conceptualizing the RTI Promise. To be presented at Elementary Teacher Conference - James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.
- Evans, R., Greenwood, S., Deitz, J., Sanders, T., & Vescovi, C. (April, 2008). Using Tier III Instruction for Measurable Student Reading Growth. Presented at Elementary Teacher Conference - James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA.
- Evans, R., Demski, M., Goodwin, T., Martina, L., & Manwaring, M. (April, 2007). Focused Reading Instruction and Student Achievement. Presented at Elementary Teacher Conference - James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA (Presented by Evans, Manwaring, & Demski).
- Evans, R., Lynch, P., Brossart, D., & Callicott, K. (June, 2004). Follow-up of TAMU Special Education Graduates: Implications for Training. Topic presented at the 5th Annual Texas A&M University System's Chancellor's Invitational Conference, Houston, TX. (Presented by Lynch, Brossart, & Callicott).
- Evans, R. (2001, February). Does new teacher influx affect the behavior of students with mental retardation? Paper presented at the annual Educational Research Exchange, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
- Evans, R. (1996, October). Through the eyes of the LD child. Presentation at the annual meeting of the Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading, Teaching Students with Dyslexia, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX.

### **Presentations Reviewer**

- American Educational Research Association Reviewer August 2008. Papers presented April, 2009 at the AERA Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA .
- Council for Exceptional Children DLD Reviewer July 2008. Papers presented April, 2008 at the Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference
- Council for Exceptional Children Reviewer July 2007. Papers presented April, 2008 at the Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference.
- Council for Exceptional Children Reviewer July 2006. Papers presented April, 2007 at the

Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference.  
Council for Exceptional Children Reviewer August 2005. Papers presented April, 2006 at the Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference.  
American Educational Research Association Reviewer September 2004. Papers presented April, 2004 at the AERA Annual Meeting, Montreal Canada.  
Kaleidoscope Reviewer January 2003. Papers presented April, 2003 at the Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference, Seattle Washington.

### **Professional Organizations**

Council for Exceptional Children (CCBD, DLD, TED)  
International Reading Association  
Kappa Delta Pi - International Honor Society in Education  
Council for Learning Disabilities (VCLD)  
International Society for Technology in Education  
American Educational Research Association

### **Professional Service Activities: State and Local Levels**

2008-- Present - Committee member: CEC Diversity Committee  
2008-- Present - Co-Chair: Educators with Disabilities Caucus  
2007-- Present - Research and Special Topics Committee Chair: Educators with Disabilities Caucus  
2007 - Present - Communications Committee International Council of Learning Disabilities  
2007 - 2008 - President-Elect, Virginia Council of Learning Disabilities  
2006 - 2007 - Treasure, Virginia Council of Learning Disabilities

### **Awards and Honors**

2008 - Who's Who in the World  
2007 - Be the Change (service to the greater community).  
2007 - Advisor of the Year - James Madison University  
2007 - Who's Who in America  
2006 - Altogether One (representing the spirit of James Madison University)  
2006 - Who's Who in American Education

### **Dissertation**

Evans, R. A. (2004). Fostering Success in Reading: A Survey of Teaching Methods and Collaboration Practices of High Performing Elementary Schools in Texas. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Texas A&M University.

### **Research Interest**

Best practices in reading, Teacher quality and training, Online learning, Instructional technology, and Development of academic interventions for diverse learners in general and special education environments.

### **Areas of Professional Interest**

- School-wide models to accelerate and sustain reading achievement in the primary grades
- Development and evaluation of integrated academic interventions for diverse learners in general and special education contexts
- Prevention and remediation of academic learning problems in students with learning disabilities and at-risk for school failure
- Models and methods of literacy acquisition and development

### **Book Reviews**

Beard, L., Carpenter, L. & Johnston, L. (2006). *Assistive Technology: Access for All Students*. Prentice Hall, Columbus, Oh

Dell, A., Newton, D., & Petroff, J. (2007). *Assistive Technology in the Classroom: Enhancing the School Experiences of Students With Disabilities*. Prentice Hall, Columbus, Oh

### **University Teaching**

#### ***Angelo State University***

##### **UNDER GRADUATE**

The Nature and Issues of Exceptional Individuals  
Survey of Learning Disabilities  
Principles of Specialized Reading Instruction for Special needs individuals  
Field Experience in SPED  
Critical Thinking  
Intro Computer Technology

##### **GRADUATE**

Language Development & Assessment  
The Nature and Issues of Exceptional Individuals  
Issues In Dyslexia  
Individual Research  
Technology in Education

##### **FULLY WEB BASED COURSES- Additional Sections -**

The Nature and Issues of Exceptional Individuals

#### ***James Madison University (three years)***

##### **UNDER GRADUATE**

The Nature and Issues of Exceptional Individuals  
Survey of Learning Disabilities  
Principles of Specialized Reading Instruction for Special needs individuals  
Classroom practicum in Special Education  
Field Experience in SPED  
Field Experience in SPED and Diversity  
Classroom Observations in Special Education  
Field Experience in ESL

##### **GRADUATE**

Student Teaching in Special Education  
Literacy Acquisition & Development: Specialized Reading Instruction for Special Needs Students  
Survey of Individuals with Learning Disabilities

##### **FULLY WEB BASED COURSES- Additional Sections -**

The Nature and Issues of Exceptional Individuals  
Survey of Learning Disabilities