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Education:

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas.
Ph.D. Curriculum & Instruction (2014). Emphasis in Language and Literacy
Interactions in Kindergarten Writing Workshop: Writing Development and Social Development
M.Ed. Elementary Education (2006).
BA Advertising (2002)

Professional Teaching Licenses:

EC-4 Generalist. State of Texas, 2022
English as a Second Language Supplemental. State of Texas, 2022.

Certifications:

Mental Health First Aid USA, 2022
Youth Mental Health First Aid USA, 2022

Professional Experience:

2021-present	Associate Professor, Teacher Education , Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX -undergraduate courses: <i>Social and Cultural Influences on Child Development</i> <i>Developmentally Appropriate Environments</i> <i>Applied Child Development</i> <i>Reading Development in the Elementary School</i> <i>Reading in the Content Area</i> <i>Linguistically Diverse Learners</i> <i>General Studies Course</i>
2015-2021	Assistant Professor, Teacher Education , Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX -undergraduate courses: same as associate professor courses
2020-2022	Adjunct Faculty , Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX -undergraduate courses: <i>ESL Methods and Materials</i> <i>Word Study: Language Structure and Phonics</i>
2014 - 2015	Post-Doctoral Research Associate , Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX -undergraduate courses: <i>Literacy in the Preschool Setting</i> <i>Children's Literature</i> <i>Social Studies Methods</i> -research: <i>work with East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood Grant in preschool setting</i>
2013 - 2014	Instructor , Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX -undergraduate courses: <i>Literacy in the Preschool Setting</i> <i>Children's Literature</i> <i>Foundations of Reading</i> <i>Language Acquisition</i> <i>Reading and Writing for the ESL Student</i> <i>Bilingual Education</i>

2009 - 2013 **Kindergarten Teacher**, Harmony Science Academy, Lubbock, TX

2005 – 2007 **Lead Teacher**, YWCA Head Start, YWCA, Lubbock, TX

AWARDS

2023 Achieving Chapter Excellence Award, Kappa Delta Pi

2023 August Member Spotlight Recognition, Texas Association of Literacy Educators

2023 President’s Award for Faculty Excellence, Research Award Semifinalist

2023 Rammy’s Student Organization Advisor of the Year Nominee

2022 President’s Award for Faculty Excellence, Teaching Award Semifinalist

2021 Gary and Pat Rogers Distinguished Faculty Award Nominee

2020 President’s Award for Faculty Excellence, Service Award Semifinalist

2020 Gary and Pat Rogers Distinguished Faculty Award Nominee

2019 Regional Counselor of the Year, Kappa Delta Pi

2019 Achieving Chapter Excellence Award, Kappa Delta Pi

2019 Gary and Pat Rodgers Distinguished Faculty Award Nominee

2018 President’s Award for Faculty Excellence, Teaching Award Nominee

2017 Recognized Counselor, Kappa Delta Pi

2017 Gary and Pat Rodgers Distinguished Faculty Award Nominee

2016 CONNECT Fellowship, Angelo State University

2016 Wonderful Woman of ASU Nomination, Angelo State University

PUBLICATIONS

Flores, C. A., Jr., **Carruth, L.**, Dickerson, K. L., (2021). How do Students Really Feel About Online Classes? *TED 2021 Conference Proceedings* (pp 23-27).

Flores, C. A., Jr., **Carruth, L.**, Dickerson, K. L., (2019). How do Students Really Feel About Online Classes? *Inquiry in Education* (revise and resubmit)

Bustos, C., **Carruth, L.** (2019) Phonemic Awareness (PA): It’s All in the Sounds of Language. *Texas Association for Literacy Education Yearbook* (pp 55-58). Volume 6.

Carruth, L. (2019). Developmentally Appropriate Learning Centers. *Teachers Connecting to Advance Retention and Empowerment (T-CARE)*. 8(1), 4.

Carruth, L., Flores, C., Cuenco, E., Self, R. (2017). Creating Games and Watching Imagination Come to Life. In M. Cox & G. Wentzell (Eds.) *Proceedings of 2016 Original Lilly Conference on College Teaching* (pp. 48-50). Oxford, OH: Miami University.

GRANTS

Social and Emotional Building Blocks for Preschool Teachers: Teachers, Parents, and Access, with K. Lyons. (2022). Angelo State University Faculty Research Enhancement Program. \$12,137.

Technology Integration in a Beginning Reading Course, with C. Bustos. (2019) Angelo State University Faculty Learning Commons Mini-grant for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Bullying Intervention with Children's Literature. (2018) Angelo State University Faculty Learning Commons Mini-grant for Scholarship of Teaching and Learning

Multicultural Learning Centers for Makers' Space. (2017). Angelo State University Instructional Innovation and Research Development Mini Grant

PRESENTATIONS

Peer Refereed National and International Conferences:

Carruth, L. (November 2023). Student's SEL Skills: What do my Emotions Have to do With it? Presented at the *Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society Convocation*, St. Louis, MO.

Carruth, L. (October 2023). Meeting Students Where They Are Through Individual Conferences. Presented at the *CSOTTE Conference* October 2023.

Carruth, L. (May 2023). Meeting Students Where They Are Through Individual Conferences. Accepted to present at the *ITLC Lilly Austin Conference* May 2023.

Carruth, L. (March 2023). Skills Beyond the Classroom: Student-Created OER. Presented at the *Texas Tech Libraries Open Education Week Virtual Conference*.

Stribling, E. & **Carruth, L.** (September 2022). Full STEAM Ahead: Integrating Children's Literature with Hands-on Science Activities. Presented at the *Texas Association for the Education of Young Children*, San Antonio, TX.

Carruth, L., & Lyons, K. (July 2022). Using Children's Literature to Grow Social and Emotional Skills. Presented at the *Association for Teachers of Young Children Summer Conference*. San Angelo, TX.

Carruth, L. (April 2022). Exploring OER Creation Alongside Students in a Teacher Education Course. Presented at the *Lilly Online 2022 Conference*.

Flores, C., A., Jr., **Carruth, L.,** & Dickerson, K. L. (November 2019) Council for Exceptional Children, Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, "*Teacher Perceptions of Online Classes*" New Orleans, LA.

Carruth, L. (October 2019). Creative Learning Centers: Activities Relevant to All Children. Presented at *Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society Convocation*, Norfolk, VA.

Carruth, L. (April 2019). Culturally Relevant Learning Centers. Presented at the 2019 *Texas Library Association Conference*, Austin, TX.

Carruth, L. & Bustos, C. (February 2019). It's all in the Sounds of Language. Presented at the 2019 *Texas Association for Literacy Education Conference*, Waco, TX.

Carruth, L. (October 2018). Improving Parent Engagement, Especially When You Don't Agree. Presented at the *Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society Convocation*, Indianapolis, IN.

Carruth, L. (April 2018). Early Childhood Multicultural Learning Centers. Presented at the 2018 *Texas Library Association Conference*, Dallas, TX.

Carruth, L. (November 2017). Learn, Explore, and Reflect: One Strategy to Teach Writing in Diverse Settings. Presented at the 2017 *National Association for Educators of Young Children Annual Conference*, Atlanta, GA.

Carruth, L. (October 2017). Action Research: Instruction for all. Paper Proposal Accepted to present at the 2017 *American Association for Teaching and Curriculum Annual Conference*, Denver, CO.

Carruth, L. (October 2017). Seeing is Believing in a Kindergarten Writing Workshop. Presented at the 2017 *Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society Bi-Annual Convocation*, Pittsburgh, PA.

Carruth, L. & Bustos, C. (July 2017). Implementing Literature Circles To Open Windows to a World Near and Far. Presented at the 2017 *Whole Language Literacies for All Conference*, Tucson, AZ.

Bustos, C. & **Carruth, L.** (November 2016). Collaboration Within One Teacher Education Reading Course: Assessing the Group Learning Environment. *West Texas Assessment Conference*, San Angelo, TX.

Flores, C., Cuenco, E., **Carruth, L.**, Self, R. (November 2016). Creating Games and Watching Imagination Come to Life. Presented at the 2016 *Original Lilly Conference on College Teaching*, Oxford, OH.

Carruth, L. (July 2016). How to prepare pre-service teachers for a diverse classroom. Presented at the 2016 *Whole Language Literacies for All Conference*, St. Louis, MO.

Bustos, C. & **Carruth, L.** (July 2016). Join the Journey to Reach New Heights Thru Poetry. Presented at the 2016 *Region 15 Literacy Conference*, San Angelo, TX.

Carruth, L. & Janisch, C. (July 2015). Implementing a Writing Workshop for Low SES Students: More Chances for Learning to Write and More Chances for Successful Peer Interaction. Presented at the 2015 *Whole Language Umbrella Conference*, Atlanta, GA.

Non Peer Refereed Presentations:

Carruth, L. (January 2023). SEL Skills, Strategies for Teachers and Students. Recorded as an invited guest for *EduMagic Podcast*.

Carruth, L. (2013). Sharing Their Stories: Developing Oral Language Skills Through Shared Writing. Presented at the 2013 *Lubbock Independent School District Leadership Conference*, Lubbock, TX.

Carruth, L. (2012). Let the Imagination Teach the Child: Kindergarten Journal Writing. Presented at the 2012 *Lubbock Independent School District Leadership Conference*, Lubbock, TX.

Student Research

Huseman, C. & **Carruth, L.** (2021). Pre-Service Teachers' Perceptions of Their Preparation to Teach English Learners. *Honors Program Research*.

Huseman, J. & **Carruth, L.** (2021). Pre-service Teachers' Perceptions Regarding the Impact of Virtual Learning on Students' Social and Emotional Development. *Honors Program Research*.

Foster, H. & **Carruth, L.** (2019). Pre-Service Teachers' Views on Preparedness to Integrate Technology into Their Classroom. *Honors Program Research*.

Marks, H. & **Carruth, L.** (2019). Pre-service Teachers' Perceptions of Their Preparation for Family Engagement. *Honors Program Research*.

TRAININGS

2023	Volume 0 Reading by Design , ESC 15
2021	Reading by Design , ESC 15
2021	OER Summer Institute , BranchEd
2020 - 2021	Reading Academies , Texas Education Agency
2020	LETRS Training and Certification
2019	ESCALA Participant , CREEME Grant

SERVICE

Profession:

2023	DoDEA Grant Reviewer , Safal
2022 – current	President , San Angelo Early Childhood Center Board
2022	University Coordinator 2022 Regional TAFE Conference , Texas Association of Future Educators
2022	Invited Speaker-Awards Meeting , Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society
2022 – current	Counselor Advisory Committee , Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society
2022 – current	Director At-Large Board Member , Texas Association of Literacy Education
2021 - 2022	Vice-President , San Angelo Early Childhood Center Board
2021 - current	Peer Coach , ESCALA and C.R.A.S.H.
2020	Texas Educator Certification Program Materials Review , EC-6 ELAR
2020 - current	Texas Resources Review , Safal
2020	Editor for Content , Early Childhood Writing Strategies, Teacher Edition
2019 – current	Article Reviewer , <i>Texas Association for Literacy Education</i>
2019	EC-3 Certification Course Build , Midwestern State University
2018 - current	Scholarship/Grant Reviewer , <i>Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education</i>
2018, 2022	Curriculum Reviewer , <i>Texas Education Association</i> , Austin
2018 - current	Article Reviewer , <i>The Reading Teacher</i>

2016 - 2020 **Proposal Reviewer**, *Texas Association for Literacy Education*

2014 – 2019 **Proposal Reviewer**, *Literacy Research Association*

Community:

2024 **Art Enrichment Club**, Bradford Elementary, SAISD

2023 **Proctor Final Exams for student**, Texas Tech University

2022 **Childcare Providers Conference**, San Angelo

2021 – current **Site-Based Decision-Making Committee**, TLCA School, San Angelo

2021 – 2023 **School Health Advisory Board**, San Angelo ISD

2020 – current **Rise and Teach Conference**, Region 15

2019 **Read Around the Courthouse**, Tom Green County Library

2018 - 2022 **Co-Chair, with Carlos Flores, EdD**, *Education Symposium Sponsored by the College of Education and the Student Chapters of Kappa Delta Pi, Council for Exceptional Children and Texas Classroom Teachers Association, Angelo State University*

2017 – current **Early Childhood Learning Centers and Artwork**, Tom Green County Library, San Angelo

2016, 2019 **Youth and Child Conference Committee**, San Angelo Work Force Commission

2016 - current **Board Member**, San Angelo Early Childhood Learning Center

2016 **Teacher Training**, Pumpkin Patch Preschool and Southwest Learning Academy

2015 - current **Book Reviewer**, *Heart of Texas Literature Center*

University:

2023 - current **Teacher Education Faculty Senate Representative**, Angelo State University

2023 - current **President's Academy for Leadership Foundations**, Angelo State University

2022 – current **Ram Garden Committee**, Angelo State University

2022 **Master Teacher Panel Invited Speaker**, Faculty Learning Commons

2022 – current **College Curriculum Committee**, College of Education, Angelo State University

2022 - current **Values Committee: Building Community**, Angelo State University

2022 **Childcare Exploratory Committee**, Angelo State University

2021-2022 **College Tenure and Promotion Committee**, Angelo State University

2020 **Faculty Graduation Marshall**, Angelo State University

2020	Recruitment Video for College of Education , Angelo State University
2019	ESCALA Participant , CREEME Grant, Angelo State University
2019 – 2022	Faculty Learning Commons Advisory Council , Angelo State University
2019 - current	Faculty Mentor , Teacher Education Honors Students' Research
2019	Guest Panelist , San Angelo Teaching Foundation Student Engagement Workshop
2018 – current	Library Committee , Angelo State University
2018	Guest Panelist , Faculty Learning Commons Brown Bag, Angelo State University
2017 – current	Develop and teach GS 1181 course “How to Manage College as an Introvert , Angelo State University
2017 – 2018	Code of Student Conduct Review Committee , Angelo State University
2016 – current	Sponsor , Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Angelo State University
2016 - 2019	FREP Committee , Angelo State University
2016	Panel Member , New Faculty Orientation, Angelo State University
2016	Ramport Focus Group , Angelo State University
2015	Reviewer , Undergraduate Research Conference, Texas Tech University

Department:

2022 - 2023	College of Education Hospitality Committee
2022	Speaker for Certification Program at 2022 TAFE Regional Conference
2022	Create OER Materials for RDG 3335
2022	Tenure-Track Faculty Teacher Education Search Committee
2022	Administrative Assistant Search Committee
2020	LETRS Training and Certification
2019 - 2023	Editor, <i>Educator Perspectives</i>, College of Education Journal
2019	Create EL Review Module for Educator Preparation Program
2018	Align Reading Curriculum
2018	Early Childhood Adjunct Search Committee
2017 – current	Korean Student Faculty Representative
2017 – current	Teacher Survey Committee
2017 – current	Teacher Education Recruitment Committee

2017	Teacher Education Tenure and Promotion Committee
2017	Special Education Adjunct Search Committee
2016	Secondary Reading Adjunct Search Committee
2016	Faculty Representative, TRUE BLUE Friday
2016	CAEP Standard II Committee Member
2015 – current	Award Committee, Department of Teacher Education

Professional Organizations/Affiliations:

Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society (KDP)
International Literacy Association (ILA)
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Texas Association for the Education of Young Children (TXAEYC)
Texas Association for Literacy Education (TALE)
Texas Library Association (TLA)