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**Education:**

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas.  
Ph.D. Curriculum & Instruction (2014). Emphasis in Language and Literacy  
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:**

- 2015-present     **Assistant Professor, Teacher Education**, Angelo State University, San Angelo, TX  
-undergraduate courses:  
    *Developmentally Appropriate Environments*  
    *Applied Child Development*  
    *Reading Development in the Elementary School*  
    *Reading in the Content Area*  
    *Linguistically Diverse Learners*  
    *General Studies Course*
- 2014 - 2015     **Post-Doctoral Research Associate**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
-undergraduate courses:  
    *Literacy in the Preschool Setting*  
    *Children's Literature*  
    *Social Studies Methods*  
-research: *work with East Lubbock Promise Neighborhood Grant in preschool setting*
- 2013 - 2014     **Instructor**, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX  
-undergraduate courses:  
    *Literacy in the Preschool Setting*  
    *Children's Literature*  
    *Foundations of Reading*  
    *Language Acquisition*  
    *Reading and Writing for the ESL Student*  
    *Bilingual Education*
- 2009 - 2013     **Kindergarten Teacher**, Harmony Science Academy, Lubbock, TX
- 2005 - 2007     **Lead Teacher**, YWCA Head Start, YWCA, Lubbock, TX

## **AWARDS**

- 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**

- Bustos, C., Carruth, L. (2019) Phonemic Awareness (PA): It's All in the Sounds of Language. Texas Association for Literacy Education (accepted).
- Carruth, L. (2019). Developmentally Appropriate Learning Centers. Teachers Connecting to Advance Retention and Empowerment. (in review)
- 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**

- 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:**

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

**SERVICE**

**Profession:**

- 2019                    **EC-3 Certification Course Build**, Midwestern State University
- 2019                    **Read Around the Courthouse**, Tom Green County Library

- 2018            **Curriculum Reviewer**, *Texas Education Association*, Austin
- 2018 - current    **Article Reviewer**, *The Reading Teacher*
- 2018 - current    **Scholarship/Grant Reviewer**, *Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education*
- 2018 - current    **Co-Chair, with Carlos Flores, EdD**, *Education Symposium Sponsored by the College of Education and the Student Chapters of Kappa Delta Pi and Texas Classroom Teachers Association – Featuring Chris Ulmer, CEO and Found of Special Books By Special Kids, 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    **Proposal Reviewer**, *Texas Association for Literacy Education*
- 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*
- 2014 – current    **Proposal Reviewer**, *Literacy Research Association*

**University:**

- 2019            ESCALA Participant, CREEME Grant, Angelo State University
- 2019 – current    **Faculty Learning Commons Advisory Council**, Angelo State University
- 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 – current    **Code of Student Conduct Review Committee**, Angelo State University
- 2016 – current    **Sponsor**, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Angelo State University
- 2016 - current    **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:**

- 2019            **Create English Learner 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            **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)  
Literacy Research Association (LRA)  
International Literacy Association (ILA)  
National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)  
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)