

# Dr. Cathy Lynn Stearns

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## EDUCATION

**University of North Texas** Doctorate in Curriculum Studies with an emphasis in Literacy  
Spring, 2015  
Dissertation topic: Student Teachers' Confidence in Teaching  
Dissertation advisor: Dr. James D. Laney

Master of Education in Educational Administration, 2003  
Principal Certification, December 2003

**Texas Tech University** Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education/Minor in  
Psychology, 1987  
Texas Teaching Certificate in Elementary Education grades 1-8.  
ESL Certification: Summer 2009

## COLLEGE-LEVEL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Adjunct Professor** Department of Teacher and Teacher Education, University of  
North Texas, Dallas, TX (Fall 2015-present)

- EDRE 4450: Reading and Writing Birth – Grade 6
- Supervised student teachers

Department of Teacher and Teacher Education, University of  
North Texas, Denton, TX (Spring 2015-present)

- EDRE 4820: Reading and Writing in Grades 4-8 (Fall 2015)
- EDRE 5520: Writer's Workshop (Summer 2015)
- EDRE 4870: Cross Curricular Literacy (Spring 2014-present)
- Supervised student teachers (2013-present)

**Graduate Assistant** Department of Teacher and Teacher Education, University of  
North Texas, Denton, TX (2011-2014)

- EDRE 4870: Cross Curricular Literacy
- Supervised student teachers
- EDEE 3320 Foundations of Education: face-to-face and online courses (2011-2013)
  - Incorporated a class Facebook page
  - Introduced literature circles for our book study

- groups
- Utilized data from Mindomo (mind mapping) to present at several conferences
- Incorporated many technology aspects to the course

Texas Women University, Denton, TX (Fall 2009, Fall 2010)

### **Adjunct**

- Taught EDUC 4243 Classroom Environmental Management

## **OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher**

Carrollton Independent School District (2009-2011)

- Taught 70 5<sup>th</sup> graders using the Investigations Math Curriculum
- Mentored student teachers
- Friday Night School leader

### **Region X Trainer**

Region X Service Center (July 2005; July 2008)

- Taught at the Effective Teaching Institute for the Teacher Preparation and Certification Program

### **Reading Teacher**

Carrollton Farmers Branch Independent School District (2003-2004)

- Implemented “Focus on Reading” (FOR) Computer literacy program: District initiated program for State at Risk students working with 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders.
- Created an ESL/Bilingual book club for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Mentored 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Bilingual teachers
- Campus Improvement Committee (CIC) (2000-2004)
- Liaison between staff and CIC committee

### **First grade teacher**

Blanton Elementary, Carrollton Farmers Branch Independent School District (1999-2003)

- Team Leader (2000-2003)
- Gifted and Talented Liaison (2000-2002)
- Parent Teacher Association Board (PTA) – Parliamentarian (2001-2002)
- Conducted monthly meetings mentoring/training new teachers

### **Second grade teacher**

Stewart’s Creek Elementary, Lewisville Independent School District (1987-1989)

- Taught the after school computer club

## LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

### Instructional Facilitator

Carrollton Independent School District (2008-2009)

- Worked with Response to Intervention (RTI) students
- Mentored and modeled lessons for novice teachers
- Analyzed TAKS data
- Advised teams about lesson planning
- Focused Walk-through: Observing teachers

### Assistant Principal

Denton Independent School District, Evers Park Elementary, (2005-2008)

- Mentored new teachers: modeling lessons, observing, meetings
- Evaluated teacher with the Professional Rubrics Investing and Developing Educator Excellence performance evaluation system (PRIDE)
- Textbook Coordinator and Testing Facilitator
- Instructional Leader

Irving Independent School District, Davis Elementary, (2004-2005)

- Substitute Teacher Coordinator
- Interviewed, hired and mentored paraprofessionals
- Peer Mediation trainer
- Implemented Reading Together program
- Campus Improvement Committee member

## GRANT WRITING

Reaching for the Stars: Bilingual Book Club (2003-2004)

- Received \$930.00 from the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Educational Foundation for books to use with 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade students
- Met once a week with all students and their teachers
- Mentored bilingual teachers

## PUBLICATIONS

Stearns, C. (in review). "Change and conflict in developing student teacher confidence." *Action in teacher education*.

Stearns, C. (2013). *Kids of Kabul* (Review of the book *Kids of Kabul* by Deborah Ellis). World of Words Review, *V*(5). <http://wowlit.org/catalog/9781554981816/>

Stearns, C. (2013). *Lovely Shoes* (Review of the book *Lovely*

*Shoes* by Susan Shreve). World of Words Review, *V*(4).  
<http://wowlit.org/catalog/9780439680493/>

Stearns, C. (2013). *No Ordinary day* (Review of the book *No Ordinary Day* by Deborah Ellis). World of Words Review, *V*(3). <http://wowlit.org/catalog/9781554981342/>

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Stearns, C. (September, 2014). *Develop a Passion for Reading for Teachers and Students*. Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading, UNT Chapter, Denton, TX.

Stearns, C. (November 21-22, 2013). *Technology and Your Philosophy*. Center for Research, Evaluation & Advancement of Teacher Education. Austin, TX.

Stearns, C. (September 28, 2013). *Helping students develop a passion for reading*. Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading, UNT Chapter, Denton, TX.

Harris, M., Crow, C. & Stearns, C. (June 7-8, 2013). *Navigating Educational Philosophy through Navigating Mindomo*. Texas Association for Teacher Educators, Austin, TX.

Stearns, C. (May 15-18, 2013). *Mentoring Relationship: A Case Study of Cooperating Teachers' Influence on Student Teachers*. 9<sup>th</sup> Annual International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Stearns, C. (September 22, 2012). *Utilizing Thinking Maps and Graphic Organizers as a Way to Access Student Comprehension*. Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading, UNT Chapter, Denton, TX.

Stearns, C. (September 17, 2011). *Creating Classroom Discussions Using "Math Talk"*. Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading, UNT Chapter, Denton, TX.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Reading Association (IRA) 2013-present  
 Center for Research, Evaluation & Advancement of Teacher Education (CREATE) 2013  
 National Golden Key Honor Society, 2012-present  
 American Education Research Association (AERA) 2012-present  
 The Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) 2012-present  
 Kappa Delta Pi, 2011-present

Texas Association for the Improvement of Reading (TAIR) 2011-present

**CURRICULUM WRITER**

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD: Mathematics Cadre: (September 2003-May 2004)

- Wrote math curriculum for primary grades

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Curriculum: Language Arts Writer: (May 2003-September 2003)

- Wrote reading, writing, and spelling curriculum for K-2

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD Curriculum: Math Assessment Writing: Elementary: (May 2003)

- Created math assessments for the primary grades

Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD: (Summer 2003)  
Reading with Meaning workshop

**District Staff Development**

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

**Emily's Place**

- Assistant House Director (March 2015-present)
- Taught a four week class on journaling to women who have been in a crisis situations (February 2015)

**Reading Day**

University of North Texas (Spring 2014-present )

- Organized and connected pre-service teachers with Evers Park Elementary School and Stephens Elementary School in Denton, Texas as pre-service teachers read to students at the school

**Doctoral Student Association (DSA):**

University of North Texas: Social Chair (2012-2014)

- Helped plan annual conference
- Contacted speakers for conference
- Planned and set up food for conference
- Helped plan and run the DSA Writing Marathon

**Assistant Principal Advisory Committee Member**

University of North Texas (2004-2007)

- Met, planned, set up and evaluated the yearly conference
- Contacted speakers

Thanks a Teacher Program 2014

COE/TEA Kappa Delta Pi Scholarship from the University of North Texas (2013)

Thank a Teacher Program 2013

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Three students submitting notes of appreciation  
Honors Day Recognition 2012  
Thank a Teacher Program 2012
- Two students submitted notes of appreciation  
USC Scholarship for Continuing Student from the University of North Texas (2012)  
Academic Achievement Award from the University of North Texas (2011-2012)  
Very Important Profession for Teaching (VIP), Carrollton-Farmers Branch ISD (2003-2004)

Dr. Mary Harris, Retired Regents Professor  
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## REFERENCES

Dr. James D. Laney, Department Chair of the College of Education  
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