

CURRICULUM VITA

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PERSONAL DATA

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EDUCATION

1968 - 1971 B.M. Chicago Conservatory College
Major: Applied Music, Voice

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1987 - 1989 M.A. University of Arkansas at Little Rock
Major: Rehabilitation Teaching of the Blind and Visually Impaired

CREDENTIALS

1991 - 1995 Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired Initial Certification: Rehabilitation Teaching

1996 Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired Re-certification: Rehabilitation Teaching

2001 Academy for the Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals Recertification: Rehabilitation Teaching

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

5/96 - present Florida State University, Visiting Professor. Coordinate and

develop Federally funded personnel preparation program in the area of Rehabilitation Teaching of the Blind. Teach classes, advise students, supervise interns, and develop community resources related to the preparation of Rehabilitation Teachers.

2/98 - present

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas.
Adjunct Instructor, Summer Rehabilitation Teacher Preparation program. Develop curricula including selection of textbooks/reading materials evaluation of competencies through examinations and projects, and advise students.

8/90 - 5/96

Texas Commission for the Blind, Austin, Texas.
Human Resource Development Specialist. Develop curriculum, provide training to newly hired Rehabilitation Teachers. Plan and coordinate continuing on-the-job training for teachers in conjunction with other agency staff. Provide ongoing consultation for staff. Participate in evaluation of content of training programs. Maintain training records. Serve as HRD liaison for Tyler and Austin Regions of TCB to provide better individualized training for local staff. Chair committee on solutions to print access for agency staff. Represent agency on Health and Human Services Commission workgroup on Case Management and Assessment. Provide consultation on Americans with Disabilities Act and print access for persons with vision loss to Governor's Center on Management Development, University of Texas Department of Architecture, Camp Mabry (National Guard Headquarters) in Austin, hotels and other facilities throughout Texas. Evaluate, make recommendations on new adaptive products for agency warehouse. Developed agency Braille Initiative, 1992; implement continuing procedures to include:

- * Set criteria, establish norms for agency competency examinations, cooperation with agency administration and Board of Directors
- * Develop, implement curriculum for annual Braille training for 65 teaching staff
- * Compile agency Braille Teaching Skills Manual
- * Coordinate Hadley School for the Blind Braille courses used by agency staff
- * Write, distribute practice materials in preparation for annual examination
- * Write, grade annual competency examinations
- * Provide individualized training in Braille for agency staff
- * Negotiate the Affiliate Memorandum of Understanding between Texas Commission for the Blind and Hadley School for the Blind. Act as liaison between the two agencies. Coordinate all courses taken by agency staff from Hadley. Work with Hadley staff to expand the range of courses

available to agency sighted staff. Evaluate new programs for Hadley.

2/95 - 8/95

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas. Adjunct Instructor, Summer Rehabilitation Teacher Preparation Program. Wrote, presented curriculum. Selected reading materials. Wrote, graded exams with emphasis on application. Developed, graded projects needed to complete course requirements. Advised students.

10/91 - 3/94

University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas. Guest Lecturer, Special Education Department Lecture each semester on "A Comparison: Teaching Braille to Adults and Children". Demonstrated practical ways adults use Braille. Addressed methods of overcoming the psychological barriers to learning Braille. Provided reference materials focused on teaching Braille to adults.

6/89 - 8/90

Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center, Texas Commission for the Blind, Austin, Texas. Vocational Rehabilitation Teacher. Served as member of Vocational Rehabilitation Team to provide employment directed training to consumers who were blind, visually impaired or multiply disabled. Worked closely with referring field staff to provide next step plans for consumers returning home after completing training. Developed curriculum for Adaptive Skills Department at CCRC. Acted as team supervisor for university interns. Provided training to new rehabilitation teachers.

PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS

- November 1999 Jones, Lynda. Rehabilitation Teaching: What Is It? Why Is It So Important? Rehabilitation Education.
- May 1998 Jones, Lynda. "Foundations of Rehabilitation Teaching," (Book Review). Re-view.
- December 1995 Jones, Lynda. "Have You Looked in the Kitchen Drawer?" (revised). Agency document on adaptation methods for daily living.
- September 1995 Jones, Lynda, and Wolffe, Karen. "Improving Braille Competency: A State Agency Model", Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness (Spring 1996).
- August 1995 Mezger, Carolyn, and Jones, Lynda. "Case Management Services and Assessment Practices of the Texas Commission for the Blind" (3 volume documentation of policies, procedures, and regulations of agency, supported by federal and state laws and regulations, and statistical data and tables describing these services), prepared for the Health and Human Services Commission of Texas.
- December 1994 Carter, Sue, Jones, Lynda, and Mezger, Carolyn. "Vocational Rehabilitation Assessment Model", prepared for Texas State Comptroller.
- February 1993 Jones, Lynda. "Introduction to Contracted Braille: A Learning Tool for Teachers", prepared for Texas Commission for the Blind.

TEACHING AND INSTRUCTION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida

Rehabilitation Teaching Specialization curricula:

- * Principals and Practices of Rehabilitation Teaching
- * Methods of Independent Living
- * Psycho-social Aspects of Visual Impairment
- * Vision Technology

- * Teaching Communication Skills to Adults Who Are Blind
- * Social and Vocational Implications of Recreation and Leisure

Texas Commission for the Blind, Austin, Texas

Teacher Training - curricula:

- * Principles of adult learning
- * Interviewing and assessing the needs of clients
- * Approaches to caseload management
- * Introduction to Low Vision including assessment, training, and preparation for a low vision clinic screening
- * Reading, Writing, and Teaching Braille to Adults
- * Methods of Teaching Home and Personal Management
- * Methods of Teaching Communication Skills
- * Methods of Teaching Leisure and Recreation Activities
- * Methods of Assessing and Teaching Organizational, Kinesthetic, and Spatial Orientation
- * Methods of Teaching Sighted Guide and Pre-cane Skills
- * Methods of providing Job Readiness Skills
- * Impact of Daily Living Skills on Employment

(All methods training provided under blindfold and low vision simulation.)

University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, Arkansas

- * Introduction to Independent Living
- * Principles of Rehabilitation Teaching

COURSE DEVELOPMENT, COORDINATION, INSTRUCTION

- Rehabilitation Teaching Specialization,
Program in Visual Impairment, Florida State University
- * Principles and Practices of Rehabilitation Teaching
 - * Methods of Independent Living
 - * Psycho-social Implications of Visual Impairment
 - * Teaching Communication Skills to Visually Impaired Adults
 - * Social and Vocational Implications of Recreation and Leisure

Texas Commission for the Blind

"Orientation to the Texas Commission for the Blind"
Instructed portions of program dealing with vision loss

"People, Vision, and TCB"
Coordinate session that helps participants clarify their values and attitudes toward blindness, assist in developing and implementing all aspects of program performed under blindfold and simulation, including:
* Sighted Guide Training
* Working Without Sight
* Coping With the Sighted World (practical experience under simulation at a local mall)

"Counseling and Adjusting With Blindness"
Facilitated small groups designed for practicing skills learned during training,

"Orientation to Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center for Field Staff"
Served as consultant to Center staff in planning curriculum for program. Assist in selecting staff to attend program. Implement portions of program agenda.

"Point of View" - agency's monthly television program
Wrote scripts, performed in monthly segment of program, "Tips for Daily Living," including topics such as travel, recreation, eating skills, color contrast dressing for success. Wrote, coordinated script for half hour program on the history of Braille and the Braille Bill of Texas.

GRANT EXPERIENCE

- 1998 Rehabilitation Services Administration Long-term Training Grant
Prepared and received funding for a federal training grant to prepare students at the master's level in rehabilitation teaching of persons with visual impairments.
- 1995 Peer Reviewer for University grants, Rehabilitation Services Administration
- 1994 Rehabilitation Services grant
* Expanded Texas Commission for the Blind Braille Initiative to include Braille Pro
* Trained 38 TCB staff in Braille formatting, production methods
* Assisted Department of Rehabilitation in Oklahoma to implement similar program by providing consultation and training
* Provided Braille production training to other organizations including Dallas Regional Office of American Foundation for the Blind and Rehabilitation Research and Continuing Education Program, Hot Springs, Arkansas
- 1992-94 Assisted in writing portions of TCB In-service Training Grant

- 1993-96 American Foundation for the Blind, Rehabilitation Services Administration and Depar
 * Served as member of Advisory Committee
 * Provided training for regional workshops including those in Colorado Springs, Colorado, Ogden, Utah, Fremont, California

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- August 2001 School of Gerontology, Rock Hill, South Carolina, Presentation: "Psycho-Social Implications of Visual Impairment".
- March 2001 North Carolina Department of Services for the Blind, Raleigh, NC, Presentation: "Initial Interview and Assessment of Individuals with Visual Impairments".
- February 2001 Weekends With The Experts, Daytona Beach, Florida, Presentation: Teaching Daily Living Skills to Students with Visual Impairments".
- May 2000 Alabama Annual Training Conference, Ufalla, Alabama, "Vision Technology" (three-day instruction on assistive technology for persons with visual impairments).
- March 2000 North Carolina AER Conference, Raleigh, NC, Presentation: "Just Because You Can't See the Stars Doesn't Mean You Can't Reach for Them"
- November 1999 Getting In Touch With Literacy Conference, San Francisco, California. Presentations "Literacy through Recreation and Leisure" and "Braille: Successful for Adults When Adult Learning Concepts Are Applied."
- October 1999 National Council of Rehabilitation Educators Fall Conference, Arlington, Virginia. Presentation "Rehabilitation Teaching and the Rehabilitation Teaching Program at Florida State University."
- August 1998 Florida Division of Blind Services Training Program
 * Developed curriculum for an inservice training program for employees of the agency
 * Taught several sessions of the training program
- July 1998 Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired International Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. Presentation "Seeing the Big Picture: Process versus Individual Skills".
- May 1998 Independence for the Blind, Tallahassee, Florida. Presentation "The Need for Written Curricula Based Training Programs".

- December 1997 Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired New Brunswick, New Jersey. Co-presenter.
- April 1997 Asert Conference Tampa, Florida. Presentation "Have You Looked in the Kitchen Drawer?"
- February 1997 Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, "AERLINE", co-presenter, Attitudes about Blindness: An Interactive Model.
- January 1997 Florida Department of Education, St. Augustine, Florida. "Week-end With the Experts", Co-presenter.
- October 1996 Florida Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired Conference, Tampa, Florida, presentation, "Attitudes About Blindness: An Interactive Model".
- July 1996 Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired International Conference, St. Louis, Missouri. Presenter, "Have You Looked in the Kitchen Drawer?", co-presenter, "Attitudes about Blindness: An Interactive Model".
- December 1996 Getting in Touch with Literacy, Austin, Texas. Member of Planning Committee. Co-presenter with Dr. Sally Mangold, "Pocket Tools Are Never out of Style, Methods of teaching slate and stylus".
- November 1995 Asert Conference, Atlanta, Georgia. Presentation "Strategies for Assessing the Needs of Adults with Visual Impairments".
- September 1995 American Foundation for the Blind Braille Training Workshop, Ogden, Utah. Co-trainer, "Mentors in Training: The Next Generation" (RSA Braille project).
- September 1995 State Services for the Blind, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Co-trainer for support staff, "Braille Formatting and Production".
- March 1995 American Foundation for the Blind, Dallas, Texas. Training for office staff, "Braille Formatting and Production".
- September 1994 Instructional Strategies for Rehabilitation Teachers, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Co-trainer of workshop, "Braille: A Scrub Free Approach".
- May 1994 Rehabilitation Research and Continuing Education Program, Hot Springs, Arkansas. Co-trainer for office staff, "Braille Formatting and Production".

May 1994	<u>American Foundation for the Blind Braille Grant Project</u> , Colorado Springs, Colorado. Co-trainer, "Mentor's in Training Workshop".	
November 1993	<u>Getting In Touch With Literacy Conference</u> , Little Rock, Arkansas. Presentation, "Improving Braille Competency: A State Agency Model".	
June 1993	<u>South Central Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the</u>	<u>Blind and \</u>
March 1993	<u>Holiday Inn</u> , Houston, Texas. Trainer for hotel staff, "Sighted Guide	and Orient
January 1993	<u>Hyatt Regency Hotel</u> , Austin, Texas. Training and consultation for	hotel staff.
June 1991	<u>South Central Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the</u>	<u>Blind and \</u>
	Poster Session, "Tips for Daily Living".	

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired:
Member, Divisions 11, 15, 17, chair Division 17.

Florida Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired:
chapter board member, faculty advisor for university student chapter.

National Council of Rehabilitation Educators

American Council of the Blind

Federal, State, and Local Services

October 2001	American Foundation for the Blind Board of Trustees, Member.
February 2000 - present	Hadley School for the Blind, Curriculum
July 1999 - present	AER Division 11 University Standards and Guidelines Committee
December 1998 - present	National Literary Braille Competency Examination Committee
July 1998 to present	Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) Division 17 Personnel Preparation
September 1997 - present	Florida Institute for Rehabilitation Education, Tallahassee, Florida, President, Board of Directors
August 1996 - present	National Computerized Braille Competency, Washington, D.C.

Professional and Educational Honors and Awards

- July 2000 Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Bruce McKenzie Award for outstanding leadership at the national level in the field of rehabilitation teaching.
- November 1999 Florida Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Educator of the Year Award, Orlando, Florida.
- August 1999 Rehabilitation Services Administration Commissioner's National Award for Excellence in Pre-Service Training, Washington D.C.
- June 1998 Arkansas Traveler Award for outstanding service to the state of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas
- March 1996 Sammie K. Rankin Memorial Outstanding Member Award, Texas Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, San Antonio, Texas
- Spring 1989 Who's Who in American Universities