

## VITA

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#### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

- Ed.D.** Stephen F. Austin State University  
Dissertation: *Teacher Voices of an Ethic of Care: A Narrative Study of High-Stakes Testing Impact on Caring*, 2006.
- +30** Northwestern State University, Curriculum and Supervision, 1987.
- M.Ed.** Northwestern State University, Elementary Education, 1977.
- B.A.** Northwestern State University, Elementary Teaching, 1975.

#### AREAS OF CERTIFICATION:

- Elementary Education, K-8 (LA)
- Supervision of Student Teaching (LA)
- Leadership and Supervision (TX)
- Brazos-Sabine Technology Certification (TX)
- Certification for Gifted Students (TX)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

##### Curriculum Leadership:

- Curriculum Facilitator, Newton Elementary School, Newton Independent School District, Newton, TX, 2006-2007.
- Internship in Curriculum, Sherrie Leach, Assistant Superintendent, Newton Independent School District, Newton, TX, 2004.
- Internship in Finance, Joe Smith, Finance Consultant, Lufkin, TX, 2005.

## Teaching Experience:

### University:

- Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Natchitoches, LA, 2007-present.

### Public School:

- Classroom Teacher, Newton Independent School District, Newton, TX, 1999 – 2006.
- Classroom Teacher, East Leesville Elementary, Vernon Parish Schools, Leesville, LA, 1987-1999.
- Classroom Teacher, Hicks High School (K-12), Vernon Parish Schools, Hicks, LA., 1973-1985
- Graduate Assistant, Remedial Reading Teacher, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA.
- Classroom Teacher, Vernon Elementary School, Vernon Parish Schools, Leesville, LA, 1972-1973.

## Supervision Experience:

- Cooperating Teacher for Student Intern, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, 1999.
- Cooperating Teacher for 13 Student Interns, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA, 1990-1998.
- Cooperating Teacher for Student Intern, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA, 1988.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

### International:

- Wellman, N.S., Wellman, W.C., & Perkins, G.W. *Predictors of Juvenile Delinquency: Using a Wellness Paradigm to Promote Resiliency for At-Risk Children and Families*. International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors, New Orleans, LA., January 2005.

### National:

- Wellman, N.S., Perkins, G. *Nurturing the Whole Child: The Impact of High-Stakes Testing on Teacher Caring*, Association of Teacher Educators, Washington, D.C., August 2008.

**Regional:**

- Perkins, G, & Wellman, N.S., *Minding What Matters in Our Elementary Schools*, North Atlantic Regional Association of Counselor Educators and Supervisors (NARACES) Conference, Portland, ME, September 2008
- Wellman, N.S., Faris, L., Shultz, J., & Vaszauskas, J. *Empowering Teachers in Public Education*. Southwest Educational Research Association, Dallas, TX, February 2004.
- Wellman, N.S., Wellman, W.C., & Young, S., *The Challenges of Fostering Democratic Culture and Practices in Educational Settings*. Southwest Educational Research Association, Dallas, TX, February 2004.

**State:**

- Wellman, N.S., Wellman, W.C., *Leadership, Motivation and Commitment in the Workplace Called the Middle School*, Louisiana Middle School Association, New Orleans, LA, April 2008.
- Wellman, N.S. *Dealing With Discipline: Eliminating Backtalk*. Newton Elementary School, Newton, TX. January 2007.
- Wellman, N. S. *Motivating for Success*, Newton Elementary School, Newton, TX, August 2006.
- Wellman, N.S. *Dealing With the Stress of Testing*. Goodman Correctional Facility, Jasper, TX, October 2006.
- Wellman, N.S. *Making Meaning in Math*, Goodman Correctional Facility, Jasper, TX, August 2002.
- Wellman, N.S. *Reading Concepts and Strategies Designed to Reach the Reluctant Reader*, Pack Correctional Facility, Navasota, TX, 2001.
- Wellman, N.S. *Reading Concepts and Strategies Designed to Reach the Reluctant Reader*, Goodman Correctional Facility, Jasper, TX, 2000.
- Wellman, N.S., & Simmons, J. *New Concepts in Teaching English in the Elementary School*, New Teacher Induction Program, Vernon Parish Schools, 1998.
- Wellman, N.S., & Simmons, J., Presenter/Trainer of Shurley English, Vernon Parish Schools, 1997-1999.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

Wellman, N.S. (2008) Teacher voices: The impact of high stakes testing on teacher caring. *Teacher Education & Practice*, 20(2), Rowman-Littlefield Publications.

Wellman, N.S. (2008). Caring in an age of accountability. In T. Hebert and S. Durham (Eds.) *High-Stakes Teaching: Practices That Improve Student Learning*. Lanham, MD: Rowman-Littlefield Publications.

Wellman, N.S. (2006) *Teacher Voices of an Ethic of Care: A Narrative Study of High-Stakes Testing Impact on Caring*. Dissertation.

Wellman, N.S. (2005). The metamorphosis of Caring. In S. Harris (Ed.) *Changing Minds Sets of Educational Leaders*. Lanham, MD: Rowman-Littlefield Publications.

Wellman, N.S. Moving into a rich dimension of caring. In P. Jenlink (Ed.) *Scholar-Practitioner: Stories of Hope*. Patrick Jenlink (Ed.) Chap. "Rags to Riches: Moving into a Rich Dimension of Caring." Scarecrow Press (contract pending).

## **PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

- *Member*, English Language Arts Regional Committee, Texas Region 5 Educational Service Center, Silsbee, TX, 2006-2007.
- *Chairperson*, Third Grade, Newton Elementary, 2000-2006.
- *Member*, District Site Base Committee, 2004-2005.
- *Chairperson*, Third Grade, East Leesville Elementary, 1997-1999.
- *Program Trainer*, Shurley English, 1997-1999

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP:**

- Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)
- Louisiana Middle School Association (LSMA)
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- National College and Professors Education Association (NCPEA)

## **AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:**

- Teacher of the Year, 2005 – Newton Elementary, Newton ISD, TX
- Teacher of the Year, 1998 – East Leesville Elementary, Vernon Parish, LA
- Teacher of the Year, 1980 – Hicks High School, Vernon Parish, LA
- VIGIL Grant, 1997
- Vernon Instructional Grant in Learning, 1997.