

# Lisa J. Polk, Ed. D.

## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

Sam Houston State University Ed. D. Literacy	2017-20
Sam Houston State University M. Ed. Reading	2012
Sam Houston State University B. A. in Teaching – Cum Laude	1990

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

#### University Teaching

*Lamar University*, College of Education & Human Development/ Teacher Education 2024-2025

Courses: Content Area Reading	PEDG-5375
Politics of Literacy	PEDG-5311
Inclusion in the General Education Classroom	PEDG-4355
Practicum of Literacy Assessment and Instructional	PEDG- 5312
Policies II-Secondary Populations	

*Texas A&M University-San Antonio*, College of Education and Human Development 2024-2025

Courses: Early Literacy & Language	EDRG-3315
Disciplinary Literacy	EDRG-3331
Language Arts Methods	EDRG-4349
Literacy Assmt. & Interv.	EDRG-5355
Digital Literacy	EDRG-5327
Intermediate & Middle School Literacy EDRG	EDRG-4389
Reading Assessment & Intervention	EDRG-4331
Reading Comprehension	EDRG-5320
Pedagogy I: Theory & Design	EDCI -3303
Pedagogy II: Instructional Practices	EDCI -3304
Managing the Learning Environment	EDCI -3348

*Lamar State College Orange*, Teacher Education 2025

Courses: Educating Young Children	TECA-1311
Child Growth & Development	TECA-1354

Angelina College, English Department	
Course: Adjunct Instructor – Integrated Reading and Writing	2013-17

## K-12 Education Experience

Curriculum Specialist - Reading Language Arts/Social Studies K-12 Livingston ISD	2016-22
Reading Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher – 5th Grade Onalaska Elementary, Onalaska ISD	2015-16
Department Head – Special Education	2012-15
Resource English, Co-teach English, Dyslexia teacher, Teacher mentor, coaching Livingston High School Livingston, ISD	2004-15
Resource English Language Arts – 7th – 8th Grade, coaching Livingston Jr. High School, Livingston ISD	2002-04
Resource English Teacher, Adaptive Behavior, coaching Katy High School, Katy ISD	2001-02
Resource English Teacher, Inclusion Teacher, Life Skills/Adaptive Behavior PE, Content Mastery, homebound teacher, coaching Conroe High School, Conroe ISD	1991-2001
Athletic Coach and Physical Education Teacher K-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lifestyle Christian School, Conroe, Texas	1988-1990

## HONORS & AWARDS

Doctorate in Literacy Scholarship      Excellence in Teaching Sam Houston State University	2020
Teacher of the Year – Livingston High School	2010

## PUBLICATIONS

Polk, L. (2024). Engage, connect, and maximize learning through interactive literacy approaches. In C. Maynard, M.E. Mathis, B. Cryer, & S. Chakraborti (Eds.), *Texas Association for Literacy Education TALE Yearbook: The Heart of Literacy Connects Us All!* (Vol. 11, pp.56-62).  
[https://www.texasreaders.org/uploads/4/4/9/0/44902393/tale\\_2024\\_yearbook.pdf](https://www.texasreaders.org/uploads/4/4/9/0/44902393/tale_2024_yearbook.pdf)

Polk, L. J. (2020). *An Implementation of Guided Reading in Elementary Schools* (Doctoral dissertation, Sam Houston State University).

#### Manuscripts in Progress

Morgan, K. R., & Polk, L. (in progress). The impact of in-class coaching on preservice teachers' understanding of foundational literacy concepts in a flipped classroom.

Morgan, K. R., & Polk, L. (in progress). A descriptive study of gamified, coached literacy activities in a preservice teacher preparation program.

#### Refereed

Ives, S. T., Parsons, S. A., Parsons, S. W., Robertson, D. A., Daoud, N., Young, C. & Polk, L. (2020). Elementary students' motivation to read and genre preferences. *Reading Psychology*, 41(5), 1-20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02702711.2020.1783143>

Young, C., Polk, L., Durham, P., & Kerbs, M. (2020). The boys are back and they're looking for drama. *Texas Journal of Literacy Education*, 8(1), 112-125.

## PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

#### National/International

Polk, L. & Morgan, K. (2025, November 6-8) *Innovative active learning and instructional coaching motivates and prepares literacy preservice teachers* [Conference session]. ALER 2025 Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Polk, L. (2024, November 7-9) *Breaking through language barriers with interactive literacy approaches* [Conference session]. ALER 2024 Conference, Orlando, Florida.

Polk, L. (2024, March 17-20). *Maximizing reading engagement with motivating, relevant, and active learning experiences* [Conference session]. COABE 2024 National Conference Adult Education in Harmony, Nashville, Tennessee.

Polk, L. (2023, November 10-11). *Motivating readers and maximizing learning with engaging reading approaches* [Paper presentation]. 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Association of Ireland Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

Polk, L. (2023, November 10-11). *An implementation of guided reading in elementary schools* [Poster presentation]. 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Association of Ireland Conference, Dublin, Ireland.

Polk, L. (2023, May 10-12). *Engaging reading praxis increases reading skills, motivation, and content knowledge*. [Conference session]. 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Literacy Conference, Daytona Beach Shores, FL, United States.

Young, C. Rasinski, T., & Polk, L. (2020, October 15-18). *The boys are back and they're looking for drama*. [Conference session]. ILA 2020 Conference, Columbus, OH, United States. (Conference canceled)

#### Regional/Local

Polk, L. (2024, May 16). *Using QR codes in learning quests to access texts, motivate reading, and maximize learning* [Conference session]. Region 1 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Technology Conference, South Padre Island, TX, United States.

Polk, L. (2020, June 15). *Making lemonade out of lemons: Innovative educational ideas during crises* [Conference session]. Region 5 Integrating Technology VirCON, Beaumont, TX, United States.

#### State/Local

Polk, L. (2025, October 24) Instructional strategies for teaching adult learners with special learning needs [Conference session]. Central Texas Literacy Symposium, Commons, UTA, Arlington, Texas.

Polk, L. (2025, April 17) Students with special learning needs [Conference session]. Central Texas Literacy Symposium, Literacy Matters: Empowering Every Adult, Austin, Texas.

Polk, L. (2024, August 21) Strategies for struggling readers & students with special learning needs [Professional development online session]. Texas Center for the Advancement of Literacy & Learning (TCALL), College Station, Texas.

Polk, L. (2024, July 30-31) *Incorporating relevant content and skills with interactive literacy approaches* [Conference session]. 2024 Literacy Texas Annual Conference, Literacy & Beyond, San Marcos, Texas.

Polk, L. (2024, March 1-2). Engage, connect, and maximize learning through interactive literacy approaches [Breakout session]. 2024 TALE Conference, The Heart of Literacy Connects Us, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. <https://www.texasreaders.org/tale-conference.html>

*HB3 Texas Reading Academies*. (August 2020-May 2021). Professional learning for RLA teachers/principals of K-3. In-district.

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

*Guided Reading On-campus Sessions.* (September 2020). Professional learning for RLA elementary teachers. In-district.

*Balanced Literacy Best Practices in Reading Writing Workshop.* (September 2020). Professional learning for RLA secondary teachers. In-district.

*2019 Summer Professional Development: 1st-2nd Reading Writing Workshop.* (June 2019). Professional learning for RLA teachers. In-district.

*2019 Summer Professional Development: K-2 RLA Planning with TEKS Resource System.* (June 2019). Professional learning for RLA teachers. In-district.

*2019 Summer Professional Development: 3rd-5th Reading Writing Workshop.* (June 2019). Professional learning for RLA teachers. In-district.

*2019 Summer Professional Development: 3-5 RLA Planning with TEKS Resource System.* (June 2019). Professional learning for RLA teachers. In-district.

*2019 Summer Professional Development: 6th-12th Reading Writing Workshop.* (July 2019). Professional learning for RLA teachers. In-district.

*2019 Summer Professional Development: Balanced Literacy/ Reading Writing Workshop.* (July 2019). Professional learning for RLA teachers. In-district.

*2019 Summer Professional Development: Principals/Assistant Principals Balanced Literacy/ Reading Writing Workshop.* (July 2019). Professional learning for administrators. In-district.

*2019 Summer Professional Development: Kindergarten Reading Writing Workshop.* (August 2019). Professional learning for RLA teachers. In-district.

*2019 Back-to-School-Sessions: RLA Reading Writing Workshop.* (August 2019). Professional learning for RLA teachers. In-district.

*JH Social Studies TEKS Update.* (May 2019). Professional learning for junior high Social Studies teachers. In-district.

*HS Social Studies TEKS Update.* (May 2019). Professional learning for high school Social Studies teachers. In-district.

*2020 Summer Professional Development.* (June 2021). Secondary Literacy Instructional Practices & Engaging Learning Experiences. In-district.

*New Teachers Fountas & Pinnell Literacy Continuum Series.* (August-September 2019-2022). Professional learning for RLA Kindergarten-7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers new to district. In-district.

*2022 Summer Professional Development.* (June 2022). Engaging Literacy Learning Experiences & Instructional Practices. Professional Learning for RLA 4<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> teachers. In-district.

*2022 Summer Professional Development.* (June 2022). Engaging Literacy Learning Experiences & Instructional Practices. Professional Learning for Boys & Girls Club staff. In-district.

2022 Summer Professional Development. (July 2022). 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies & RLA Planning. In-district.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Faculty Advisory Council, Appointed for College of Education and Human Development,  
Texas A & M University – San Antonio 2026

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Day on the Hill  
Invited participant of the SHSU Team 2019

District Advisory Committee (DAC) 2016-2020

Academic UIL Event Judge 2016-2022

Crisis Intervention Committee 1999-2001

Site-based Committee 1993-1995

Special Olympic Event Volunteer 1991-2001

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Processing Center – Dallas, TX 2023-2025

Benevolence Church Team Leader 2023-2024

Livingston Piecemakers Quilt Guild Education Committee Leader 2024

Livingston Piecemakers Quilt Guild Service Projects & Quilt Show 2023

Boys & Girls Club Implementation of Engaging Literacy Instruction	2022
Youth Church Services and Events	2020-2023

## CERTIFICATIONS

Mental Health First Aid for Higher Education	2025
HB3 Texas Reading Academies English Language Arts Cohort Leader	2019-2021
The Executive Education Academy: A Program offered by Rice Business Executive Education in Collaboration with Leadership Partners	2020
CITI Human Subjects Research (SBE) Foundations	2018-Present
Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS)	2017-Present
Texas ASCD Curriculum Leadership Academy	2017
Curriculum Management Audit Training Level 1	2016
Generalist Grades (EC-6)	2015-Present
Reading Specialist Grades (EC-12)	2012-Present
English as a Second Language Supplemental	2012-Present
Secondary Generic Special Education	1990-Present
All-Level Physical Education	1990-Present

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE) member	1991-Present
International Literacy Association (ILA) member	2010-Present
Texas Association for Literacy Education (TALE) member	2018-Present
Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society/SHSU KDP member	2018-Present
Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (ALER) member	2019-Present
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)	2019-Present
The Society for Collegiate Leadership & Achievement member	2020-2024
National Council of Teachers of English	2022-2024
American Educational Research Association (AERA)	2022-2024
Literacy Association of Ireland	2023-2024

## RECENT CONFERENCES ATTENDED

Literacy Texas, Central Texas / DFW Literacy Symposium, UTA, Arlington, Texas	2025
Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (ALER), Oklahoma City, OK	2025
Literacy Texas / Central Texas Literacy Symposium, TECA, Austin, Texas	2025
Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (ALER), Orlando, FL	2024
Region 1 29 <sup>th</sup> Annual Technology Conference 2024, South Padre Island, TX	2024
Texas Association of Literacy Education (TALE), Baylor-Waco, TX	2024
COABE National Conference, Nashville, TN	2024
47 <sup>th</sup> Annual Conference Literacy Association of Ireland, Dublin, Ireland	2023
Literacy Texas Annual Conference, Literacy Unleashed	2023