

**Cynthia B. Hunt**

**Educational Background**

**Educational Specialist: Secondary Education (2012)**

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

Advisors: Drs. Sue Seay, Susan Spezzini and Joe Burns

Thesis: *A Mini-Qualitative Research Study about How Secondary Math and Science Teachers' Background Knowledge about Academic Language Influences Instructional Practices Related to Academic Speaking and Writing Tasks*

**Doctoral Program in Administration of Supervision and Curriculum, (2007, admitted)**

Auburn University, Auburn Alabama

Advisor: Dr. Ellen Reames

Coursework completed: *Introduction to Instruction and Curriculum Leadership (3 hours)*

**Master's Level Certification: English to Speakers of Other Languages (2006)**

University of Alabama at Birmingham, Birmingham, AL

**Master of Education: Curriculum and Teaching (1990)**

Auburn University, Auburn, AL

**Bachelor of Science in Education: Comprehensive Science (1985)**

Athens State University, Athens, AL

**Professional Experiences in Education**

**Course Developer and Instructor (2013-present)**

TESOL International Association, Washington DC

- Designed online course for in-service teachers about teaching strategies that facilitate science learning and language development of ELs in science content classes.
- Teach the online course "ESL for Secondary Science Teachers" to in-service teachers earning CEUs: 2013 (July 8 – August 2) and 2014 (July 7 – August 3).

**Adjunct Instructor (2009-present)**

University of Alabama at Birmingham, School of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction

- Designed EESL 650: *Strategies for Teaching Math and Science to English Learners*
- Taught EESL 650 in the MAEd/ESL program: Summers, 2010 (16 students), 2011 (11 students), 2013 (12 students), and 2014 (approx. 36 students in 3 sections)
- Co-taught EESL 620: *Special Topics in ESL K-12* in the MAEd/ESL program (2009).
- Design and deliver professional development to in-service content teachers in partner school systems through the Title III National Professional Development grants from the USDE Office of English Language Acquisition.

**Science Teacher/Sheltered Science Teacher for ELs (2010-present)**

Austin High School, Decatur City Board of Education, Decatur, AL

- Develop and deliver instruction in Physical Science, Chemistry, and Earth & Space Science.
- Support academic language development for English learners in content classrooms.
- Provide peer-support for teachers of limited English proficient students in content classroom.
- Provide push-in support of limited English proficient students in content classroom.

**Regional EL Coach (2009-10)**

Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE), Montgomery, AL

- Selected among the first three ESL teachers with the ALSDE to serve as EL coaches
- Facilitated and co-taught *WIDA CLIMBS* course with systems identified as "in-need" by ALSDE
- Developed focused professional development in ESL using data-driven needs assessments
- Provided professional development for K-12 Educators in schools serving ELs
- Monitored continuous improvement plans in schools receiving professional development

- Collaborated to create the framework used to develop future ALSDE ESL training modules
- Worked collaboratively with administrators, educators, and support-staff in a variety of settings and roles: Alexander City Schools, Auburn City Schools, Autauga County Schools, Barbour County Schools, Bullock County Schools, Chilton County Schools, Choctaw County Schools, Decatur City Schools, DeKalb County Schools, Demopolis City Schools, Elmore County Schools, Enterprise City Schools, Geneva County Schools, Henry County Schools, Huntsville City Schools, Marshall County Schools, Opelika City Schools, Oxford City Schools, Perry County Schools, Tallapoosa County Schools, Tallassee City Schools, Vestavia City Schools, Walker County Schools, and Washington County Schools

**EL Teacher, Sheltered Science Teacher for ELs, and Head Cross-Country/Track Coach (2006-09)**

Auburn High School, Auburn Junior High, and Drake Middle School, Auburn, AL

- Developed and delivered second language instruction to speakers of other languages
- Provided professional development and support for content-area classroom teachers
- Developed and delivered science instruction to speakers of other languages
- Accommodated ALSDE objectives and instruction to provide academically challenging science instruction in a sheltered-science classroom
- Provided model experiences for content-area classrooms
- Designed, coordinated and provided training schedules for athletes, academic advising, assessed NCAA compliance and AHSAA eligibility standards, and conducted scholarship searches

**Science Teacher (1986-2006), Science Dept. Coordinator (1991-2006), Athletic Coach (1999-2006)**

Austin High School, Decatur City Board of Education, Decatur, AL

- Developed and delivered classroom and lab instruction in Physical Science, Chemistry I, Physics, Advanced Placement Physics, Principles of Technology, Chemistry & Community, Life Science (1986-2006).
- Coordinated core-curriculum development, manage lab facilities/supplies, provided academic advising, assessed test scores, developed remediation strategies, and coordinated textbook selection.
- Served as head coach of Cross-Country/Track & Field to design and deliver training schedules for athletes, provide academic advising and assess NCAA compliance and AHSAA eligibility standards, and conducted scholarship searches
- Served as graduation/senior sponsor (1995-2004) to plan and coordinate baccalaureate, graduation ceremonies, graduate reception, photo sessions, and student orders of supplies from vendor.

**Science Teacher (1985-86)**

Decatur High School, Austin High School, Decatur City Board of Education, Decatur, AL

- Taught classroom and labs in Physical Science, Chemistry I, and Chemistry II

**Other Professional Experiences**

2004-2006	Legal Assistant, Part-time, Rhonda D. Bruner, Attorney-at-Law, Cullman, AL
1998-2003	Sales Associate, Part-time, Virginia Woodall Sports, Decatur, AL
1983-1985	Substitute Teacher, Cullman City Schools Board of Education, Cullman, AL
1983-1984	Graphics Illustrator, Boeing Computer Support Services, Huntsville, AL
1981-1982	Scale-Model Designer, Southern Company Services, Birmingham, AL
1980	Chemical Lab Assistant. Peerless Paint Company, Cullman, AL

**Presentations at Professional Conferences**

### National and International Level

- C. Hunt** (2014). *All STEM, ALL In!* [invited]. K-12 Dream Day PCI, 48<sup>th</sup> annual International TESOL Convention. Portland, OR. [unable to attend due to death in the family]
- C. Hunt** (2013). *Fission or Fusion: Exploring the Fallout of Common Core* [invited]. K-12 Dream Day PCI, 47<sup>th</sup> annual International TESOL Convention. Dallas, TX.
- C. Hunt** (2012). *A Bigger Toolbox: Equipping Teachers with Sheltering Techniques* [invited]. K-12 Dream Day PCI, 46<sup>th</sup> annual International TESOL Convention. Philadelphia, PA.
- C. Hunt** (2011). *A Theory of Everything: Sheltering Instruction for ELLs* [invited]. K-12 Dream Day PCI, 45<sup>th</sup> annual International TESOL Convention. New Orleans, LA.
- C. Hunt** (2008). *Views from a Veteran: What I had to learn to be successful teaching ELL and ALL*. Science for Hispanic ELL (SHELL) Conference; Tuscaloosa, AL.

### Regional Level

- C. Hunt** (2012). *A Bigger Toolbox: Equipping Teachers with Sheltering Techniques* [invited]. ELL Symposium, Downingtown, PA.
- C. Hunt**, J. Harvey, and V. Johnson (2008). *Secondary Accommodations: Assuring Success for All Language Learners in Science*. Southeast Regional TESOL (SETESOL) Conference; Birmingham, AL.

### State and Local Level

- C. Holloway, **C. Hunt**, D. Miller, and J. Schley (2014). *Functioning as a Unit: Content-Area and ELL Teachers* [invited], Pre-Conference Institute (PCI). Annual Alabama-Mississippi TESOL (AMTESOL) conference, Oxford, MS [could not attend due to family illnesses].
- C. Hunt** (2013). *Teaching and Assessing ELs STEM Content* [invited]. AMTESOL (PCI), Huntsville, AL.
- C. Hunt**, D. Miller, and J. Schley (2013). *Broader Spectrum: Instructional Strategies for Diverse Classrooms* [invited]. ALDSE MEGA Conference, Mobile, AL.
- C. Hunt**, and L. Mongan (2012). *Making Friends with ESL Know-How*. AMTESOL, Oxford, MS
- C. Hunt** (2009). *Best Practices for Teaching English Learners*. Alabama Education Association PLU/CEU Regional Conference, Birmingham, AL.
- T. Cherry, M. Hatley and **C. Hunt** (2009). *Services for EL* [invited]. ALSDE Federal Programs Conference, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- C. Hunt** (2008). *Evolution of a Physics Teacher*, AMTESOL Conference, Meridian, MS.
- C. Hunt** and S. Piper (2007), *Secondary ESL Methods*, Workshop, East Alabama Regional In-service Center, Auburn University.

### Service

#### National Level

- Review Team Member, WIDA ACCESS Item Development, Philadelphia, PA (2007)
- Field Test Consultant, WIDA ACCESS

#### State Level

- Secretary on the Executive Board for Alabama-Mississippi TESOL Affiliate (2012-present)
- Member on task force with Alabama State Department of Education (ALSDE): Identifying solutions for closing ELL achievement gap (May 25-27, 2006)
- Member on Governor's Task Force on Tech-Prep (1993)
- Member on State Department of Education Task Force on Applied Academics (1993)
- Member, SACS Visiting Committee, Butler High School, Huntsville, AL (1993)

#### Local/School Level

-Presented/Led

- C. Holloway, **C. Hunt**, J. Schley, and C. Page (2014). *Under-Resourced Learners: 8 Strategies to Boost Academic Achievement Book Study*. A 8-session book study to develop teachers' understanding related to under-resourced learners, as well as expand teachers' definitions of "under resourced", as related to at-risk students.
- C. Hunt** (2012). *Collaborative Book Study*, Decatur City Schools. A simultaneous 3-book study (*Building Academic Language: Essential Practices for Content Classrooms, Grades 5-12, Here's What We know about Culture and Learning, and Leaders of Learning*) designed to form collaborative partnerships centered on academic language development, at-risk learners, and ELs between teachers at Austin High School and Decatur High School
- C. Hunt** and D. Miller (2012). *Broader Spectrum: Instruction for Diverse Classrooms*, Austin High School, Decatur, AL. A 3-week series on building instructional capacity and developing teachers' capacity to design and deliver instruction that promotes academic language development of all learners.
- C. Hunt**, D. Miller and S. Smith (2012). *Instructional Practices for ESL*, Austin High School, Decatur, AL. An intensive workshop designed to review best practices for academic language development.
- C. Hunt**, D. Miller and B. Richardson (2012). *Translation Team Development*, Austin High School, Decatur, AL. Training and materials developed for use by multilingual teachers serving as translation volunteers to facilitate communication between teachers and parents of ELs.
- C. Hunt**, D. Miller (2011). *Brass Tacks: Identifying and Meeting the Needs of At-Risk Readers*, Decatur City Schools Decatur, AL. An intensive 1-day workshop designed to develop a collaborative team of teachers to adapt and implement *Word Generation* as a cross-curricular reading tool.
- C. Hunt**, D. Miller, and B. Richardson (2010-2012). *EL Parent Open-House*, Austin High School, Decatur, AL. A pre-open-house meeting designed to introduce parents of ELs and provide school orientation activities.
- C. Hunt**, D. Miller, and B. Richardson (2010-2011). *English for EL Parents*, Austin High School, Decatur, AL. A weekly class designed to provide opportunities for parents of ELs to learn the "language of school", develop language skills needed to interact with school personnel, and build relationships with other EL parents.
- J. Bair, **C. Hunt**, D. Miller, B. Richardson, and S. Smith (2010) *Closing Achievement Gap Book Study*, Decatur City Schools, Decatur, AL. A collaborative book study offered to middle and high school teachers designed to bridge the transition of ELs from middle to high school.
- C. Hunt** (2010). *True North: Designing Instruction for All Language Learners*. Austin High School, Decatur, AL. A 5-session workshop designed to build teachers' background knowledge related to cultural and linguistic diversity.
- C. Hunt**, S. Piper, and K. Snyder (2009). *Rosetta Stone for Teachers and Parents of ELLs*. Auburn City Schools, Auburn, AL. A multi-session workshop designed to partner teachers and parents of ELLs in learning second languages, using Rosetta Stone.
- C. Hunt** (2006). *ESL Learners*, Auburn High School, Auburn, AL. A brief workshop designed to introduce teachers to the academic struggles facing ESL students, as guided by ESL student-led mini-lessons.
- C. Hunt** (1997). *Introduction to Modeling Instruction in Physics*, Austin High School, Decatur, AL. An introductory workshop for science teachers.
- C. Hunt** (1988). *AIDS/HIV Education Training*, Decatur City Schools, Decatur, AL. An intensive 1-day workshop to prepare a team of teachers to deliver a 1-week course to students on AID/HIV.

-Committee Member

- ESL Advisory Board, Auburn City Schools, Auburn, AL, (2008-2009),

- Textbook Adoption Committee, Decatur City Schools, Decatur, AL (2000 and 2006)
- Building-Based Leadership Team Member (2000-2005, 2010 to present)
- Technology Implementation Team Member (1998)
- Robotics Curriculum (1989)
- Faculty Advisor/Representative (1988-92)
- 4x4 Curriculum Revision Committee (1993)

-Sponsor/Representative

- Junior Class Prom Sponsor (1992-1995)
- Senior Class Graduation Sponsor (1995-2004)
- RECOVER Environmental Club Sponsor (1991-1995)
- Faculty Representative (1988-1992)

-Community

- Volunteer, River City Run, River City Runners' Club, Decatur, AL (2000-2006)
- Volunteer, Community ESL Class, Wesley Memorial Church, Decatur, AL (2004-2005)
- Team sponsor, Relay-for-Life (2001)
- Volunteer Basketball Coach, Decatur Parks and Recreation (1994-1996)
- Volunteer Softball Coach, Board Member, Decatur Dixie Girls Softball, Decatur AL (1993-1998)

**Certificates and Professional Training**

- 2012 Train-the-Trainer Certification Workshop, 7-Habits, Decatur, AL
- 2012 International Baccalaureate Training, Theory of Knowledge, St. Pete Beach, FL
- 2010 National Science Educators Leadership Academy, Flagstaff, AZ
- 2009 Alabama Reading Initiative Training, Athens, AL
- 2009 WIDA Climbs Train-the-Trainer, Montgomery, AL
- 2006 Instructional Technology Training, Auburn, AL
- 2006 CPR/AED Certification Training
- 2005 USATF Level One Coaching Certification
- 2005 USATF Official Certification
- 2004 Seven Habits of Highly Effective People Training
- 2004 International Baccalaureate Curriculum Training, Level II Physics
- 2004 CPR/AED Certification Training
- 2002 Advanced Placement Curriculum Training in Physics
- 2002 Sports First Aid Training
- 2002 Personal Safety Training
- 2002 Lee vs. Macon Training
- 2001-2003 Staff Coach, NIKE-Roy Benson's Running Camp
- 2001 Pursuing Victory with Honor/Character Counts Workshop
- 2001 USATF Official Certification
- 2000 4-MAT Personality/Learning Styles Training
- 2000 Effective Schools Training
- 2000 CPR Certification Training
- 2000 AHSGE Train-the-Trainers Workshop, State Dept. of Education
- 2000 PLATO Computer Instruction Training
- 1999-2001 Alabama Comprehensive Athletic Program Conference
- 1999 POLAR Coaches Heart-Rate Training Workshop
- 1998 Environmental Awareness Training
- 1995-1997 Modeling Instruction in Physics; Arizona State University
- 1995 Adult Personality & Student Learning, NATE, Athens State University

- 1995 LOGAL Computer Instruction Training
- 1994 Legal Issues in Education Workshop
- 1994 Student Success in High School, NATE, Athens State University
- 1993 National Tech-Prep Conference
- 1993 Principles of Technology Training, COD, Waco, Texas
- 1992-1994 National Institute for Technology Training, Mississippi State University
- 1992-1993 Technology Implementation Committee
- 1992 Applied Math Workshop, Beville State Community College
- 1991 National Science Foundation, Chemical Instrumentation, University of Arizona

### **Awards and Recognitions**

- 2013 UAB School of Education: Outstanding ESL Alumna
- 2011 Austin High School, Teacher of the Year
- 2004 AHSAA 6A Cross-Country Championship, Runner-up, Coach
- 2003 AHSAA 6A Cross-Country Championship Team, Coach
- 1997 Senior Sponsor of the Year, Campus Recognition/Jostens Corp.
- 1996 Decatur Education Foundation, Grant Recipient
- 1994 Tandy Technology Scholars, Outstanding Teacher Award
- 1993 Tandy Technology Scholars, Outstanding Teacher Award
- 1988 Austin High School, Teacher of the Month, 4 Awards
- 1985 Chi Beta Phi, Chemistry Honorary

### **Professional Organizations**

- TESOL International Association: Member (2011-Present)
- Alabama-Mississippi TESOL Affiliate: Member (2008- present), Secretary (2012-present)
- American Modeling Teachers Association (2011-2012)
- National Science Teachers Association: Member
- Alabama Education Association/National Education Association: Member (1985-Present)

### **References**

- Ms. Sarah Sahr, Director of Education Programs, TESOL International Association  
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- Dr. Ed Nichols, Superintendent, Decatur City Schools  
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- Dr. Don Snow, Principal, Austin High School, Decatur City Schools  
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