

Vita

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## Education

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Master of Education, University of Louisville, 1978. *Area of concentration: Reading*  
Bachelor of Arts, Morehead State University, 1974. *Majors: English and Journalism*

## Employment Profile

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Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) Contract Consultant, Literacy/Limited English Proficient (LEP) and Immigrant Students, 2003-2007

University of Louisville Alternative Certification Program Content Mentor, 2003-2007

Kentucky Department of Education, Writing Program Consultant, Division of Curriculum, Office of Teaching and Learning, 1999-2002

Bullitt County Schools, Language Arts Teacher, 1974-1999

## Professional Experiences Highlights

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- Coordinated the work of the Kentucky English Language Proficiency Standards Advisory Committee for meeting the mandates of *No Child Left Behind (NCLB)* Title III legislation
- Facilitated the work of grade-cluster specific groups in designing and creating web-based instructional guides for the *English Language Proficiency Standards for Kentucky Schools*
- Played a vital role in designing the format and launching the Kentucky English Language Proficiency Academy (ELLA) Initiative
- Participated in the LEP-States Collaborative on Assessment and Student Standards (SCASS) to design, review and field test items for the English Language Proficiency Assessment (ELDA)
- Served on Scholastic Review teams specifically focused on the *Kentucky Standards and Indicators for School Improvement* that follow: Academic Performance Standards: 1-*Curriculum*, 2-*Classroom Evaluation/Assessment*, 3-*Instruction*; and Efficiency Standard 9: *Comprehensive and Effective Planning*
- Served as a member, team leader and state director of the Scoring Accuracy Assurance Team (SCAAT) charged with the selection of benchmark and assessment portfolios and of verifying the validity of the writing portfolio audit

- Assisted in the statewide standard setting process to review writing standards (K-12) as well as the development of performance level descriptions and cut points for middle school reading
- Chaired the Writing Advisory Subcommittee to revise and expand the “Writing Development Teacher Handbook, 2001 (A more recent revision has occurred.)
- Collaborated with educational partners including the Prichard Committee, the Collaborative for Teaching and Learning, educational cooperatives, writing projects, legislative liaisons, district personal, highly skilled educators and others to provide professional development to Kentucky districts
- Served as a model teacher in the Louisville Writing Project (LWP) Outreach Demonstration Site Professional Development, 1998-1999
- Selected as a panelist for NAEP Writing Achievement Levels Setting Process, 1998
- Served on the Speed Art Museum Teacher Advisory Board contributing to the “Learning to Look Tour” for middle and high school students, 1996-1998
- Directed Bullitt County participation in the Jacob K. Javitz Grant, “Extending Opportunities for the Gifted Middle School Student,” 1990-1993
- Piloted thematic units at Western Kentucky University Summer Camp for Academically Talented Middle School Students, 1990-1993
- Assisted with the design and delivery of a statewide professional development initiative, Integrated Professional Development Series, 1992-1993

## Professional Development Highlights

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- Planned and facilitated statewide Title III/LEP Coordinator Meetings, ELL Advisory Meetings, Writing Advisory Meetings
- Assisted with the design and delivery of regional workshops for districts with an emerging English Language Learner (ELL) population
- Collaborated with state regional service center writing consultants to deliver Writing Cluster Leader Institutes and Scoring Training throughout the state
- Conducted the training for the Middle School Writing Portfolio Assessment Audit Scorers held at the DRC Scoring Center in Minnesota
- Presented sessions at the Commonwealth Institute for Parent Leadership: *What is all this Writing Stuff? An Introduction to Writing in Schools*
- Partnered with KDE state and regional consultants to deliver statewide training: *Spotlight on Proficiency*

## Presentations

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*The What, Why and How of Language Services Plans*  
Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana ELS Conference. Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Co Presenter: Maureen Keithley (May, 2007).

*What Does Your District Need to Serve Your Emergent ELL Populations?*  
Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference. Louisville, KY.  
Co Presenter: Maureen Keithley (March, 2007).

*Planning, Delivering and Assessing Language Arts Instruction*  
Language Arts Workshop for Alternative Certification Students. Louisville. KY.  
(July, 2006).

*Planning, Delivering and Assessing Instruction: Instructional Companions to the  
Kentucky English Language Proficiency Standards*  
Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference. Louisville, KY.  
(March, 2006).

*What to Consider When Planning, Delivering and Assessing Instruction for English  
Language Learners*  
Kentucky Writing State Network Fall Conference. Hazard, KY.  
(October, 2005).

*Supporting Standards-Based Instruction: A Kentucky Based Resource*  
Kentucky TESOL Conference. Louisville, KY.  
(September, 2005).

*What's Going On With Title III?*  
*(And why it's important for a migrant advocate to know.) An Update from the  
Kentucky Department of Education*  
Kentucky Migrant Conference. Louisville, KY.  
Co Presenter: Shelda Hale (September, 2005).

*Including English Language Learners in Your Classroom*  
KCSS Annual Conference. Louisville, KY.  
(September, 2005).

*What's New in Title III?*  
*An Update for New & Not-So-New Title III District Directors*  
Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference. Louisville, KY.  
Co Presenter: Marti Kinny (March, 2005).

*Assessing Academic Achievement and English Language Proficiency of Limited English  
Proficient Students.*

Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana ESL Conference. Cincinnati, OH.  
Co Presenter: Marti Kinny (May 2004).

*Assessing Academic Achievement and English Language Proficiency of Limited English Proficient Students*

Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference. Louisville, KY.  
Co Presenter: Marti Kinny (March, 2004).

*The Conversations Have Changed: LWP Demonstration Site Program*  
Kentucky Conference for Teachers of English (KCTE). Louisville, KY.  
Co Presenters: panel members (1996).

*Meeting the Needs of Students Including Gifted Students,  
With Interdisciplinary Thematic Units*  
National Middle School Conference. Louisville, KY.  
Co Presenter: Dr. Julia Roberts, WKU

*What's the Big Idea? Interdisciplinary Thematic Units*  
Kentucky Association for Gifted Education  
KAGE Conference. Lexington, KY

*Adapting to Themes: A Pathway to Reform*  
Kentucky Association for Gifted Education  
KAGE Conference. Lexington, KY

*Expressions: A Program Prototype for Integrating Gifted Education*  
Kentucky Middle School Conference. Louisville, KY

*Integrated Professional Development Series Trainer Workshop*  
*Session 6: Moving Toward the KERA Curriculum and Beyond: Developing a Process  
for the Design of Interdisciplinary Units*  
Part of a team of presenters  
(June, 1992)