

Dr. Maria C. Guilott
Curriculum Vitae

Education

Tulane University
Ph.D. in Spanish
May 1984

Tulane University
Masters Degree in Spanish
May 1971

Southeastern Louisiana State University
Bachelor of Arts
English and Spanish
January 1969

Professional Experience and Responsibilities

Visiting Assistant professor

The University of Southern Mississippi College of Education and Psychology
Department of Education and Research
August 1, 2007-present

Primary responsibilities include development and delivery of on-line Masters Degree program, development and delivery of other on-line courses such as REF 607-- Developing a Student Centered Curriculum Student advising, committee membership, Eagle Institute Steering Committee, UbD/MDE liaison, Promethean contact/liaison

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

St. Tammany Parish Public Schools
January 2003-July 31, 2007

Primary responsibilities included the direct supervision and administration of all curriculum and instruction programs and personnel in a district of 37,000 students, the development and management of the district strategic plan, all academic accountability issues and oversight of school improvement plans, budgeting, working with the community, curriculum development and implementation, induction of new principals, testing programs, preparation for aspiring administrators, coaching all principals, High School Redesign initiatives, oversight of IDEA and all Title grants and programs, professional development for the entire district, and district SACS/CASI Accreditation. During that time the district was labeled the #1 school system in the state of Louisiana under the Louisiana Accountability Program.

Supervisor of Instruction

St. Tammany Parish Public Schools

July 1985-January 2003

Primary responsibilities included the direct supervision of secondary schools, secondary curriculum, guidance and counseling K-12, Advanced Placement, PTA liaison, foreign exchange programs, teacher recruitment, interviewing principals, English as a Second Language, professional development programming for teachers and administrators, multi-cultural education, alternative programming, the creation and implementation of Operation Jumpstart Alternative School for Discipline, foreign languages K-12, post secondary linkages, partnerships with the employer community to include over 650 business mentors, Louisiana Department of Education Accreditation of Schools, School-to-Career Programs, principal evaluation, writing and managing grants.

Assistant Principal

Pearl River High School in St. Tammany Parish

August 1981-May 1985

Primary responsibilities included all curriculum and instruction programming, administrative duties (discipline, facilities, extra-curricular activities, community relations), and scheduling.

Classroom Teacher

1971-1972 Second Grade Brock Elementary School in St. Tammany Parish

1972-1973 Title I Reading at St. Tammany Junior High School

1973-1977 Title I Reading at Pearl River High School

1977-1981 English and Spanish Teacher at Pearl River High School (English

Department Head, Club Sponsor), SACS Chair

Primary responsibilities included teaching below level as well as gifted students, creating accommodations to allow for differences, writing curriculum, serving as a model program across the district, and sponsoring clubs and organizations.

Grants

Under development

Gauging the Effectiveness of the Faithful Implementation of the MS Curriculum Using Understanding by Design as the Framework in collaboration with Dr. Gaylynn Parker and Dr. Ronald Styron, \$250,000.

NCLB Summer Institute This proposal will include research based strategies for improving student achievement in reading and walkabout techniques for building level administrators to support this process. \$85,000.00

Submitted

2008: The University of Southern Mississippi School Leadership Institute in collaboration with Dr. Ronald Styron. \$85,000 (2008)

Funded (Total Amount: \$8,830,000.00)

2006: Chevron Grant for Enhancing Student Achievement and supporting the Implementation of technology in the schools.
\$750,000.00

2003-2005: Drug Free Schools Team Training Grant was designed to help teachers find ways to reach at-risk students.
\$60,000.00

2001-2003: Youth Education Success Block Grant was based on the existing Youth Education Success Grant successful model submitted as a competitive grant in 1988.
\$1,500,000.00

1995-2003: Education Enhancement Fund Grant linked to the district strategic plan designed to support improvement efforts in targeted areas including the implementation of the Pre-GED skills program, a safety net for high school students in partnership with the Louisiana Technical and Community College System. The program became the model for the state of Louisiana.
\$2,000,000.00

1995-2003: Tech Prep Grants funded through Carl Perkins Pinelands and Access Tech Prep Consortia to support linkages between high schools and post secondary institutions.
\$320,000

1995-2000: School to Work Opportunity Grants to provide incentives for the development of school to career programs in St. Tammany Parish public high schools. Programs created in the district continue serving as lighthouse programs for the State of Louisiana and have received numerous awards and recognition statewide.
\$350,000

1995-1998: School-to-Work Summer Internship Grant to program to pay teachers a stipend as they “worked” for 10 days at specific business sites. The goal was to have teachers understand how what they teach translates into employment skills. This project became a model for the state.
\$180,000.00

1995-1997: Goals 2000 Grants for School Improvement to provide seed money to schools engaged in innovative and strategic planning. Funds were distributed \$350,000.00

1997: Goals 2000 Planning Grant to purchase video equipment, interview and video employers in the community to find out the skills and competencies necessary to succeed in the workplace. The video was distributed to every district in the state, shown repeatedly at state conferences, and the concept was replicated in other communities. It became a professional development and teaching tool in the district.
\$50,000.00

1988-1990: Saturday Detention 8G Competitive Grant to provide an alternative to suspension to students acting in grades 4-12. Program evaluations qualified the program as a model program for the state.
\$150,000.00

1991-2000: Saturday Detention 8G Block Grant based on the existing successful model.
\$450,000.00

1989-1991: Focus for Disaffected Students 8G Competitive Grant for dropout prevention. Program evaluations year after year qualified this alternative program for model status in the state. It was visited every year by state and out of state educators seeking dropout solutions.
\$600,000.00

1992-1998: Focus for Disaffected Students was an 8G Block Grant based on the existing successful model.
\$1,440,000.00

1988-2000: Career Opportunity Preparation Education 8G Competitive Grant was an alternative program in partnership with the Slidell Technical College and became a model for the statewide Options program.
\$200,000.00

1988-2000: Youth Education Success 8G Competitive Grant was an alternative program for at-risk junior high students. The program received state and national awards and became a model for the 8G Block Grants. The taxpayers voted to fund this program at every school with 4th and 8th grades. These programs are currently in place at all schools with 4th grade and 7th-8th grades. The program grew from 3 teachers in the first proposal to 27 teachers funded by the taxpayers.
\$630,000.00

Partnerships

2006-08 Promethean Partnership that began in St. Tammany parish and has expanded to The University of Southern Mississippi providing expanded resources to the students and faculty.

2003-07 Wallace Grant for leadership development in partnership with Southeastern Louisiana University to recruit, teach, and develop school administrators.

2002-2007 Partnership with the School Leadership Center of Greater New Orleans to develop existing principals, to connect theory to practice, to induct new principals, to develop walkabout supervision and literacy in all K-12 schools.

2001-2004 PK-16 Partnership with the University of New Orleans to serve as a K-12 advisor on the PK20 Board and support the educational redesign efforts at UNO.

1999-1997 Workforce Investment Act funded summer programming for high school students at risk with two or more barriers.

1989-1995: Job Training Partnership Act funded numerous projects in the high schools and summer opportunities for students in poverty or students with disabilities.

1987-2007 Partnerships with Southeastern Louisiana University, the University of New Orleans, Delgado Community College, Louisiana Technical and Community College System Slidell and Sullivan campuses and with Nunez Community College.

Teaching

The University of Southern Mississippi

Ref 607 Developing a Student Centered Curriculum (Fall 07, Spring 08, Summer, 2008)

EDA 631 Landscape of Leadership the Principalship (Spring, 2008)

EDA 635 The Principal as Manager School Policy and Analysis (Summer, 2008)

EDA 631 Landscape of Leadership the Principalship (Summer, 2008)

EDA 635 The Principal as Manager School Policy and Analysis (Fall, 2008)

EDA 633 The Principal as Instructional Leader Leadership for School Improvement (Fall, 2008)

EDA 637 The Principal as Instructional Leader Curriculum and Instruction (Spring 2009)

EDA 704 School Community Relations (Spring 2009)

EDA 633 The Principal as Instructional Leader (Spring 2009)

EDA 631 Landscape of Leadership the Principalship (Spring 2009)
EDA 720 Advanced Curriculum (Summer 2009 Mini-Session)

Delgado Community College
Spanish 101 (Spring, 1995)

Tulane University
Spanish 101 and 102 (Spring, 1970, Fall, 1970)
Spanish 101 and 231 (Fall, 1983)

Co-coordinator and presenter at the USM Promethean Technology Retreat (2008)
Selected textbooks and assembled the textbook bundle (2008)
Developed a social networking site for the on-line Masters Program (2008)
Developed a Wiki site for the on-line Masters Program (2008)
Developed an e-portfolio for the on-line Masters Program (2008)
Wrote the following courses to go in an online format (2008)
Ref 607 Developing a Student Centered Curriculum
EDA 631 Landscape of Leadership the Principalship
EDA 635 The Principal as Manager School Policy and Analysis
EDA 635 The Principal as Manager School Safety and Discipline
EDA 635 The Principal as Instructional Leader Leadership for School Improvement
Developed the Capstone Project Continuum of Hands-On Leadership for the USM On-line Masters Fall (2008)
Developed rubric for Promethean flipcharts at the university level (2008)
Collaborated with the USM On-line Design Team to write landscape of Leadership Philosophy of Education (2007)
Developed a technology training with college credit for school leaders in partnership with Southeastern Louisiana University (2007)
Completed WebCT, Wimba and Camtasia training (2007-08)
Developed a literacy initiative using a combination of on-line format using Blackboard, face-to-face instruction, and school based professional development through the walkabouts for over 250 educators that spanned 5 months (2006-07)
Developed a process for textbook adoption for the district using the curriculum as the driver (2006)
Developed an inventory system for textbooks in the district (2006)
Coordinated District SACS/CASI Accreditation (St. Tammany was first in the state to receive district accreditation) (2004)
Assisted in the development of a technical manual to support the implementation of the district strategic plan (2004)
Assisted in the development of an induction program for new principals (2004-07)
Developed a tracking system to capture data over time, to report trends, to mine the data, and to monitor the effectiveness of the district strategic plan (2004-07)
Spearheaded a Quality Management Team to monitor the implementation of the district strategic plan (2004-2007)

Developed and implemented the use of teaching and learning snapshots to capture Instructional practice and to provide data for principals as they prepare their professional development plans (2003)
In conjunction with Dr. Grant Wiggins, directed and supervised the writing of K-12 curriculum in language arts and math in an on-line format, using Understanding by Design as the framework (2003-05)
Assisted in the development of an induction program for new teachers (2001-07)
Developed and supervised a data-driven school improvement planning process for every school in the district (1995-2007)
Taught principals and teachers literacy strategies (1995-2007)
Taught principals and teachers cognitive coaching (1988-2000)
Developed Project LEAD to train administrators in the art of cognitive coaching (1988- 2000)
Organized and supervised district accreditation of schools following the Louisiana Accreditation Process (1985-1998)

Professional Affiliations

2007-2008 Cambridge Who's Who
1986-2008 Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
1985-2007 Louisiana Association of School Executives
1985-1995 Louisiana Association of School Supervisors, secretary (1986-87)
1984-2003 Phi Delta Kappa
1983-1988 Delta Kappa Gamma
1983-1985 St. Tammany Association of School Administrators, secretary (1994-85)
1981-1984 Southeastern Louisiana District Literary Rally (President 1982)
1980-1985 Alpha Delta Kappa (President 1984-86)
1975-1984 Southeastern Louisiana Reading Council (President 1977)
1972-1974 Sigma Delta Pi

Certifications

English
Louisiana Teacher Assessment Program Evaluator
Louisiana Teacher Internship Program Evaluator
Principal
Reading Specialist
Spanish
Superintendent
Supervisor

Participation

COEP Grant Writing Workshop (2008)
National Advisory Panel Participant (2008)
ITiE Symposium sponsored by Promethean in London, England (2007)
Leadership “Think Tank”, Hopewell, New Jersey (2007)
Mississippi Association of School Administrators, Jackson, MS (2007)
High Schools that Work Conferences (2006-2008)
Louisiana Council of Professional Development Conferences (1988-2007)
ASCD conferences (1988-2007)

Research

Eagle Institute (Policy and Action Series) Steering Committee Member (2007-08)

Dissertation Committee Membership (in progress)

Superintendent Perceptions of the Accreditation Process in the State of Mississippi

Dissertation Committee Membership (completed)

Relationship Between Leadership and Motivation (2008)
The Principal’s Role in Teacher Retention (2008)
Factors that Impact the Conduct of African American Males (2008)

Manuscripts (in press manuscript)

Wiggins, Grant and Guilott, Maria, “A big idea: Improving Student Performance through Strategic Planning with a Curricular Focus” to Educational Leadership.

Manuscripts (under consideration)

Parker, G., Styron, R. A., & Guilott, M. Developing an Online Educational Leadership Degree Program Using The Conceptual Framework of Action Research. Manuscript submitted for publication consideration in the *Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration*.

Research Presentations

Styron, R. A., Bishop, J., Guilott, M., Parker, G., & Reeves, S. The University of Southern Mississippi Teacher Leader Institute: The Integration of Literacy into Content Areas to Improve Student Achievement. Presentation under review for the 2009 Mid-South Educational Research Association Conference, Baton Rouge, LA.

- Styron, R. A., Styron, J. L. & Guilott, M. Instructional Integration of Social Networking. Presentation under review for the 2009 Sloan-C Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Styron, R. A., Guilott, M., Parker, G. & Styron, J. (2009). The Promethean Project. The Mississippi Educational Computing Association Annual Conference, Jackson, MS.
- Styron, R. A., Guilott, M., Parker, G. (2009). Improving Technology Integration and Active Involvement. International Society of Technology in Education Conference, Washington, DC.
- Styron, R. A., Parker, G. & Guilott, M. (2008). Leading the Way: Using an Action Research Model to Develop an Online Program. Sloan-C Conference, Orlando, FL.

Publications

- Guilott, M. (1973). Influencias deshumanizantes y surrealistas en tres novellas de Benjamin Jarnes. Medellin, Editorial Bedout
- Guilott, M. (1984). La poetica novelistica de Benjamin Jarnes. Ann Arbor. University of Microfilms International

Citations

Guilott, Maria. (July 6, 2006). Study probes storm's effect on students
<http://www.nola.com/news/t-p/frontpage/index.ssf?/base/news-6/1152171678119420.xml&coll=1&thispage=1> .

Guilott, Maria.(July 9, 2003) “Third Time No Charm for LA Students.”
Education Week,

Published Proceedings

International

“Developing an Online Educational Leadership Degree Program Using The Conceptual Framework of Action Research” with Ronald Styron and Gaylynn Parker. Presented at the Sloan-C Conference, Orlando, FL. (2008)

Professional Presentations

Local

“Management by Walking About and Other Supervision Strategies.” The Office of Catholic Schools Archdiocese of New Orleans 42nd Annual Catholic Administrators Conference in Bay St. Louis, MS. (2008)
“Understanding by Design.” Mississippi Summer Conference, Biloxi, MS. (2008)
“Ensuring a Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum.” Hattiesburg, MS. (2008)
“Using Data to Facilitate Change.” Hattiesburg, MS. (2007-2008)
“Understanding by Design.” Multiple school districts in MS and IHL working with the Mississippi Department of Education, MS. (2007-2008)
“St. Tammany Arts, Science and Technology Learning Park.” Charette, sponsored by the Louisiana Recovery Authority, Mandeville, LA. (2006)

National

“Rebuilding Efforts Post Katrina.” National Association of Research in Science Teaching, New Orleans (2007)

International

“Schooling by Design Summer Institute, District Level Reform.” Authentic Education Conference, Lambertville, NJ. (2008)

Service

University

USM Instructional Leadership Center Coordinator (affiliated with the International Network of Principal Centers (2008)
ELR Search Committee Member (2008)-cancelled in 2009
Redesign Committee (2009)

Invited Speaking Engagements and Presentations

“Schooling by Design,” Parkway School District in St. Louis Missouri, June 2009
“Introduction of Understanding by Design and the Curriculum Framer.” Presentation made to the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, USM (2008)
“Introduction of Understanding by Design and the Curriculum Framer.” to the Introduction to Special Education class at the USM Jackson County Campus (2008)
“Introduction to Understanding by Design” for MDE in Meridian, Wayne County, Biloxi, Webster County, Jefferson Davis County, Kemper County, Jackson County, Madison County, Carver Middle School in 2008

“School-to-Work.” Presentations made to the Orleans Parish School District, the Baton Rouge School District and to “Leadership St. Tammany,” (1997-2003)

Local

Mayor Appointed Member of the Slidell Task Force to restore Olde Towne (2008)
Collaborated on the writing of the Main Street Grant for the City of Slidell (2008)
Appointed as a Steering Committee Member of the Capital Campaign for the Camp Salmen Nature Park Project (2008)
Mayor Appointed Board Member Keep Slidell Beautiful (2007)
Leadership Slidell Board of Trustees Member (1991-95)
Member of the Slidell Family of the Year Committee (1990-1995)
Member of the Slidell Industrial and Commercial Standing Committee (1989-1991)
Member Slidell Memorial Hospital Advisory Board (1988-1992)
Member of the Slidell Chamber of Commerce (1987-2007)
Sponsor, Slidell International Youth Association (1984-1996)
Treasurer, Military Road Alliance of Homeowners Associations (1983-85)
Co-Chair, Slidell Panama Sister Cities Society (1984-1998)
House Manager of Slidell Little Theater Children’s Theater (1983)

State

Governor appointee to The Louisiana Workforce Commission (only K-12 member) (1997-2007)
Center for Development in Learning (2006-07)
Appointed State Coordinator of Louisiana Sister Cities Association (1990-1994)
Governor appointed Quincentenary of the Americas Commission Co-Chair (1990-1992)

Honors, Awards and Recognition

Award of Merit for 2009 Distinguished Professor of e-Learning (Gulf Coast)
Cambridge Who’s Who VIP Lifetime membership (2008)
Who’s Who in American Education (2008)
International Reading Association Exemplary Literacy Practice (1994)
Quincentenary of the Americas Youth Forum Outstanding Leadership and Service Award (1992)
National Columbus Day Committee Educational Administrator Citation of Honor Award (1987)
Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Service to the City of Slidell (1986)
Louisiana PTA Lifetime Award (1986)

Certificate of Achievement, District PTA (1986)
Louisiana PTA Educator of Distinction (1985)
VFW Voice of Democracy Award (1984)
Nominated Outstanding Young Woman in Slidell (1981)
Graduate Fellowship to Tulane University (1969)
Phi Kappa Phi (1968)