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EDUCATION:

Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas
Degree: Doctor of Philosophy, August 1996
Major: Education Curriculum and Instruction
Minor: Library Science/Reading
Dissertation Topic: Nahuatl Poetry: A Content Analysis of English and Spanish Translations

Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas
Library Science Certification, August 1991
Degree: Master of Education, August 1986
Major: Supervision
Minor: Bilingual Education

Texas A&I University, Kingsville, Texas
Degree: B. S., December 1970
Major: English and Spanish

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Adjunct Associate Professor/Lecturer
School of Information
University of Texas at Austin
Teaching Children's Literature, graduate and undergraduate
Summer 2000-Present

Translator
University of Texas Extension Center – Austin
Translating legal documents
2006- present

Instructor
Spanish I & II Online Classes
University of Texas Extension Center – Austin
Teaching on-line Spanish classes – Fall 2005

Head Librarian
Bailey Middle School
Austin I.S.D., August 1999-Retired May 2003

Head Librarian
Johnston High School/Liberal Arts Academy
Austin I.S.D., August 1998-1999

Coordinator: Testing and Program Evaluation
Programs: Gifted and Talented, Bilingual/ESL, Migrant, AmeriCorps
Huntsville I.S.D., July 1995-June 1998

Head Librarian
Huntsville High School Library
Huntsville I.S.D., August 1991- June 1995

Translator: Translating documents from English to Spanish for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, 1990-98

Last major documents translated: Close Custody Procedures-96

Volunteer Service Programs-95

Health Manual for Inmates-94

David Ruiz vs Texas Department of Criminal Justice: Final Judgement-92

Graduate Assistant: Texas A&M University
For Dr. Donna Norton, EDCI/ Reading: Fall 1990, Summer 1991

Consultant: Education Service Center, Region XV, Summer 1990

Teacher/Chairperson: Language Arts Department, (1981-90)
Gifted and Talented Reading (1981-90); Spanish (1989-90), ESL Teacher (1980-83)
Mance Park Junior High School, Huntsville, Texas

Translator: Translating legal documents from English to Spanish for the Huntsville I.S.D. (1984-87)

Teacher: 10th Grade English, Spring High School
Spring, Texas (January 1980-May 1980)

Teacher: HILT (High Intensity Language Training) Teaching English to Non-speakers of English
Martin High School, Laredo, Texas (August 1978-November 1979)

Bilingual Counselor: Upward Bound Program
Laredo Junior College (June 1979-July 1979)
Saturday Sessions (September 1978-December 1979)

Teacher: 7th Grade Reading, 9th Grade English
Matthews Junior High School, Lubbock, Texas (August 1977- May 1978)
SCEA 7th and 8th Grade Language Arts (June 1976- August 1977)

Assistant Director/Counselor: Upward Bound Program/Special Services Program,
Texas Tech University (June 1975-August 1976)

Teacher/Chairperson, English Department: 10th & 12th English (August 1973-75)
Dunbar High School, Lubbock ISD, Lubbock, Texas

Counselor/Speed Reading Instructor: Texas Tech University, Upward Bound Program
Saturday Sessions, (September 1974-75)

Teacher: 9th Grade English, 9th & 10th Grade Spanish
Martin High School, Laredo, Texas (September 1971-May 1973)

Teacher: 8th Grade English/Reading
Christian Junior High School, Laredo, Texas (January 1971-May 1971)

COMMITTEES:

Austin Independent School District
Teacher of the Year Committee; Chairperson, Bailey Middle School, 2000-2003
District Teacher of the Year Committee, 2001

Title VI Innovative Education Program Advisory Council, 2001-2003
Campus Technology Committee, Bailey Middle School, 2000-2003
Teacher of the Year Committee, Johnston High School, 1999
Campus Technology Committee, Johnston High School, 1999

Huntsville Independent School District:

East Texas Library Consortium Committee, 1990-1998
Campus Performance Objective Committee, (Site-Based), 1992-1995, Huntsville H.S.
CARE Placement Committee, placing suspended students into alternative school, 1995-1998
Gifted/Talented Advisory Committee, 1987-1998
Bilingual Advisory Committee, 1988-1998
LPAC Committee (Bilingual), 1981-84, 1991-98
Student Assistance Program (SAP) for at risk students, 1991-1995
Career Ladder Committee, 1985-87
Recruitment for Minorities Committee, 1984-1987
EQ TTAS District Committee, 1985

Regional:

Board of Directors-East Texas Library Consortium
ESC Task Force for Advanced Level Services
ESC Region VI-Quality Management Team
ESC Region VI-Software Selection Committee
ESC Region VI-Quality Schools Team

Local, Huntsville:

Ambassador: Huntsville/Walker County Chamber of Commerce

State:

Committee for Bilingual Supervision (TABE), 1996-97
Professional Rights, Responsibility and Recruitment Committee (TLA), 1993-97
Young Adult Reading Incentive Committee (Texas Library Association) 1992-94

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Library Association
Texas Library Association
Delta Kappa Gamma
Kappa Delta Pi

REVIEWS:

Covington V., Children's Book Reviews. *Criticas*. Monthly reviews from 2002 -Present

Covington, V., with T. Lesene, L. Buckman, and R. Chance, (1993).
Books for adolescents, *Journal of Reading*, 37 (1), 68-72.

Covington, V., with T. Lesene, L. Buckman, and R. Chance, (1993).
Books for adolescents, *Journal of Reading*, 37 (2), 148-153.

PUBLICATIONS:

Covington, V., Apocalyptic and foreboding visions as told by the Aztecs before and after the conquest. The Texas Council for the Humanities, 2000.

Covington, V., "The science fiction research collection at Texas A&M University," *Popular Culture in Libraries*, 1994.

Images from the Inside. Ed. By V. Covington and C. Bryd (Book I, 1987; Book II, 1988; Book III, 1989). Huntsville I.S.D.

“Leisure time reading versus television viewing time for seventh grade students.” *ERIC*, Clearing House on Reading and Communication Skills, March 1987.

Survival Spanish Phrases for Teachers with Bilingual Students, (1984).

Multicultural Module for Seventh Grade Reading Students, Texas Center for the Development of Human Resources, Stephen F. Austin University, 1977.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (LAST 18 YEARS):

Austin I.S.D. Teacher Inservice. February 4, 2003
Topic: Databases in the Library and in the Classroom
Austin, Texas

Austin I.S.D. Librarian and Teacher Inservice, June 15, 2001
Topic: Empowering Students with Research Skills for the Millennium
Austin, Texas

Texas Middle School Association Conference, February 22-25, 2001
Topic: Empowering Students with Research Skills for the Millennium
Corpus Christi, Texas

Librarian Workshop, Austin I.S.D., June 15, 2000
Topic: Selecting Spanish Materials for Your Library
Austin, Texas

Millenarian Movements: Welcoming the End of History, March 6, 1999
Topic: Apocalyptic and Foreboding Visions as Told by the Aztecs Before and After the Conquest
Sponsored by: The Texas Council for Humanities, The Texas Council for History Education, The Sam Houston Memorial Museum, and The Sam Houston State University History Department
Huntsville, Texas

Encuentro '97, Celebrating Hispanic Culture, October 11, 1997
Topic: Bilingualismo en la escuela
Sam Houston State University

Third Annual Conference, Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations
“Building Partners Across the World,” September 27, 1997
Topic: Quality Programs for Language Minority Students
Sam Houston State University

21st Annual Governor’s Volunteer Leadership Conference, September 22, 1997
Topic: Interactive Panel: Literacy Program Models with Dr. George Frakas, Dr. Aileen Johnson, Robin Gilchrest, and Jean Osborne
San Antonio, Texas

Texas Library Association Annual Conference, April 1996
Topic: Computer Bulletin Boards: Pathways to Local Information and the Internet
Houston, Texas

American Association of University Women, October 8, 1996
Topic: Aztec Poetry: Differences Between Spanish and English Translations

Huntsville, Texas

22nd Annual Spring Bilingual Conference, March 1, 1996
Topic: Using Bilingual Children's Books to Enhance Early Literacy Skills
Texas A&M University, Kingsville, Texas

Leadership Seminar for Librarians, June 1994
Topic: Leadership for Librarians
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Staff Development, November 1993
Topic: Using HyperCard in the History and Science Classroom
Huntsville High School, Huntsville, Texas

Leadership Seminar for Librarians, June 8, 1993
Topic: The Political Connection: Know our Local, State, and National Representatives and Senators
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Annual Convention of the National Council of Teachers of English, November 22, 1992
With Dr. Donna Norton
Topic: Aztec Poetry: A Focus on Translations: As part of a Five Phase Study for Developing Understanding of and Appreciation of Hispanic Literature
Louisville, Kentucky

Sixth Annual Young Adult Conference, November 7, 1992
Topic: Focus on Joan Lowery Nixon
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Texas Council for Teachers of English, Fall Regional Conference, Oct. 24, 1992
Keynote Speaker, Topic: Nahuatl Poetry: Nuances in Translation
New Waverly, Texas

Huntsville Independent School District Fall Inservice, August 14, 1992
Topic: Technology: A tool for Teaching and Learning
Huntsville, Texas

Region VI Technology Conference for Librarians, May 15, 1992
Topic: Integrating Technology in the Library
Huntsville, Texas

Fall Inservice for the Windham School System Librarians, October 10, 1991
Topic: The Role of Prison Libraries at the White House Conference on Library and Information Services
Huntsville, Texas

Young Adult Conference, November 3, 1990
Topic: A Whole Language Approach: Using Young Adult Literature in an Integrated Language Arts Classroom
Sam Houston State University

Workshop Presenter/Consultant, Education Service Center Region XV
Topic: Literature Based Reading Program for Young Adults
Brownwood, Texas, August 1, 1990
San Angelo, Texas, August 2, 1990
Del Rio, Texas, August 3, 1990

Lifetime Literacy in Texas: A Focus for Pre-K Through 12, June 21-22, 1990
Topic: Turning 'Em on to Reading in the Middle School
Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas

Keynote Speaker: Texas Association of School Librarians, February 23, 1990
Region I, Annual Spring Conference
Topic: Teaching the Essential Elements in an Integrated Language Arts Classroom
McAllen, Texas

Sam Houston State University, Young Adult Conference, November 4, 1989
Topic: Literature Based Reading Program: Reading in the Classroom
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Texas Joint Council of Teachers of English, September 30, 1989
District VI Workshop
Topic: Producing an Award Winning Anthology
Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, Texas

Texas Southern University, 12th Annual Conference, April 8, 1989
Topic: A New Beginning in Reading
Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas

Sam Houston Area Reading Council Fall Conference, November 12, 1989
Topic: Collaborating with Your Art Department to Produce a Student Anthology
Huntsville, Texas

Windham School District Fall Inservice, September 1988
Topic: Teaching Process Writing
Windham School District, Huntsville, Texas

Sam Houston Area Reading Council Spring Conference, March 12, 1988
Topic: Teaching the Classics Using the Tear-Apart Book Method
Huntsville, Texas

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Members in Print Award 2002-2003
The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Alpha State, Texas

Marquis Who's Who in the World, 2000-2006
Marquis Who's Who in America, 2000-2006
Marquis Who's Who in 20th Century America, 2003
Marquis Who's Who in American Women, 2002-2006

Huntsville Leadership Institute, 1996-1997
Huntsville/Walker County Chamber of Commerce
Huntsville, Texas

Kappa Delta Pi
International Honor Society in Education
Mu Chi Chapter, Texas A&M University, Fall 1991

Virginia Gibbs Smyth Scholarship
Library Science Department
Sam Houston State University, 1991-1992

Bilingual Education Fellowship
United States Department of Education
Texas A&M University, 1991-92

Elected Delegate
The White House Conference on Library and Information Services
Washington, D.C., July 9-13, 1991

Virginia Gibbs Smyth Scholarship
Library Science Department
Sam Houston State University, May 1990

Marquis Who's Who in American Education, 1989-1990

Images from the Inside, Book II, Received Highest Award from the
National Council of Teachers of English, 1988

GRANTS:

Children's Literacy Corps
Part of AmeriCorps
Bilingual/Migrant Literacy Program for Huntsville ISD
Jan. 1998-Dec. 1998
\$55,000.00

Children's Literacy Corps
Part of AmeriCorps
Bilingual/Migrant Literacy Program for Huntsville ISD
May 1997-Dec. 1997
\$55,000.00

Interdisciplinary Anthology: All Disciplines
Innovative Programs, Huntsville, ISD, \$1,500.00, 1988

Interdisciplinary Anthology: Combining the Efforts of Language Arts, Math, and Art Classes
Innovative Programs, Huntsville ISD, \$900.00, 1986

PERSONAL:

First generation Mexican American
Married; three children

REFERENCES:

Dr. Andrew Dillon
Dean
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