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**Education**:

**May 2013**  **Delta State University** **Cleveland, MS**

Doctor of Education, Professional Studies,

Elementary Education Track

GPA 4.0

**December 2008 Delta State University Cleveland, MS**

Educational Specialist in Elementary Education

GPA 4.0

**July 2006 Delta State University Cleveland, MS**

Master of Education in Elementary Education

GPA 4.0

**December 2004 Delta State University Cleveland, MS**

Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education

GPA 3.57

**Work Experience:**

**Currently Delta State University Cleveland, MS**

**Assistant Professor of Elementary Education**

(hire date August 15, 2010)

* Teach graduate and undergraduate education courses
* Collect and analyze data for ACEI and NCATE
* Provide service to the university and the division of teacher education
* Teach hybrid courses in the Hinds 2+2 program
* Advise elementary education teacher candidates
* Coordinate Association of Teacher Education
* Coordinate and deliver Praxis I and II workshops to teacher candidates (reading and writing)
* Serve as a Graduate Council member
* Serve as Task Stream Coordinator (2011-2013)

**2009-2010 Healthy Schools Coordinator**

* Infuse health components into elementary education syllabi
* Teach a minimum of two education courses
* Serve as a liaison between Delta State University and the surrounding community and K-12 schools
* Work with graduate and undergraduate education and leadership faculty and staff regarding healthy schools components

**Summer 2009 Adjunct Instructor Cleveland, MS**

* Teach undergraduate course: Reading in the Intermediate and Secondary Schools
* Teach online graduate course: Literacy Instruction in the Elementary Schools
* Work with DSU course instructors concerning course content, instruction, and assessment

**January 2005-July 6th Grade Elementary Teacher Boyle, MS**

**2009 B. L. Bell Elementary**

* Teach reading and language arts
* Assume principal duties during principal absences
* Plan and develop instruction, activities, and assessments
* Observe students’ cognitive, social, and physical development and implement actions accordingly
* Work closely with parents and colleagues to promote overall student success

**2007-2008 Delta State Literacy Enhancement Clinic Cleveland, MS**

* Tutor individual students based on specific reading needs
* Administer reading inventories and plan reading interventions and lessons based on student needs
* Select and utilize materials conducive to student success

**2001-2004 1st Grade Teacher Assistant Cleveland, MS**

**Presbyterian Day School**

* Assume teacher responsibilities during teacher absences
* Aid in student supervision and group activities
* Grade papers and organize other pertinent documents
* Create bulletin boards and student work displays

**Delta State University Courses Taught**

**Undergraduate**

* CEL 318: Principles and Techniques of Teaching in the Middle Grades
* CEL 318-C70: Principles and Techniques of Teaching in the Middle Grades (Hinds 2+2)
* CEL 300: Human Growth and Development
* CEL 314: Early Literacy I
* CEL 315: Early Literacy II
* CRD 325- C70: Reading in the Intermediate and Secondary Schools (Hinds 2+2)
* CEL 336: Survey of Social Studies
* CEL 496: Teacher Internship
* CML 332: Children’s Literature
* CRD 326: Diagnosis and Remediation of Reading Difficulties
* CRD 492: Special Topics in Reading

**Graduate**

* CRD 624: Literacy Instruction in the Elementary Schools
* CEL 618: Curriculum Theory Development and Revision in Elementary Education
* CEL 621: Education in the Middle Grades
* CEL 630: Practicum in Elementary Education
* CEL 611: Classroom Management

**Professional Presentations:**

* Van Namen, M., Powers, A., Watkins, T., et. al. (2014). *Brains at Work: Building and Organizing Knowledge through Virtual Experiences and Thinking Maps.* Presented at the Mississippi Reading Association annual conference. Biloxi, MS
* Van Namen, M., Powers, A., et. al. (2013). *Student College Panel*. Presented by Delta State University and Tougaloo College teacher candidates. Future Educators Association state conference. Jackson, MS.
* Van Namen, M. Thomas, Thomas, D. Powers, A, & DSU Teacher Candidates (2013). *Staying Afloat on the Literacy Lifeboat*. Presented at the Mississippi Reading Association annual conference. Vicksburg, MS
* Van Namen, M., Snow, C. & Powers, A. (2012). *Thinking Maps for Diverse Learners. Paper presented at the Mid-South Educational Research Association conference*. Lexington, KY.
* Van Namen, M., et al. (2012). *Effective Planning, Instruction, and Assessment*. Presented at the Future Educators Association National Conference. Baltimore, MD.
* Cummins, C., Powers, A., & Van Namen, M. (2011). *Passive to active: Transforming the traditional teacher education classroom.* Presented at the American Council for Rural Special Education national conference. Albuquerque, NM.
* Van Namen, M. (2011). *Differentiated Instruction*. Presented at the Content Area Reading Strategies session for the cohort of community teachers. Cleveland, MS.
* Van Namen, M. (2011). *Differentiated Instruction*. Presented to faculty and staff of Central Holmes Christian School. Lexington, MS.
* Van Namen, M. (2010). *Effective lesson planning*. Humphreys County Professional Development Institute. Belzoni, MS.
* Barnes, L., Powers, A. & Van Namen, M. (2010). *Yikes! I wasn’t trained to be a health teacher!* Mississippi Association for Middle Level Education state Conference. Natchez, MS.
* Barnes, L., Powers, A. & Van Namen, M. (2009). *Content area reading strategies*, Mississippi Association for Developmental Education. Jackson, MS
* *Van Namen, M. (2007).Teacher Support Team/ Response to Intervention.* B. L. Elementary faculty. Boyle, MS
* *Van Namen, M. (2007). AIMSWeb* training. B. L. Bell Elementary faculty. Boyle, MS
* *Hayes, L. & Van Namen, M. (2006). MCT testing strategies*. B. L. Bell Elementary. Boyle, MS.
* *Van Namen, M. (2006). Student Progress Monitoring System (SPMS)* training. Cleveland School District. Cleveland, MS
* *Hayes, L. & Van Namen, M. (2005). Effective classroom teaching strategies*. B. L. Bell Elementary. Boyle, MS.
* *Van Namen, M. (2005). Vocabulary development* B. L. Bell Elementary. Boyle, MS.

**Scholarship and Publications:**

* Van Namen, M. (2013). *An Analysis of Praxis I Scores, GPA, CBASE Scores, Praxis II Scores, and TIAI Scores in a Mississippi Teacher Preparation Program.* Dissertation. Delta State University.
* Van Namen, M. (2013). Three Dimensional Students: Getting to Know you. *Middle Ground*. Association of Middle Level Education.
* Van Namen, M. (2012). Signs and symptoms: Understanding and identifying child maltreatment. *Classroom Tips*. PDK International Family of Associations.
* Van Namen, M. (2012).Use Scaffolding to Build a Better First Year. *ASCD Express.*
* Reviewed two chapters of *Child and Adolescent Development in Your Classroom* by Bergin and Bergin. (2012)

**Grants**

* Literacy Across the Curriculum Institute. Director for 2015-2016. Mississippi Department of Education.

**Professional Organizations:**

* Kappa Delta Pi, member 2003-present
* Mississippi Professional Educators, member 2003-2006
* Mississippi Science Teachers Association, member 2007-2008
* Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, 2003-present
* Mississippi Association for Middle Level Education 2002-present
* Association for Middle Level Education 2009-present
* Future Educators Association-2010-present
* Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, 2013-present
* Mississippi Reading Association (Board member: Student Membership), 2013- present

**University Service and Committees**

* Teacher Education Council (2014-present)
* Graduate Council (2014-present)
* Student Success Task Force (2013-present)
* Student Success Task Force: Advisement Subcommittee (2014)
* Student Success Task Force: First Year Experience Subcommittee (2014)
* Distance Education Committee (2014-present)
* Student Organizations Committee (2013-present)
* Safety and Environment Committee (2013- present)
* Health and Wellness Committee (2009-2012)
* Learning Management System Committee (2012-2013)
* Dissertation committee member (2) (2013-present)
* Student Advisory Council (2009-present)
* Regional Reading Fair Coordinator (2010-2012)
* Annual commencement service

**B. L. Bell Elementary School Service and Awards:**

* Substitute principal during principal’s absences, 2006- 2009
* Response to Intervention/ Teacher Support Team Committee, chair 2005-2009
* REACH MS/ Positive Behavior System Committee, co-chair and member 2007-2009
* School Tests/ Assessments Committee, member 2008-2009
* Accelerated Reading Committee, member 2005-2009
* Grade Level Chair 2006- 2009
* New Teacher Mentor, 2008-2009
* B. L. Bell Staff of the Month, December 2008
* Curriculum Development Committee, 2007-2008
* Health and Wellness Committee, chair 2006-2008
* Staff Development Committee, chair 2006-2008
* 2005-2006 B. L. Bell Elementary Teacher of the Year
* B. L. Bell Staff of the Month, December 2005

**Honors**:

* Mississippi Teacher Fellowship Program Scholarship Recipient, 2005-2008
* Recipient of the Andy and Libby Jones Scholarship, 2004 Delta State University
* Recipient of the Henry Jacob Scholarship, 2006-2008 Delta State University
* Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, 2003-present
* Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, 2003-present

**Other Community Involvement and Organizations:**

* Junior Auxiliary of Cleveland, MS (2014-present)
* Parent Advisory Board officer (Ombudsperson) for Delta State University Child Development Center (2013-present)

**References:**

Tom Brady, Ph. D.

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