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## **Professional Interests**

**Research:** Narratives, Gender, and Technology Applications for Communication  
**Teaching:** All areas of communication

## **Academic Background**

M.A. West Texas A&M University, Canyon, Texas, USA, Communication, 2003  
B.A. Northwestern Oklahoma State University, Alva, Oklahoma,  
USA, Speech/Communication, 1992

## **Memberships**

National Communication Association  
Texas Speech Communication  
Panhandle Storytellers Guild  
Tejas Storytellers Association  
Calvary Baptist Church

## **Work Experience**

### **Courses Taught**

11 years working in Drug Prevention and School Safety. Certified TOT for True Colors

## **Other Teaching Activities**

### **Assurance of Learning - Teaching**

2007 - I review and provide feedback of student portfolios for graduating speech communication students.

### **Student Assign-Independent Studies**

2007 - 1 student, I worked with a student interested in exploring healthy communication skills needed to prevent alcohol, tobacco and other drug usage and to control anger management. Research of "proven effective" prevention programming as identified by the Department of Education and Center's for Disease Control was studied and applied.

2007 - 1 student, I worked with an international student's conversational delivery. Skills specifically addressed included volume, eye contact, and correct pronunciation. Increasing the student's understanding of local terminology and slang

was also a component of this study.

## **Intellectual Contributions:**

### **Creative Activities**

#### **Regional:**

2008 - (Storytelling performance) Stories of Life was performed for approx. 40 members of the Red Hat Society from all over Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado. This concert included original stories as well as a few non traditional folk tales., The Regional Red Hat Society Convention.

2007 - (Storytelling performance) Approximately 50 people of all ages gathered around a campsite to hear me perform stories. The audience was comprised of families from Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Texas. I told Baba Yaga, The Boy who Turned into an Eagle, Apple Stars, a homestead story that is a personal narrative from my great-grandmother, then I led the kids through a story they created as we went., Fun Valley Campfire Tales.

#### **Local:**

2008 - (Storytelling performance) Special stories were performed for all 3rd and 4th grade students the Friday before TAKS tests. Stories were selected based on strategies taught. Students were also lead through breathing and relaxation exercises through the use of a story. Teachers reported observing their students using these techniques during the test. Students later reported that they tried the techniques and 'they worked!', TAKS Pep Assembly.

2008 - (Storytelling performance) Stories of Life was a concert performed to 30 officers of the Beaver County Home Extension clubs. The original stories were centered around a 'Mother's Day' theme., Beaver County Home Extension Officers Annual Meeting.

2007 - (Storytelling performance) I was invited to tell Baba Yaga at an elementary school near San Antonio. There were 4 adults and 43 students present. The audience was so quiet I told an original story about the Rock in the Ear as well. Response to both stories was wonderful., Baba Yaga Down South.

2007 - (Storytelling performance) Stories were performed for all Kindergarten and 2nd grade students. This was accomplished by doing 4 tellings per grade.

Approximately 15 adults and 275 students., Springtime Stories at Reeves-Hinger.

2007 - (Storytelling performance) I had four 40 minute performances so that all 1st grade students at Reeves-Hinger could experience some winter tales. I performed the Christmas Spider, Baker's Dozen, and then took the students on an imaginary "tree hunt." There were 10 adults and approximately 160 students present., Winter Tales.

2007 - (Storytelling performance) Approximately 40 people attended this performance. I took youth on a "tree hunt", I told the Christmas Spider and the story of a Baker's Dozen, Panhandle Plains Historical Museum Christmas Open House.

2007 - (Storytelling performance) I was invited to tell stories to students participating in Camp Tatanka. There were 5 adults and 35 students present for this 30 minute production. I have been invited back to perform during summer of 2008, Camp Tatanka.

2007 - (Storytelling performance) 3rd grade - 132 students and 8 faculty 1st grade - 44 students and 2 faculty Fall stories/songs/jokes were performed in the library at Reeves-Hinger Elementary. , Reeves-Hinger Fall Telling.

## **Presentation of Refereed Papers**

## **National**

Hanson, T. , McKee C., Mallard, J., Vartabedian, L., & Drumheller, K. (2008, November). Time Use and Entertainment Choices of Communication Majors. Accepted for National Communication Association, San Diego, United States of America.

Schlegel, P. (2007, November). The Boy Next Door or Psycho Rapist from Hell: Personal Perspective of a Digitally Altered Portrait. Presented at National Communication Association, Chicago, Illinois.

## **Regional**

Schlegel, P. (2007, October). The Rhetoric of Women: A Student Panel - Parts 1 and 2. Accepted for Texas Speech Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, Texas.

## **Other Research Activities**

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2007 - Assisted with research for Dr. Jessica Mallard. Videod speeches of students performances were evaluated. This evaluation was then compared with self evaluations completed by the individual student at the time of their performance.

## **Service:**

### **Service to the University**

#### **Department assignments:**

##### **Member:**

2008-2009: ACA Accreditation

2007-2008: SCOM Search Committee

##### **Other Institutional Service Activities:**

2007-2008: Storytelling Festival Evalutator: Compiled data from all storytelling concerts and the workshop.

#### **University assignments:**

##### **Member:**

2007-2008: Night Essay Competition: I read and evaluated essay's submitted by student applicants for the Poland trip focusing on Eli Wiesel's journey.

2007-2008: TEACHER EDUCATON UNIT

### **Service to the Community**

#### **Other Community Service Activities**

2007: Christmas Program, I worked with characterization and line delivery by children in the Christmas pageant at Calvary Baptist Church.

#### **Speech / Presentation at a Community Meeting**

2008: Vacation Bible School, I performed Bible stories for preschool children. We had an activity to reinforce the lesson taught.

2007: Thanksgiving, I performed an original holiday poem at Calvary Baptist Church.

2007: Vacation Bible School, I was the Storyteller at Vacation Bible School held at Calvary Baptist Church.

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