

Mary Shoop

**Educational Background**

- Ph.D. Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 1979  
Curriculum and Instruction
- M.A. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, 1974  
Reading Specialist
- B.S. Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, 1969  
Elementary Education

**Areas of Interest/Research**

Reading Comprehension, Children's Literature, Reading and Writing Relationships

**Professional Experience**

- 2004-present Professor, Washburn University
- 1989-2004 Associate Professor, Washburn University
- 1982-1989 Assistant Professor, Washburn University
- 1981-1982 Assistant Professor, Kansas State University
- 1974-1976 Reading Specialist, Louisiana, grades 7-9
- 1969-1974 Classroom Teacher, Ohio, Michigan, and Louisiana, grades 4-6

**Professional Certifications**

Elementary K-9, Kansas  
Language Arts Junior High 7-9, Kansas  
Reading Specialist K-9, Kansas

**Teaching Areas**

**Undergraduate**

ED 320/325/327 Literacy Block: Tchg. Reading, Teaching LA and Children's Lit., Literacy Practicum  
ED 305 Language and Literacy

**Graduate**

RD 510 Classroom Reading Instruction  
RD 520 Assessment Practices in Reading  
RD 522 Instruction for Readers at Risk  
RD 512 Literature for Literacy Instruction  
RD 526 The Reading Specialist  
RD 530 Literacy Practicum  
RD 550 The Reading Specialist Internship

**Recent Publications**

- Shoop, M. (2005, under review). The power of words: Fortifying a reader's vocabulary. *The Kansas Journal of Reading*.
- Shoop, M. (2004). The monitoring guide: A strategy for teaching readers how to think inferentially. *Kansas Journal of Reading*, 20, 15-20.
- Shoop, M. & Rettig, M. (2003). Developing literacy skills in children with autism: Strategies for inclusive classrooms. *Kansas Journal of Reading*, 19, 9-17.
- Shoop, M. (2003). Teachers' Choices 2003. *Kansas Journal of Reading*, 19, 67-75.
- Shoop, M. (2002). When characters face a dilemma. *The Kansas Journal of Reading*, 18, 9-16.
- Shoop, M. (2002). Teachers' Choices 2002. *The Kansas Journal of Reading*, 18, 71-78.

### **Recent Presentations**

- “Empowering Readers: Strategies to Build a Robust Vocabulary.” Kansas Reading Association Conference in Topeka, KS. April 8, 2006.
- “The Power of Words: Fortifying a Reader’s Vocabulary.” Plains Regional Reading Conference in Minneapolis, MN. November 11, 2005.
- “Down New Roads: Books that Inspire Young Authors to Organize Information Creatively.” Kansas Reading Association Institute in Wichita, KS. March 11, 2005.
- “Becoming a Wordsmith: Books that Inspire Young Authors to Improve Word Choice.” Kansas Reading Association Conference in Manhattan, KS. March 6, 2004.
- “Teachers’ Choices: Making Curricular Connections.” Plains Regional Reading Conference in Des Moines, IA. October 3, 2003.
- “An Ear to the Story: Improving Word Choice in Writing.” Kansas Reading Association Conference in Salina, KS. April 25, 2003.
- “Strategies for Engaging in Vocabulary Development.” International Reading Association Convention in Orlando, FL as part of the Pre-Conference Institute, *Teachers’ Choices: Using Tradebooks to Make a Difference for Learners*. May 4, 2003.
- “Teachers’ Choices: Linking Literature and Content.” Plains Regional Reading Conference in Topeka, KS. October 11, 2002.
- “In Search of Freedom: An Immigrant Inquiry.” International Reading Association Convention in San Francisco, CA as part of the Pre-Conference Institute, *Teachers’ Choices: Opening Windows to the World with Books*. April 28, 2002.
- “Influential Girls and Women -- Past and Present.” International Reading Association Convention in New Orleans, LA as part of the Pre-Conference Session, *Teachers’ Choices Books: Tapping Their Potential*. April 26, 2001.

### **Other Scholarly Activities**

- Mentored aspiring authors as part of the “Writers’ Peer Conference Session,” a session sponsored by *The Reading Teacher* at the International Reading Association Convention in Chicago, IL on May 2, 2006, in San Antonio, TX on May 4, 2004, and in Orlando, FL on May 7, 2003.
- Text Reviewer, Christopher-Gordon Publishers, 2005.

### **Service**

#### **Service to the Profession**

- Editorial Board, *The Reading Teacher* (2001-present)
- Editor, *Kansas Journal of Reading*, vol. 13-17 (1997-2001)
- Teachers’ Choices Regional Coordinator for the International Reading Association (2000-2003)
- Paul A. Witty Short Story Award Committee for the International Reading Association (1990-1993)
- The National Reading and Language Arts Educators’ Conference  
Conference Chair (1988); Steering Committee (1985)
- Kansas Reading Association Conferences:  
Program Committee, Keynote Speakers (2006); Program Committee, Sessions Chair (2000);  
Program Committee (1997)

#### **Service to Professional Organizations**

- Executive Board, Kansas Reading Professionals in Higher Education  
Past President (1992-1994); President (1990-1992); Pres.-Elect (1988-1990); Treasurer (1982-1988)
- Executive Board, Kansas Reading Association  
Secretary (2001-2006); Publications Committee (1997-2001); Legislative Committee (1996-1997)

#### **State Service**

- Kansas Reading First Grant  
Serving as reading consultant, advisor, and evaluator at Grant Elementary School in Kansas City, KS (2003-present)
- Kansas Reading Excellence Grant  
Served as a Kansas State Department of Education Professional Partner for districts writing grants (fall, 1999), a grant reader (December 17, 1999), and grant evaluator (2001).

KSDE Committee to develop the Reading Internship for the Reading Specialist Licensure (2003-2005)

Kansas State Department of Education Folio Review Teams:

Wichita State University, 2003; Fort Hays State University 2001; Ottawa University and McPherson College, 1998; Baker University, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, 1997; Emporia State University, 1997; St. Mary's College, 1996 (Chair) and 1995.

NCA/QPA Evaluation Teams:

Williams Science and Fine Arts Magnet School (2000-2005); Indian Hills Elementary (2001-2006); Christ the King Elementary School (2000-2005); Hayden High School (1997-2002); Junction City High School (1996-2001); Washburn Rural High School (1991-1996)

### **Service to the University**

#### **University Committees**

Leadership Committee, appointed as division representative by the Dean. (2001-present)

Academic Sabbatical Committee, division representative (1997-2003)

Major Research Grant Review Committee (1992-1996)

#### **College Committees**

College Faculty Council (2001-2005; 1998-2000; 1990-1992)

Curriculum Committee of the College Faculty Council (2001-2005; 1998-2000)

Professional Development Committee of the College Faculty Council (1990-1992)

College Promotion and Tenure Committee (1993-1997) Chair (1996-1997)

#### **Departmental Committees**

Graduate Program Committee

Elementary Education Program Committee (Chair, 1997-2006)

Department Personnel Committee (Chair, 1992-1996)

Undergraduate Program Admissions Committee

Assessment Committee

Professional Development School Task Force

### **Other Service to Washburn University**

Division Chair (2001-2005)

University Mentoring Program, senior mentor (1993-2000)

Director, Washburn's Annual Young Authors' Writing Conference (2000-2003)

Director, Washburn University's Annual Reading/Language Arts Conferences (1982-1997)

### **Service Honors**

Recipient of the 2002 Service Award from the Kansas Reading Association