

**VITA**

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**ACADEMIC DEGREES**

Ph.D. University of Illinois-Chicago; Curriculum and Instruction:  
Reading, Writing, and Literacy  
M.Ed. University of Illinois-Chicago; Curriculum and Instruction:  
Reading, Writing, and Literacy  
B.S. DePaul University; Elementary Education

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT**

Summer 2009 –present Chair, Teacher Education Department  
Spring 2009 Acting Chair, Teacher Education Department  
1999-2003 Project Director: Federally Funded DePaul Learning By  
Association Community Technology Centers (\$739,000)  
1993-2007 Program Director:  
DePaul/Glenview Clinical Model Graduate Teacher Preparation  
Program

**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

2003 - present Associate Professor: College of Education, DePaul University  
1997 - 2003 Assistant Professor: School of Education, DePaul University  
1992 - 1997 Instructor: School of Education, DePaul University  
Graduate and Undergraduate Elementary Education Courses

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE AND CERTIFICATION**

1984-1992 Our Lady of Mercy School, Chicago: Junior High Teacher  
1984-2004 Type 03 Illinois Elementary Teaching Certificate

**UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

**Currently serve on the University Academic Integrity Board (2014- present).**

Have chaired/served on 25 committees including Executive Council (chair), Faculty Council, Tenure and Promotion/Personnel (chair), Student Honors (Chair), Technology, Student Scholarship (Chair), Dean Search Committee, Faculty Searches, Curriculum, Faculty Development, Academic Program Review, NCATE Preparation, Strategic Initiative, as well as numerous thesis and dissertation committees.

## **SCHOLARLY AND CREATIVE WORK**

2014 - Present **Editor**, Illinois Reading Council Journal, blind peer-reviewed journal of ILA state organization affiliate, the Illinois Reading Council.

Editor's Column: Literacy Policy and Practice, 43 (3), p. 2-6.

Editor's Column: Website Recommendations, 43 (2), p. 2-6.

Editor's Column: Editor's Intro, 43 (1), p. 2.

## **Book Chapter**

Owens, R (2014). Educational outcomes and parent involvement. In P Zions, T. Banks, K. Killu (Eds.), Teaching students who are disturbed and disturbing, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (pp. 81-94). Austin, TX: Pro-ed.

## **Publications in Refereed Journals**

Owens, R. (July 2013). Old Time Broadcasts for New Time Podcasts. National Council of Teachers of English The English Journal, 102 (6), 66-70 (blind peer reviewed journal of the National Council of Teachers of English).

Owens, R. (2005). Urban Revitalization: A Case Study of One Catholic Elementary School's Journey." Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice 9(1), 58-74, (peer reviewed research journal of Catholic Education organization).

Owens, R., & Power, K. (2003). Possibilities and challenges at the intersection of literacy, technology, and popular culture. Affective Reading Education Journal, 20, 27-35. (Peer-reviewed journal of CARE, a special interest council of the International Reading Association).

Owens, R. (2002). You can't roller skate in a buffalo herd: Ralph Covert on music and merriment in the classroom. Illinois Reading Council Journal, 30 (2), 54-57. (Peer reviewed journal of the Illinois Reading Council).

Owens, R., Hester, J., & Teale, W. (2002). Where do you want to go today: Inquiry-based learning and technology integration. The Reading Teacher, 55 (7), 616-625. (Peer reviewed journal of the International Reading Association).

Owens, R., & Sussman, M. (2001). Do the boys have to use blue eye shadow too: Producing a play with ESL students. Illinois Reading Council Journal, 29 (1), 8-12. (Peer reviewed journal of the Illinois Reading Council).

Owens, R. (2000). The art of teaching and learning in a university/community agency collaborative literacy program. Illinois Reading Council Journal, 27 (3), 8-13. (Peer reviewed journal

of the Illinois Reading Council).

Owens, R. (1998). Sacred memories, sacred gifts. The Reading Teacher, 52 (3), p. 253. (Peer reviewed journal of the International Reading Association. This piece is an anecdotal essay).

Owens, R., Williams, N., & Wiggins, K. (1996). A comparative study of career change beginning teachers: Attitudes and perceptions of teachers from two preparation models. Critical Issues in Teacher Education, 5, 1-12. (Peer reviewed journal of the Association of Teacher Educators).

Owens, R. (1995). Ten terrific tomes that touch on teaching a taste to read: An affective domain bibliography. Journal of Affective Reading Education, 14, 18-28. (Peer reviewed journal of the Concern for Affect in Reading Education, a Special Interest Group of the International Reading Association).

Wiggins, K., Owens, R., & Williams, N. (1994). Attitudes of resident teachers: The DePaul/Glenview teacher preparation program. Critical Issues in Teacher Education, 4 43-51. (Peer reviewed journal of the Association of Teacher Educators).

Owens, R. (1995). Ten terrific tomes that touch on teaching a taste to read: An affective domain bibliography. Journal of Affective Reading Education, 14 18-28. (Peer reviewed journal of CARE, a Special Interest Council of the International Reading Association).

Owens, R. (1991, Fall) Affective reading in the sixth grade. Journal of Affective Reading Education, 11 23-27. (Peer reviewed journal of CARE, a Special Interest Council of the International Reading Association).

### **Publications in Edited Journals**

Owens, R. (2014, Fall). *Encouraging Family Engagement with Literacy: Give Dr. Seuss and PIECE a Chance*. iCommunicate, p. 1. (Illinois Reading Council statewide newsletter).

Owens, R. (2009, Winter; 2008 Fall; 2008 Summer). *President's Column*, Illinois Reading Council Communicator (Statewide Newsletter)

Owens, R (2007, Summer). *WIRED Books: We Interact, Read, Electronically Discuss books*. Illinois Reading Council Communicator (Statewide Newsletter)

Owens, R. (2006, November). *Getting to Know the World's Great Artists*. Illinois Reading Council Communicator (Statewide Newsletter).

Owens, R. (2006 Summer). *What Difference Does a Book Make?* Illinois Reading Council Communicator (Statewide Newsletter.)

Owens, R. (2005, Summer). *Local Treasures: Learning Links to Our Past, Present, and Future*. Illinois Reading Council Communicator (Statewide Newsletter.)

Owens, R. (2004, Summer). Leap into Family Literacy. Illinois Reading Council Communicator. (Statewide Newsletter).

Owens, R. (2002). Readers and Writers R'US: International, Rural, Urban, Suburban, A Community Alphabet Book Series Project. Reading Today, 20 (2), p. 42. (The bi-monthly edited news journal of the International Reading Association.)

Owens, R. (2000). Learning by Association literacy project at DePaul. Illinois Reading Council Communicator 23 (4), p. 9. (Statewide Newsletter)

Heuser, D., & Owens, R. (1999). Planting seeds, preparing teachers. Educational Leadership, 56 (8), pp. 53-57. (Edited journal of the Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development).

Williams, N., & Owens, R. (1997, Spring). Benefits of using literature discussion groups in teacher education courses. Education Journal, 117, 415-418.

Owens, R., & Williams, N. (1995, October). A new breed of teacher's pet. Teaching K-8, 50-51.

Owens, R. (1988, September). Using supermarket tabloids to motivate reluctant readers. Instructor, p. 96.

### **Creative Work: Digital Media Production**

Owens, R. & Vasill, N. (2011). *St. Vincent DePaul: Revelations in Rhythm and Rhyme*. Project Supported by Vincentian Endowment Fund. <http://vimeo.com/30714043>

Owens, R. (2010). *The Making of an Icon*. A video documentary of contemporary and classic forms of art related to St Vincent DePaul. A Fine Arts/Literacy/Technology Integration Project. Support provided by Vincentian Endowment Fund. Production Team: Alex Eldridge and Nick Vassil. Available <http://vimeo.com/10972511>

Owens, R. (2010). *St. Vincent Through the Eyes of Children*. Video documentary of children's art creations that resulted from their participation in the "Making of an Icon" Fine Arts/Technology/Literacyproject. Available <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b5C6nwfVr-k&feature=related>

Owens, R., Petersen, C., and Faiz, S. (2010). Old Time Broadcasts for New Time Podcasts, Volume III. (A Media and Literacy Project).

Owens, R., Vyvermann, S., Petersen, C. (2009). *Old Time Broadcasts for New Time Podcasts, Volume II. (A Media and Literacy Project)*.

Owens, R., Ingrasci, H., Vyvermann, S., Petersen, C., Workman, JP. (2008). *Old Time Broadcasts for New Time Podcasts (Volume I)*. CD of “old time” radio show podcasts written and produced in collaboration with colleagues in School of Education, LA&S, Communications, and middle school students at a local school.

**Website Development:**

Owens, R. & Donovan, M. (inaugurated 2008) [www.wefli.org](http://www.wefli.org) Web-enhanced Family Literacy Initiative. Project co-director of an educational website developed to support family literacy.

**Grants:**

**Foundation and Government Funded (External)**

Beck Foundation, 2014-2016: *21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning*. Co-PI with Barbara Rieckhoff. Amount Funded: \$185,000

Beck Foundation, 2013-2014: *Expanding Metacognitive Reading Strategies Through the Use of Multiple Genre and Text Structures*. Co-PI with Barbara Rieckhoff. Amount Funded: \$50,000.

Illinois State Board of Education, February-December 2008. *Web-enhanced Teacher Education and Mentoring Grant*, \$101,000.

Chicago Community Trust, 2005: *LINK-INitiative: Learning, Inquiring, Networking, and Knowing through INtegration, INnovation, and INduction*. Teacher Professional Development Initiative linking seven schools with the university. Head writer/Team Leader. Amount Funded: \$320,000.

Big Shoulders Foundation, 2005: Grants on behalf of the St. Benedict Elementary School, St. Benedict High School, and Alphonsus Academy to support teacher professional development. Head writer/Writing Team Leader. Amount Funded: \$10,000 per school = \$30,000 total.

U.S. Department of Education Community Technology Center Grant 1999-2002. *DePaul Learning By Association Project*: Grant provided funds to establish two community technology centers in the West Town area of Chicago. (Year 1: \$236,050; Year 2: \$270,490; Year 3: \$233,068). Technology centers were used to support various literacy, education, and job training initiatives. Amount Funded: \$739,608.

Microsoft Grant: *DePaul Teacher Technology Education Center (DeTTEC)*, 1999 and 1997: Award included hardware and software for a technology lab. Lead author. Funded: \$30,000.

**Grants: Literacy Organizations (External)**

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2014-2015: *You Go Girl! Rabble Rousers, Risk Takers, and Revolutionary Women in History*. Amount Funded: \$1000.

Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education (ICARE) 2014-2015: *History Mysteries*, provided funds for a historical research project involving author Sally Walker, 10 teachers and 300 Chicago students, Amount Funded: \$1000.

Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education (ICARE) 2012-2013: *Who Is That/What Is That: Monuments and Memorials Across Illinois: A State-wide Literacy Project*. Amount Funded: \$1000.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2011-2012: *Visuals, Vignettes, Verses, and Vodcasts from Visitation: An Integrated Reading/Writing/Arts/Technology Project*, connecting an urban school and a rural school through literacy. Amount funded: \$980.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2010-2011: *Y Read, An Inter-generational Book Club* for participants in programs at the Kelly Hall YMCA located in West Humboldt Park. Amount Funded: \$1200

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2010-2011: *The ABCs of Illinois, A State-wide Community Literacy Project*. Amount Funded \$1250.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2009-2010: *Thinkin' and Inkin' About Lincoln*. A State-wide project to involve students and teachers in creating a book about Abraham Lincoln. Amount Funded: \$1000.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2008-2009: *We R FAB-- Web-enhanced Reading: Families and Books*, \$1000 to create an online Family Book Club involving DePaul education majors and local school families.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2008-2009: *About the Beautiful Communities of Illinois: An ABC Book for Illinois Students by Illinois Students*. A project to involve students across the state of Illinois in creating an alphabet book about their local community. Amount Funded: \$1000.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2007-2008: *Beyond Colonel Mustard in the Library with the Candlestick: Gathering the Clues to the Mystery Genre*. Amount Funded: \$1350.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2007-2008: *(Reading + Writing) + (Math x*

*Learning) – Stress = Fun<sup>2</sup>*. An integrated Math and Literacy Grant. Amount Funded: \$500.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2006-2007: *Getting to Know the World's Greatest Past, Present, and Future Artists and Composers: An Integrated Reading/Writing/Art/Music Project*. Amount Funded: \$1100.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2006-2007: *Framework for School-Family Partnerships to Develop Content Literacy*. Amount Funded: \$800.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2005-2006: *What Difference Does a Book Make?* Students enrolled in Children's Literature course will engage in various book projects with children. Amount Funded: \$1200.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2004-2005: *Local Treasures: Learning Links to Our Past, Present, and Future*. A total of 298 elementary children, university education majors, and classroom teachers participated in this reading/research/oral history/writing project. Amount Funded: \$1250.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2003-2004: *Leap Into Family Literacy: Community Literacy Day*. Held on Leap Day, this event was designed to enable the university, local schools, and area businesses to work together to promote family literacy. Over 400 people attended. Amount Funded: \$4000.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2003-2004: *Rocket Readers/LAUNCH Program (Learning, Achieving, Undertaking New CHallenges)*. Provided books to support an after school reading and technology initiative. Amount Funded: \$750.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 2001-2002: *Readers and WrIters R'US: International, Rural, Urban, Suburban; A Community Alphabet Book Project* involved 15 teachers and their students from around the world. Amount Funded: \$1200.

Illinois Reading Council Literacy Support Grant 1997-98: *DePaul/Learning By Association Project*. Provided books and other resources for an after school literacy and technology project at a community social service agency. Initiative linked university reading methods course students with 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Chicago Public school students to collaborate on research projects. Amount Funded: \$750.

**Grants:**  
**Internal University Funded**

Vincentian Endowment Grant 2010-2011: *St. Vincent DePaul: Revelations in Rhyme and Rhythm*. Amount Funded \$2,950.

Vincentian Endowment Grant 2009-2010: *St. Vincent DePaul and St. Louise de Marillac: Through the Eyes of Children.* Amount Funded: \$2,000

Vincentian Endowment Grant, 2008-2009: *One Book, One DePaul: The Family Edition.*  
Amount Funded: \$1000

Vincentian Endowment Grant, 1997-1998: *DePaul Learning By Association Project*  
A collaborative project linking DePaul reading methods course students  
with 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade inner-city public school students. Amount Funded: \$7,550

### **Refereed Presentations (Literacy-Related)**

Building Bridges of Literacy with Dr. Seuss: Featured Speaker presentation at Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, IL March 2014.

Helping You (and Your Students) Connect with the Writer Within. Presented as a Featured Session at the Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield IL, March 2011. Co-presenters: Marie Donovan, April Wayland, Esther Hershenhorn, Mary Ann Rodman

Using 21st Century Tools to Support Authentic, Challenging Literacy Learning in Grades 3-8 with William Teale. Presented as an Institute at the International Reading Association, Chicago IL, April 2010.

From Flabby to Fab-y: Writing Workshops to Shape Your Curriculum. Presented at Illinois Reading Council annual conference, March 2010. Presented with Marie Donovan, Esther Hershenhorn, Carmela Martino, April Wayland, Mary Ann Rodman, and Joanne Macken.

Technology Matters—But What Does It Take to Make It Matter? with William Teale. International Reading Association Conference, Minneapolis, MN, May 2009.

In Unity There is Strength: University/School Partnerships to Build Family Literacy. Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, IL March 2006.

IRC Literacy Grant Support Presentation: What Difference Does a Book Make. Illinois Reading Council, Springfield, IL March 2006.

IRC Literacy Grant Support Presentation: Rocket Readers/LAUNCH and Leap into Family Literacy. Illinois Reading Council, Springfield, IL. Friday, March 19, 2004.

Come on In: Videoconferencing in the classroom. Illinois Reading Council, with Brenda Kraber,



Springfield, IL, March 2003.

Possibilities and Challenges at the Intersection of Literacy, Technology, and Pop Culture.  
International Reading Association Conference, with Kate Power. San Francisco, CA, April 2002.

**Invited Presentations and In-Service Presentations (Past 10 years)**

“Life, Literacy, and the Pursuit of Seussism” presented at the DePaul Alumni Conference, April 18, 2015.

“I See What You’re Saying: Using Visual Images, Multiple Genre, and Varied Text Structures to Expand Literacy Engagement” Presented to the Central Illinois Reading Council, Springfield, IL March 18, 2015

Faculty Service Panel Participant. DePaul Women’s Network Event, April 25, 2014

“Oh No, My Halo Fell Off Again: Vincentianism in Everyday Life”  
Lunch with Vincent Lecture Series, DePaul University Lincoln Park Campus, October 9, 2013.

Everything I Learned about Life and Literacy, I Learned from Dr. Seuss.

Presented to the following groups:

- September 4, 2014 Illinois Valley Reading Council, Morton, IL
- February 1, 2014: Northern Illinois Reading Council, Sycamore, IL
- November 12, 2013: Genoa Elementary School, Genoa, IL
- October 2, 2013: East Central Reading Council, Mattoon, IL
- February 5, 2013: Starved Rock Reading Council, LaSalle-Peru, IL
- January 16, 2013: Central Illinois Reading Council, Springfield, IL
- November 2012: Sauk Valley Reading Council, Dixon IL
- October 2012: Fox Valley Reading Council, Batavia, IL
- September 17, 2012: Southwestern Reading Council, Olney, IL
- March, 2012: Mid State Reading Council, Bloomington-Normal, IL

Literacy Workshop for Early Childhood Educators. Presented at Marillac House February 2013  
And St. Vincent DePaul Center, February 21, 2013

Literacy Workshop for Intermediate/Middle School Educators. Presented at St. Vincent DePaul Center, March 21, 2013

Living Like St. Louise de Marillac in Today’s World, Panel Member for DePaul Women’s Network Luncheon, May 30, 2012.

Books, Ebooks, Publishing, and the Future of Reading: Panel Member for Illumedia, an Organization

of traditional and electronic media professionals, October 3, 2012, Chicago.

Creating A-Luring School and Library Visits. Featured Speaker. Presented at the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Annual Conference, November 2011

Charting Our Own Path to Literacy. Keynote. Chicago Area Reading Association Winter Conference, February 2010.

Revitalizing Social Studies Curriculum Through Integration of Technology and Literacy. Presented to Social Studies Faculty at Senn High School, Spring 2010.

Old Time Broadcasts for New Time Podcasts: Integrating Technology and Language Arts. Presented at Harvest Literacy Conference, St. Xavier University, Orland Park Campus, October 14, 2009.

Beyond Charlotte's Web: Current Children's Literature. Presented to DePaul alumni, Academic Success Center speaker series, May 19, 2009.

Enhancing Family Literacy. Oscar Mayer School, April 1, 2009

Engaging, Exciting, Igniting Family Literacy: Fox Valley Reading Council, February 9, 2009.

Enhancing Family Literacy. Berkeley School District, January 13 and January 15, 2009

Keeping Kids Reading and Writing Over the Summer. April 21, 2008, Fox Valley Reading Council, Naperville IL.

Supporting Your Young Writer. Presentation to St. Benedict Parent Association. February 1, 2007. Presentation to Alcott School Parents. November 29, 2006.

The ABCS of Raising a Reader. Co-presented with Marie Donovan at Alphonsus Academy and Center for the Arts. Sponsored by the Family School Association. May 12, 2005.

## **HONORS**

-DePaul University Engaged Faculty Member, May 2014

-Women of Spirit and Action Recognition, DePaul Women's Network, 2012, 2011

-Illinois Reading Council Hall of Fame Inductee, March 2012

-Parents and Reading Award, Illinois Reading Council, 2010

-Nominated for Vincent DePaul Professorship, 2008-2009

- Co-Recipient of the Clara Jennings Research Award, 2007
- Nominated for International Reading Association Teacher Educator of the Year, 2005-2006.
- SBC/National Partners in Education, Honorable Mention, for work with the DePaul Learning By Association Community Technology Centers, presented at a Congressional Reception, Washington, D.C., February 2002
- Spirit of DePaul Award, presented Fall 2001 (for dedication to university mission)
- Association House of Chicago Community Leadership Award presented to DePaul University and Roxanne Owens, March 24, 2000
- Nominated for the DePaul University Excellence in Teaching Award: 1999-00
- Received the DePaul University Excellence in Public Service Award: 1998-99
- Nominated for the DePaul University Excellence in Teaching Award: 1996-97
- Received DePaul University Student Government Association Excellence in Teaching Award: 1995-96
- Received DePaul University Excellence in Teaching Award: 1993-94

**PROFESSIONAL OFFICES (Elected and Appointed)**

- Nominated for International Literacy Association Board of Directors, January 2015.
- Illinois Reading Council Board of Directors, 2010-present, Past President 2009-2010, President 2008-2009; President-elect 2007-2008; Vice President 2006-2007.
- Prairie State Award Committee (2004-present). Committee selects Illinois children's author of the year.
- Conference Chair, Illinois Reading Council, March 2008. Conference Attendance: 3008 participants.
- Conference Committee (currently Autograph Chair), Illinois Reading Council, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2007
- Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education (ICARE), a Special Interest Group of the Illinois Reading Council: President 2010-2011, Vice President 2005-2006, 1999-2000; Membership Chair

2011-2013; 2003-2005; President 2002-2003; President-elect 2001-2002; Secretary 1996-2000

College Instructors of Reading Professionals (CIRP), a Special Interest Group of the Illinois Reading Council, Secretary 2004-2006.

ICARE Conference Committees: A Day with Candace Fleming (October 2006); A Day with Jamie Gilson (October 2005).

### **Community Service**

--Notre Dame for Boys Education Committee, Appointed Summer 2016

--History Fair Judge, Nettlehorst School, March 31, 2015

--School Advisory Council, Alphonsus Academy and Center for the Arts, Member, (Summer 2012 – Spring 2016)

### **Media**

Radio Interview. Topic: DePaul History, WDPU, Buffalo Bro Show, March 15, 2015

Radio Interview. Topic: Blended Learning, WBEZ, April 2014

Radio interview. Topic: Technology and Children, WGN, December 2011