

April 23, 2019

TALE Members,

I would love the opportunity to stay on the TALE board. I am interested as serving as an At-Large Director. In this letter, I have included my professional background, my experiences being a part of TALE and my vision / goals if elected for the above-mentioned position.

### Professional Background

I am a tenure-track, assistant reading professor at The University of Texas Permian Basin. I have been in this position since August of 2017 and I love it! I am also the program coordinator over our reading master's degree. I have served and continue to serve on numerous committees, including Faculty Senate. I started out my professional career in education as a kindergarten teacher, at title I school in Klein ISD. While in that role, I served on district curriculum committees, and a team leader. During that time, I obtained a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction. After completing this degree, I became an adjunct professor. I taught early childhood classes at Sam Houston State. I remained in the classroom for seven years before becoming a literacy coach for Conroe ISD. In 2015, I earned my Doctorate degree in Literacy. As a side note, I currently have four publications not including a book that will be published in August! I have presented at numerous conferences (local, state, regional, and international).

### TALE Experiences

I have had many great experiences being a part of the TALE community, even though I have only been a member for a few years. I have accomplished the following while being a member: member of the community involvement committee, writer for two literacy spotlights, participant in two book clubs, member of the educator empowerment committee, reviewer for the yearbook, presented at Waco's TALE conference, attend board meetings and currently planning 2020's

conference. These great experiences have led to new friendships, growth as a literacy leader and more.

#### Vision / Goals

I support the direction TALE is going and would like to continue to be a part of that. I plan not only continuing doing what I am doing, part doing more. My top three goals (if elected) are:

- 1) be more active in ILA, nurture the relationship between TALE & ILA
- 2) making 2020 conference the best one yet (this will be a tough goal to meet, though. All TALE conferences have been memorable!)
- 3) assisting / networking with other professionals to help our students become thriving literacy learners

I love being a part of this great organization! Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Tara Wilson, Ed.D.

Curriculum Vitae  
Tara Diane Wilson Ed.D

**EDUCATION**

Ed.D Literacy, Sam Houston State University, 2015  
M.Ed Curriculum and Instruction, Sam Houston State University, 2009  
B.S. Interdisciplinary Studies, Minor in Early Childhood, Sam Houston State University, 2006

**TEACHING EXPERIENCES**

8/17-present            Assistant reading professor for University of Texas – Permian Basin  
6/10-8/17              Early childhood education adjunct professor for Sam Houston State  
8/15-5/17              Literacy coach in Conroe ISD  
8/13- 8/15              Instructional coach in Conroe ISD  
1/07-8/13              Kindergarten teacher for Klein ISD

**Courses Taught**

Reading Diagnosis Practicum (UTPB-EDRD 6321)  
Vocabulary and Spelling (UTPB-EDRD 6320)  
Reading in the Middle Grades (UTPB-EDUC 4325)  
Foundations of Reading (UTPB-EDRD 6315)  
Emergent Literacy (UTPB-EDUC 4313)  
Literature in the Classroom (UTPB-EDUC 3322)  
Materials, Methods & Media in Literacy (UTPB-EDRD 6317)  
Literacy Assessment & Intervention (UTPB-EDUC 4327)  
Clinical & Remedial Reading (UTPB – EDRD 6333)  
Early Childhood Cognition (SHSU – ECE 273 / ECE 2313 / ECHE 3313)  
Health, Safety, and Nutrition (SHSU – ECHE 4388)  
Working with Families (SHSU – ECHE 3363)  
Developmentally Creative Expression (SHSU – ECE 275 / ECE 2315 / ECHE 3315)  
Curriculum for Early Childhood (SHSU – ECHE 3243)  
Guidance of Young Children with field experience (SHSU-ECHE 3128)

**PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS**

Texas Educator Certificate  
    Gifted and Talented  
    English as a Second Language  
    Generalist (EC-4)  
    Reading Specialist

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Wilson, T.** (2018). The Giver: Getting students out of their comfort zone. *English in Texas*.

**Wilson, T.** (2018). Prekindergarten and kindergarten literacy coaches: Roles and responsibilities. *Early Years*. 39 (2), 21-23.

Ingram, J.M., Bumsted, S. & **Wilson, T.** (2016). What pre-service teachers need to know about content and disciplinary literacy. *National Teacher Education Journal*, 9 (2), 103-108.

**Wilson, T.**, Nabors, D.K., Berg, H., Simpson, C., & Timme, K. (2012). Small-Group reading instruction: Lessons from the field. *Dimensions of Early Childhood Education*, 40 (3), 30-39. Tier I

**Wilson, T. D.**, Nabors, D. K., Berg, H., Simpson, C., & Timme, K. (2012). Small-Group reading instruction: Lessons from the field. *Dimensions Extra: Supplement to Dimensions of Early Childhood*, 15-18, online  
www.southernearlychildhood.org. Little Rock, AR: Southern Early Childhood Association. Tier 1

## GRANTS

“Pathway to Communication: Parent Training Program” Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Balderaz, L. & Wilson, T. – Denied, 2018.

“Reading with Dad” United Way of Midland. Wilson, T. – Denied, Oct. 22 2017.

## CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

**Wilson, T.** (2018). *Phonological awareness and the pre-k guidelines*. 54th Annual Texas Association of Educators of Young Children Conference. Galveston, TX. October 11-13, 2018.

**Wilson, T.** & Rosenblatt, K. (2018). Promoting joy in our learning communities through service learning. *NCTE’s WLU Summer Institute*. Baltimore, MD. July 12-14, 2018.

Rosenblatt, K & **Wilson, T.** (proposal accepted). *Pre-Service and Novice Teachers’ Perspectives on their Ability to Create a Student-Centered Learning Environment*. International Round Table Symposium. Oxford. July 18-21, 2018.

**Wilson, T.** (2018). *Literacy Coaches and Pre-K Teachers: Making the Relationship Blossom*. Texas School Ready Summer Institute. Arlington, TX. June 19-21, 2018.

**Wilson, T.** (2017) ‘SPICE’ing’ It Up in Early Literacy: How to meet all domains in your literacy lesson. 53rd Annual Texas Association of Educators of Young Children Conference. San Antonio, TX. October 19-21, 2017.

**Wilson, T.** (2017) *Instructional Coaches Wear Many Hats: How These Hats Help Everyone*. Southern Early Childhood Association Conference. Biloxi, MS. March 9-11, 2017.

**Wilson, T. & O'Neal, R. (2016).** *Independent Reading: Are They Really Reading?* Literacy Summit. San Antonio, TX. February 12-13, 2016.

**Wilson, T. (2013).** *Meaningful Reading Instruction in Kindergarten.* 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Texas Association of Educators of Young Children Conference. San Antonio, TX. October 3-5, 2013.

**Wilson, T.D. (2012).** *Foldables.* Sam Houston Association of Educators of Young Children Annual Fall Conference. Huntsville, TX. November 10, 2012.

### **Papers Presented**

**Wilson, T. & Smith, A. (2019).** *Getting students out of their comfort zone.* Texas Association for Literacy Education Annual Conference. Waco, TX. February 28-March 2, 2019.

**Wilson, T. & Rosenblatt, K. (2018).** *Promoting joy in our learning communities through service learning.* NCTE's WLU Summer Institute. Baltimore, MD. July 12-14, 2018.

O'Neal, R. & **Wilson, T. (2016)** *Hour of Code.* Educational Technology World Conference, Bali. July 31-August 3, 2016.

Bumstead, S., Ingram, J., & **Wilson, T. (2015).** *Content Area Literacy: Where We Have Been and Where We Are Going in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.* 19<sup>th</sup> Annual European Conference on Literacy. Klagenfurt, Austria. July 13-16, 2015.

**Wilson, T. (2013).** *The Ins and Outs of Small Group Reading Instruction.* 18<sup>th</sup> Annual European Conference on Reading. Jonkoping, Sweden. August 6-9, 2013.

### **Poster Session**

**Wilson, T. (2015).** *Teacher and Parent Perceptions of Literacy Development in Head Start Students.* 19<sup>th</sup> Annual European Conference on Literacy. Klagenfurt, Austria. July 13-16, 2015.

### **Roundtable**

Smith, A. & **Wilson, T. (2019).** *Young adult novels as mentor texts in the teaching of writing to middle school students.* Texas Council of Teachers of English Language Arts 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX. January 25-27, 2019.

**Wilson, T. (2018).** *Getting pre-service teachers out of their comfort zone.* Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Louisville, KY. November 8-11, 2018.

**Wilson, T.** (2018). *It is okay to be different: A look into children's books*. Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, Louisville, KY. November 8-11, 2018.

Beavers, K. & **Wilson, T.** (2018). *Unconference: Higher education faculty*. 54th Annual Texas Association of Educators of Young Children Conference. Galveston, TX. October 11-13, 2018.

### **Invited Speaker**

Durham, P. & **Wilson, T.** (2017) *Classroom Libraries*. Grow Our Own Camp, Woodlands, TX. July 12.

**Wilson, T.,** (2017). '*SPICING' It Up in early childhood programs*. Presentation, Wecare Conference. The Woodlands, Texas, June 8, 2017.

**Wilson, T.,** (2017). *Dyslexia 101*. Presentation, READ 3373.03, Dr. Brooks. Huntsville, Texas, February 13, 2017.

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Texas Association of Literacy Educators (TALE)

Texas Association of Early Childhood Educators (TXAEYC)

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)

International Literacy Association (ILA) and SIG Specialized Literacy Professionals

Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers (ALER)

### **SERVICE**

#### **University**

Faculty Senate (2018-present)

Student Fee Advisory Committee (2019)

Distance Education Committee (2017-present)

IRB (2018-present)

Wellness Committee (2017-present)

#### **College**

Reading Program Coordinator (from 08/18 to present)

Advisor for reading graduate students

Committee Member on reading graduates final research presentations

Member of the Department Curriculum and Instruction

Search committee member for early childhood professor (2018)

Search committee member for psychology professor (2018, 2019)

Search committee member for director of field experience & student teaching (2018)

Chair of search committee for reading professor (2018)

**Community**

Member of the Permian Basin's Educational Partnership

Founder of Permian Basin Chapter of TXAEYC

Member of Early Childhood Collation

Monthly guest reader at the George Bush House in Midland

Member of The UTPB STEM Academy District Leadership Team

Working with ELAR Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at The UTPB STEM Academy on a weekly basis

Emergent Literacy Professional Development for Lamar and Carver in ECISD

**Profession**

Manuscript Reviewer for *TALE Yearbook*

Manuscript Reviewer for *Early Years*

Member of TALE's Community Involvement committee

Member of TALE's Educator Empowerment committee

Board member of TALE

Board member of TXAEYC

**OTHER**

Attended Co-Teaching as a Model for Student Teaching Training for Trainers in MN (5/21/18-5/22/18)

Master level trainer with the Texas Early Childhood Professional Development System trainer registration #11665