
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME Thomas, Patty Ball		POSITION TITLE Associate Professor, College of Education	
COMMON USER NAME		Department of Elementary Education, Reading/Lang. Ed. Florida A&M University	
EDUCATION/ TRAINING <i>(Begin with baccalaureate or other professional education, such as nursing, and postdoctoral training)</i>			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE <i>(if applicable)</i>	Year(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Florida A&M University	B.S.		Elem. Education
Florida State University	M.S.		Reading/Lang.Ed
Florida A&M University	Ph.D.		Ed. Leadership

Professional Experience

Florida A&M University, Associate Professor
 Leon County Public Schools, second grade teacher
 Florida Association for Community Action, Executive Director
 Florida Department of Ed., Program Admin. of School Readiness
 Florida Department of Ed., Director of Early Childhood Programs
 Florida Department of Ed., Supervisor of Early Childhood and Elem. Ed
 Florida A&M University, Research Consultant, College of Pharmacy
 Florida Department of Ed., Reading Consultant, Early Childhood/Elem
 Leon County Public Schools, Reading Teacher, Elem. & Adult Ed
 Florida Department of HRS, Ed. Pg. and Facility Supervisor
 Okeechobee County Public Schools, Tutorial Reading Supervisor of Migrant Programs and 3rd & 4th grade teacher
 Duval County Public Schools, 3rd & 4th Grade combination gifted class
 Duval County Public Schools, 3rd grade teacher

Other Collegiate Assignments

Director of Off Campus Programs
 Principal Investigator / Project Director of Head Start Grant for HBCUs
 Member, Student, Grievance Committee
 Member, Activity & Service Fee Committee
 Member, Conceptual Framework Committee
 Member, Faculty Handbook Committee
 Member, Honors program Advisory Committee
 Member, Apple Pinning Ceremony Committee
 Chair/Member, FAMU Day at the Capitol
 Member, Research, Grants and Professional Development Committee
 Member, International Education Ad Hoc Committee
 Panel Member, Office of Judicial Affairs' Administrative Hearing

Current Professional and Academic Association Memberships

International Reading Association Member
National Even Start Association Board of Directors
Phi Delta Kappa, Chapter President
Kappa Delta Pi, Member at large
Societas Docta, Inc. Chapter President
Capital Area Community Action - Head Start Policy Council (past)
Capital Area Community Action Agency Board of Directors President
ZONTA International Member
Tallahassee Drifters, Inc. Member
State of Florida Notary Public, American Society of Notaries #895751

Current Professional Assignments and Activities

Revising curriculum to reflect the Common Core; developing rubrics for revised FEAPs and FTCE competencies.
Developing Reading Matrix for RED 3333, Reading in the Content Area (Competencies 1 and 2)-(K-12)

Publications

Doctoral Dissertation –“ Implication of Recent Brain Research on Preparing Young Children to Enter School Ready to Learn”
Masters Thesis – “The Effect of Experiential Learning versus Direct Instruction on Reading Comprehension”
Booklet entitled ‘Who's Reading What?’ (Information on Reading Basals in the 67 school districts within the State of Florida), Florida Department of Education
Numerous Early Childhood and Elementary Education Reports, Florida Department of Education
Columnists for Capitol Outlook News – ‘Reading Tips for Parents’
Article in the Florida Reading Quarterly, Florida Reading Association
Florida First Start Program Planning and Implementation Guide, Florida Department of Education
Florida First Start Parent Educators Handbook, Florida Department of Education
School Age Child Care - ERIC Report
Sunrise Skill Builders, Florida Department of Education
Book Chapter – The First Three Year’s of a Child’s Life and Its Impact on A Child Entering School Ready to Learn, How to Teach Children At Risk of Educational Failure: Coping with Poverty, Bullying, Disease, Crime, and Ethnicity, Dr. Tony Manson (ISBN 0-7734-6173-6 Mellen Press Studies in Education Volume 103, 2005
Book Chapter – The Effects of Repeating Reading on Reading Fluency,
Twenty Issues in Teaching African American Pupils: A Collective Experience of What Works, Dr Tony Manson (ISBN-13-978-0-7734-5685-3 Mellen Press, 2006

Book Chapter – Parent Involvement and At Risk Students Enrolled in Even Start Family Literacy Programs, Twenty Issues in Teaching African American Pupils: A Collective Experience of What Works, Dr Tony Manson (ISBN-13-978-0-7734-5685-3 Mellen Press, 2006

Book – Preparing Young Children to Enter School Ready to Learn: Implications of Recent Brain Research on Preparing Young Children to Enter School Ready to Learn.

Dr. Patty Ball Thomas (ISBN 978-3-639-10569-8 VDM Verlag Dr. Muller Aktiengesellschaft &Co.KG Publisher, 2009

Papers Presented

“Opportunities and Challenges at First Grade: An Administrative Prospective,” The National Association of African American Studies, 2004, Houston, TX

“The Impact of Fluency on Reading Comprehension,” The Sino-American International Research Forum, 2010, Guilin, P.R. China

“African American Teacher Stress Related to High Stakes Testing”, National Association of African American Studies & Affiliates, 2014 Baton Rouge, Louisiana

“Preparing Young Children to Enter School Ready to Learn (Implication of Brain Research)”, Oxford Round Table, Childhood Education, Harris Manchester College, University of Oxford, England, 2014

Research

2005 – 2010 Head Start for Historically Black Colleges and Universities: Department of Children and Families, \$149,000 for five year grant. A total of \$745, 000 awarded to Florida A&M University

Special Recognition

Outstanding Education Partner Award, Capital Area Community Action Agency

Gubernatorial Appointment, Commissioner, Florida Commission on Human Relations

Tallahassee Volunteer of the Year in Education (Finalist)

FAMU College of Education, Undergraduate Teacher of the Year

Champion for Children Nominee, Kids Incorporate

Distinguished Leadership Award Nominee, Leadership Tallahassee

Academy of Fellows, Distinguished Educator Award, Institute for the Development of Educational Activities

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

“Teacher Stress Related To A High-Stakes Testing Program And Scores Obtained By Second Through Fifth Grade Students” – by Doretha Presley –Benson, 2007, Florida A&M University, Educational Leadership & Human Service

“The Short-Term Qualitative Impact of an Interdisciplinary Arts-Centered Curriculum on Rural At-Risk Middle Schools Students” – by Talicia V. Scriven 2008, Florida State University, School of Visual Arts and Dance

“An Examination of the Differences Between School Achievement Of Title 1 Schools And Parent Perception Of School Climate” – By Irene Y. Gaines 2009, Florida A&M University, Educational Leadership and Human Services

“Georgia Principals’ Success in Leading Elementary and Middle Schools and the Interaction of Emotional Intelligence” – By Evelyn Parker-Henry 2012, Florida A&M university, Educational Leadership and Human Services