

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University of Illinois at Chicago, Department of Curriculum and Instruction; Concentration: Reading, Writing, and Literacy, 2007  
Dissertation: *The Influence of Japanese Story Structure on the Comprehension of Fourth-Grade Students*. Faculty Chair: Dr. Flora Rodriguez-Brown
- M.A. Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois  
Reading
- M.ELED University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii  
Specialization in literacy
- B.A. Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri  
English Education, Minor in Spanish

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2012-present Associate Professor, Reading Program  
Coordinator, MA in Reading Program
- 2007-present Assistant Professor, Reading Program  
Division of Education, College of Education  
Governors State University, University Park, Illinois
- 2002-2007 Adjunct Instructor, Lecturer, Instructor,  
Reading Program and Elementary Education  
Division of Education, College of Education  
Governors State University, University Park, Illinois
- 2003 Adjunct Instructor, College of Education  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2001 Reading Consultant, Elizabeth Sutherland

	Elementary School, Chicago, Illinois
1999-2004	Managing Editor, <i>Illinois Reading Council Journal</i>
1997-2001	Language Arts/Reading Consultant, Salazar Bilingual Center, Chicago, Illinois. Mentor: Dr. Flora Rodriguez-Brown
1996-2000	Adjunct Instructor, Reading Program, College of Education, Lewis University, Romeoville, Illinois
1996-1998	Adjunct Instructor, Adult Basic Education Joliet Junior College, Joliet, Illinois
1992-1996	Itinerant bilingual tutor, Joliet Public Schools, Joliet, Illinois
1970-1973	First-, third-grade teacher, Richland School, Crest Hill, Illinois
1966-1967, 1969	First-grade teacher, Gallup-McKinley County Schools, Gallup, New Mexico
1967-68	Instructor, Aloha Kindergarten, Honolulu, Hawaii
1965-1966	Language Arts Teacher, grades 9-11 Ft. Wingate Boarding School, Ft. Wingate, New Mexico

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Gandy, S. E. (2013). Introduction. In N. Nilsson & S. E. Gandy (Eds.), *Struggling readers can succeed: Targeted solutions based on complex views of real kids in classrooms and communities* (pp. xi-xxv). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Gandy, S. E. (2013). What works for Ramon and other English language learners. In N. Nilsson & S. E. Gandy (Eds.), *Struggling readers can succeed: Targeted solutions based on complex views of real kids in classrooms and communities* (pp. 127-145). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Nilsson, N., & Gandy, S. E. (Eds.). (2013). *Struggling readers can succeed: Targeted solutions based on complex views of real kids in classrooms and communities*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Gandy, S. E. (2013). Informal reading inventories and ELL students. *Reading and Writing*

*Quarterly*, 29, 271-287.

- Gandy, S. E., & Kraus, M. (2013). Thanks for the memories: Using a sensory-details chart to prepare to write. In J. C. Richards & C. A. Lassone (Eds.), *Strategic writing mini-lessons for all students, grades 4-8* (pp. 67-77). Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin.
- Gandy, S. E. (2013). What works for Ramon and other English language learners. In N. L. Nilsson & S. E. Gandy (Eds.), *Struggling readers can succeed: Targeted solutions based on complex views of real kids in classrooms and communities* (127-145). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing.
- Gandy, S. E., Bassuk, S., & Coulson, W. (2004). Humorous books for the classroom. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 32(1), 38-49.
- Gandy, S. E., & Jordan, F. (2004). Enlarging the circle: Suggestions for using the novel *Habibi*. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 32(2), 6-14.
- Gandy, S. E. (2003). Increasing vocabulary through synonyms. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 31(3), 18-30.
- Gandy, S. E., & Jordan, F. (2003). Teacher candidates' responses to a middle school thematic unit on cultural conflict. *AIMS Journal*, 17(1), 8-12.
- Gandy, S. E., Todd, C., Katz, C., Wong, K., & Yokota, J. (2003). Picture books across the curriculum. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 31(2), 64-72.
- Yokota, J., Gandy, S. E., Wong, K., & Katz, C. (2003). Picture books across the curriculum. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 31(3), 62-68.
- Gandy, S. E. (2002). Mingshui Cai talks about reader response. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 30(4), 44-49.
- Reid, K. Y., & Gandy, S. E. (2002). Good books for good book clubs. *Michigan Reading Journal*, 34(2), 51-58.
- Gandy, S. E. (2001). Currents in reading instruction. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 29(1), 30-37.
- Gandy, S. E. (2001). From hornbook to e-book. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 29(1), 18-29.
- Reid, K. Y., & Gandy, S. E. (2001). Good books for good book clubs. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 29(4), 48-55.
- Sanny, R., & Gandy, S. E. (2001). Arlene Erlbach: Writer, teacher, friend. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 29(3), 48-53.

Gandy, S. E. (2000). An Interview with Claude Goldenberg. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 28(2), 60–67.

Gandy, S. E., & Jordan, F. (2000). Excuse me—Why are you here? *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 28(1), 60–63.

Gandy, S. E., & Jordan, F. (2000). Keeping up. *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 28(3), 66–69.

Gandy, S. E. (1997). *Como? Supporting a bilingual student in your classroom*. [Brochure]. Normal, IL: Illinois Reading Council.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Presentations

Gandy, S. E. (2010, November 5). *What's New in the World of Literacy Clinics?* Presentation (One of 11 presenters) for the Clinical Division Meeting of the Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers, Omaha, Nebraska.

Gandy, S. E. (1999, February). *Using Folktales in the Classroom*. Presentation for the University of Illinois at Chicago Colloquium, Chicago, Illinois.

### Peer-reviewed Presentations

Gandy, S.E. (2011, March 18). *Fun with Foldables*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S.E., & Yakos.M. (2011, February 12). *Improving the English Writing Skills of Older ELL students*. Presentation at the annual convention of Illinois TESOL/Bilingual Education, Lisle, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E. (2010, July 14). *Graphic Novels: Leading the Way to Literacy for Readers*. Presentation at the 23<sup>rd</sup> IRA World Congress on Reading, Auckland, New Zealand.

Gandy, S. E., & Yakos, M. (2010, May 14). *Academic Vocabulary*. Presentation at the Title V Student/Faculty Development Symposium, Governors State University, University Park, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E. (2010, April 27). *Using Graphic Novels with Primary Readers*. Presentation at the 55<sup>th</sup> annual IRA Convention, Chicago, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E. (2010, March 20). *Shining the Light on New Graphic Novels*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E. (2010, February 26). *Using Graphic Novels to Teach Reading and Cultural Differences*. Presentation at the 36<sup>th</sup> annual convention of Illinois TESOL/Bilingual

Education, Naperville, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E. (2009, March 21). *Officer Buckle Meets Otto and Owly*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E. (2008, March 13). *What Is the Author Trying to Say? Helping Students Find the Theme in a Text*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E., Jordan, F., et al. (2007, March 16). *Five Fantastic Latino Folktales Plus One*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E. (2007, March 16). *What Can I Say? Group Discussions*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E., & Jordan, F. (2005, March 18). *Fanning the Flames of Literacy through the Library Dragon and Other Books*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E., & Jordan, F. (2004, March 19). *Consider Considerate Text*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Teale, W. H., Shanahan, T., Shanahan, C. H., & Gandy, S. E. (March 19, 2004). *Your Name in Print: Writing for Publication in the IRC Journal*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E., & Jordan, F. (2003, March 20). *Navigating Issues of Diversity through the Use of the Novel Habibi*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E., Teale, W. H., Shanahan, T., Hynd, C., Raphael, T. (2003, March 19). *Your Name in Print: Writing for Publication in the IRC Journal*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Teale, W. H., Shanahan, T., & Gandy, S. E. (2002, March 15). *Your Name in Lights (Print): Writing for Illinois Reading Council Journal*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Teale, W. H., Shanahan, T., & Gandy, S. E. (2000). *Writing for Publication: A How-To Session with the Editors of the Illinois Reading Council Journal*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E. (1999, March 20). *Prince Charming Comes to Visit: Using Folktales in the Classroom*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

Gandy, S. E. (1998, March 21). *Tell Me A Story*. Presentation at the annual Illinois Reading

Council Conference, Springfield, Illinois.

### **Presentation Proposals Accepted**

Gandy, S. E. *Graphic Novels for Classroom Use*. A proposal accepted for a poster presentation at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual IBBY Regional Conference, St. Charles, Illinois, October 2-4, 2009. (Without additional travel funds from the university, I was unable to meet the high financial requirements of this conference.)

Gandy, S. E. *Using Graphic Novels with Beginning Readers*. A proposal accepted for a presentation at the 14<sup>th</sup> Great Lakes IRA Regional Conference, October 28-31, 2009. (Owing to low registration, this conference was reduced to two days, and all presentations originally scheduled for the third day, including this one, were canceled.)

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

#### **International**

Member of International Reading Association, 1996 to present  
Member of Children's Literature, special interest group of IRA  
Member Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers

#### **National**

Reviewer, *Kaleidoscope: A Multicultural Booklist for Grades K-8*, Third Edition.  
National Council of Teachers of English, 2001

#### **State**

Current reviewer, *Illinois Reading Council Journal*  
Member, Editorial staff, *Illinois Reading Council Journal*, 1999–2004  
Institutional Review Team Member, Illinois State Board of Education, 2007–2009  
Member of Illinois Reading Council, 1994 to present  
Member of Illinois TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages)

#### **University**

Faculty Advisor of the Alpha Omega Chapter of Alpha Upsilon Alpha, Honor Society of the International Reading Association, Governors State University, 2007 to 2011.

Division Curriculum Committee, Fall of 2006 to Fall of 2010

Readmissions and Special Admissions Committee, January, 2007 to Fall of 2009

Academic Program Review Committee, member, April, 2007 to present; chair, 2009-2011

NCATE Standard 2 Committee, Fall 2007 to present

Title V Faculty Development, Fall 2007 to December 2010

Provost Search Committee, July, 2007 to November, 2007

Provost Search Committee, July, 2009

Reading Search Committee, Fall, 2006 to Spring, 2008

Faculty Senate, Fall, 2008 to present

Scholarship Committee, June, 2009 to present

Mini-grant reviewer, 2009-2010

### **Local**

Faculty Professional Development Series, New Field Elementary, Chicago  
(Strategies for working with refugees from Somalia) March, April, May, 2007

Presentation, Will County Teachers' Institute, Joliet, Illinois, Fall 1995.

Member, Will County Reading Council, 1994–present; board member, 1995–96,  
2001–2004

Member, Graduate Student Advisory Council, Lewis University, 1994-1998

Member, Phi Delta Kappa 1994-1998

### **AWARDS AND GRANTS**

College of Education, Mini-grant, Fall, 2010

University of Illinois at Chicago, Teaching All Teachers (TAT) Grant, 2005

U.S. Department of Education Research Fellowship, 1999–2001

University of Illinois at Chicago

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Online development and teaching courses in the READ program beginning in Summer of 2013.  
All courses in the program are now in online format.

### **Graduate courses:**

Integrating Children's Literature across the Curriculum  
Governors State University, Summer, 2005, 2007 - 2014

Survey of Reading: Theory and Practice  
Governors State University, Summer, 2003-2009

Psycholinguistic and Sociolinguistic Foundations of Literacy  
Governors State University, Fall, Winter, 2005-2010

Reading Remediation  
Governors State University, Summer, 2002, Fall, Winter, 2003-2010

Advisor, Committee Chair for Culminating Experience of research team projects  
Governors State University, Winter, 2007-2010

Teaching Writing in the Classroom  
Governors State University, Winter, 2005

Diagnostic and Remedial Reading Instruction II  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Spring, 2003

Adolescent Literature  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Summer, 2003

Reading Specialists as Literacy Leaders  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Fall 2003

Reading Diagnosis  
Governors State University, Winter, 2002

Teaching Reading to the Bilingual and Bicultural Student  
Lewis University, Summer, 1997-2000, Spring, 1999

Teaching Reading in the Content Area  
Lewis University, Spring, 1998  
Children's and Adolescent Literature  
Lewis University, Spring, 1998

English as a Second Language, Graduate Level  
Lewis University, Spring, Summer 1997

## **Undergraduate**

Elementary Teaching Laboratory 1, Teaching Language Arts in Elementary Schools,  
Developmental Reading in Elementary Schools (taught as one class)  
Governors State University, Winter, Fall, 2002; Fall, 2003; Winter, Fall 2004-2005;  
Winter, 2006

Expanded Reading and Study Skills



Lewis University, Fall 1996

**Adult Education**

Citizenship (BASK 001, for aliens desiring US citizenship)

Joliet Junior College, Summer, Fall, 1996; Spring, Summer, 1997-1998