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### **Education**

Ph.D., 2006, Speech-Language Pathology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL.

M.A., 1997, Communication Disorders, Hampton University, Va.

B.A., 1992, English Education, Hampton University, Va.

### **Academic Appointments**

Associate Professor    Governors State University, University Park, IL., 06/2014-Present

Assistant Professor    Governors State University, University Park, IL., 08/2008-06/2014

Adjunct Professor      Governors State University, University Park, IL., 01/2008-07/2008

Program Coordinator    Governors State University, University Park, IL. 01/2008-06/2008

Adjunct Professor      Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL., 08/2007-10/2007

Adjunct Professor      Governors State University, University Park, IL., 01/2007-07/2007

Teaching Assistant     University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL., 09/2004-05/2005

Teaching Assistant     University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL., 01/2004-05/2004

Research Assistant     University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL., 08/2003-08/2006

### **Courses Taught**

#### *Graduate*

Advanced Assessment and Intervention (GSU)

Language Disorders: Early Stages (GSU)

Language Disorders in Young Children (NIU)

Current Topics: Serving Special Populations (GSU)

### *Undergraduate*

Introduction to Assessment and Intervention (GSU)

Exploring Cultural Diversity (UIUC)

Children, Communication, and Language Ability (UIUC)

### **Clinical Positions**

Owner, Just Say It Communication Services 06/2006-Present

Speech Pathologist

Speech Pathologist Beacon Therapeutic Intensive Outreach, IL., 06/2008-Present

Speech Pathologist New Direction Academy, IL., 12/2005-06/2008

Speech Pathologist Beacon Therapeutic Day School, IL., 06/2003-06/2007

Language Specialist Leap Learning Systems, IL., 06/2003-08/2003

Speech Pathologist Gottfred Speech Associates, IL., 11/1997-05/1999

Speech Pathologist Symphony Rehabilitation Services, IL., 11/1997-07/1998

### **Grants and Awards**

Grant 11/2013 Governors State University, Undergraduate Research Program Grant

Grant 04/2012 Governors State University, Intellectual Life Grant \$500

Scholarship 08/2011 University of Illinois at Chicago, *Assessment of Monolingual and LEP Children with Disabilities* (funding for course and related materials)

Mini Technology Grant 06/2010 Governors State University, Department of Digital Learning and Media Design

Doctoral Trainee 08/2003-08/2006 University of Illinois, United States Department of Education Grant #H325D010009 (R. Watkins, PI)

Hanen Program Hanen Program 4/2009

## Certification

Graduate Teaching Certification      Center for Teaching Excellence (UIUC) 04/2005

Fellowship Award      Phyllis Ariens Burkhead Memorial Fellowship (UIUC)  
04/20

## **Publications**

Altosino, A. & Armstrong, J. (2014). The effects of a service learning workshop on the intellectual life of graduate students in communication disorders. Submitted to *Journal of Perceptions in Higher Educations*.

Armstrong, J. (2011). Serving children with emotional/behavioral disorders: A collaborative approach. *ASHA Leader*, June 24.

Cheatham, G.A., Armstrong, J., & Santos, R. M. (2009). “Y’all Listenin’?”: Accessing children’s dialects in preschool. *Young Exceptional Children*, 12, 2-14.

Lybolt, J., Armstrong, J., Techmanski, K., & Gottfred, C. (2007). *Building language throughout the year: The preschool early literacy curriculum*. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co.

## **Professional Presentations/Posters**

Armstrong, J. and Huerta, L. (2014, June). A Culturally Responsive Approach for Serving Children of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations. Presented at the Black Child Development Institute-Chicago Affiliate conference, Chicago, IL.

Altosino, A. and Armstrong, J. (2013, November). The Effects of a Service Learning Workshop on the Intellectual Life of Graduate Students in Communication Disorders. Poster presented at the National Speech Language and Hearing Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2013, November). Enriching Language and Literacy Skill in School Age Children. Presented at Glenwood School, Glenwood, IL.

Altosino, A. and Armstrong, J. (2013, February). The Effects of a Service Learning Workshop on the Intellectual Life of Graduate Students in Communication Disorders. Poster presented at the Illinois Speech Language and Hearing Association Conference, Rosemont, IL.

Armstrong, J. and Huerta, L. (2012, November). Culturally Responsible/Culturally Relevant Approach to Assessment and Intervention. Presented at the annual conference of the American Speech Language and Hearing Association, Atlanta, Ga.

Armstrong, J. (2012, October). Yes, You Can! Enriching Your Child's Language and Literacy Skills. Presented at Governors State University Hall of Honors, University Park, IL.

Armstrong, J. and Huerta, L. (2012, March). Language Development in Bilingual Children: A Culturally Sensitive/Culturally Competent Perspective. Presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Infant Toddler Conference, Chicago, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2012, March). Serving Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations: Birth-5 years. Presented for DuPage County Speech Language and Hearing Association, DuPage County, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2011, October). Language and Literacy Enrichment: A Collaborative Approach. Presented at the National Black Child Development Institute, Inc. 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference 2011, Nashville, Tennessee.

Armstrong, J. (2011, October). Language and Literacy Enrichment: A Collaborative Approach. Invited Presentation for Chicago Public School Professional Development for Speech Language Pathologists and Early Childhood Educators, Chicago, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2011, October). Serving Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Populations: Assessment and Intervention. Invited Presentation for the Eastern Illinois Speech Language Pathologists, Professional Development, Champaign, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2011, October). Language and Literacy Development in Children Birth to Five: A Practical Approach. Presented at the Family Development Center, Governors State University.

Armstrong, J. (2011, August). Serving Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Populations: 0-5 Years. Presented at the Ounce of Prevention Pre-Service Head Start Conference 2011, Chicago, Illinois.

Armstrong, J. (2011, June). Teaching with Technology Panel: Mini-Cams. Presented at Governors State University Faculty Summer Institute 2011, University Park, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2011, March). Serving Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Populations: Assessment and Intervention. Invited Presentation for Chicago Public School Professional Development for Speech Language Pathologists, Chicago, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2011, April). Serving Linguistically and Culturally Diverse Populations: Assessment and Intervention. Invited Presentation for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual CESA 5 Speech-Language Pathology Institute, Wisconsin Dells, WI.

Armstrong, J. (2011, February). Clinical Research and Evidence-Based Practice Roundtable for Speech-language Pathologists. Presented at Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Convention

Armstrong, J. (2009, November). Perceptions of Language and Literacy Competency in Early Childhood Setting. Poster presented at the American Speech Language and Hearing Conference, San Diego, CA.

Armstrong, J., Craig, A. (2009, April). Looking Beyond the Test. Presented at the ECHO Special Education Cooperative Symposium, Oak Lawn, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2005, November). Teacher and Speech Language Pathologists' Perceptions of Language and Literacy Competency in the Preschool Classroom. Poster presented at the American Speech Language and Hearing Conference, San Diego, CA.

Armstrong, J. (2005, May). African American Students' Perceptions of Communication at a Predominately White University. Presented at the Rendering Race Visible Conference, Chicago, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2005, March). Teacher and Speech Language Pathologists' Perceptions of Language and Literacy Competency in the Preschool Classroom. Presented at the Community of Scholars Conference, Champaign-Urbana, IL.

Armstrong, J. (2003, April ). The Violence Free Zone: Helping Teachers Create a Safe Environment for Children. Presented at the National Black Speech Language and Hearing Association Convention, Atlanta, Ga.

Armstrong, J., Evans, K., Lybolt (2002, February). The Violence Free Zone: Helping Teachers Create a Safe Environment for Children. Presented at the Illinois Speech Language and Hearing Association Convention, Arlington Heights, IL.

Armstrong, J., Evans, K., (2001, November). The Violence Free Zone: Helping Teachers Create a Safe Environment for Children. Presented at the American Speech Language and Hearing Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Armstrong, J., Evans, K., (2001, October). The Violence Free Zone: Helping Teachers Create a Safe Environment for Children. Presented at the National Association for the Education of the Young Child Convention, Anaheim, Florida.

Armstrong, J., Evans, K., (2001, October). The Violence Free Zone: Helping Teachers Create a Safe Environment for Children. Presented at the National Black Child Development Institute, Miami, Florida.

Armstrong, J., Evans, K., (2001, March). Tools for Developing Preschool Language Competency in the Classroom. Presented at the Michigan Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Dearborn, Michigan.

Armstrong, J., Evans, K., & Lybolt, J.T. (2000, November). Tools for Developing Preschool Language Competency in the Classroom. Presented at the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Washington, DC.

Armstrong, J., & Watkins, R.V. (2000, October). Developing Preschool Language Competency in the Classrooms: Tools for Success. Presented at the National Black Child Development Institute, Washington, DC.

Armstrong, J. & Lybolt, J.T. (2000, April). Developing Preschool Language Competency in the Classrooms: Tools for Success. Presented at the National Head start Conference, Washington, DC.

Armstrong, J., Lybolt, J.T., & Watkins, R.V. (2000, February). Classroom-Based Approaches to Language Enrichment for Children from Inner City Backgrounds. Presented at the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Arlington Heights, IL.

Armstrong, J., Lybolt, J.T., & Watkins, R.V. (2000, February). Developing Preschool Language Competency in the Classrooms: Tools for Success. Presented at the Illinois Head start Conference, Springfield, IL.

Armstrong, J. (1999, December). Facilitating Language in Young Children in the Home. Invited workshop at Chicago Youth Centers' Lower North Center, (Living Single Program), Chicago, IL.

Armstrong, J., Blake, A., Nicoloff, M., & Gottfred, C. (1999, March). Language Wellness for Populations within Underserved Communities. Invited presentation for Northern Illinois University, Chicago, IL.

Armstrong, J., Lybolt, J.T., & Watkins, R.V. (1999, February). Facilitating Language Skills in Preschool Children from Diverse Backgrounds. Invited presentation at the Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association Convention, Arlington Heights, IL.

Armstrong, J., & Gottfred, C. (1999, January). Personal and Professional Integrity. Invited presentation for St. Xavier University, Chicago, IL.

Armstrong, J., & Gottfred, C. (1998, September). Personal and Professional Integrity. Invited presentation for the South Cook County Speech, Hearing & Language Association, Chicago, IL

### **Professional Credentials**

Certificate of Clinical Competence in Speech-Language Pathology American Speech-Language-Hearing-Association 1998- present

Type 10 Certificate Speech-Language Impaired Illinois State Board of Education 1998-present

Professional License Speech-Language Pathology Illinois Department of Professional Regulation 1998-present

Teaching Certifications for Chicago: 6-12 Language Arts/English 1992-present

Member American Speech-Language-Hearing Association 1997-present

Member Illinois Speech-Language-Hearing Association 1997-present

### **Service Activities**

#### *Department Committees:*

Advisory Committee, Curriculum Committee, Strategic Plan Committee, Faculty Search Committee, Graduate Admissions Committee, National Speech Language and Hearing Association Advisor, Faculty Search Committee

#### *University Service Activities:*

Early Childhood Education Faculty Search Committee (Present)  
Enrollment Management Committee (2013)  
Health Advisory Committee (2012-Present)  
Banquet Committee CHHS Recognition Night (5/2013)  
Commencement volunteer (2/2009; 6/2010; 6/2011; 5/2012; 5/2013)  
University Scholarship Reader (2012; 2013)  
College Scholarship Committee (2011; 2012)  
Instant Admission Day (2011)  
Hearing Evaluations (2/2011)

#### *Community Service Activities:*

Far South Side Community Health Center-board member (2011; 2012; 2013)  
National Black Child Development Institute-member (2011; 2012; 2013)  
St. Leonard's Ministries CORE Reading Program (2012-Present)  
Autism Speaks Walk (2010)

#### *Professional Service Activities:*

Consortium of Doctors Member (2013)  
ISHA Student Involvement Committee Chair (2013)  
ASHA Continuing Education Peer Reviewer (2013)  
ISHA Student Involvement Committee Member (2011; 2012)  
Multicultural Track Committee Member (2012)  
ASHA S.T.E.P. Mentoring Program (2011-2012)  
ASHA Continuing Education Peer Reviewer (2011)  
Association of Black Women in Higher Education (2011)  
ASHA Continuing Education Peer Reviewer (2010)  
Infant Mental Health Association Member (2010)

Dissertation Committee Chair (Aurora University) (2010)

**Additional Teaching Experience**

Reading Instructor	St. Leonard's Ministries CORE Instruction Program 9/2012-Present
Guest Lecturer	Governors State University, IL., 10/2008
Guest Lecturer	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL., 10/2005
Guest Lecturer	University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL., 10/2004
Teacher	Kids Club, Zimbabwe, Africa, 06/1999-07/1999
Teacher	Randolph Magnet School, IL., 09/1992-06/1994