

Virginia H. Chambers, Ed.D.

EDUCATION

May 2011 University of Pittsburgh
Ed.D., Reading Education

August 2001 University of Virginia
M.Ed., Education

December 1997 Pennsylvania State University
B.S., Elementary Education

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

August 2016-
Present **Assistant Professor of Education**
Coordinator, Undergraduate Education Programs
Point Park University, Education Department

August 2013-
July 2016 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Education**
Point Park University, Education Department

July 2011-
August 2013 **Compliance and Field Experience Coordinator**
Point Park University, Education Department

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Point Park University

Undergraduate Courses

EDUC 101- Technological Literacy for Education
EDUC 120- Building Family Partnerships
EDUC 251- Art and Music in Teaching
EDUC 302- Reading Methods I
EDUC 303- Reading Methods II
EDUC 401- Differentiated Reading for the Developing Child
EDUC 305- Math Methods I
EDUC 311- Methods of Language Arts
EDUC 315- Math Methods II

EDUC 432- Student Teaching Seminar

Graduate Courses

EDUC 535- Technological Applications Across the Curriculum

EDUC 595- Literacy I with Imagine Charter School

EDUC 596- Literacy II with Imagine Charter School

University of Pittsburgh

Undergraduate Course

Introduction to Elementary Education

Graduate Courses

Reading and Language Arts in the Primary Grades

Reading and Language Arts in the Intermediate Grades

SUPERVISORY

University Supervisor

2011-2014 *Point Park University*

2009-2011 *University of Pittsburgh*

Undergraduate and Graduate Elementary Education Students

Provided instructional support and feedback to students interning and student teaching in kindergarten through grade five.

University Liaison

2008-2011

University of Pittsburgh, School of Education

Reading Specialist Intern Program

Provided instructional support and feedback to students in the Reading Specialist Program interning in elementary schools.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

NYU Steinhardt Global Program

Summer 2008

London and Oxford, England, Institute of Education

Participated in courses covering literacy learning and teaching through global perspectives. Program included multiple visits to UK schools.

K-12 TEACHING

Third Grade Teacher

2003-2008

St. Paul's School

Brooklandville, MD

Taught students with a range of abilities. Served as Grade Chair, Technology Liaison, Admissions Committee Member.

Kindergarten Teacher

2002-2003

Takoma Park Elementary School

Montgomery County Public Schools, MD

Taught full-day kindergarten in a Title I school. Served as a Mentor Teacher and Student Teaching Coordinator for University of Maryland.

Second Grade Teacher

1998-2002

Takoma Park Elementary School

Montgomery County Public Schools, MD

Taught gifted and talented students and ELL students in a Title I school. Served as Mentor Teacher and Team Leader.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Dissertation Study:

The Representation of Other Cultures in Award-Winning Picture Books from the United States, Australia and Great Britain (1960-2009)

The Evaluation of Reading First in Pennsylvania

Research Assistant, Fall 2008 - Summer 2009

Optimal Distance Delivery Models for International Contexts

Co-Investigator, Spring 2009-Summer 2010

PUBLICATIONS

Hall, V. (2011). Caldecott Medal Picturebooks from the 1970s and 2000s: Promoting or Hindering Cross-Cultural Understanding? *Childhood Education*.

Hall, V. (2011). Books without Boundaries: Children's Literature that Supports Global Awareness. *Global Book Review*.

Hall, V. (2010). Expecting the Unexpected: Explorations into Historical Research. *History of Reading News* 34(1), 3-10.

Bean, R., Draper, J., Hall, V., Vandermolen, V., & Zigmund, N. (2010). Coaches and Coaching in Reading First Schools: A Reality Check. *Elementary School Journal* 111(5), 87-114.

Hall, V. (Under review). Optimal Distance Delivery Models for International Contexts: Faculty Analysis. *IISE Online Journal*.

Hall, V. (Under review). To Ride A Butterfly: The Life and Legacy of Nancy Larrick. *Bookbird*.

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Chambers, V. (2012). A Century of Children's Literature. *Guest Lecture presented at The Frick Art and Historical Center, March 2012, Pittsburgh, PA*

Hall, V., Rimbey, M. & Shoaf, E. (2010). Exploring the Past from a New Perspective: Using a Multigenre Approach for Historical Research about Pioneers in the Reading Field. *Symposium presented at National Reading Conference Annual Meeting, December 1-4, 2010, Fort Worth, Texas*

Hall, V. (2010). Nancy Larrick's "All-White World of Children's Literature" Continued: Developments of Multicultural Literature in the United States. *Paper accepted at International Board on Books for Young People World Congress, September 8-12, 2010, Santiago de Compostela, Spain*

Hall, V. (2010). Caldecott Award Books from the 1970s and 2000s: Promoting or Hindering Cross-Cultural Understanding? *Paper presented at International Reading Association Annual Meeting, April 25-28, 2010, Chicago, Illinois*

Hall, V. (2010). Optimal Distance delivery Models for International Contexts: Faculty Analysis. *Paper presented at CGSE Annual Research Conference, March 24-27, 2010, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania*

Hall, V. (2009). A Comparison of Two American Readers: 1936 and 2009. *Paper presented at National Reading Conference Annual Meeting, December 1-6, Albuquerque, New Mexico*

Hall, V. (2009). Nietz Old Schoolbook Collection: Comparing Cultural Diversity in American Readers from 1865, 1936 & 2009. *Poster Presentation, International Research Society for Children's Literature Biennial Congress, August 8-12, 2009, Frankfurt, Germany*

Hall, V. & Heisey, N. (2008). Using Expository Texts in Primary Grades. *Presentation given at Early Literacy Conference, September 26, 2008, Wexford, Pennsylvania*

SERVICE

Pennsylvania Department of Education Major Program Review Coordinator
Point Park University

Ed.D. Dissertation Chair
Point Park University

Future Educators of America Faculty Representative
Point Park University

Study Abroad Education Program Coordinator
Point Park University

FEA Faculty Representative
Point Park University

Act 48 Workshop Presenter
Frick Art and Historical Center, 2012

Book Reviewer
History of Reading Special Interest Group, Fall- 2010

NCTEAR Conference Proposal Reviewer
University of Pittsburgh, Fall- 2009

Literacy Teacher Education Study Group Participant
University of Pittsburgh
Department of Instruction and Learning, Fall-2009 to 2011

National Reading Conference Proposal Reviewer
2009 -2011

Varsity Tennis Coach
Mt. Lebanon High School, 2009-2012
USTA Middle States AMD Coach of the Year

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

International Reading Association
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
Children's Literature Association
History of Reading Special Interest Group
United States Board on Books for Young People
International Research Society for Children's Literature

CERTIFICATIONS

Reading Specialist Certification (K-12)
Maryland Standard Professional II (K-6)
Pennsylvania Instructional I (K-6)