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Brief Biography

I was born and raised in Eau Claire, WI. After graduating from UWEC, I moved to Alabama and spent 17 years there teaching for the Department of Defense at the Fort Benning School District, Fort Benning, GA. After receiving my Ph.D. from Auburn University, I moved to higher education and worked for Troy University-Phenix City Campus. I moved back to WI in June of 2007 and began working at UW-Stout in August of 2007. My husband and I live in Elk Mound, WI.

Teaching Interests: Literacy Education

Research Interests: Effective strategies for teaching culturally and linguistically diverse students. Improving vocabulary and comprehension through interactive read aloud. Using multicultural children's literature to increase cultural appreciation and awareness.

Professional Interests: Wisconsin Stat Reading Association International Literacy Association

Languages

- Spanish (Conversational)

Education

- **Ph D Elementary Education-Reading**
Auburn University
Auburn, AL, United States, 1999

Licensures and Certifications

- Principal Grades N-6: State of Alabama,
- Elementary Grades 1-6: State of Alabama
- Educational Leadership: State of Georgia
- Elementary Grades (P-8): State of Georgia

Intellectual Contributions

Journal Article

- Klefstad, J. M., & Martinez, K. (2013). Using Multicultural Children's Literature to Promote Cultural Awareness and Appreciation. *Young Children*, 74, .

Presentations

Oral Presentation

- Martinez, K., & Hines, E. (March 1, 2015). Unity School District. Evidence-based reading strategies for struggling readers, Balsam Lake, WI, United States.

- Klefstad, J., Martinez, K., & (February, 2013). Where Does Multicultural Literature Fit into your Curriculum? EVERYWHERE!. Wisconsin State Reading Conference, Milwaukee, WI, United States.
- Chandler, R., Martinez, K., Othman, L., & Christine, P. (2012). Investigating RTI: From theory to practice. Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction SPDG Summer Institute: Preparing ALL Educators for ALL Learners, Stevens Point, WI, United States.
- Klefstad, J., & Martinez, K. (October, 2010). Using Multicultural Children's Literature to Increase Cultural Awareness in Early Childhood Classrooms. 15th Annual Minnesota Early Childhood Conference, Arden Hills, MN, United States.
- Klefstad, J., & Martinez, K. (April, 2010). Multicultural Children's Literature for the Early Grades. Early Childhood Conference, Menomonie, WI, United States.

Grants, Contracts, and Sponsored Research

Grant

- Chandler, R., Martinez, K., Othman, L., & Peterson, C. CIC: Response to Intervention. Sponsored by UW-Stout Curricular Incubation Grant, \$2345 (Funded).
- Hines, E., Martinez, K., Brennan, M., & Nyland, R. Institutes of Higher Education/State Personnel Development Grant. Sponsored by Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, \$20000 (Funded).
- Othman, L., Hines, E., Martinez, K., Nyland, R., Peterson, C., Brennan, M., & Mason, K. Institutes of Higher Education/State Personnel Development Grant. Sponsored by Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, \$20000 (Funded).
- Chandler, R., & Martinez, K. Preparing ALL Educators for ALL Learners: Research to Practice. Sponsored by Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) (Not Funded).
- Klefstad, J. M., & Martinez, K. 2010) Using Multicultural Children's Literature to Promote Cultural Awareness and Appreciation in Early Childhood Classrooms. Sponsored by UW-System Institute on Race and Ethnicity, \$1425.00.

Awards, Fellowships, Honors, and Scholarships

Honor

- Sabbatical , (May 2015)
- Regents Teaching Excellence Award Nominee, (August 2013)

Award

- Jax Teaching Excellence Award, Judy and Joe Jax established in 2004 (May 2013)