

# College of Education

## BETTY PORTER WALLS



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### **Degree**

#### **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

Educational Administration

Saint Louis University

St. Louis, MO

Research/Concentration: Social justice, diversity in the employment of elementary and secondary school leaders

#### **Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT)**

Webster University

St. Louis, MO

Research/Concentration: Mathematics

### **Biography**

Betty Porter Walls, currently an associate professor, joined the Harris-Stowe State University College of Education (COE) faculty in 2010. It is my belief that education is a civil right and that every student must have qualified and effective classroom teachers and administrators to achieve at highest levels. My areas of interest include social justice, literacy/children's literature, diversity, and family and community engagement. In the COE I serve as the coordinator of the early childhood and elementary education teacher certification programs. I am the University counselor of the Kappa Delta Pi Honorary National Education

Organization and serve as an elected member of the University's Rank and Tenure Committee. At the state level, I am the 2019-2020 president elect of the Missouri Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (MACTE). On campus, I coordinate the COE's Beginning Teachers Assistance Program (BTAP) professional development program for teachers employed in area school districts. The COE 'Literacy is a Family Affair' program is a service learning project I initiated more than eight (8) years ago and which was recently presented at the Hawaii International Education Conference (HICE) by our COE faculty. For related community service, I serve as a member of the Education Advisory Board of the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank and the Emerson Electric Company Scholarship Committee. In professional organizations, I am an elected member of the boards of directors of the Missouri State and St. Louis Regional Councils of the International Literacy Association. Being a world traveler, I am interested in teaching and studying abroad programs.

#### **Courses**

##### 2018-2019 Academic Year

Assessment of Young Children

Communication and Guidance Strategies for Early Childhood Education

Counseling for Exceptional Children and Families

Early Childhood Principles and Professionalism

Emergent Literacy and Language Acquisition

Foundations of Education

Human Relations and Cultural Diversity in Teaching and Learning

Infants and Toddlers: Curriculum for Teaching and Learning

Language Development in the Exceptional Child

#### **Publications**

Kerns, W. and Walls, B. P. (2019, in press). Reading aloud to children: Introducing a love for poetry. *The Missouri Reader*.

Kerns, W., and Walls, B. P. (2016). Fostering a lasting motivation to read: Lessons from community reading programs. *The Missouri Reader*, 40 (2) 28-29.

Walls B. P. (2015). Giving Back: How a Read-In Activity Can Serve as a Community Outreach Project. *Reading Today: Volume 32, Number 5*. March/April 2015, 36-37.

Simmons, J. M., Grogan, M., Preis, S. J., Matthews, K., Smith-Anderson, S., Walls, B. P. and Jackson, A. (2007). Preparing First-Time Leaders for an Urban Public School District: An action research study of a collaborative district – university partnership. *Journal of School Leadership* (17) 5, 540-569.

**Presentations**      2013 – Present

Walls, B. P. (2019, March). *Economic Literacy for Young Learners: Interactive Learning with Math, Money, and Children's Literature*. Conference on the Young Years. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2019, March). *Children's Literature, Mentor Texts and Standards: A 'Good Fit' to enhance writing in the Mathematics Class*. Write to Learn Conference. Missouri

Rose, Q., Walls, B. P., Kerns, W., Jordan, J., Weatherford-Jacobs, O., Ellis, L., Cummins, L. (2019, January). *Campus to Community Partnership for the Enhancement of Literacy of Inner-City Families*. Hawaii International Conference on Education. Honolulu, HI

Walls, B. P. (2018, November). *Picture Books and Mathematics for Little Learners*. Early Learning Conference. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2018, February). *Economic Education for Little Learners: Active Learning with Money, Math, Literature*. Interface A Conference (Mathematics). Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2018, February). *Added Value of 'I Am' Poetry for Improved Math Performance*. Write to Learn Conference. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2017, November). *Economic Education for Little Learners: Active Learning with Money, Mathematics and Children's Literature*. Early Learning Conference. Missouri

Kerns, W. and Walls, B. P. (2017, October). *The Promotion of Moral Practices in Education in an Urban College of Education*. Annual Conference of the National Network for Educational Renewal. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2017, February). *Picture Books, Big Books*. Write to Learn Conference. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2016, November). *Wordless Picture Books: A Pathway to Literacy for Young Readers*. Early Learning Conference. Missouri

Walls, B.P. and Kerns, W. (2016, November). *Big books, Big Boost for Primary Literacy*. Annual Conference of the Arkansas Literacy Association, Little Rock, Arkansas

Walls, B. P. and Kerns, W. (2016, November). *Big Books and the Promotion of Early Literacy*. Missouri Early Learning Conference, Osage Beach, MO

Walls, B. P., Kerns, W. (2016, October). *'Read and Feed: A Five Agency Partnership for Equitable Literacy Enhancement.* Annual Conference of National Network for Education Renewal. Arlington, Texas

Michelli, N., Florez, V., Roselle, R., Walls, B. P., Whittier, C. (2016, October). *NNER Future's Planning Feedback: A facilitated Conversation on the Long View.* Annual Conference of National Network for Educational Renewal (NNER). Arlington, Texas

Walls, B. P. (2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, Spring and Fall). *Cross-Cultural/Diversity Exchange Program. What it Means to be African-American in Today's Urban Society.* Truman State University Teacher Education Department. Kirksville, MO

Walls, B. P. (2016, February). *Creating a Culture of Writing Right in the Classroom: The Teacher Makes the Difference.* Write to Learn Conference. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2015, November) *Big Books? Yes, in the Common Core Era.* Early Learning Conference. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2015, June). *Creating a Culture of Literacy in a Diverse Educational Setting.* St. Louis Public Schools Summer Institute. Missouri

Walls, B.P. (2015, February). *Picture Books: Using a Genre of Children's Literature to Inspire Writing.* Write to Learn Conference. Missouri

Bryant, J. B., Fox, J., Walls, B. P., Samek, T., Houle, D., Bobeen, K. (2014, November). *Lit Pop Rocks: A Pop of Literacy that Really Rocks.* Early Learning Conference. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2014, November). *Pops of Poetry.* Early Learning Conference. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2014, March). *Healing the World Through Education: Exploring Social Justice Through Children's Literature.* Write to Learn Conference. Missouri

Walls, B.P. (2014, February). *Children's Literature, Mentor Texts and Common Core State Standards: A 'Good fit' for Writing Instruction.* Write to Learn Conference. Missouri

Walls, B.P. (2013, November). *Children's Literature as a Link to Mathematics and Common Core State Standards.* Early Learning Conference. Missouri

Walls, B. P., Arsenault, S. (2013, October). *Building Bridges: A School District and University Collaboration for Family Literacy.* National Network for Educational Renewal 2013 Annual Conference. Albuquerque, New Mexico

Walls, B. P. (2013, September). *The Art of Mentoring New Principals*. St. Louis Public Schools Principal's Mentor Program. Missouri

Sherer, T., Walls, B. P., Brammar, M. (2013, June). *Three questions Every Leader Should Ask*. Missouri State Council – International Reading Association Summer Institute. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2013, June). *Engaging Black Males in Literacy for Improved Academic Achievement*. Rockwood School District Summer Professional Development. Missouri

Walls, B. P. (2013, February). *Reading, 'Riting,' 'Rithmetic:' Traditions and Challenges for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Elementary Classroom*. Write to Learn Conference. Missouri

#### Conference Planning/Professional Development

(2018-2019, 2017-2018, 2016-2017, 2015-2016, 2014-2015, 2013-2014, - - - )  
Chairperson/Coordinator for Beginning Teachers Assistance Program (BTAP) for local St. Louis area school districts, particularly St. Louis Public Schools. Harris-Stowe State University College of Education. Missouri

(2017) Appointed co-chairperson of planning committee for the Annual Conference of National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE). Missouri

(2017) Appointed committee member of planning committee for Annual Conference of the National Network for Educational Renewal (NNER). Missouri

(2015) Appointed Co-chairperson of planning committee for the Annual Conference of the International Reading Association (IRA). Missouri

(2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016) Chairperson/Coordinator of Literacy for All Conference. Harris-Stowe State University College of Education. Missouri

#### **Awards**

Recipient of "Emerson Excellence in Teachers Award," Emerson Electric Company, 2016

Recognized as "Educator of the Year" at Harris-Stowe State University, 2016

Recognized as "Outstanding Alumnae" by Harris-Stowe State University, 2015

Recipient of "Celebrate Literacy Award" from Missouri State Council of the International Reading Association (MSC-IRA), 2014

Recipient of "High Flyer Award" from College of Education and College of Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis (ELPA) at University of Missouri-Columbia for 'excellence in the scholarship of teaching,' 2008, 2007, 2006

**Certifications**

State of Missouri

Principal K-8  
Special Reading K-12  
Elementary Education K-8  
Mathematics 7-12  
Learning Disabled K-12  
Mentally Handicapped K-12  
Behavior Disorder K-12  
English 7-9  
Social Studies 7-9

Renewable/Administrative

Superintendent K-12  
Special Education Director K-12