

# Susan Brandenburg-Ayres, Ed. D.

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## EDUCATION

University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO  
Doctor of Education (Special Education)

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
Master of Arts (Special Education)

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL  
Bachelor of Arts (Elementary Education)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**2013 – Present**      **University of North Georgia**  
Associate Dean, College of Education (2013 – Present)

**1994-2013**      **North Georgia College and State University**

Associate Dean of Assessment, (2005-2013)  
Chair of NCATE/GAPSC Accreditation (2012)  
Academic Integrity Committee (2013)  
UNG Consolidation Assessment Committee (2012-2013)  
Faculty member teaching undergraduate and graduate courses: elementary education, special education, reading and assessment (1994-2011).  
Coordinator of Special Education programs (1996-2000)  
Coordinator of Early Childhood and Special Education programs (2000-2005)  
Chair: Institutional Assessment and Effectiveness Committee (2002-2004)  
Ad Hoc Promotion and Tenure Committee (2005-2008)  
Graduation and Retention Committee (2005-2006)  
Intellectual Properties Committee (2005-2006)  
Graduate Council (2002-2008)  
Academic Activities (2008-2013)  
Library Committee (2006-2008)  
Appalachian Studies Commission (2002-2004)  
GACHE Executive Board  
GACHE Advisory Board  
GACHE Grants Review Committee  
Georgia Board of Regents: Macon State University Program Development Initiative (2003-2005)

**1977- 1994**

Curriculum Resource Specialist, Special Education teacher, Teacher Chapter I Early Intervention Demonstration Project Brevard and Alachua counties, Florida (1989-1993)  
Coordinator: Bilingual/ESOL Special Education Collaboration and Reform Project. Consultant: Bilingual/ESOL Special Education Infusion Project. Department of Special Education, University of Florida, Gainesville (1988-1989)  
Coordinator or teacher in special education programs in Palm Beach County Schools, Florida (1985-1988)  
Coordinator, Department of Learning Disabilities, Minot State University, Minot, North Dakota (1983-1984)  
Adjunct/Part-time Instructor, Department of Special Education, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley (1978-1983)  
Curriculum Specialist, Department of Special Programs, Weld District Six, Greeley Colorado (1980-1983)  
Teacher: Special Education Programs, Weld County District Six, Greeley, Colorado (1977-1980)

## **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Brandenburg-Ayres, S. J., K. Moody & Michael, R.O. (Submitted February 2012). Institutional Report for the National Council for Accreditation of Colleges of Education (NCATE). Accreditation approved October 2012.

Brandenburg-Ayres, S.J., Michael, R.O., Covert, J.S., Reece, L. K.. March, 2011). Designing Professional Development School Models to Meet the Needs of All. Presentation to the National Association of Professional Development Schools, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Brandenburg-Ayres, S.J. & Thrasher, T.I. (March, 2008) Invited presentation to the Oxford Roundtable; Response to Intervention: Using what we know to make it work. Harris Manchester College, Oxford, England.

Brandenburg-Ayres, S. J., & Thrasher, T.I. (April, 2007). Teaching reading to students with disabilities in general education classrooms: Methods that work! Presentation to the International Council for Exceptional Children, Louisville, Kentucky.

Brandenburg-Ayres, S. J., Schwaner, L., Whittle, D.A., Oates, R. (August, 2006). Training highly qualified teachers for diverse classrooms: An innovative early childhood and special education dual certification program. Presentation to the Association of Teacher Education, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Holmes, S.R. Brandenburg- Ayres, S. J.& Cronic, D. Summer (2003) Connecting students “at risk” to schools: Social program interventions. *Journal of Gang Research*, 10(4), 39-46.

## **Grants and Contracts**

Lumpkin County Schools: Literacy Initiative. Stage one focus- early literacy programs. \$25,0000 (2007)

Georgia Department of Education: West Hall Middle School Program Improvement Grant.  
\$60,000. (2005)

Georgia Board of Regents: Macon State University Program Development Contract:  
\$120,000 (2005)

Forsyth County Schools: Reading Endorsement for Middle/Secondary Teachers.  
\$20,000 (2004)

Hall County Schools: Reading Endorsement.  
\$70,000 (2003)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

National Council for Accreditation of Colleges of Education  
Georgia Professional Standards Commission Board of Examiners  
National Association of Professional Development Schools  
University of Kansas Center for Research on Learning

## **REPRESENTATIVE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Ed TPA training, San Diego, November 1- 3, 2012  
Georgia Board of Examiners Training, 2011  
Georgia Board of Regents Prior Learning Assessment Workshop, Callaway Gardens, April 2007  
Livetext Training, Newton Oakes, NGCSU August 20 &21 2007  
Georgia Framework for Teaching Training: Gainesville State College, 3-28-2007  
Livetext Regional Update, Kennesaw State University, 3-16-2007  
On-line Franchise Program Development, Macon State University, 9-16 &17, 2007  
Casenex: Review of Teacher Performance Technical Requirements, 9-25& 26, 2007

## **Awards**

Fieldale Scholar, NGCSU School of Education (2003-2008)  
NGCSU Teaching Excellence Award: Bringing Scholarship into the classroom (September 2000).  
Distinguished Career Award (October, 1992). Presented at the Florida Council for Exceptional Children conference, Jacksonville, Florida.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Healthy Lumpkin (2002)  
Lumpkin County Schools Department of Special Education Stakeholders (2004)  
Lumpkin County High School Executive Board (by invitation) (2001-2003)  
Lumpkin County Schools Literacy Academy (2008-2009)

