

# Suzanne C. Thomason

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## EDUCATION

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2020                    **UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK**                    Little Rock, AR

*PhD in Reading Education*

Advisor: Linda Dorn, PhD (until her passing in 2019)

Committee: Kent Layton, PhD, Amanda Nolen, PhD, Bruce Smith, PhD, William Kerns, PhD

Dissertation: *A quest to understand the literacy practices of homeless children who are living in extended-stay motels.*

2010                    **EVANGEL UNIVERSITY**                    Springfield, MO

*Reading Recovery Certification*

- Acquired the hours necessary to become Reading Recovery certified

2009                    **MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY**                    Springfield, MO

*Special Reading Certification*

- Acquired the hours needed to receive Special Reading Certification

1999                    **UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT MONROE**                    Monroe, LA

*Master of Education*

- Majored in Administration and Supervision

1994                    **LOUISIANA TECH UNIVERSITY**                    Ruston, LA

*Bachelor of Arts*

- Specialized in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Early Childhood

## EXPERIENCE

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2020-Present        **EVANGEL UNIVERSITY**                    Springfield, MO

*Adjunct Professor*

- Facilitate the learning of graduate students in the online Master of Education in Literacy program

2000-Present        **BRANSON R-IV SCHOOL DISTRICT**                    Branson, MO

*Kindergarten Teacher*

- Educate and inspire kindergartners
- Supervised numerous student teachers while being a model classroom for the Comprehensive Literacy Model
- Lead teacher for standards-based teaching and learning

*Reading Recovery/Comprehensive Intervention Model Teacher*

- Provided a menu of interventions to our most struggling readers in grades kindergarten-third grade, including Assisted Writing, Guided Reading Plus, Comprehension Focus Group, and Reading Recovery

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| 2017-2020 | <p><b>VIPKID</b><br/> <i>Independent Contractor/ESL Online Instructor</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provided one-on-one English lessons to students in China</li> </ul>  | Online     |
| 1998-2000 | <p><b>MONROE CITY SCHOOLS</b><br/> Cypress Point University Lab School<br/> <i>Classroom Teacher/Grades 2 and 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Educated both second and fourth graders</li> <li>● Presented workshops at the local and state level</li> <li>● Acted as principal intern and was actively involved in the management of the school</li> <li>● Supervised students from the university each semester</li> </ul> | Monroe, LA |
| 1994-1998 | <p><b>OUACHITA PARISH SCHOOLS</b><br/> Shady Grove Accelerated School<br/> <i>Classroom Teacher/Grades 1 and 3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Educated both first and third graders</li> <li>● Involved in the accelerated school project and site-based management</li> <li>● Presented Title II workshops on hands-on science and the use of the Internet in the classroom at the local level</li> </ul>                    | Monroe, LA |

## **SKILLS AND ACTIVITIES**

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- Member of International Literacy Association
- Member of Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers
- Member of Phi Kappa Phi
- Member of Reading Recovery Council of North America
- Workshop Presenter at Missouri Association of Reading Recovery Educators (2 years)
- Reading Recovery Team Lead (5 years)
- Mentor for Jobs for Life students at Jesus was Homeless
- Curriculum developer for Kids for Life, companion curriculum to Jobs for Life
- Developer of Light Your Spark after-school program
- Active member and volunteer at Gateway BranSon
- Wife of 24 years
- Mother of two incredible daughters

## **GRANTS**

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- Missouri Retired Teachers Foundation Grant Recipient
- White River Valley Cooperative Grant Recipient
- Darr Family Foundation Grant Recipient
- Dollar General Summer Literacy Grant Recipient
- Branson Education Foundation Grant Recipient