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### **Curriculum Vitae**

*a detailed chronicle concerning the experience and professional activities of*  
**Gail L. Collins**



### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Ed.D	2001	University of Tennessee, Knoxville	Educ. Psychology, Collaborative Learning
M.A.	1970	Eastern Michigan University	Special Education
B.S.	1968	Eastern Michigan University	Special Education

### **TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

2009-Present	Assistant Professor, School of Education for Liberty University Online
2008	Adjunct Professor, Regent University
2004, 06	Adjunct Professor, Columbia International University
1988-2009	Administrator of NILD Educational Therapy Program for Students with Learning Disabilities, Grace Academy
1996-2008	Adjunct Professor, Mid-America Nazarene College (NILD graduate courses)
1985-1987	Teacher of Resource Room, Grace Academy
1980-1981	Adjunct Instructor, Education Department, Tennessee Temple University
1973-1978	Instructor, Education Department, Tennessee Temple University
1969-1973	Special Education Teacher for Orthopedically Handicapped, Dearborn Pub. Sch.
1968-1969	First Grade Teacher, Dearborn Public Schools

### **PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE**

Tennessee Department of Education - Areas of Endorsement: Elementary Grades 1-8;  
Special Education K-12

### **PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

2004	Grace Academy, Chattanooga, TN - Award of Excellence
2003	National Institute for Learning Development - Permanent Certification for outstanding leadership

### **SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY: PRESENTATIONS (last 10 years)**

2009, October	ACSI Teacher Certification Program, Indonesia <i>Teaching English Language Learners Reading and Spelling; Reading Comprehension; Mediated Learning; and Teaching Mathematics Creatively</i>
2007-2008	NILD conferences (Virginia Beach and Atlanta)

- 2007 *Learning Disabilities and the Christian School: A Practical Approach*  
ACSI International Institute for Christian School Educators (a full-day CEU course) at Columbia International University
- 2005-06 *Buzzer and Dictation & Copy: NILD Technique Reviews*  
NILD conferences (various locations): *Differentiated Learning*
- 2006 NILD conferences (various locations): *The Myth of the Lazy Child: A review of book by Mel Levine*
- 2006-04 NILD conferences (various locations): *Metacognitive Strategies: The Key to Reading Comprehension*
- 2005-08 NILD conferences (various locations) *Mediated and Collaborative Learning for Students with Learning Disabilities*
- 2002 Poster Session at the International Dyslexia Association Conference: Atlanta, GA  
*Are your students Question Askers*
- 2002 Tennessee Association of Christian Schools conference: Murfreesboro, TN  
*Perceptual Factors affecting student learning*
- 2002 Tennessee Association of Christian Schools conference: Murfreesboro, TN  
*Mediated and Collaborative Learning*
- 2002 Tennessee Association of Christian Schools conference: Murfreesboro, TN  
*Questions: The Heart of Mediated Learning*
- 2002 NILD: Orlando, FL  
*Mediated and Collaborative Learning for Students with Learning Disabilities*
- 2002 NILD conference: Orlando, FL: *Action Research Roundtable*
- 2002 NILD: Orlando, FL: *Live Therapy Demonstration (Level II)*
- 2001 NILD Conferences: Chattanooga, TN; Virginia Beach, VA  
*Metacognition: Helping Students be Pro-Active Thinkers*
- 2001 NILD Conferences: Chattanooga, TN; Virginia Beach, VA; Lancaster, PA  
*NILD Accreditation: Does it Make a Difference?*
- 2000, 1999 NILD Conferences: Chattanooga, TN; CA: *Action Research for Profess. Growth*
- 2000, 1999 NILD Conferences: Chattanooga, TN; CA: *Mediated Learning: The Foundation for Collaborative Learning*
- 1999, June Paper presented at the Seventh Conference of the International Association for Cognitive Education. Calgary, Alberta, Canada
- 1999 NILD Conferences: Kansas City, MO; Chattanooga, TN; Lancaster, PA; Virginia Beach, VA; Hudson, FL  
*Mediated Learning Theory and Practice; Unlocking Puzzles*
- 200 -1999 NILD Conferences: Kansas City, MO; Lancaster, PA; Chattanooga, TN; Bellvue, WA: *B-U-Z-Z-E-R*
- 1999 NILD Winter Conference: Kansas City, MO; Indianapolis, IN; Virginia Beach, VA: *Live Therapy Demonstration*
- 1999 NILD Conferences: Indianapolis, IN; Chattanooga, TN  
*Parent-Student Panel, Facilitator*

## **SERVICE: PROFESSIONAL**

### **Presentations (Non-conference)**

- 2002 Teacher In-service for Zenia Nazarene Christian School (Workshops Included: Perceptual Factors of LD, NILD Distinctives, Accommodations/Modifications, Spelling, Metacognitive Strategies for Reading Comprehension and Questioning)

- 2000, May Assistant to Kathy Greenberg for a Cognitive Enrichment Advantage Workshop  
Pensacola Public Schools, Pensacola, FL  
1999, August Teacher In-Service - Franklin Road Christian School, Murfreesboro, TN

### **Research and grant projects**

- 2009 Submission for American Educational Research Association (AERA):  
Teachers as Learners - The Meaning of Comprehensive Professional  
Development in the Lives of Teachers

### **Accreditation teams** (last 10 years)

- 2004, May NILD Accreditation Team, Heritage Christian, Indianapolis, IN  
2004, April NILD Mid-Accreditation On-site, The Master's Academy, Orlando, FL  
2002, April NILD Accreditation Team - Southwest Christian High School, Minneapolis, MN  
2000, October NILD Accreditation Team - Lexington Christian School, Lexington, KY  
1999, October NILD Accreditation Team - Arkansas Baptist School, Little Rock, AR

### **Dissertation Chair**

- 2009-Present Kristy Park, Liberty University Online

### **Dissertation Reader**

- 2009-Present Gary Cookson, Liberty University Online  
2009-Present Melissa Travillian, Liberty University Online  
2009-Present Tom Smitherson, Liberty University Online  
2008--2009 Joran Clements, Columbia International University

### **SERVICE: COMMUNITY**

- 2008-Present Chattanooga Chapter of CHADD - Board of Reference  
2004-2009 Member of the Professional Support Team, NILD  
2000-2003 On-line Action Research Facilitator, NILD

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

#### **Liberty University Faculty Workshops:**

- 2009, August Smart Board Training  
2009, August Assessment Coordinator's Workshop

#### **Other Professional Development Workshops** (last 10 years)

- 2006-2007 Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment Levels II-III  
2005 The Big Ideas of Arithmetic taught by Meir Ben Hur  
2003 Feuerstein Instrumental Enrichment Level I  
1998 Feuerstein Dynamic Assessment Workshop @ University of Tennessee,  
Knoxville with David Tzurriel

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- International Dyslexia Association  
Chattanooga Chapter of CHADD - Board of Reference