

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION

- 2010, M. Ed, in Educational Psychology with a specialization in Low Incidence Disabilities, Texas A&M University
- 1981, B.S., in Physical Education and Health, Texas A&M University

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2007-Current: Teacher/Lifeskills for Students with Autism, A&M Consolidated High School, College Station, TX
- 1992-2007: Teacher/Department Head Adapted Physical Education, Alief ISD, Houston, TX
- 1989-1992: Teacher/Coach, Alief-Hastings High School, Houston, TX
- 1991-2008: Docent/Summer Camp Instructor, Houston Audubon Society, Houston, TX
- 1986-1989: Program Specialist/ State Coordinator, Pros for Kids Substance Abuse Prevention Program, Laguna Hills & San Mateo, CA
- 1985-1986: Athletic Director/Teacher, The Fairmont School, Anaheim, CA
- 1984-1986: Director of Physical Performance, Fitness Institute, CA
- 1981-1984: Teacher/Coach, Caldwell Middle School, Caldwell, TX

### Presentations and Trainings

- Presenter at TAHPERD State Convention in 2007, 2004, 2003, 2001, 1999, 1998
- Presenter at University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse APE program, 2008
- Presenter at College Station ISD parent and staff autism trainings, 2009-2010
- Presenter at Alief ISD parent and staff autism and APE trainings, 1995-2007
- Presenter at Katy ISD parent autism trainings, 2004-2005
- Guest Speaker at Education Region IV autism training, 2003-2009

## **Publications**

- Silliman-French, L., & Thelen, L. (2004). Tips for full participation. *Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance*, 73(1), 26.
- Contributing author (2005). Adapted physical education manual of best practices: Administrative guidelines and policies. TAHPERD: Austin, TX.
- Contributing author (2005). Physical Education Activity Manual for Students with Severe Disabilities. TAHPERD: Austin, TX.
- Lead author (in progress) Autism and Physical Education. TAHPERD: Austin, TX.

## **Honors and Awards**

- Texas Education Region IV Secondary Teacher of the Year, 2007
- TAHPERD Adapted Physical Educator of the Year, 2004
- Alief ISD Secondary Teacher of the Year, 2007
- Alief ISD Central Special Education Teacher of the Year, 1994, 1997, 2004, 2007
- Special Olympics Area 4 Trainer of the Year, 2001

## **Additional Activities**

- Special Olympics: Coach, Volunteer, Trainer, Area 4 Management Team (1992-2007)
- TAHPERD: Member (1992-current); Adapted Physical Activities Committee Member (2004-2007),
- Team Handball: Texas A&M Club Team (1978- 1984); Staff 1984 Olympics and 1997 Pan American Games; Player/Coach Cal State Fullerton Club Team (1984-1987); Player National Olympic Festival (1982-1983); Assistant Coach National Olympic Festival (2005-2006)