

## Curriculum Vita

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Over twenty years of progressive leadership and management activities, significant accomplishments in directing efforts of diverse groups toward achievement of organizational and group goals, public service, university teaching, research administration, and initiatives with new technology.

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### **Educational Background**

- Ph. D.            1998, Jackson State University  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction  
Concentration in Early Childhood Education and Literacy Education
- Ed. S.            1995, Jackson State University  
Department of Curriculum and Instruction  
Specialization in  
Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education
- M.S.             1989, University of Southern Mississippi  
Department of Family Life Studies  
Specialization in Early Childhood Education
- B.S.             1988, University of Southern Mississippi  
Department of Family Life Studies

1998-1999. Assistant Professor, Division of Educational Studies, Cumberland University

1996-1998. Doctoral Assistant, School of Education, Department of Curriculum and

Foundations of Literacy  
 Research in Early Childhood Education  
 IECE Practicum for Graduate Students  
 Advanced Child Development  
 Research in Children's Literature  
 Research in Young Adult Literature

### **Research Interests**

Literacy development in young children, Early Childhood Education, Child Development, Assessment and Implementation of Intervention Programs for Students at Risk of Academic Failure, Strategies for Reading Assessment and Instruction, Classroom Reading Assessment, Emergent literacy, Constructivism, Reading Aloud, Reading Recovery, Computer-Based Literacy Instruction

### **Publications:**

#### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Islam, C & Park, M. (2015). Preparing Teachers to Promote Culturally Relevant Teaching. Helping English Language Learners in the Classroom. *Multicultural Education*, 23 (1), 38-44

Islam, C (2015). Incorporating Explicit Strategy Instruction and Co-Teaching Experiences in General Education Classrooms: Implications for Primary Level Literacy Instruction. Fall Issue of the *Journal for the Liberal Arts and Sciences*, 20 (1), 4-16

Islam, C (2015). Literacy Tutors and Striving Readers: Enhancing Literacy through a Graduate Reading Methods Course

Gill, S. & Islam, C. (2011). Shared Reading Goes High-Tech. *The Reading Teacher*, 5(5), 106-113

Islam, C. (2010). Using Literacy Blogs for Reflective Practice. *The Montana State Reading Journal*, International Reading Association, 29 (3), 40-48

- Islam, C. (2004). Making Reading Aloud Work: Graduate Students as Reading Instructor. *The Kentucky Journal of Excellence in College Teaching and Learning*, 2, 53-65
- Islam, C. (2004). An Overview of a Variety of Multimedia Applications to Engage Readers in Reading and Writing. *The Mississippi Reading Journal*, International Reading Association, 4(1), 6-12
- Islam, C. (2003). Incorporating Technology into a Graduate Diagnosis and Remediation Class. *The Reading Professor*, 26(1), 8-22
- Islam, C. Wasson, D. Niffenegger, J. Patterson, P. (2003). Assessing a Print-Rich Environment That Promotes Children's Learning in Reading and Writing. *Educational Awakening: Journal of Educational Science*, 2(1), (EAJES) Malaysia

### **Dissertations**

- Islam, C. (1998). *Relationships Among Early Childhood Educators' Beliefs, Knowledge Bases, and Practices Related to Early Literacy*. Unpublished Doctoral Dissertation
- Islam, C. (1995). *A Study of the Effects of Preschool Attendance on Later Achievement in Grade School*. Unpublished Specialist Thesis, Jackson State University

### **Books**

- Islam, C. (2007). *Literacy Leadership: Linking Theory, Best Practices, and Technology*. Kashbon Prokashon (Press), Bangla Academy, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Islam, C. (2003). *Teaching Early Childhood and Elementary Education in the USA*. Agami Press, Dhaka, Bangladesh

### **Editorial**

- Islam, C. (2007). *The Socio-Cultural Study of Folklore*. Kashbon Prokashon (Press), Bangla Academy, Dhaka, Bangladesh

### **Conference Related Publication**

- Islam, C. (2003). *Helping Future Teachers Become Proficient in the Use of Instructional Technology*. Conference Proceedings. 2nd International Seminar on Learning and

Islam, C. (2008, July). Using Multicultural Literature to Increase Reading Engagement and Comprehension for Elementary Students. The 22<sup>nd</sup> World Congress on Reading, International Reading Association, July 28- 31, San Jose, Costa Rica

Islam, C. (2003, October). Helping Future Teachers Become Proficient in the Use of Instructional Technology. 2nd International Seminar on Learning and Motivation: Issues and Challenges in a Borderless World. Institute for Child and Adolescent Educational Advancement, School of Cognitive Sciences and Education, University Utara Malaysia, 13-15, Penang, Malaysia

Islam, C. (2003, January). Computer-Based Instruction in the Teaching of Reading. 2003 Hawaii International Conference on Education, 7-10, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel in Honolulu

Islam, C. and Hansen, J. (2002, October). Infusing Technology into Preservice Teacher Education. International Conference on the Challenge of Learning and Teaching in a Brave New World: Issues and Opportunities in Borderless Education, 14-16, Hatyai, Thailand

Islam, C. (1999, December). Assessing Kindergarten Teachers' Beliefs about Literacy Learning and Classroom Practices. International Language in Education Conference, The University of Hong Kong, 17-19, Shatin N. T. Hong Kong

### **Refereed Presentations - National**

Islam, C. (2016, March). Preparing Pre-service Teachers to Use Content-Area Literacy: Integrating Strategies for Struggling Readers. College Literacy & Learning Special Interest Group. The 27<sup>th</sup>



Association Annual Convention, May 8 -12, Orlando, Florida

Islam, C. (2011, May). Critical Literacy Blog: A Community of Learners Reflecting on Their Learning. Technology in Literacy Education. The 56<sup>th</sup> International Reading Association Annual Convention, May 8 -12, Orlando, Florida

Islam, C. (2010, November). Reflective Blogging: Building Literacy Communities Online. Online Cross. The 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Literacy Education and Researchers, 4-7, Omaha, Nebraska, November 4-7

Islam, C. (2010, April). Special Interest Group: Trends, Issues, and New Directions. The 55<sup>th</sup> International Reading Association Annual Convention, April 25-28, Chicago, Illinois

Islam, C. (2009, November). A Study of Pre-service Teachers: Elementary Students' Understanding of Effective Early Literacy Instruction. The 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Association of Literacy Education and Researchers, 4-7, Charlotte, North Carolina

Islam, C. (2009, May). Research-based Literacy- Leadership through Professional Connection. The 54<sup>th</sup> International Reading Association Annual Convention, May 3-7 Minneapolis, Minnesota

Islam, C. (2008, November). The Efficacy of a Supplemental Peer-Tutoring Reading Program.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the College Reading Association, 6-7, Sarasota, Florida



Islam, C. (2005, May). Using the Read and Write Gold Computer Program with Reluctant Readers to Improve Reading Skills. Professor of Reading Teacher Educators, International Reading Association, 3-6, San Antonio, Texas

Islam, C. (2004, October). Technology Programs to Enhance Comprehension. The forty-eighth Annual Conference of the College Reading Association, 28-30, Delray Beach, Florida

Islam, C. (2004, May). Using Multimedia Applications Such As Interactive CD-ROMS, Videos, Internet, and Hypertext. 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, International Reading Association, 2-6, Reno-Tahoe, Nevada

Islam, C. (2003, November). Implementing Literacy Autobiography with Instructional Technology. The forty-seventh Annual Conference of the College Reading Association, 30- November 1, Corpus Christi, Texas

Islam, C. (2002, March). Multicultural Famil (di) 0.2 (ng ) JTJ ET Q Q q 14.20002 14.20001 58316736c

Education of Young Children 2003 Fall Institute. 13-15, Alexander Hall. Murray State University

Islam, C. and Hansen, J. (2002, September). Teaching Tomorrow's Teachers with Today's Technology. The Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators Fall Conference, Lexington, Barcelo Hotel, 27-28, Lexington, Kentucky



between the American and South Korean cultures

4/7/02 – 4/14/02 Conducted a workshop on early literacy practices at the University of Utara Malaysia, Alor Setar, Malaysia

Description: The workshop focused on the roles of language to promote fluency in reading and writing. This presentation aimed to help educators conduct more powerful interactive reading and writing lessons, using both writing and reading strategies

**Selected National Service**

Appointed as a liaison between IRA and Save the Children US Organization 2011-2012

Chair, Special Interest Groups Committee (2010-

**Selected State Service**

Editorial Review Board (2007-2010), The Kentucky Reading Journal  
Editor (2007-2010) – The Research Roundup, The Kentucky Reading Journal  
Advisory Board (2006 – Present) – Kentucky Reading Association



- Islam, C. (2002, April). What are the five pillars of Islam? What is the Quran? Why does Islam often seem strange? Workshop, Calloway County Middle
- Islam, C. (2001, September). Understanding Islam and the Muslims. Workshop, Murray Elementary School
- Islam, C. (2001, October). What is Islam? Who are the Muslims? Do Islam and Christianity have different origins? Workshop, Ballard County Public School
- Islam, C. (2001, October). Meaning of Islam and Islamic Monotheism. Murray Rotary Club

### **Professional Development**

- Islam, C. (2014, May). Attended Professional Development session presented by Jan Miller Burkins and Cherelle Jones titled Common Core/State Standards. International Reading Association 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, May 9-12, New Orleans, Louisiana
- Islam, C. (2013, April). Attended Professional Development session presented by Jerry Zutell titled Addressing the Common Core State Standards: Effective Vocabulary Instruction to Enhance the Comprehension of Complex Texts. International Reading Association 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, April 19-22, San Antonio, Texas
- Islam, C. (2012, April). Attended Professional Development session presented by Ziemke Fastabend, titled The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Literacy Workshop- Using iPads to Promote Reading, Writing, and Collaboration in the Primary Classroom. International Reading Association 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, April 28- May 2, Chicago, Illinois
- Islam, C. (2011, May). Attended Professional Development session presented by Dr. Mary Ellen Vogt and Dr. Jana Echevarria, California State University, titled “ RTI for English Learners: Making It Happen.





Using Chromebooks and Chrome: Apps and Extensions, 2015  
FEM Livetext Training for Coordinating Field Experiences, 2014  
Racer Mail and Classroom Equipment, 2013  
Google Personal Website 2012  
Digital Measure 2011  
Discover and Create Seminar on refining teacher education courses to infuse instructional **technology** mandated competencies, Kentucky Academy of Technology Education, Murray State University (2002-2012)  
Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board Certificate of Training, Kentucky Teacher Internship Program, Murray State University (2001)  
Certificate of Service (Ten Years), Murray State University, (2009)  
Regional Association for the Education of Young Children, Certificate of Training, University of Southern Indiana, USI Department of Teacher Education (2000)  
Certificate in Content Area Program Reviewer, Office of Teacher Education and Certification. Frankfort, Kentucky (1999)  
Audio Media Technology in Teacher Education Program, Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi (1998)  
Crime Victim Compensation Program, Department of Public Safety and Division of Public Safety Planning, State of Mississippi

**Funded Grants****Principal Investigator/Project Director****Title****Funding Source****Funded Period**

Recipient of Academic Scholarship for Excellence, Jackson State University (1997)

Honors College Graduate, Summa Cum Laude (1995)

VIP Award, Mississippi Head Start Directors Association (1993)

Recipient of Academic Scholarship for Excellence, University of Southern Mississippi (1989)

Recipient of Merit Scholarship, University of Visva-Bharati, ISSR (International 1979 Student Scholarship for Academic Excellence), New Delhi, India (1974-1979)

**Credentials:** Additional credentials available upon request from:  
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