

# Buffy Joanna Gunter Hamilton

## Vitae

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### Education

- Current doctoral student in English Education, University of Georgia, 2004.
- M.Ed. University of Georgia. Athens, Georgia.  
English Education, Children's Literature and Language Arts, 2001---2003.
- B.S. Kennesaw State University. Marietta, Georgia.  
Elementary Education, Grades 4-8 Language Arts/Social Studies, 1988-1992, Magna Cum Laude.

### Scholarly and Research Interests

- [\*Ninth Graders' Perceptions and Uses of a Writer's Notebook\*](#), Fall 2002  
Action Research Project, Dr. Jim McLaughlin, supervising professor.
- *Exploration of the intersection of theory and practice as well as issues of social justice*, Scholar Practitioner Group, University of Georgia, Fall 2002.  
Dr. Bob Fecho and Dr. JoBeth Allen, facilitators.
- *Investigation of an inquiry stance on literacy and the influence of theory and practice on an inquiry stance*, READ 8100, Fall 2002.
- *Inquiry into what factors are critical in creating learning communities where lifelong reading matters with a focus on literature circles and book clubs*, ELAN 7700, Spring 2002.
- [\*Literature review of portfolio assessment in English Education\*](#), ELAN 7430, Summer 2002.
- *Literature review of strategies for creating rich and purposeful transactions with informational texts*, EDIT 7340, Spring 2003.
- Exploration of reader response theories and literary anthropology.

### Relevant Coursework: Language and Reading Education

- ELAN 7016, Folk Literature
- ELAN 7310, Children's Literature in the Curriculum
- ELAN 7312, Poetry
- ELAN 7320, Writing Pedagogy, P-8
- ELAN 7430, Language and Learning in English Education 7-12
- ELAN 7700, Creating Literate Communities
- READ 8100, Inquiry Based Literacy
- READ 8990, Reading Seminar (Reader Response Theories)
- EDMS 8010, Teacher Action Research

## **Relevant Coursework: Instructional Technology and School Library Media**

- EDIT 6300, Administration of School Library Media programs
- EDIT 6320, Information Technology
- EDIT 6340, Information Services in the School Library Media Program
- EDIT 6360, Information Literacy in the School Library Media Program
- EDIT 7460, Internship in School Library Media
- [EDIT 7340, Issues in School Library Media Programs](#)
- EDIT 6170, [Instructional Design](#)

## **Professional Experience**

- August 2004-May 2005: Media Specialist, Cherokee High School, Canton, Georgia.
- August 2003-May 2004: English teacher (9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>), Cherokee High School, Canton, Georgia.
- January 2003---May 2003: 1<sup>st</sup> grade EIP teacher, Liberty Elementary, Canton, Georgia.
- August 2002---December 2002: English teacher, Sequoyah High School, Canton, Georgia.
- August 2001---June 2002: Media Specialist, Buffington Elementary, Canton, Georgia.
- August 1999-August 2001: Instructional Technology Specialist, Cherokee County School District, Canton, Georgia.
- January 1998---June 1999: English teacher, CrossRoads Middle School/High School, Canton, Georgia.
- 1996---January 1998: English teacher, Woodstock High School, Woodstock, Georgia.
- 1992---1996: English teacher, Sequoyah High School, Canton, Georgia.

## **Teaching Certificates**

- T-5 English Education 7-12, valid until June 2007
- T-5 Middle Grades (Language Arts, Mathematics, Social Studies), valid until June 2007
- T-5, School Library Media, valid until 2007

## **Professional Memberships**

- National Council of Teachers of English
- AASL, American Association of School Librarians
- Professional Association of Georgia Educators
- Sigma Tau Delta English Honor Society, Kennesaw State University Chapter

### **Awards and Honors**

- Golden Apple Teacher Award, CrossRoads Middle School/High School, 1999.
- SPAGE Academic Scholarship Recipient, 1992
- Kennesaw State Outstanding Middle Grades Student Award, 1991