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Date of Birth: August 9, 1964

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Doctor of Education, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee 38152.  
Curriculum and Instruction, **Early Childhood Education**, August, 1995.

Master of Science in Education, University of Central Arkansas  
Conway, Arkansas 72035. **Reading Specialist** - Honor Graduate - August, 1991.

Bachelor of Science in Education, University of Central Arkansas,  
Conway, Arkansas 72035. **Elementary Education** - Honor Graduate,  
August, 1986.

**Current Valid Arkansas Teaching Licenses: Elementary 1-6, 7-8 social studies, and K-12 reading specialist.**

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY/EXPERIENCE**

**Chairperson, Department of Teaching and Learning**, College of Education, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR, July 2010-present.

Duties include: represent and advocate for the department to the College and outside constituencies, lead in curriculum and programmatic development, act as a mentor and facilitator for the faculty and staff within the department as they carry out their mission, budget departmental and grant funds, and administer necessary managerial tasks.

**Director of MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching)**, College of Education, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR, August 2006 – June 2010.

Duties include: coordinate, teach, lead and implement the new MAT graduate program at UCA, including budgeting and faculty evaluations. Hire and collaborate with adjunct and full time faculty assigned to ensure program quality as well as faculty development.

**PREK ELLA & SEL Trainer**, Department of Human Services, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR, August 2002 - present. State Early Childhood Education Trainer for Literacy

in Arkansas; State Early Childhood Education Trainer for Social Emotional Learning.

Duties include: planning, organizing and registering students for workshops; implementing all topics in preschool early learning literacy in Arkansas; assessing and evaluating workshops; consulting with daycare and preschool teachers on best practices in early childhood literacy; improving literacy in Arkansas preschools.

**Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education**, Early Childhood and Special Education, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR, April 2001 – 2009. Tenured, 2001. Teaching and Learning Department, 2009-present.

Duties include: Teaching undergraduate and graduate classes; Reviewing and updating curriculum; Writing reports and assessment systems for NCATE and NAEYC folios; Research and Presentations at the local, state, regional and national level; Committee work and other service related work; Supervising students during practicum and internships.

**Assistant Professor, Department of Curriculum & Instruction**, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas, 1995 - 2001.

Duties include: Teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in early childhood and literacy development, writing grants and article publications, presenting at state, regional and national professional conferences, supervising student teachers, collaborating with public schools to improve educational practices.

**Interim Director, University of Central Arkansas Child Study Center**, 1999-2001.

Duties include: Supervising curriculum and instruction, ensuring best practices for children, administration of policy and procedures, maintaining budget, supervising teachers, graduate assistants, and work study students, working with parents and community.

**Instructor/Student Teacher Supervisor, Childhood Education Department**, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas 72035, 1991 - 1995.

Duties include: Teaching of undergraduate courses and supervision of student teachers, research and publishing activities and collaboration with elementary school programs.

**Graduate Assistant, Childhood Education Department**, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72032, 1990-1991.

Duties include: Research activities for faculty, integrating library and information skills for research papers; lecturing in undergraduate classes; supervising student teacher.

**Elementary Teacher**, Cabot Public Schools, Cabot, AR 72023, 1986-1990.

Duties include: Teaching second grade, committee work.

**Substitute Teacher**, Cabot Public Schools, Cabot, AR 72023, Spring, 1986.

Duties include: Substitute teaching in Kindergarten through 8th grade.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### Awards/Honors

2014 SRATE Teacher Education Program Innovation Award-shared with MAT Faculty  
2010 ATE Teacher Education Program of Excellence Award – shared with MAT Faculty  
2009 Finalist for University of Central Arkansas Public Service Award  
**2004 Recipient of the University of Central Arkansas Teaching Excellence Award**  
1999 Finalist for University of Central Arkansas Teaching Excellence Award  
1997 Finalist for University of Central Arkansas Service Award

### Scholarly Activities

#### Book Chapters

Gallavan, N., and **Benson, T. R.**, (in press). Getting on the same PAGE: Expanding student support services to increase candidate success and educator accountability. In R. Flessner & D. R. Lecklider's (Eds.) The Power of Clinical Preparation in Teacher Education, Rowman & Littlefield Education in association with the Association of Teacher Educators.

Benson, T.R., Atkins, K., & Litton, F. (1998). Portfolio Assessment: An individualized approach for general and special education, p.55-76. In A.F. Rotatori's (Ed.) Issues, Practices, and Concerns in Special Education, 11, JAI Press.

Downing, J., & **Benson, T. R.** (1997). Literature: Keys to learning math and science. In P. Roller's (Ed.) Creative Childhood Experiences in Mathematics and Science. Columbus, OH: ERIC Clearinghouse for Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Education.

#### Article Publications

Cotabish, A., Benson, T., & Wake, D. (under review). The effects of virtual coaching on teacher candidates' perceptions and concerns. *Journal of Teacher Education*.

Oslick, M.E., Benson, T. R., & Styles-Foster, S. (under review). Middle level students examine social justice issues in common core. *Language Arts Themed Issue on Social Justice*.

Wake, D., & Benson, T. R. (under review). A smart start: Preschool literacy professional development. *Dimensions of Early Childhood*. Southern Early Childhood Association.

Benson, T. R., & Cotabish, A. (2014-accepted). Virtual bugs: An innovative peer coaching intervention to improve the instructional behaviors of teacher candidates. *Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators Journal*. Fall/Winter.

Benson, T. R. (September, 2012). 10 Things I Never Knew about Being an Academic Chair: Lessons Learned from Year One in Administration. *Academic Leader*. Magna

Publications.

- Phelps, P. H., & Benson, T. R. (2012). Teachers with a passion for the profession. Action in Teaching Education, 34 (1), 65-76.
- Benson, T. R. (2008). Dramatic play: Bring it on back!, Texas Child Care, 32 (2), 24-33.
- Benson., T. R., Cooper, M. J., & Crow. R. (Winter, 2007). Literacy + social and emotional learning – An equation for success. Children and Families: The Magazine for the National Head Start Association, 21 (1), 32-36.
- Feng, S. D., & **Benson, T. R.** (2007). The language patterns of preschool children in the computer environment. Journal of Research in Childhood Education, 21(4), 341-351.
- Benson, T. R. (2005). The importance of dramatic play. PBS Teacher Source, Issue 804 – [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org). (Invited submission).
- Benson, T. R. (2005). The issues: Integrated teaching units. PBS Teacher Source, Issue 904 – [www.pbs.org](http://www.pbs.org). (Invited submission).
- Benson, T.R., & Downing, J. (1999). Rejuvenate Math and Science – Revisit Children’s Literature. Dimensions of Early Childhood Education, 27 (2), 9-15.
- Benson, T. R., & Smith, L. (1998). Portfolios in first grade: Four teachers learn to use alternative assessment. Early Childhood Education Journal, 25 (3), 173-180.
- Benson, T. R. (1997). Portfolios: Students have their say. The READER: Journal of the Arkansas Reading Association, 21, 9-13.
- Benson, T. R. (1996). Quality assessment: Lessons learned from portfolios in Arkansas classrooms. FOCUS: Journal of the Arkansas Early Childhood Association. Summer, 4-6.
- Benson, T. R. (1995). Portfolio assessment: A successful start. Dimensions of Early Childhood, 23 (2), 21-24.
- Benson, T. R. & Mitchell, S.T. (1994). Putting developmentally appropriate practice into practice. ET Ideas, 27(4), 4-11.
- Sumpter, D. & **Benson, T. R.** (1994). AIDS education in the middle schools. The Rural Educator, 17(1).
- Sumpter, D. & **Benson, T.R.** (1994). AIDS education in the middle schools - YES! Current Issues in Middle Level Education, 3(1), 31-35.

Garner, Art & **Benson, T.R.** (1993) Integrated middle school curriculum: The new frontier. Ohio Middle School Journal, 20(2), 8-14.

### **Professional Presentations**

Benson, T., Cotabish, A., & Wake, D. (April, 2015). *The effects of virtual coaching on teacher candidates' perceptions and concerns regarding on-demand corrective feedback.* Paper to be presented at the 2015 American Education Research Association in Chicago, IL.

Benson, T. & Cotabish, A. (February, 2015). *Speak out for internship supervision virtual style!* To be presented at Association of Teacher Educators (ATE), Phoenix, AZ.

Benson, T., Alea, J., & Hogan, C. (February, 2015). *Advocating for effective technology enriched learning environments: Possible, probable, painful?* To be presented at Association of Teacher Educators (ATE), Phoenix, AZ.

Gallavan, N. & Benson, T.R. (February, 2015). *Advocating for all learners: Enhancing self-efficacy in teacher candidates.* To be presented at Association of Teacher Educators (ATE), Phoenix, AZ.

Gallavan, N. & Benson, T. R. (Oct. 2014). *Enhancing self-efficacy in teacher candidates to express voices, minds, and stories.* Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators. Charleston, SC.

Gallavan, N., Thompson, A., Hogan, C., & Voegelé, C. (Oct. 2014) *SRATE innovations in teacher education award presentation.* Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators. Charleston, SC.

Benson, T. R. & Cotabish, A. (Oct. 2014). *The voice of peer coaching: Bug-in-ear technology impacts student intern teaching effectiveness!* Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators. Charleston, SC.

Benson, T., & Cotabish, A. (2014). *The voice of peer coaching: Bug-in-ear technology impacts student intern teaching effectiveness.* Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE). Charleston, SC.

Gallavan, N., & Benson, T. R. (2014). *Advocating for all learners: Enhancing self-efficacy in teacher candidates.* Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE). Charleston, SC.

Benson, T. R. (September 27, 2014). *Dyslexia: Myths, facts, and a plan of attack!* Child Care Aware of Northcentral Arkansas conference, Batesville, AR.

Cotabish, A., Benson, T., & Wake, D. (2014). *Virtual bugs: The effects of teacher candidates' perceptions and concerns regarding virtual on-demand corrective feedback.* Paper presented at the 2014 Mid-south Educational Research Association in Knoxville, TN.

(presented by colleague)

Gallavan, N., & Benson, T. R. (Aug. 2014). Learning to drive without a vehicle: Enhancing self-efficacy with teacher candidates. Paper Session presented at Summer Conference of Association of Teacher Education, Niagra Falls, NY. (presented by colleague).

Oslick, M. E., Benson, T. R., & Styles-Foster, S. (2014). Examining Social Justice Issues in Common Core Anchor Texts. Roundtable presented at International Reading Association (IRA), New Orleans, LA.

Benson, T. R., Cotabish, A. A. (Apr. 2014). The interim effects of virtual peer coaching on the instructional behaviors of pre-service teacher candidates. Roundtable presented at Annual Conference of the American Education Research Association, AERA, Philadelphia, PA. (Presented by colleague).

Benson, T. R., & Cotabish, A. A. (Apr. 2014). Bazinga: Bug-in-ear benefits to teacher education. Paper Session presented to Arkansas Association of Colleges for Teacher Education ArACTE conference, Little Rock, AR.

Benson, T. R., Cotabish, A. A. (Feb. 2014). The interim effects of virtual peer coaching on the instructional behaviors of pre-service teacher candidates. Colloquium presented at Association of Teacher Educators, ATE, St. Louis.

Oslick, M. E., Benson, T. R. (Feb. 2014). Examining Social Justice Issues in Common Core Anchor Texts. Paper Session presented at Association of Teacher Educators (ATE).

Bunn, G. O., Benson, T. R., Barnes, D. L. (Feb. 2014). Two Models, One Outcome: Getting the best from both UTeach and traditional teacher education programs. Paper Session presented at Association of Teacher Educators Annual Conference, Association of Teacher Educators, St. Louis, MO.

Benson, T. R., Hogan, C. A., Alea, J. D., Thompson, A. D., Voegelé, C. M. (Feb. 2014). University-School Partnerships: Working Hand in Hand Towards Solutions. Paper Session presented at Association of Teacher Educators Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.

Oslick, M. E., Benson, T. R. (Nov. 2013). Examining Social Justice Issues in Common Core Anchor Texts. Paper Session presented at Arkansas Curriculum Conference (ACC), Little Rock, AR.

Oslick, M. E., Benson, T. R. (Nov. 2013). Examining Social Justice Issues in Common Core Anchor Texts. Paper Session presented at Arkansas Reading Association (ARA), Little Rock, AR.

Benson, T. R., Cotabish, A. A. (Nov. 2013). Virtual peer coaching. Colloquium presented at Schools Without Walls, Hot Springs, AR.

- Benson, T. R., Cotabish, A. A. (Nov. 2013). The interim effects of virtual peer coaching on the instructional behaviors of pre-service teacher candidates. Paper Session presented at Mid-south Education Research Association, MSERA, Pensacola Beach, FL.
- Oslick, M. E., Benson, T. R. (Oct. 2013). Examining Social Justice Issues in Common Core Anchor Texts. Paper Session presented at Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE).
- Oslick, M. E., Benson, T. R. (Sept. 2013). Examining Social Justice Issues in Common Core Anchor Texts. presented at Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators (ArATE), Conway, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (Aug. 2013). Teaching and Administration: Living and Learning with the Balance and Success of Both! Paper Session presented at Association of Teacher Educators Summer Conference, Washington D.C.
- Oslick, M. E., Benson, T. R. (Apr. 2013). Examining Social Justice Issues in Common Core Anchor Texts. Paper Session presented at Annual conference of the Arkansas Association of Instructional Media, AAIM, Rogers, AR.
- Benson, T. R., Wake, D. G. (Mar. 2013). Literacy Leaders Crack the Code: Making an Impact in Preschool Literacy. Paper Session presented at Southern Early Childhood Association, Southern Early Childhood Association, Mobile, Alabama.
- James, T. L., Barnes, D. L., Benson, T. R. (Feb. 2013). Teaching and administration: Living and learning with balance and success. Paper Session presented at Association of Teacher Educators Annual Conference, Association of Teacher Educators, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Benson, T. R., Barnes, D. L., James, T. L. (Oct. 2012). Learning across a lifetime: Managing the dual roles of faculty and administrator. Paper Session presented at Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators Fall Conference, Southeastern Association of Teacher Educators, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T. R., Fisher, H. K., Mills, M. S. (Feb. 2012). Making a successful transition to university teaching and administration: the future of teacher education. Panel presented at Annual Conference of the Association of Teacher Educators, Association of Teacher Educators, San Antonio, TX.
- Benson, T. R. (July 28, Aug. 11, Sept. 15, 2012) PREK Social Emotional Development training for area preschool and kindergarten teachers, UCA, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (July 24, 25, 26, 2012). PREK Social Emotional Development training for Conway Public Schools preschool teachers, UCA, Conway, AR.
- Daniels, L., Bunn, G., & **Benson, T. R.** (April 14, 2012). Enhancing Teacher Efficacy through Program and Instructional Reform. American Educational Research Association annual conference, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Presented by colleague.

- Benson, T. R., & Wake, D. (May 8, 10, 15, 17, & 22, 2012). PREK Early Literacy in Arkansas to area preschool teachers, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72035.
- Benson, T. R. (March 16, 2012). Keynote speaker at “Women’s History Day” celebration. Arkansas Army Guard, North Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T. R., Mills, M., & Fisher, H. (Feb. 13, 2012). Making a Successful Transition to University Teaching and Administration: The Future of Teacher Education. Association of Teacher Educators annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Gallavan, N., Alea, J., Hogan, C., **Benson, T. R.**, & Spears, J. (Feb. 14, 2012). Examining Year-Long Internships: Working Collaboratively to Ensure Greater Success. Association of Teacher Educators annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Benson, T.R., Wake., D., & Fisher, H. (Feb. 14, 2012). Professional Development in Preschool Literacy that IS Making a Difference! Association of Teacher Educators annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Benson, T. R., & Fisher, H. (November 17, 2011). First Grade Takes a Test or NOT: Balancing Accountability with Appropriateness! Arkansas Reading Association State conference, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (Nov. 3, 2011). Creative Stories, Creative Kids: Reading, Writing, and Telling. Extended workshop presentation, Arkansas Curriculum Conference, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (July 25, 26, 2011) Professional Development training on Assessment and Literacy to NTLP Non-traditional Licensure Program students. Hot Springs, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (July 28, 29, August 4, 5, 2011). PREK Social Emotional Development training for Conway Public Schools preschool teachers, UCA, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, 2011). PREK Social Emotional Development training for Pediatrics Plus teachers and other area preschool teachers, UCA, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T. R., & Wake, D. (Oct. 27, 28, Nov. 10, 11 & Dec. 8, 2011). PREK Early Literacy in Arkansas to area preschool teachers, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72035.
- Benson, T. R. (March 29, 31, April 4, 6, 28, 2011). PREK Early Literacy in Arkansas to area preschool teachers, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72035.
- Bunn, G., **Benson, T.**, & Daniels, L. (2011). Developing high teacher efficacy through identifying and grooming positive dispositional traits. American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Annual Conference, San Diego, CA. (presented by colleagues)



- Benson, T. R. (March 8, 2011). Preparing Preschool Children For Kindergarten: What Can Parents Do? Presentation to Vilonia HIPPY parents through the CAPCA Head Start Project.
- Benson, T. R. (March 9, 2011). ). Preparing Preschool Children For Kindergarten: What Can Parents Do? Presentation to Conway HIPPY parents through the CAPCA Head Start Project.
- Bunn, G., **Benson, T.**, & Daniels, L. (Feb. 14, 2011). Developing the passion for teaching by understanding and grooming positive dispositional traits. Association of Teacher Educators, Annual Conference, Orlando FL.
- Benson, T. R., & Phelps, P. (Feb. 15, 2011). Pursuit of Passion: Teachers Who Love What They Do and Do What They Love. Association of Teacher Educators, Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.
- Benson, T. R. & Hebert, T. (November 11, 2010). Differentiated Instruction: A Difference Maker! Arkansas Council for Exceptional Children's Annual Conference, Hot Springs, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (November 4, 2010). Jump Start Early Literacy: Strategies that Work! Arkansas Curriculum Conference, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T.R., Bunn, G., & Daniels, L. (August 9, 2010). Powerful Promotion of Passionate Dispositions in Teaching. ATE Summer Conference, Kansas City, KA.
- Bunn, G., **Benson, T. R.**, & Daniels, L. (April, 9, 2010). "Addressing the Elephant in the Room: Proactive Policies for Dispositional Grooming." Presentation at the Arkansas ArACTE spring conference, DeGray Lake, AR.
- Gallavan, N., **Benson, T. R.**, Bunn, G., Otwell, L., Bradshaw, V., & Merritt, J. (Feb. 15, 2010). "MAT at UCA Teacher Education Program," presentation as a finalist for the ATE Teacher Education Program of Excellence Award, Association of Teacher Educators Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Daniels, L., & **Benson, T. R.** (November 6, 2009). Cultivating What We Value in Teacher Dispositions. Roundtable paper presented at Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators annual conference, Louisville, KY. (Benson unable to attend)
- Benson, T. R., & Daniels, L. (April 17, 2009). "Growing, Growing, MAT Programs but What about Candidate Dispositions?" Arkansas ACTE state conference, DeGray Lake, AR.
- Benson, T. R., & Barnes, D. (Nov. 8, 2008). More than One Way to Prepare a Teacher: Alternative Programs' Effect on the Achievement Gap. Southern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE), Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Mosley, M. & **Benson, T.** (May, 2008). Professors of Reading Teacher Educations Round Table

- Discussion Leaders. International Reading Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Benson, T. R., & Bunn, G. (February 26, 2008), Master of Arts in Teaching: Innovative Models to Teacher Licensure. ATE Conference presentation, New Orleans, LA.
- Biggs, B., Benson, T. & Farnmeer, V. (2006). "An overview of Pre-k ELLA." Council for Exceptional Children, Hot Springs, AR.
- Benson, T.R. & Mosley, M. (2005, December). "Training for preschool literacy: Making a difference before kindergarten." National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, DC.
- Benson, T.R. (2005, November). "Excellence in Early Childhood Education." Spark Interest.
- Benson, T.R. & Clay, J. (2005, January). "Improving Literacy in Preschool Programs." Faulkner Country Day Care Conference, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T.R. & Cooper, M. (2004, March). "Balancing Developmentally Appropriate Practices: It Can Be Done." Southern Early Childhood Association annual conference, Daytona Beach, FL.
- Benson, T.R. & Clay, J.(2004, January). "PREK ELLA: An Update on Literacy Learning in Arkansas." Faulkner County Day Care Conference, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (2003, November). "Mentoring in Teacher Education." Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators, Savannah, GA.
- Benson, T.R. (2003, November). "Crossing Generations: Everyone Wins!" Arkansas Reading Association, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T.R. & Mosley, M. (2003, September). "Teacher Education: Quality Mentoring=Quality Teaching." ArATE/ArACTE Fall Conference, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T.R., & Clay, J. (2003, January). "PREK ELLA: An overview of literacy learning in preschools." Faulkner Country Child Care Conference, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T.R. & Crow, R. (2002, November). "Teacher Education: Achieving Excellence Through the Mentor Approach". Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators, annual conference, Hot Springs, AR.
- Cooper, M, & Benson, T.R. (2002, October). "Preventing Problem Behaviors + Encouraging Positive Behaviors + Eliminating Negative Behaviors = Academic Success." Arkansas Early Childhood Association, Hot Springs, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (2002, April). "Powerful Technology: Teacher Education Goes Online." TechFest 2002, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (2002, March). "Positive Discipline: Strategies Guaranteed." Southern Early

- Childhood Association annual conference, Oklahoma City, OK.
- Cooper, M., & Benson, T.R. (2001, October). "Preventing Problem Behaviors + Encouraging Positive Behaviors + Eliminating Negative Behaviors = Academic Success." Arkansas Early Childhood Association annual conference, Hot Springs, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (2001, August). "Intergenerational Pen pals Make a Difference in the Jungle." Professional Development for Conway Public Schools, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T.R., & Cooper, M. (2001, May). "Intergenerational Pen pals Make a Difference." International Reading Association annual conference, New Orleans, LA.
- Benson, T.R. & Cooper, M. (2001, March). "Intergenerational Pen pals Make a Difference." Southern Early Childhood Association annual conference, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T. R., & Cooper, M. (October 13, 2000). Literacy and Play in Early Childhood Settings. A presentation to the annual Arkansas Early Childhood Association conference.
- Benson, T.R., & Cain., D. D. ( November 9, 2000). Hands-on Strategies for Teaching Mathematics to Young Children. A presentation to the state's annual conference of the Council for Exceptional Children.
- Cooper, M., & **Benson, T.R.** (November 13, 1999). A Recipe for Positive Discipline: Folly, Fun, & Free Spirited Play. A presentation to the National Association for the Education of Young Children National Conference in New Orleans, LA.
- Benson, T. R. (August 10, 1999). Powerful Technology: Teacher Education Goes On-Line! A presentation to the Association of Teacher Educators Summer Conference in San Antonio, TX.
- Benson, T. R., & Crow, R. (March 27, 1999). Linking Play, Literacy, & Learning for all Children. A presentation to the Southern Early Childhood Association, Nashville, TN.
- Benson, T. R. (February 18, 1999). Portfolio Power: Positive Changes in Assessment, 26<sup>th</sup> Southwest International Reading Association Conference in Oklahoma City, OK.
- Johnson, D., & **Benson, T. R.** (November 19, 1998). Linking Play and Literacy: A Daily Minimum Requirement. A presentation to the Arkansas Reading Association's state conference, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (October 16, 1998). Linking Play and Literacy: A Daily Minimum Requirement. A presentation to the Arkansas Early Childhood Association state conference, Little Rock, AR.

- Atkins, K., & **Benson, T.R.** (September 17, 1998). Planting Seeds of Change: New Directions in Teacher Training. A presentation to the Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council, Hot Springs, AR.
- Atkins, K., & **Benson, T.R.** (February 27, 1998). Achieving Collaboration: General and Special Educators Unite! A presentation to the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, New Orleans, LA.
- Benson, T.R. (November 20, 1997). Teaching Math and Science through Children's Literature. A presentation to the Arkansas State International Reading Association conference, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (October 31, 1997). Linking Literacy and Play: A Daily Minimum Requirement. A presentation to the regional conference of the International Reading Association, Tucson, AZ.
- Benson, T.R. (October 17, 1997). Making Connections with Math, Science, and Yes, Literature. A presentation to the Arkansas Early Childhood Association, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (May 7, 1997). Portfolio Problems: Challenges Become Successes. A presentation to the national conference of the International Reading Association, Atlanta, GA.
- Benson, T. R. (March 7, 1997). Portfolio Problems: Challenges Become Successes. A presentation to the regional conference of the Southern Early Childhood Association, Myrtle Beach, SC.
- Benson, T. R., Atkins, K. & Litton, F. (November 22, 1996). Improving Teacher Education through Collaboration. A presentation to the national conference of the American Association for Higher Education, Washington, D.C.
- Downing, J., & **Benson, T. R.** (November 21, 1996) Literature: Keys to Learning Math and Science. A presentation to the annual conference of the state International Reading Association, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T. R., & Greenland, A. (November 7, 1996). Reaching the Hard to Teach. A presentation to the annual conference of the Council for Exceptional Children, Hot Springs, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (March 15, 1996). Portfolios in First Grade: Let's Ask the Children. A presentation to the Southern Early Childhood Association annual conference, Little Rock, AR.

Benson, T. R., & Greenland, A. (November 10, 1995). Portfolios: An Individualized Approach. A presentation to the Council for Exceptional Children, Hot Springs, AR.

Atkins, K.; Litton, F.; Mosley, M.; **Benson, T. R.** ; Young, S.; and Schwartz, J. (October 28, 1995). Breaking the Mold in Teacher Education. A panel presentation to the American Association of Higher Education Conference, Washington, D.C.

Benson, T. R. (March 31, 1995). Help! Strategies for Managing Portfolios in Early Childhood Education. A presentation to the Regional Southern Early Childhood Association annual conference, Orlando, FL 32819

Benson, T. R. (December 3, 1994). Managing Portfolios: The Key to Successful Implementation. A presentation to the annual conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA.

Benson, T. R. (November 17, 1994). Managing Portfolios: The Key to Successful Implementation. A presentation to the Regional International Reading Association Conference, Little Rock, AR 72112.

Benson, T. R. (April 12, 1994). Playleaders: The Adult's Role in Children's Play. A paper presented at the Southern Early Childhood Regional Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Benson, T. R. (November 19, 1993). Literature Maps: Integration Made Easy. A paper presented to the State Reading Conference, International Reading Association, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Benson, T. R. (December 6, 1992) Literature Maps- Integration Made Easy. A presentation made to the Southeast Regional International Reading Association Conference, New Orleans, LA 70044.

Benson, T. R. (November 14, 1992) Kids Can Teach Themselves to Read and Write". A presentation made to the State International Reading Association Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212.

### **Consultations/Workshop Presentations**

Benson, T.R. (June 14, 2000). Implementing Portfolio Assessment. A workshop presentation to the Stuttgart Public Schools, Stuttgart, AR.

Benson, T. R. (February 19, 1997). Managing Portfolios in Elementary Classrooms. A presentation to the faculty of Theodore Jones Elementary School, Conway, AR..

- Benson, T. R. (August 12, 1996). Managing Portfolios in Elementary Classrooms. A half-day workshop presented to Stuttgart Public Schools, Stuttgart, AR..
- Benson, T. R. (August 8, 1996). Managing Portfolios for Success. A one-day workshop presented to classroom teachers at the University of Arkansas, Monticello, AR..
- Benson, T. R. (March 28, 1996). Consistency and Portfolios. A half-day workshop presented to Ida Burns Elementary, Conway, AR .
- Benson, T. R. (August 16, 1995). Thematic Units: Brainstorming Ideas that Work. A presentation to Stuttgart Public Schools, Stuttgart, Arkansas.
- Benson, T. R. (May 18 & 19, 1995). Implementing Portfolio Assessment in Early Childhood Programs. A two day in-service for Milford School District, Milford, Delaware.
- Benson, T. R. (February 15, 1995). Finding Success with Portfolio Assessment. An in-service presented to Vilonia Elementary teachers, Vilonia, AR 72173.
- Benson, T. R. (December 16, 1994). Effective Management of Portfolio Assessment in Early Childhood Education. A half-day in-service presented to Osceola Public Schools.
- Benson, T. R. (November 29, 1994). Making Portfolios Work in Kindergarten. An in-service and consultation with Ida Burns kindergarten teachers, Conway, AR 72032.
- Benson, T. R. (November 16, 1994). Motivating Young Children to Write with Book-making. A presentation to Vilonia Primary School, Vilonia, AR 72143.
- Benson, T. R. (November 8, 1994). Evaluative Tools and Portfolio Assessment. An in-service and consultation with Ida Burns first grade teachers, Conway, AR 72032.
- Benson, T. R. (May 19, 1994). Implementing Portfolio Assessment. A presentation to Vilonia \ Public School kindergarten teachers, Vilonia, AR 72143.
- Benson, T. R. (April 27, 1994). Getting Started with Portfolios. A presentation to elementary teachers at Ellen Smith Elementary, Conway, Arkansas 72032.
- Benson, T. R. (March 2, 1994). Portfolio Assessment: Questions and Answers. A presentation to elementary teachers from Vann Elementary, Conway, Arkansas 72032.
- Benson, T. R. (September 21, 1993). Getting Started with Portfolios. A follow-up workshop presented to Cabot/Ward elementary teachers, Ward, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (September 16, 1993). Alternative Assessment: A Better Way?. A presentation

to 31 Conway kindergarten teachers at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas 72035.

Benson, T. R. (August 31, 1993). Improving Report Cards: Developmentally Appropriate Assessment. A presentation to Conway kindergarten teachers, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas 72035.

Benson, T. R. (August 17, 1993). Alternative Assessment: Portfolios. In-service presented to Conway kindergarten teachers, Vann Elementary, Conway, Arkansas 72032.

Benson, T. R. (August 12, 1993). Implementing Portfolio Assessment. An in-service presented to Ward Elementary teachers, Cabot, Arkansas 72023.

Benson, T. R. (April 6, 1993). Whole Language: Ideas at Work. A presentation to Conway kindergarten teachers, Conway, Arkansas 72032.

Benson, T. R. (March 11, 1992). Using Whole Language. A presentation to the elementary teachers at Nemo Vista, AR.

### **Grant Support**

Benson, T. R., & Clay, J. (2003) PREK ELLA Continued Implementation, Department of Human Services for \$61,452 from August 2003-2005, workshop implementation.

Benson, T. R. (2002). Child Study Center – Community Service, US Department of Education for \$9,000 for student workers.

Benson, T. R., Mosley, M., Atkins, K., Cain, D. (2001) Pre-K ELLA Literacy Module Training for Child Care Providers. Department of Health and Human Services for \$59,968.

Benson, T. R. (2000). Community Service Proposal “Child Study Center & Work Study Students,” for \$6,000 to help supplement the budget for student workers at the Child Study Center.

Benson, T. R. (1999). U.C.A. Public Service Grant, “Intergenerational Pen-pals Make a Difference,” for \$1,029. to fund a pen-pal exchange program between elderly citizens and children enrolled in the UCA Child Study Center.

Cooper, M. & Benson, T.R. (1999). U.C.A. Foundation Grant, “UCA Super Kids Summer Program,” for \$2,700 to fund an innovative science-based summer program for children grades one through three.

Downing, J. & Benson, T. R. (1997). U.C.A. Foundation Grant, A Celebration of Early

Childhood Professionals for \$818. to create a Faulkner County chapter of the Arkansas Early Childhood Association to meet professional needs of area students and teachers.

Johnson, D. & Benson, T.R. (1996). College of Education Professional Development Grant for \$300 each to support a proposal to attend a conference on Whole Language: Theory and Misconceptions in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Benson, T. R., & Greenland, A. (1996). U.C.A. Foundation Grant, Adapting Strategies to Meet Individual Student Needs for \$1500. to implement a faculty conference with Dr. Judy Wood, in collaboration with the Department of Special Education .

Benson, T.R., & Fiddler, J. (1995). U.C.A. Foundation Grant, Publishing Made Easy, for \$1,136.02, to fund a collaborative effort where UCA students assist elementary students write, edit, and publish a children's book.

Benson, T. R. (1994). S.I.L.O. (Science Information Liaison Office) Grant for the Student Undergraduate Research Foundation (SURF), for \$3,379.95 to supervise research of Diana Boone, undergraduate student, in the area of alternative assessment in a third grade classroom.

Benson, T. R., & Mitchell, S. (1994). University of Central Arkansas, UCA Foundation Grant for \$2,022. to coordinate the First Annual Early Childhood Conference on Portfolio Assessment.

Mitchell, S. & Benson, Tammy R. (1991). University of Central Arkansas Foundation Grant for \$2,391.48 (Math Their Way at UCA and Conway Kindergarten).

### **Professional Development Training**

Benson, T. R. (June, 2014). Hot Springs Technology Institute, Hot Springs, AR.

Benson, T. R. (June, 2014). Connections: OG in 3D (6 days). 45 hour training in dyslexia identification, invention, and systematic, multi-sensory techniques for teaching the acquisition of the basic skills for reading, Jonesboro, AR.

Benson, T. R. (August, 2012). Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, Research Investigators, Basic On-line Course.

Benson, T. R. (August, 2012) Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, Social and Behavioral Responsible Conduct of Research Course 1., RCR.

Benson, T. R. (July 11-13, 2012). KAGAN 3 day administrator training workshop, Orlando, FL.



Benson, T. R. (June 17-20, 2012). Hot Springs Technology Institute, Hot Springs, AR.

Benson, T.R. (May, 2012). NIMS 2 day/online training.

Benson, T. R. (Nov. 13-15, 2011). Schools without Walls Conference, Hot Springs Technology Institute, Hot Springs, AR.

Benson, T. R. (Sept. 14, 2011). PATHWISE Recalibration Training, UCA, Conway.

Benson, T. R. (June 26-30, 2011). AACTE Leadership Academy for New Chairs and Deans, Seattle, Washington.

Benson, T.R. (June 13, 2011) Hot Springs Technology Institute, Hot Springs, AR.

Benson, T.R. (Feb. 7, 2011). College of Education/PEU Student Support Services, Lighthouse Beacons Workshop, UCA, Conway, AR.

Benson, T. R. (Feb. 3-4, 2011). Academic Chairs Two Day Retreat, UCA.

Benson, T. R. (Sept. 23, 2010). PATHWISE Recalibration Training, UCA, Conway, AR.

Benson, T.R. (July 27, 28, 2010). PREK ELLA Trainer of Trainers. 2-day training at Lake Pointe Conference Center, Russellville, AR.

Benson, T.R. (June 17, 2010). The Learning Institute Workshop on Assessment. UCA.

Benson, T. R. (2008). PATHWISE Recalibration Training, UCA, Conway, AR.

Benson, T. R. (2006). PATHWISE training, UCA, Conway, AR.

Benson, T. R. (May 8-12, 2006). WebCT five day Workshop and Laptop Initiative, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72035.

Benson, T.R. (September 12 & 13, 2000). Pathwise Training for PRAXIS III Assessment. University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72035.

Benson, T.R. (March 31, 2000). Drive-IN Conference for Teacher Quality Enhancement Task Force Members, Arkansas Department of Higher Education, North Little Rock, AR.

Benson, T.R. (Feb. 21-25 & July 27 & 28, 2000). Balanced Literacy: A Guide to Early Literacy Learning. A seven-day workshop to teach the basic principles of the ELLA program initiated by the State Department for early childhood literacy instruction.

Benson, T.R. (January 18, 2000). Women's Leadership Forum, National Seminar Group, Little Rock, AR

Benson, T.R. (October 23-24, 1999). Dean's Symposium. University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR.

Benson, T.R. (September 21, 1999). Unit Assessment Plan Workshop. Arkansas Department of Education, North Little Rock, AR.

Benson, T.R. (September 10, 1999). Arkansas Early Childhood Association Leadership Training, Head Start, Little Rock, AR.

Benson, T.R. (August 23, 1999). Arkansas Early Childhood Association Board Meeting Training, North Little Rock, AR..

Benson, T. R. (October 15, 1997). Academic Writing and Publishing Workshop. University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR.

Benson, T. R. (April 5, 1997). Professional Education Unit Faculty Technology Retreat: Teaching with Technology. University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR.

Benson, T. R. (March 4, 1996). Proposal Writing Workshop by David Bauer. A one day training workshop on finding resources and writing successful grants. University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR 72032.

Benson, T. R. (February 23-24, 1995). Project Professor-Inclusive Education Workshop. A two-day training on intervention strategies designed specifically for learners with special needs, Ruston, LA

Benson, T. R. (1993). Evan Moore Thematic Teaching Workshop. A one day training on integrated units for early childhood education, Little Rock, AR.

Benson, T. R. (July 28, 1993). Tips on Grant Writing. A one-day workshop on improving grant writing for the Break the Mold program, Little Rock, AR.

Benson, T. R. (March 9, 1993). Apple Macintosh Lecture Advantage Workshop. A one day training on using computers in the classroom, Little Rock, AR.

### **Professional Organizations**

Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD), 2011-Present  
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE), 2010-Present  
National Middle School Association (NMSA), 2010-Present  
Association of Teacher Educators, 2008- present

ATE Commission on Classroom Teachers as Associated Teacher Educators  
National Committee, 2012-present  
ATE Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Panel, 2012-present  
National Association for Alternative Certification, 2009-Present.  
National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1992- Present  
Southern Early Childhood Association, 1994- 2007  
Regional Conference Planning Committee, Student Activities, Chair, 2000-2001  
International Reading Association, 1989- Present  
SRATE – Southern Regional Association of Teacher Educators, 2006- Present  
Phi Delta Kappa, 1992 - 1998;  
Research Consultant, 1995; Vice President, 1996  
Association for Childhood Education International, 1997 - 1999  
Early Childhood Association of Faulkner County, 1996-2006  
President, 1996-1997, 1999-2000  
Arkansas Early Childhood Association, 1994- 2006  
Executive Board Member, Member at large, 1999-2001

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

University of Central Arkansas Public Service Award Finalist, 1997, 2009

AACTE Annual Program Proposal Reviewer, 2010 - 2011.

#### **University Committees**

SPARK (Strategic Planning and Resource Council), 2010 Task Force Co-Chair – Core Values

Undergraduate Council, Subcommittee 3 Chair, 2011-2012; Subcommittee 1 Chair, 2014-2015

Faculty Salary Review Committee, 2009-present, Chair, 2012

Academic Chairs Council, 2010-present

Sabbatical Committee, 2006-2009

Budget Advisory Committee, 2008-2010

Graduate Council, 2008-09, Subcommittee Chair; 2009-2010

Provost Search Committee, 2008

Assistant Provost Search Committee, 2008

Honors Council, 2006- 2008

Assistant Provost Search Committee, 2008

College Level Equivalent Tenure Committee for Honors College – 2006-2008

University Appeals Committee, 2007

Chairperson, Teacher Excellence Committee, 2004-2006.

Member, Chair, subcommittee, University Undergraduate Council, 2002-2004

University Undergraduate Council, 2000-2002  
University Faculty Senate Student Center Board, 1999-2003  
University Faculty Development Committee, 1998- 2000  
University Admissions Committee, 1996-1998  
University Faculty Research, Scholarship, & Creative Award Committee, 1997-1999

### **College Committees**

College of Education Administrative Council (CAC), 2010-present  
Undergraduate Program Coordinator Committee, 2007-present  
Graduate Program Coordinator Committee, 2007-present  
Standard 1 and 2 NCATE Steering Committee, 2008-present  
Standard 5 NCATE Steering Committee, 2004-present; Chair, 2005-06.  
Alumni Committee, 2009-present.  
Dean's Search Committee, 2007, 2008  
College Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2004-2008; Chair, 2007  
College of Education Newsletter Committee, 2000-2002  
Professional Education Curriculum Design, Implementation, and Evaluation Committee, 1999-2001, Chair, 2000-01  
College of Education Promotion Committee, 1998-2000  
College of Education Research Committee, Secretary, 1997- 1999  
College of Education Harrin Scholarship Committee, 1995 - present  
College of Education Portfolio Committee, 1997- 1999  
College of Education NCATE General Studies Task Force, 1998  
College of Education Folio/Syllabus Review Committee, 1995, 1996, 1997  
NCATE Education Core Faculty Committee, 1993

### **Departmental Committees**

ASTL (Advanced Studies in Teacher Leadership) Advisory Board, 2010-present  
Middle Level Advisory Board, 2011-present  
MAT Advisory Board, chair, 2007-2009, member –present  
P-4 Early Childhood Program Coordinator, 2001-2004  
Search Committee for new ECE faculty, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2005.  
Department Curriculum Committee, 2000-2006, chair 2004-2006.  
Department Program Admission and Retention Criteria Development Committee, Chair, 2000-2001  
Department P-4 Curriculum Planning Committee, Chair, 1998-2000  
Department Curriculum Committee, 1997-98, 2000-present  
Department Promotion Committee, 1996  
Department Promotion Criteria Committee, chair, 1998 – 1999  
Department Early Childhood Education Search Committee, Chair, 1998  
Department Awards and Selection Committee, 1998  
Department Student Advisory Committee, Chair, 1996- 1998  
Department Ad Hoc Goals Committee, 1996- 1998

Early Childhood/Special Education Search Committee, 1996  
Childhood/Special Education Curriculum Review Committee, 1995 - 1998  
Childhood/Special Education Merger Committee, 1994-1995  
Graduate Assessment Committee 1994-1995, secretary  
Break the Mold Steering Committee 1994 - 1997  
Break the Mold Teacher Education Grant Committee, 1993 -1995  
NCATE Committee on Resources and Facilities, 1992-1994

### **University Service Activities**

Benson, T. R. (August 2, 2012). Recruitment advertised event for MAT program at Harrison, Arkansas. Advising appointments also scheduled for current students.

Benson, T. R. (May 23, 2012). Arkansas Department of Education Teacher Recruitment Task Force Meeting, Little Rock, AR.

Benson, T. R. (April 19, 2012). Recruitment for all College of Education UCA Programs Presentation at Ozarka College, Ash Flat, AR.

Benson, T. R. (August, 2005-2011). Welcome Freshmen Orientation Presentation, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR.

Benson, T. R. (Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011 & Saturday, Feb. 18, 2012). Conducted two Saturday presentations for UCA Bear Facts Days to prospective students and parents.

Benson, T.R., & Benson, L. W. (August, 2008-2010, 2012 -2013) Fast Track Movers for helping UCA freshmen move in to dorms on Sunday, move in day.

Benson, T. R. (Oct. 1, 2011). Arkansas Department of Education Teacher Fair Recruiter and UCA Representative.

Benson, T. R. (Sept. 15, 2011). MAT Advising and Information Session, Ozark Unlimited Resources, Harrison, AR.

Benson, T. R. (March 17, 2011). Recruitment presentation and advising appointments for MAT program at Harrison, AR.

Benson, T. R. (October 2, 2010). Recruitment presentation and advising appointments for MAT program at Harrison, AR.

Benson, T.R. (Sept. 3, 2010). IDC Book Discussion Group, "What the Best Teachers Do", UCA, Conway, AR.

- Benson, T.R. (Sept. 2, 2010). David Bauer Workshop, “Examining the Administrator’s Role in Increasing Faculty & Staff Involvement in Attracting Grants & External Resources.”
- Benson, T. R. (July, 2009 & 2010). Arkansas Department of Education Program Reviewer for new MAT programs in the state of Arkansas.
- Benson, T.R. (July, 2010-2011). American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) Annual Program Proposal Reviewer.
- Benson, T. R. (March 8 & 9, 2011) “Ready, Set, Role: The Role of Parents in Preschool Literacy.” Presentation to preschool (HIPPY) parents at Vilonia and Conway.
- Benson, T.R., & Albritton, S. (May 1, 2010). Arkansas Department of Education Teacher Fair, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (November 3, 2010). “Early Literacy at Home,” presentation to approximately 100 HIPPY (Home Instruction for Parents of Preschool Youngsters Program) parents, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (February 17, 2009). “Developmentally Appropriate Practice: Working with Preschoolers.” Greenbrier Head Start Center, Greenbrier, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (2008-2010). Freshmen Welcome Week and Saturday Home Football Games – Alumni Luncheon Volunteer.
- Benson, T. R. (August, 2006-2010). “What is MAT?: How-to’s for Getting A Teaching License in Arkansas.” Open to the community – University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (2006, June). NAEYC annual conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Benson, T. R. (April, 2007, 2008, August, 2008, 2009, March 2010). “Teacher Licensure in Arkansas: Working with the MAT.” Presentation to community, Ozark Unlimited Resources, Harrison, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (April, August 2007-2010). Internships in the MAT Program. Coordinates all internships with public schools, hold information meetings, and works with State Department of Education on latest licensure requirements for highly qualified teachers.
- Benson, T.R. (2002, April). Arkansas CADRE Meeting/ NCATE/ ISTE, Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (1999-2000). Intergenerational Pen-pals at Work. Coordinator of the UCA Child Study Center partnership with the St. Andrews Place nursing home.

- Benson, T. R. & Cooper, M. (1999-2000) Co-directors of the UCA Super Kids Summer Enrichment Program for children kindergarten through second grade to become involved in a hands-on, science enrichment program at the UCA Child Study Center.
- Benson, T.R. (1996-2000). Escorted teacher education students to the Arkansas Early Childhood Association's annual conference in Little Rock. Also escorted students to two regional Southern Early Childhood Association's conferences in Little Rock, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (1996-2000) Planned and coordinated monthly meetings of the Early Childhood Association of Faulkner County involving UCA teacher education students.
- Benson, T. R. (January 15, 2000). Language Development in Young Children. A presentation to the 8th annual Faulkner County Child Care Conference, Conway, AR.
- Cain, D. D., & Benson, T. R. (December 9, 1999). Math their Way Workjob Boxes. A presentation to the Early Childhood Association of Faulkner County and the local Council of Exceptional Children, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T. R., Bihm, E., Calhoun, R., James, T., Scoles, M., & Rowell, K. (September 3, 1998) Preparing Promotion, Mid-Tenure, and Tenure Applications. A Faculty Circle Panel Presentation to the College of Education, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR.
- Bihm, E., Benson, T. R., James, T., Johnson, D., Murphy, J., & Witcher, A. (February 10, 1998). Writing for Publication. A presentation to the UCA Faculty Circle, College of Education, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (Summer 1996, 1997, 1998). What is Developmentally Appropriate Practice?. A presentation to the Transdisciplinary intervention class, UCA Speech and Hearing Department, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T. R., & Mosley, M. (November 18, 1995). Phi Delta Kappa: Helping Students Become Professionals. A presentation to the University of Central Arkansas Student Conference on Teaching, Conway, AR 72035.
- Benson, T. R., & Greenland, A. (September 6, 1995). Inclusive Education: Intervention Teams at Grambling University. A presentation to the Dean's Symposium. Little Rock, AR..
- Benson, T. R & Young, S. (April 13, 1995). Introduction to Break the Mold Teacher Education Program. A presentation for the UCA Lectureship Series, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T.R. (February 23, 1998) Tell It with a Storybox. A workshop presentation to Family Matters Parenting Classes sponsored by Ellen Smith and Theodore Jones Elementary, Conway, AR.

- Benson, T.R. (January 17, 1998). Language Development for Preschoolers. A presentation to the Faulkner County Day Care Conference, Conway, AR.
- Benson, T. R. (January 20, 1996). Child Development for Preschool Children. A presentation to the Faulkner County Day Care Conference, Conway, AR 72035.
- Benson, T. R. (February 6 & 21, 1995). Parents Helping Young Children Read and Write. A presentation to the parents of Florence Mattison Elementary School, Conway, AR 72032.
- Benson, T. R. (January 21, 1995). Child Development and Play. A presentation to the 3rd Annual Faulkner County Day Care Conference, Conway, AR 72032.
- Benson, T. R. (May 10, 1994). Literacy Development: Parents Helping Children Read and Write. A presentation funded by a grant to improve literacy of young children to parents of children at Florence Mattison Elementary, Conway, AR 72032.
- Benson, T. R. (April 30, 1994). Portfolio Assessment: A Successful Start. A presentation at the First Annual Early Childhood Conference, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas, 72035.
- Benson, T. R. (January, 22, 1994). Healthy Development of Preschool Children. A presentation to the 2nd Annual Faulkner County Child Care Conference, Conway, AR 72032.
- Benson, T. R. (March 16, 1993). Writing Ideas for Children: Make and Take. A presentation to the Kappa Delta Pi professional organization, U.C.A., Conway, AR 72035.
- Benson, T. R. (January 23, 1993) Infant Development. A presentation to the Faulkner County Child Care Conference, Conway, AR 72032.

### **Community Service Activities**

UCA Performing Arts Supporter, 2011-present.

UCA Purple Circle Member/Athletic Supporter, 2011-present.

Bookcase for Every Child Board Member and volunteer, 2010-present.

Attendance at annual Bookcase for Literacy Banquet with a group of Teaching and Learning Faculty; Attendance and participation in the annual presentation of Bookcases to preschool students at the Faulkner County Library.

H.A.V.E.N. Board Member and volunteer, 2009-2014. (Help for Abused Victims in Emergency Need).



Active member of the HAVEN board which includes working as a volunteer at annual Stoby's pancake breakfast, golf tournament, 3 on 3 basketball tournament, Silver Moon Theater, Christmas Open House, and other fund raisers throughout the year.

Arkansas Department of Education Review Panel for New MAT Programs, 2009-2010

First annual "Walk in Her Shoes" UCA Event. (April 12, 2012 and 2013). Helped coordinate, organize and attend the UCA "Walk in Her Shoes" benefit to raise awareness of violence against women.

UCA Foundation Supporter, 2009-present.

Teacher, Weekly Ladies Bible Class Teacher, 2009-present.

University Church of Christ Toddler Class Teacher, 2009-present

Vacation Bible School Teacher, 1991-present.

Relay for Life, UCA Bear Team, 2004-present.

Race for the Cure, UCA Team, 2005-present.

Volunteer 4-H Main Leader, 1998-2002

United Way Supporter, 1993-present