

FALL 2019

University of Utah
Department of Educational Psychology
Reading and Literacy Program

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Information for Spring 2020

M.Ed. and Endorsement Classes

For Spring 2020, EDPS is offering the following Reading & Literacy M.Ed. / Endorsement class:

EDPS 6130 Writing Theory and Instruction

Tuesdays, 4:35- 7:05; Woodrow Wilson Elementary; Instructor: Dr. Doug Hacker

M.Ed. students and endorsement students should register for Section 030 through AOCE.

Thinking ahead? Courses offered in Summer 2020 will be the Level 1 course EDPS 6126 Content Area Literacy, and the Level 2 courses EDPS 6715 Supervision and Staff Development in Reading Instruction and EDPS 6716 Reading Specialist Internship, as well as the elective course EDPS 6331 Children's and Adolescent Literature: Focus on Asian Children's Literature. More information about these classes will be sent to you in Spring 2020.

M.Ed. Comprehensive Exams

If you are planning to take comprehensive exams in Spring 2020, please email Dr. Lauren A. Liang lauren.liang@utah.edu by December 1.

Comprehensive exam dates for Spring 2020 will be Friday March 6- Monday March 16.

Olene Walker Scholarship (Level 1 Reading Endorsement Classes)

The Olene Walker Scholarship will be open for applications in February 2020. These scholarships for Utah teachers reduce the cost of the Level 1 Reading Endorsement Classes (7 courses) to \$300 each, approximately one-half of the regular rate. Watch your email in February for the application packet.

Are you a current Olene Walker Scholarship recipient? Email Dr. Lauren A. Liang lauren.liang@utah.edu by December 1 with the course(s) you will be taking in Spring 2020.

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Spotlight On GRADUATION

Graduating soon?

Please review the instructions in the Reading and Literacy handbook about graduation, and online at the Graduate School at this link:

<https://registrar.utah.edu/handbook/graduategraduation.php>

Keep an eye on the deadlines for each semester.

M.Ed. Students

Contact Academic Coordinator JoLynn Yates jo.yates@utah.edu *at the beginning of the semester prior to the semester in which you will graduate*. She will help you set up your supervisory committee.

This is also the time to submit your Program of Study and to fill out the graduation information through the Graduate School at the link above.

Comprehensive exams should be taken in the semester you are graduating. (If you are graduating in the Summer semester, you will need to take comprehensive exams in the Spring semester.)

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Upcoming Reading and Literacy Events at the U and Beyond

AT THE U:

Author Thi Bui Visit at the U: November 7

American Book Award winning author Thi Bui will visit the University of Utah on November 7th. She will be speaking about her graphic memoir, *The Best We Could Do*, in the ArtWorks Auditorium **at 9:10 am** to local high school students and the university community. All are welcome! She will also speak that evening at the Salt Lake City Public Library Main Branch at 7:00 pm. Planning to attend? Join the Thi Bui Book Club on **Friday November 1st** to prepare for the event. More information available at:

<https://create.piktochart.com/output/41454082-thi-bui-book-club>

IN UTAH:

Utah Council of Teachers of English Conference: November 8

<http://ucte.info/new/2019-ucte-conference/>

NATIONAL EVENTS:

Watch for online access or social media videos of sessions at these national reading and literacy conferences!

International Board on Books for Young People Regional Conference: October 25-27 (Austin)

<https://www.usbby.org/regional-conference.html>

National Council of Teachers of English Conference: November 21-24 (Baltimore)

<http://convention.ncte.org/>

Literacy Research Association Conference: December 4- 7 (Tampa)

<https://www.literacyresearchassociation.org/conference>

American Library Association Midwinter Conference: January 24-28 (Philadelphia)

<https://2020.alamidwinter.org/>

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Students in the News

Teresa Johnston:

Children's Literature Assembly Student Travel Grant

Congratulations to M.Ed. student Teresa Johnston on winning a *Children's Literature Assembly Student Travel Grant*! Teresa will be attending the National Council of Teachers of English conference in Baltimore this November.

Teresa Johnston:

Worlds of Words Global Literacy Communities: Gateways to Culture and Language Grant

Congratulations to M.Ed. student Teresa Johnston on also winning a *Worlds of Words Global Literacy Communities Grant*! Teresa will be working on a project this year with teachers in Granite District.

Rachel Knecht:

Utah English Journal article

Congratulations to M.Ed. student Rachel Knecht on her upcoming article, "Juggling the English Curriculum: Integrating Vocabulary into the Rhythms and Routines of our Classrooms," in the November issue of the *Utah English Journal*.

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Learn More
and
Spread the
Word

Do you want to encourage your colleagues to pursue a M.Ed. in Reading and Literacy or a reading endorsement? The program has brochures available to share with your school and district. Please ask your current instructors or email Dr. Lauren A. Liang lauren.liang@utah.edu for copies.

Thinking about a doctorate in Reading and Literacy? Email Dr. Lauren A. Liang lauren.liang@utah.edu for more information about the Reading & Literacy PhD program, including requirements, part-time options, etc.

Have information you want to share in future newsletters about upcoming conferences/events, or exciting student news? Please contact Dr. Lauren A. Liang lauren.liang@utah.edu

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