

**McCracken, John A., Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor**  
**Appointed: August 2000**

**1. Academic Degrees**

- PhD The Ohio State University 2001 Children's Literature
- MA Miami University 1984 Language Arts in  
Elementary Education
- BS Miami University 1978 Elementary Education
- Diploma Moody Bible Institute 1975 Christian Education

**2. Professional Experiences**

- 2006 – Present Associate Professor of Education, Indiana Wesleyan University
- 2000 – 2005 Assistant Professor of Education, Indiana Wesleyan University
- 1999 – 2000 Instructor, The Ohio State University
- 1997 – 1999 Graduate Teaching Assistant, The Ohio State University
- 1990 – 1997 Language Arts Curriculum Coordinator, Seoul Foreign School
- 1988 – 1997 Consultant for The East Asia Writing Project
- 1988 – 1997 Writing Consultant, Seoul Foreign School
- 1984 – 1997 Teacher, Seoul Foreign School
- 1978 – 1984 Teacher, Tipp City Exempted Village Schools

**3. Faculty Teaching Vita**

- Children's Literature
- Child Psychology
- Introduction to teaching
- Language Arts Methods
- Reading Methods
- Adolescent Literature
- Teaching Methods for Special Education
- Phonics Word Knowledge
- Phonemic Awareness
- Literature, the Young Child, and Response
- Applied Educational Research (MEd)
- Elementary Education in a Pluralistic Society
- Intercultural Tutoring Practicum

**4. Faculty and Administrative Load Spring 2012**

- EDU 216 Literature, the Young Child, and Response 2hrs. (3 sections)

## Professional Vita

- EDU 365 Introduction to Children’s Literature 3hrs(2 sections)
- EDU 265 Adolescent Literature. 3 hrs.
- EDU 218 Critical Issues in Education: Phonemic Awareness 1hr.
- EDU 292 Intercultural Tutoring Practicum 1hr.

### 5. Current Professional and Academic Association Memberships

- National Council of Teachers of English
- Children’s Literature Assembly

### 6. Current Professional Assignments

- Associate Professor of Education – Indiana Wesleyan University
- Reading Consultant for Mississinewa Community School Corp.
- Presenter at parent literacy workshops Mississinewa Community School Corp.
- University Collaborator for *Project Story Boost*, Francis Slocum Elementary, Marion Community Schools
- Monthly columnist for 亲子 Qīnzǐ, a Chinese parenting magazine on the importance of reading aloud to children.

### 7. Intellectual Vitality

#### *Presentations:*

- Presented seven workshops on reading and other literacy topics at ISC Annual Conference, Beijing, China, October, 2011
- Reading consultant Qingdao International School, Qingdao, China, September, 2011
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Parent/Teacher literacy workshop *Maconaquah School* Corporation, Bunker Hill, *Indiana* 2010
- Visiting Professor of Children’s Literature, Chinese Teacher Training Center, Beijing, China, June, 2010
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Parent/Teacher literacy workshop Northview Elementary School, Mississinewa Community Schools, 2009
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Parent/Teacher literacy workshop Westview Elementary School, Mississinewa Community Schools, 2009
- “Supporting Comprehension in the Reading Workshop”, Maconaquah Elementary Teacher Inservice Workshop, 2009
- “The Reading/Writing Connection”, Mississinewa Community School Corporation Inservice Workshops, 2009
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Parent/Teacher literacy workshop POW WOW Frances Slocum Elementary School, Marion Community Schools, 2008
- “The Reading/Writing Connection”, Mississinewa Community School Corporation Inservice Workshops, 2008
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Westview PTO, 2008

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- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Headstart of Marion, 2008
- “The Answer My Friend Is Blowin’ in the Wind: Breathing Life into Reading Comprehension”, Mississinewa Community School Corporation Inservice Workshops, 2008
- “A Lamp for Their Feet and a Light for their Path: Pointing to God’s Truth in Children’s Literature”, Future Educators of America, Indiana Wesleyan University, 2008
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Parent/Teacher literacy workshop Westminster Preschool, Marion, Indiana, 2008
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Parent literacy workshop Frances Slocum Elementary, Marion Community School Corp. 2007
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Parent literacy workshop Deborah Corn Agency (Foster Parents) 2007
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Parent literacy workshop Westview Elementary School, Mississinewa Community School Corp. 2007
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Parent literacy workshop Northview Elementary School, Mississinewa Community School Corp. 2007
- “Guided reading and Literature Circles”, Mississinewa Community School Corporation Inservice Workshops, 2007
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, literacy presentation, Synergy ’07 Marion, Indiana 2007
- “Read that again: Finding the Voice for the Read Aloud Performance”, Presentation at the ACSI Convention in Chicago, IL 2007
- “Beyond Comprehension”, Presentation at the ACSI Convention in Chicago, IL 2007
- “Read that again: Finding the Voice for the Read Aloud Performance”, Presentation at the International Reading Association’s annual convention, Toronto, Canada 2007
- “The Importance of Reading Aloud to Children”, Ladies Research Club Presentation, Marion, Indiana, 2007
- Scholars Symposium The Ohio State University, 2006
- “What Parents can do to help their Children Engage With Books”, Frances Slocum Elementary Parent Workshop, 2005
- “Beyond the Buzz: Critical Literacy for Today” , Center for Professional Renewal Summer Workshop, Cincinnati, Ohio, 2005
- “ Beyond the Buzz: Critical Literacy for Today” , Center for Professional Renewal Summer Workshop, Indianapolis, Indiana, 2005
- “Supporting Writing Process in a Workshop Format: Grade 2”, Center Elementary School, 2004
- “Supporting Writing Process in a Workshop Format: Grade 3”, Center Elementary School, 2004
- “Supporting Writing Process in a Workshop Format: Grade 4”, Center Elementary School, 2004
- “Supporting Writing Process in a Workshop Format: Grade 5”, Center Elementary School, 2004

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- “Supporting Writing Process in a Workshop Format: Grade 1”, Center Elementary School, 2003
- “Beyond Comprehension: Supporting Reader Response”, ACSI Conference, 2003
- “Guided Reading”, Francis Slocum Elementary School, 2003
- “Setting Up the Reading Workshop”, Francis Slocum Elementary School, 2002
- “Supporting Reading Comprehension”, Francis Slocum Elementary School, 2002
- “Supporting Reading Comprehension”, Allen Elementary School, 2002
- “Presenting Patricia R. Giff”, Children’s Literature Conference, The Ohio State University, 2002
- “How Children Perceive Themselves as Readers within Contrasting Approaches to Reading”, Children’s Literature Conference, The Ohio State University, 2001
- “Presenting Chris Raschka”, Children’s Literature Conference, The Ohio State University, 2001
- “Encouraging Your Children to Read”, Parent Workshop, Dayton Christian Schools, 2000
- “Books that Promote Language Play”, International Reading Association Spring Conference, 2000
- “Books that Promote Language Play”, Children’s Literature Conference, The Ohio State University, 2000
- “Encouraging Your Children to Read”, Home School Parent Workshop, Dayton Christian Schools, 1999
- “Books that Promote Language Play”, Children’s Literature Conference, The Ohio State University, 1999
- “Books that Promote Language Play”, National Council of Teachers of English Spring Conference, 1999
- “Books that Promote Language Play”, Phonics Institute, The Ohio State University, 1998

### *Professional Conferences Attended 1994 – 2007:*

- Association of Christian Schools International Conference
- National Council of Teachers of English
- International Reading Association
- The Ohio State University’s Scholars Symposium
- The Ohio State University Children’s Literature Convention
- The Ohio State University Phonics Institute

### *Related Accomplishments:*

- poems published in 亲子Qīnzi magazine 2012
- Reading Columnist for the Chinese parents’ magazine *International Parenting*, July 2011 to present
- Poem published in Highlights Magazine for Children, July, 2010
- Poem accepted for publication by Highlights Magazine for Children, 2005

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- Was named to the Jo Osborne Award for Humor in Children's Literature jury to select the 2004 recipient at the next The Ohio State University Children's Literature Conference
- Awarded the Martha King Scholarship of the College of Education, The Ohio State University, 2000
- Graduate Teaching Assistant of the Year, College of Education, The Ohio State University, 1999
- Drama Director of the Year, Seoul Foreign School, 1997
- Silver Girtie Award, Miami University, for Contributions to Children's Literature in South Western Ohio, 1983
- Teacher of the Year, Tipp City Exempted Village Schools, 1982

### *Research:*

- "How Children Perceive Themselves as Readers within Contrasting Approaches to Reading," Dissertation, 2001
- "Misreading Masculinity: Boys' Responses to Literature", Proposed, 2005
- "Guys Read" Faculty/Undergraduate Collaborative Action Research Project 2005-2007
- "Warriors and Wildmen: How Archetypes Attract Boys to Books", 2007
- "The effect of a home library, parent involvement, and instructional support on the reading development of children in poverty from birth to five years", 2008-

### *Grant:*

- Lilly Scholarship Fund at IWU for The effect of a home library, parent involvement, and instructional support on the reading development of children in poverty from birth to five years. 2008
- IWU Faculty Scholarship Grant Awarded for Guys Read Collaborative Action Research Project, 2005
- Awarded by The Martha Holden Jennings Foundation to develop a multiage literature program at Nevin Coppock Elementary School, 1983