

Justin C. Willis

Adjunct Instructor - Education - Cisco College

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education (Ed. D), *Educational Administration*, TEXAS A & M COMMERCE – Commerce, TX (2016)

Dissertation: AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INFLUENCE OF LEADERSHIP STYLES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES IN RURAL EAST TEXAS: THE PRINCIPALS' PERSPECTIVE

Master of Education (M. Ed.) *Educational Leadership*, STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY - Nacogdoches, TX (2011)

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) *Sociology & Kinesiology*, JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE – Hawkins, TX (2009)

Additional Training / Certifications

MicroMasters, Social Work: Practice, Policy and Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan (2018)

MicroMasters, Leading Educational Innovation and Improvement, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan (2017)

State Board of Education (SBEC) -Texas Certified Teacher

State Board of Education (SBEC) -Texas Certified Principal

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

New Summerfield ISD (New Summerfield, TX) August 2013- Present

Currently, I'm the director of youth and community programs at New Summerfield ISD. We promote communication among all stakeholders with character education as the number one priority. I work extensively with at risk students and I also serve as the lead teacher for high school credit recovery.

Moore MST Magnet (Tyler, TX) August 2012- June 2013

I served as a middle school social studies teacher and target team coordinator. Additionally, I organized multiple service learning projects on campus.

Adjunct Professor Lon Morris College (Jacksonville, TX) August 2010- May 2012

I taught night classes in accordance with learning objectives specified by the academic department chair and other full-time faculty teaching the course.

Palestine Middle School (Palestine, TX) August 2009- June 2012

I helped develop a "Behavioral Incentive Program" designed to extract barriers in student achievement in regards to discipline by rewarding good behavior. I was also able to gain more leadership experience by interning as an assistant principal in 2012.

PUBLICATIONS:

Willis, J., & Templeton, N. (2017). Investigating the Establishment and Sustainability of Professional Learning Communities in Rural East Texas: The Principals' Perspectives. *The Rural Educator*, 38(1).

Presentations and Professional Development:

February 23, 2017, Texas Gateway: "Texas Dyslexia Identification Strategies" a course of study offered by Texas Gateway, an online learning initiative of TEA.

January 12, 2017, University of Texas System: "Classroom Strategies for Inquiry-Based Learning" a course of study offered by UTAustinX, an online learning initiative of University of Texas System through edX.

December 7, 2016, UT Tyler Education Law Conference, The University of Texas at Tyler Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies.

Willis, J. (2016). Results: AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INFLUENCE OF LEADERSHIP STYLES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES IN RURAL EAST TEXAS: THE PRINCIPALS' PERSPECTIVE. Presenter at the Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas (CEPA) Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

November 15 2016, Harvard University: "Introduction to Data Wise: A Collaborative Process to Improve Learning & Teaching", a course of study offered by HarvardX, an online learning initiative of Harvard University through edX.

November 1, 2016, Harvard University: "Leaders of Learning", a course of study offered by HarvardX, an online learning initiative of Harvard University through edX.

August 15, 2016, Harvard University: "Introduction to Family Engagement in Education", a course of study offered by HarvardX, an online learning initiative of Harvard University through edX.

Willis, J. (2015). Proposal: AN INVESTIGATION OF THE INFLUENCE OF LEADERSHIP STYLES ON THE ESTABLISHMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES IN RURAL EAST TEXAS: THE PRINCIPALS' PERSPECTIVE. Presenter at the Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas (CEPA) Conference, San Antonio, Texas.

Willis, J. (2015). Senate Bill 460: Bully prevention and suicide awareness for students. Professional development workshop presented to the faculty and staff of New Summerfield Independent School District, New Summerfield, Texas.

November 12-15, 2014, Education Law Association 60th Annual Conference: "The Resegregation of Education in America"

November 13-16, 2013 Education Law Association 59th Annual Conference: "Examining the Mutual Understandings and Expectations of School Attorneys and Secondary School Administrators" Presented by: David P. Thompson and Elisabeth M. Krimbill. Technical Advisor: G1 Research Presentation

October 29, 2013, Meadows Principal Improvement Program "Embracing Family Structure: "Systems For Student Success" Presenter: Dr. Amber Daub - Department of Educational Leadership: Texas A and M – Commerce. Facilitator Assistant

Willis, J. (2012). Bully prevention and suicide awareness for students. Coaches Against Bullying is a student centered approach, and details a step-by-step process and set of interventions to put a halt to bullying. Presented to students at Palestine Independent School District, Palestine, Texas.

July 11-14, 2011, Susanne M. Glasscock School of Continuing Studies: "Advanced Placement English" Rice University Advanced Placement Summer Institute.

Spring 2011, Educational Leadership Academy, Stephen F. Austin State University Department of Education.

Willis, J. (2011). Bully prevention and suicide awareness for students. Coaches Against Bullying is a student centered approach, and details a step-by-step process and set of interventions to put a halt to bullying. Presented to students at Palestine Independent School District, Palestine, Texas.

Spring 2010, Educational Leadership Academy, Stephen F. Austin State University Department of Education.

SERVICE

Every child deserves a safe space to learn. Unfortunately, issues such as bullying hinder such growth and development. With one out of four teens admitting to have been bullied, and close to 15 percent of teens even contemplating suicide, bullying should no longer be viewed as an inevitable part of childhood. I founded Coaches Against Bullying (CAB) in 2010. My mission is to eradicate the ills stemming from childhood bullies. CAB inspires children to come together to put an end to peer mental and physical abuse.

AWARDS

- Points of Light Award (2016)
- W. Stewart Caffey Teaching Award (2015)
- U.S. President's Volunteer Service Award, (2013)
- U.S. Congressional Award, (2012)

MEMBERSHIPS

- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- Texas Association of Secondary School Principals
- Texas Oral History Association (TOHA)
- Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas (CEPA)