

# Joan Altobelli

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## EDUCATION

- B.A., Speech and Hearing Therapy, 1977, Montclair State College, Upper Montclair, NJ
- Texas Teacher Certification, 1978, University of Texas at Austin
- M.A., Educational Administration, 1995, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
- Non-degree seeking student, 2004, University of Texas at Austin
- Doctoral student – Special Education Administration, 2004-current, The University of Texas at Austin

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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|----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • 1977-1995    | Special Education Teacher  | Austin Independent School District  |
| • 1995-2001    | Special Education Director | Leander Independent School District |
| • 2002-2003    | Textbook Content Writer    | Holt Publishing Company             |
| • 2001-2007    | Special Education Director | Austin Independent School District  |
| • 2007-current | Executive Director         | Extend-A-Care for Kids              |

## ASSOCIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

- Texas Council of Administrators of Special Education – *Vice President of Legislative Matters 2003-2007*
- National Afterschool Association – *State Affiliate, Texas*
- Central Texas Afterschool Association – *President 2011*
- Texas Afterschool Association – *President 2010 - current*
- One Voice Austin – *Policy Committee Member*
- Teacher Education Division, Council for Exceptional Children
- TXPOST Texas Partnership for Out of School Time – *Board Member 2011 - Current*

## AWARDS

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| • AISD     | Hispanic Leadership Award for Academic Excellence               | 2007 |
| • A.L.M.A. | Amiga de ALMA Award for Advocacy in Mainstream America          | 2007 |
| • DSACT    | Down Syndrome Association Award for Support and Commitment      | 2007 |
| • SECAC    | Citizens Advisory Committee Award for Leadership and Excellence | 2005 |

## PROFESSIONAL, PUBLICATIONS, PRESENTATIONS AND PAPERS

- Arms, K. (2004). *Holt environmental science textbook teacher's edition*. Contributing writer for special education accommodations. Holt Rinehart & Winston, Austin, TX.
- Demado, J. Chameny, S., Ponterio, M., & Ponterio, R. (2008). *Bien dit!: French 1, 1A, and 1B teacher's edition*. Contributing writer for special education accommodations. Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Austin TX.
- Demado, J. Chameny, S., Ponterio, M., & Ponterio, R. (2008). *Bien dit!: French 2 teacher's edition*. Contributing writer for special education accommodations. Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Austin TX.
- Demado, J. Chameny, S., Ponterio, M., & Ponterio, R. (2008). *Bien dit!: French 3 teacher's edition*. Contributing writer for special education accommodations. Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Austin TX.
- Friedman, D., Stine, C., & Whalen, S. (2004). *Lifetime health teacher's edition*. Contributing writer for special education accommodations. Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Austin, TX.

- Johnson, G. & Raven, P. (2003). *Biology: The living environment teacher's edition*. Contributing writer for special education accommodations. Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Austin, TX.
- Meyers, R., Oldham, K., Tocci, S. (2004). *Chemistry teacher's edition*. Contributing writer for special education accommodations. Holt, Rinehart and Winston. Austin, TX.
- Yates, J. R., Altobelli, J., Bach, M., Cadle, S., Cusson, M., Fugate, C., Langford, L., Locson, L. G., Ruiz, V., Shelby, L., & Whetstone, N. (2008, April) *Teacher preparation for highly qualified special and general educators*. Poster session presented at 2008 annual convention of the Council for Exceptional Children, Seattle, WA
- Altobelli, J., Bach, M., Cadle, S., Cusson, M., Fugate, K., Langford, L., Locson, L., Ruiz V., Shelby, L., Whetstone, N., & Yates, J.R., (2009). *Restructuring instruction in special education (RISE)*. Unpublished manuscript, The University of Texas at Austin.
- Altobelli, J., Bach, M., Cusson, M., Shelby, L., & Yates, J. R. (2009) *What Do Highly Qualified Teachers Need To Know To Serve Students With High incidence Disabilities? A Delphi Study*. Unpublished manuscript, The University of Texas at Austin.
- Altobelli, J.; Bach, M.; Cadle, S.; Cusson, M.; Fugate, K.; Langford, L; Locson, L.; Ruiz, V.; Shelby, E.; Whetstone, N.; & Yates, J.R. (2009). *Necessary knowledge, skills and experiences for teachers serving students with high incidence disabilities: A Delphi study*. Austin, Texas: University of Texas at Austin, Department of Special Education, Project RISE.
- Altobelli, J., Bach, M., Cusson, M., Shelby, L. & Yates, J. R. (n.d.) What do highly qualified teachers need to know to serve students with high incidence disabilities? A Delphi study. (in negotiations with monograph for Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children)
- Yates, J. R., Altobelli, J., Bach, M., Cadle, S., Cusson, M., Fugate, C., Langford, L., Locson, L. G., Ruiz, V., Shelby, L., & Whetstone, N (2009, April) *What do highly qualified teachers need to know to serve children with high-incidence disabilities?* Paper presented at the 2009 annual convention of the University Council for Education Administration, Anaheim, CA
- Yates, J. R., Altobelli, J., Bach, M., Cadle, S., Cusson, M., Fugate, C., Langford, L., Locson, L. G., Ruiz, V., Shelby, L., & Whetstone, N. (2010, February) *What is a highly qualified teacher for all learners?* Paper presented at the 2010 annual convention of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Educators, Atlanta, GA
- Altobelli, J., Bineham, S., Fugate, K., O'Toole, C., Shelby, L., Sumbera, M., Williams, J. & Yates, J. R. (2010, October). *RTI's Effect on Changing Roles in Education*. Presentation at 2010 annual convention of the Texas Council for Educational Diagnostician Services. San Antonio, TX
- Altobelli, J. (2012). Set 'em up for success. *After School Today*. Summer.

## **UNIVERSITY GUEST LECTURER EXPERIENCE**

Spring, 2008 Guest lecturer: SED 332 (12095) Field Experience in Special Education, Dr. Phyllis Robertson, The University of Texas at Austin

Fall 2010 Guest Lecturer: Alternative Certification in Special Education Cohort, Katherine Fugate, Huston-Tillotson University.

Summer 2011 Guest Lecturer: Processes and Procedures in Special Education Administration, Dr. Barbara Pazey, The University of Texas at Austin

Summer 2012 Guest lecturer: Trends and Issues in Special Education Administration, Dr. Barbara Pazey, The University of Texas at Austin