

Jan Lacina

Bezos Family Foundation Endowed Chair in Early Childhood Education | Senior Associate Dean for Research, Graduate Studies and Strategic Partnerships at Texas Christian University
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Dr. Lacina's teaching and research interests focus on literacy leadership, children's literature, and early childhood teacher preparation.

Biography

Dr. Jan Lacina holds the Bezos Family Foundation Endowed Chair of Early Childhood Education and is Senior Associate Dean for Research, Graduate Studies & Strategic Partnerships within the College of Education. She began her career as a Texas public school teacher, and has been employed at TCU since 2005. Dr. Lacina has served in many leadership positions within higher education, such as Interim Dean, Early Childhood Program Coordinator, and Post Baccalaureate Graduate Program Coordinator. Since 2011, she has served as Associate Dean in TCU's College of Education. In leadership roles she led programs to win national awards including the AACTE Best Practice Award in Support of Multicultural Education and Diversity, the AACTE/Southern Poverty Law Center Culturally Responsive Teaching Award, the Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) Billy G. Dixon Distinguished Program in Teacher Education Award, as well as the Wisniewski Teacher Education Award presented by the Society of Professors of Education (SPE). Dr. Jan Lacina is the recipient of both the TCU Dean's Research and Creativity Award and the TCU Dean's Award for Teaching. Most notably she received the 2023 International Literacy Association Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award as well as the 2023 Excellence in Action: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Social Justice Award for her leadership as an Associate Dean in Texas. Dr. Lacina holds an appointment as U.S. Ambassador for the United Kingdom Literacy Association through 2028. Dr. Jan Lacina has served as Editor and/or Associate Editor for three major journals within her field, and authored more than 100 publications, including four books. She was Program Lead for the College's learning by scientific design (LBSD) work, which focused on program improvement and tracking candidate learning outcomes. She is Program Coordinator for the College's Holmes Scholars Program, a national program which provides mentoring and professional development opportunities for graduate students from historically underrepresented backgrounds.

Areas of Expertise

Literacy Leadership, Children's Literature, Early Childhood and Elementary Education, Teacher Education

Affiliations

Journal of Early Childhood Education : Associate Editor, 2021-present, The Reading Teacher : Co-Editor, 2015- 2021, Journal of Research in Childhood Education : Editor, 2012-2014, Journal of Research in Childhood Education : Associate Editor, 2009-2011, Technology in the Classroom, published in Childhood Education : Columnist, 2003-2009, Literacy, published by the United Kingdom Literacy Association : Editorial Board, Journal of Research in Childhood Education : Editorial Advisory Board , journal Dragon Lode, published by the International Literacy Association : Editorial Board

Education

Harvard University Graduate School of Education
M.D.P

University of Kansas
Ph.D.

Texas Women's University
M.Ed. Elementary Education

Baylor University
B.S. Education

Accomplishments

Warren Faculty Fellow, Holocaust Museum of Houston
2024

International Literacy Association Jerry Johns Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award
2023

Excellence in Action: Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Social Justice Award presented by the Associate & Assistant Deans and Directors of Texas (ADoT) Colleges of Education
2023

Ezra Keats/Janina Domanska Research Fellowship, University of Southern Mississippi
2023

Dean's Award for Teaching, Texas Christian University
2023

Finalist, TCU Michael R. Ferrari Award for Distinguished University Service and Leadership
2023

**Notable Books for a Global Society Research Award, International Literacy Association
2022**

**Warren Faculty Fellow, Holocaust Museum of Houston
2022**

**College Nominee, Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Achievement as a Teacher & Scholar
2014**

**Dean's Award for Teaching, Texas Christian University
2013**

**College Nominee, Dean's Research and Creativity Award
2012**

**College Nominee, Dean's Research and Creativity Award
2011**

**Faculty Achievement Award for Teaching, Department of Elementary Education, Stephen F. Austin
State University
2001**

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