

Patricia Edwards

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Patricia Edwards is an expert in early/emergent/intergenerational literacy, family engagement, diversity issues

Biography

Dr. Patricia A. Edwards, a member of the Reading Hall Fame is a Professor of Language and Literacy in the Department of Teacher Education at Michigan State University. A nationally and internationally recognized expert in parent involvement, home, school, community partnerships, multicultural literacy, early literacy, and family/intergenerational literacy, especially among poor and minority children. She served as a member of the IRA Board of Directors from 1998-2001, and in 2006-2007 as the first African American President of the Literacy Research Association (formerly the National Reading Conference), and as the 2010-2011 President of the International Reading Association. She has published articles in highly refereed journals, authored two nationally acclaimed family literacy programs: Parents as Partners in Reading: A Family Literacy Training Program and Talking Your Way to Literacy: A Program to Help Nonreading Parents Prepare Their Children for Reading as well as seven books. Her books on family/parent involvement include: A Path to Follow: Learning to Listen to Parents, Tapping the Potential of Parents: A Strategic Guide to Boosting Student Achievement Through Family Involvement, Children literacy development: Making It Happen Through School, Family, and Community Involvement and New Ways to Engage Parents: Strategies and Tools for Teachers and Leaders.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

ELL Learners, Urban Education, Literacy Education, Family Engagement, Family, Community and School Partnerships, Diverse Learners and Educational Equity, Elementary Education

Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D. Reading Education, Educational Administration

North Carolina A & T University

M.S. Elementary Education

Duke University

Ed.S. Reading Education

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