

Biographical Sketch for Gail D. Brekke

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(a) Professional Preparation

North Harris College	Houston, TX	Sec. Education	A.A.	1986
University of Houston	Houston, TX	English Literature	B.A.	1988
Oriel College, Oxford Univ.	Oxford, England	Theo. Linguistics	R.L.	1994
University of Houston	Houston, TX	Appl. Linguistics	M.A.	1994
University of Houston	Houston, TX	Adolescent Literature	A.B.D.	2005
PVAMU	Prairie View, TX	Higher Ed. Admin	PhD.	2023

(b) Appointments

English Faculty, UMA	Prairie View A&M University	2016 – Present
Reading Specialist	Klein I.S.D.	2014-2016
Reading Specialist	Tomball I.S.D.	2008-2014
Reading Specialist	Conroe I.S.D.	2007-2008
Interim Director, Bilingual & Spec. Pop.	Sam Houston State University	2006-2007
Education Faculty	University of Houston- D	2004-2007
English Faculty	University of Houston- D	1999-2004
English Faculty	Lone Star College System	1987-1999

(c) Publications

Brekke, G. (2023). The Link Between Emotion and Cognition in Reading Comprehension of Undergraduate Pre-Medical Students Enrolled at an HBCU (Dissertation).

Brekke, G. (2023). The Greatest Good for the Greatest Number. *International Association of Medical School Educators*.

Brekke, G. (2023). The Anti-Ironic Beast. *Journal of American Culture Association*.

Brekke, G. (2023). Reconciling With Infinity. Hawaii International Conference on Language and Literature Studies- HICELLS.

Brekke, G. (2023) Fighting With Fanon. *The Monograph*

Brekke, G. (2022). Kid ‘n Hell. *Journal of American Culture Association*.

Brekke, G. (2022) Fighting With Infinity: A Proposal for the Addition of New Terminology. Universal Logic. *Unilog* 2022.

Brekke, G. (2022) Critics' Dependence on Duality In Gloria Naylor's Mama Day. *The Monograph*

Brekke, G. (2022) Animal Communication in Adolescent Literature. Hawaiian International Conference on Education. The Journal of Hawaiian International Education.

Brekke, G. (2021) Magic Food in Children's Literature. The Journal of American Culture.

Brekke, G., (2021) Generational Storytelling in Asian-American Literature: Garrett Hongo's "Kubota." *The Monograph*.

Brekke, G., (2020) The Female Protagonist in Little Women, Anne of Green Gables, and Pocahontas: The Indian Girl of the Virginia Forest. *The Monograph*.

Brekke, G., (2020) Magic Food in Children's and Adolescent Literature. *The Journal of American Culture*.

Brekke, G., Fontus, M. and Giraud, J. (2020) Fighting with Infinity: A Proposal for the Addition of New Terminology. *Linguistic Frontiers, Sciendo, DeGruyter*. DOI: 10.2478/If-2020-0017.

Brekke, G., Fontus, M. and Giraud, J. (2019) Fighting with Infinity: A Proposal for the Addition of New Terminology. *International Journal on Social and Education Sciences*.

Brekke, G. and Giraud, T. (2019) The Power of Quilts: Alice Walker's "Everyday Use" and The Color Purple. *The Monograph*.

Brekke, G. and Giraud, T. (2018) Crossing Borders: Americanization in Reyna's Grande's The Distance Between Us. *The Monograph*, 569-579.

Brekke, G., Fontus, M. and Giraud, J. (2017) Fighting With Infinity: A Proposal for the Addition of New Terminology. *Novembertagung 2017*.

Brekke, G. and Giraud, T. (2017) Their Eyes Were Watching Janie: Evolution of Criticism in Zora Neale Hurston's Their Eyes Were Watching God. *The Monograph*, 694-708.

Brekke, G. (1994) Slang and Jargon in A Closed Community. (Thesis)

Brekke, G. (2007) DIAGNOSTIC READING MANUAL: Read 4304. Huntsville, TX: SHSU Publishing.

Brekke, G. (2006) Motivating Developmental Reading Students at the College Level. Minneapolis, MN: *Journal of the International Reading Association*, 328-351.

Brekke, G. (2006) BILINGUAL EDUCATION MANUAL: Read 4306. Huntsville, TX: SHSU Publishing.

Brekke, G. (2006) FOUNDATIONS OF LITERACY MANUAL: Read 3305. Huntsville, TX: SHSU Publishing.

Brekke, G. (2005) READING SPECIALIST MANUAL: Read 3306. Houston, TX: UHD Publishing.

Brekke, G. (2005) Teaching Literature to Adolescents in Intermediate and Secondary Grades. *National Teacher Symposium Journal*, 212-226.

(d) Synergistic Activities

- Collaboration with Dennis Daniels, Max Fontus, Sheryl Jefferson, Kathleen Straker, Quyen Huynh, and Ola Riley, on CDC proposal recommended for funding whereby a program is developed to increase the number of underrepresented minorities prepared to enter the health professions especially in the area of public health.
- Collaboration with Dennis Daniels on Presentation: Who is My Neighbor? Expansion of CERT to the University Campus and Beyond. Presented at 2017 Health Disparities Conference at Xavier University of Louisiana.
- Served on Harris County Department of Education's Policy Board.
- Awarded the 2005 Harris County Department of Education Outstanding Partner Award.
- Presented at TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) International Conference in 2005; CRLA (College Reading and Learning Association) National Conference in 2006; TARA (Texas Academic Reading Association) in 2007; SHARC (Sam Houston Area Reading Council) in 2007.
- Delta Kappa Gamma 2022 State Writer's Award.
- Serves on Higher Education Symposium Board for the Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, Homeland Security, Department of Defense. (2022- current).
- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) coordinator for Prairie View A&M University.