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Academic Degrees

Ed.D.	California State University, Fresno Granted May 2011	Area of emphasis: Educational Leadership
M.A.	California State University, Fresno Granted May 1999	Area of emphasis: Administration and Supervision
B.S.	California State University, Fresno Granted May 1987	Area of emphasis: Child Development
Credential	California State University, Fresno	Administrative Credential
Credential	Fresno Pacific University	Bilingual Specialist Credential Language: Spanish
Credential	California State University, Fresno	Multiple Subjects Teaching Credential

Selected Professional Experience

2012-present	Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership Single Subject Credential Coordinator Kremen School of Education and Human Development, Fresno State
2013-present	Doctoral Faculty Member, Kremen School of Education and Human Development, Fresno State and CSU Bakersfield
2009-2012	Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, Middle Schools Fresno Unified School District
2008-2010	Lecturer, Department of Curriculum and Instruction and Department of Literacy and Early Education Kremen School of Education and Human Development, Fresno State
2007-2008	Fieldwork Supervisor – Fresno Unified Leadership Cohort Kremen School of Education and Human Development, Fresno State
2007-2009	Administrator, Departments of ELA, Mathematics World Languages, K-12, School Reform Grants Fresno Unified School District
2004-2007	Principal, Pinedale Elementary School Clovis Unified School District
2000-2004	Principal, Lee Richmond Elementary School Hanford Elementary School District
1999-2000	Principal, Ripperdan Elementary School Madera Unified School District

Selected Publications

Akhavan, N. (2014). *The Nonfiction Now Lesson Bank: Strategies & Routines to Meet Today's Demands for Higher-Level Content-Area Reading, grades 4-8*. Thousand Oaks, California: Corwin Press.

- Akhavan, N. (2009). *Teaching Writing in a Title I School, K-3*. Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Heinemann Publishing Company.
- Akhavan, N. (2008). *The Content-Rich Reading and Writing Workshop: A Time-Saving Approach for Making the Most of Your Literacy Block*. New York: Scholastic, Inc.
- Akhavan, N. (2008). *The Title I Teacher's Guide to Teaching Reading, K-3*. Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Heinemann Publishing Company.
- Akhavan, N. (2007). *Accelerated Vocabulary Instruction: Strategies for Closing the Achievement Gap for All Students*. New York: Scholastic, Inc.
- Akhavan, N. (2006). *Help! My Kids Don't All Speak English: How to Set Up a Language Workshop in Your Linguistically Diverse Classroom*. Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Heinemann Publishing Company.
- Akhavan, N. (2004). *How to Align Literacy Instruction, Assessment and Standards and Achieve Results You Never Dreamed Possible*. Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Heinemann Publishing Company.
- Akhavan, N. (2013). "Teaching Long-Term English Learners to Write in Content Areas." in Pytash, K., Rasinski, T., & Ferdig, R., Eds. *Preparing Teachers to Teach Writing Using Technology*. ETC Press.
- Akhavan, N. (2013). "Information Nation: What the mind needs to do to read nonfiction". *ASCD Express*. November.

Selected Scholarly Presentations

- 2014 *Best Practices Round Table Conversations on Literacy Turnaround*. Featured speaker by invitation of Scholastic Family and Community Engagement.
- 2013 *Achieving Student Engagement Across Content Areas and Accelerating Learning with Focused Vocabulary Instruction*. Featured speaker by invitation of Association of Middle Level Education Association, Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- 2013 *Exemplary Practices in Education Leadership Conference: Shaping 21st Century Learning*. Invited facilitator "Conversation with Dr. Eric Mazur". Fresno, California.
- 2013 *Common Core State Standards: Integrating Nonfiction to Build Content Knowledge and Common Core State Standards: Integrating Research-Based Vocabulary Instruction in All Content Areas*. Featured speaker by invitation of Cherokee County School System, Georgia.
- 2013 *Content Based Units of Study*. Featured speaker by invitation of PS 120 Brooklyn, New York.
- 2013 *Meeting Students' Needs Through a Standards Based Focus and Accelerated Vocabulary Instruction: The Key to Helping English Language Learners*. Featured speaker by invitation of Nebraska State Reading Association.
- 2012 *Keys to Fabulous Vocabulary Instruction*. Keynote speaker by invitation of Scholastic, Mexico City, Mexico.
- 2012 *Writing Instruction in Middle School and the Common Core Standards*. Keynote speaker by invitation of Baltimore Public Schools and Scholastic. Baltimore, Maryland.
- 2012 *Vocabulary Instruction and Student Achievement*. Featured speaker by invitation of Crestline Elementary School. Mountain Brook, Alabama.