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I. Academic/Professional Background

A. Name: Marty Wright Leonard Title: Professor of Instruction

B. Educational Background

Degree	*Year*	*University*	*Major*	*Thesis/Dissertation*
M.Ed.	2011	Texas State University	Education with Major in Physical Education	Comprehensive Exams
BESS	2009	Texas State University	All-Level Physical Education	

C. University Experience

Position	*University*	*Dates*
Professor of Instruction	Texas State University	9/2024- Present
Senior Lecturer	Texas State University	8/2014-7/2024
Lecturer	Texas State University	8/2011- 7/2014
Graduate Assistant Physical Fitness and Wellness	Texas State University	8/2010-5/2011

D. Relevant Professional Experience

Position	*Entity*	*Dates*
Director of Education	The Goddard School of New Braunfels	01/2022- Present
Texas State Autism Camp Coordinator	Texas State University	8/2024- 8/2025

E. Other Professional Credentials (licensure, certification, etc.)
SAMA Basic Course Certified, January 2025
National Academy of Sports Medicine; Youth Exercise Specialist, 2014
FitnessGram/ActivityGram, 2014
National Soccer Coaches Association of America; Junior Level VI, July 2012
Teacher Certification in Health EC-12, July 2011
State of Texas Teacher Certification, 2009
Teacher Certification in Physical Education EC-12, 2009

II. TEACHING

A. Teaching Honors and Awards:

Alpha Chi Favorite Professor of 2024, March 2024
2020 Special Distribution of the Teaching Award of Honor, August 2020
Exemplary Service During the COVID-19 Crisis

B. Courses Taught:
ESS 2321 Curriculum Design and Implementation in Physical Activity Settings
ESS 3325 Applied Assessment of Physical Activity
ESS 1310 Introduction to Teaching Physical Education
US 1100 University Seminar
ESS 3321 Physical Activities for Elementary Students
ESS 1310 Introduction to Exercise Sports Science
ESS 2320 Motor Development
PE 1178A Beginning Volleyball/Basketball
PE 1172A Beginning Field Sports
PFW 1160B Beginning Volleyball
PFW 1160C Intermediate Volleyball
PFW 1130B Soccer
PFW 1110A Beginning Aerobics

C. Graduate Theses/Dissertations or Exit Committees (if supervisor, please indicate):

D. Courses Prepared and Curriculum Development:

First Time Course Preparation
Curriculum Design and Implementation in Physical Activity Settings ESS 2321, Summer 2022

First Time Course Preparation
Introduction to Teaching Physical Education ESS 1310, Summer 2015

E. Funded External Teaching Grants and Contracts:

F. Submitted, but not Funded, External Teaching Grants and Contracts:

G. Funded Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:

H. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Teaching Grants and Contracts:

I. Other:

III. SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

A. Works in Print (including works accepted, forthcoming, in press)

1. Books (if not refereed, please indicate)

a. Scholarly Monographs:

b. Textbooks:

c. Edited Books:

d. Chapters in Books:

e. Creative Books:

2. Articles

a. Refereed Journal Articles:

b. Non-refereed Articles:

3. Conference Proceedings

a. Refereed Conference Proceedings:

b. Non-refereed:

4. Abstracts:

5. Reports:

6. Book Reviews:

7. Other Works in Print:

B. Works not in Print

1. Papers Presented at Professional Meetings:

Ahrens, J., & Leonard, M. (2021). *Early Childhood Activities in Small Spaces.* Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. Arlington, TX.

Ahrens, J**.**, Wright, M. & Sladecek, A. (2019). *Fine Motor Progression Through a Mastery Motivational Climate in Preschool.* SHAPE. Salt Lake City, UT.

Ahrens, J**.**, Wright, M. & Lopez, T. (2019). *Teaming Up for Pre-K Success!* Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. Arlington, TX.

Carter, T., Ahrens, J., & Wright, M. (2019). *Bringing Pickle Back: Pickleball's big comeback!* Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Summer Conference. San Marcos, TX.

Ahrens, J**.**, Wright, M. & Carter, T. (2018). *Integrated curriculum into the gym in early childhood.* Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

Convention. Galveston, TX.

Carter, T., Wright, M., & Ahrens, J. (2018). *Teaching the whole child.* Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. Galveston, TX.

Ahrens, J., Beidiger- Friedman L., Wright, M., Liu, T., & Hamilton, M. (2018). *Building a successful fine motor program for preschool children that involves school readiness and healthy eating practices*. Early Childhood Summit. San Marcos, TX.

Ahrens, J., Wright, M., & Carter, T. (2017). *Fine motor fun*. Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. Fort Worth, TX.

Carter, T., Ahrens, J., & Wright, M. (2017). *Fitness can be fun again – Fitness Education Model*. Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. Fort Worth, TX.

Wright, M. Leger, H., & Ahrens, J. (2017). *Elementary playground*. Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. San Marcos, TX.

Ahrens, J., Valdez, I., & Wright, M., (2017). *Building fundamental motor skills*. Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. San Marcos, TX.

Ahrens, J., & Wright, M., (2016). *Incorporating cognitive concepts in early childhood.* Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. Galveston, TX.

Wright, M., & Ahrens, J. (2016). *Academics in the gym, can we really do that*? Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. Galveston, TX.

Ahrens, J., Wright, M. & Hamilton, M. (2015). *Building progressions of fundamental movements of gross motor skills 2*. Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. Dallas, TX.

Ahrens, J., Wright, M. & Hamilton, M. (2015). *Caminitos Collaborative- Through the eyes of college students.* Physical Education Teacher Education Conference. Atlanta, GA.

Ahrens, J., Wright, M, & Hamilton, M. (2014). *Building a successful movement program for early childhood*. Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. Galveston, TX.

Meaney, K., Rainey, R., Ahrens, J., Griffin, K., An, A., & Wright, M. (2014). *Beyond the classroom*. American Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention. St. Louis, Mo.

2. Invited Talks, Lectures, and Presentations:
Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Costs- College Access Program Camp-Texas State University, July 2018

3. Consultancies:
Caminitos Collaborative Movement Program, Spring 2014 - Fall 2020

Fit Kids Club Program Coordinator- Total Wellness, August 2013- July 2016
Program coordinator, responsible for the creation and implementation of a developmentally appropriate fitness program for children ages 1-12.

Del Rio ISD, *Interdisciplinary Teaching Through Physical Education*, October 2015.
Planned and implemented an 8-hour teacher in-service for 56 Physical Education teachers in Del Rio, Texas.

Fit Kids Club Associate- Total Wellness, 2012-2013

4. Workshops:
TAHPERD Fort Worth TX. December 2025
Bobcat Rise Volunteer Orientation, September 2025
Texas State Autism Camp Counselor Training, July 2025
SAMA Basic Course, January 2025
Certification awarded
TAHPERD Galveston, TX. December 2024
The Power of Play: Using Student-Centered Pedagogy & Play to Enhance Student Engagement, Connection, and Learning, November 2024
Recorded 11/07/24
AI in Academia Dialogue Series: Session 3- Looking Forward: The Future of AI in Higher Education, November 2024
Recorded 11/14/24
AI in Academia Dialogue Series: Session 2- Responsible AI Considerations, October 2024
Recorded 10/23/24
AI in Academia Dialogue Series: Session 1- AI in Action: Exploring AI at TXST, October 2024
Recorded 9/19/24
Overview of the Research Enhancement Program (REP), September 2024
Recorded 9/13/19
Bite-Sized Ways to Motivate Your Students, January 2024
Recorded 10/11/23
TAHPERD Fort Worth, TX. December 2023
Effective Strategies for Finding Funding, August 2023
Recorded 9/13/19
Building an Academic Community That is Diverse, Accomplished, and Collegial, June 2023
Recorded Workshop 1/21/21.
Assessment Strategies That Support First Generation Student Success, June 2023
Recorded Workshop 1/13/21.
Build A Fire: Collaborative Mentoring Practices for Nontenure Line Faculty, January 2023
Recorded Workshop
Assets, Power, and Strength: First-Generation College Students & Ways to Support Them
January 2023- Recorded Workshop 11/08/22
Helping First Generation College Students Survive and Thrive in your Class, January 2023
Recorded 4/1/2021.

The Strength Within: Activating Community Cultural Wealth to Increase Success for Students of Color in STEM Disciplines, January 2023
TAHPERD Corpus Christi, Tx. December 2022
Supporting People of Transgender Experience, November 2022
Bobcat J.E.D.I. Program
SMCISD Collaborative Working Group Meeting, April 2022
SMCISD Collaborative Working Group Meeting, February 2022
From Foster Care to College Student, February 2022
Bobcat J.E.D.I. Program
TAHPERD Arlington, Tx. December 2021.
Supporting Male Retention at Texas State, November 2021
Bobcat J.E.D.I. Program
Understanding Students on the Autism Spectrum, October 2021
Allies for Individuals with Disabilities, October 2021
Bobcat J.E.D.I. Program
Hidden Gems of Canvas, October 2021
Hidden Campus Treasures & Resources, October 2021
US 1100 Faculty Development, August 2021
Student Emergency Services-Zoom, August 2021
2021 University Seminar "Quick Start", July 2021
Service-Learning and Excellence Summer Workshop Day 2, July 2021
TAHPERD Summer Conference, San Marcos, Tx. July 2021
Service-Learning and Excellence Summer Workshop Day 1, July 2021
Setting your Intentions Inclusive Syllabus Design, June 2021
Diversity 101, June 2021
Bobcat J.E.D.I. Program
Scholarship Committee Review Training-Zoom, February 2021
TAHPERD Virtual, December 2020.
Tips for Teaching in Unique Settings-Zoom, October 2020
TAHPERD Arlington, Tx. December 2019
PAILR Active Learning in Large Enrollment Hybrid Course, November 2019
PAILR Active Learning in Large Enrollment Hybrid Course, October 2019
PAILR Active Learning in Large Enrollment Hybrid Course, October 2019
PAILR Active Learning in Large Enrollment Hybrid Course, September 2019
PAILR Active Learning in Large Enrollment Hybrid Course, September 2019
TAHPERD San Marcos, Tx. July 2019
Early Childhood Summit, May 2019
TAHPERD Galveston, Tx. November 2018
Early Childhood Summit, May 2018
Activate Student Learning, February 2018
TAHPERD Fort Worth, Tx. November 2017
CATS Active Learning Webinar, August 2017
TAHPERD San Marcos, Tx. July 2017
CATS Active Learning Workshop, June 2017
Allies Training, May 2017
COE Roundtables, April 2017
Increasing the use of Technology in the Classroom, March 2017
TAHPERD Galveston, Tx. December 2016
Foundations of Online Course Design and Development, May 2016

Early Childhood Summit, May 2016
TAHPERD Dallas, Tx. December 2015
Physical Education Teacher Education-Health Education Teacher Education Conference, Atlanta, Ga, October 2015
Civilian Response to Active Shooter, March 2015
TAHPERD Galveston, Tx. December 2014
Head Start Teachers Workshop, November 2014
Bully Prevention Summit, October 2014
US 1100 Instructor Development Workshop, August 2014
US1100, PACE, and ePortfolio, August 2014
International Communication Tips, June 2014
Interpreting Nutrition Labels and Navigating the Grocery Store, January 2014
Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, Dallas, TX December 2013
College Students with Learning Disabilities: Legal Requirements and Best Practices for Teaching, September 2013
Head Start Teacher Workshop, June 2013
Personalize Academic Career Exploration, April 2013
Preventing Cardiovascular Disease, February 2013
College Mental Health, September 2012

5. Other Works not in Print:

a. Works “submitted” or “under review”

b. Works “ in progress”

c. Other works not in print

C. Grants and Contracts

1. Funded External Grants and Contracts:

2. Submitted, but not Funded, External Grants and Contracts:

Ahrens, J. & Leonard, M. *Fine motor progression through a mastery motivational climate* State Farm Insurance Company, $8,500. *(not funded, COVID-19) (2020)*
3. Funded Internal Grants and Contracts:

4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Grants and Contracts:

D. Fellowships, Awards, Honors:

IV. SERVICE

A. Institutional

1. University:

Applicant Review Committee- Bobcat Rise, December 2025

Nontenure Line Faculty Appreciation Reception, October 2025
Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Program, June 2021-September 2024
Faculty Advisor, Golden Elites Dance- August 2019- June 2021
Faculty Advisor, Bobcat Ice Angels- August 2018- August 2019
Faculty Advisor, Bobcat Babes- September 2016- Present
Reviewed Applications for University Scholar Award, February 2015

2. College:

College Review Group Alternate, August 2025
College of Education Bobcat Welcome, August 2023
College of Education Scholarship Review Committee, 2020
COE Homecoming Representative, 2013
New Student Orientation Family Reception PACE, 2013
Academic College Presentations (3) PACE- New student orientation, 2013

3. Department/School:

ESS Subcommittee-Concentration Specific Courses, November 2025
Faculty Mentor, September 2025
Mentee: Nydia Cabra
HHP Personnel Committee, August 2025
Faculty Evaluation Committee, August 2025
Travel Committee, August 2025
Curriculum Committee, August 2024
Participant, Faculty Evaluation Committee- assisting with the non-tenure line promotional track, December 2023
HHP Student Winter Party: Co Chair for event, December 2023
Member, Travel Committee, September 2023
Co-Chair, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, June 2022
Member, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, August 2021- June 2022
Chair, Alumni Committee- August 2020- August 2022
Member, Alumni Committee- September 2017- August 2023
Head Advisor, Exercise Sports Science Organization- 2016- August 2022
Technology Committee, 2014-2017
Travel Committee, 2016- 2018
Student Recruitment Committee, 2013-2017
Stores Clerk 1 Search Committee, 2016

B. Professional:

TAHPERD Scholar Committee, July 2026
College Level Representative

C. Community:

Texas State Autism Camp, July 2026
Coordinator/Counselor
Allen Woods Essential Items Donation Drive, December 2025
Allen Woods Housing Authority Community
National Night Out, October 2025
Allen Woods Housing Authority After-school program (Poder Learning Center)

Autism Mini Camp Reunion, October 2025
Texas State Autism Camp, July 2024
Camp Counselor
Mastery Motivational Fine Motor Project, January 2024- April 2024
Co-Supervisor with Dr. Jennifer Ahrens: Bonham Prekindergarten School
Volunteer at Summer TAHPERD Registration, San Marcos, TX, June 2023
Riverside Pride LGBTQ+ Nonprofit Organization Board Secretary, New Braunfels, TX
Secretary, September 2021- June 2022
Riverside Pride LGBTQ+ Nonprofit Organization Board Member, New Braunfels, TX
Voting Board Member, July 2019- September 2021
TXSTExperience Camp, July 2019
College Access Program Camp- Program Coordinator, June 2019
College Access Program Camp, June 2018
Literacy Night Bonham Prekindergarten, April 2018
San Marcos Housing Authority 2017 Volunteer of the Year, awarded March 2018
Motor Skill Development-Head Start, April 2017
Motor Skill Development- San Marcos Public Housing Authority, February 2017-April 2017
YMCA Volunteer Coach, March 2017
YMCA Volunteer Coach, December 2016
Marathon Kids Liaison San Marcos Region, November 2014-October 2015
Marathon Kids, October 2014
San Marcos Area Youth Soccer Organization Coach, March 2013- August 2014
Physical Education Family Night-Caminitos, April 2014
Fine Motor Friday-Caminitos, April 2014
Summer Camp Fair-Total Wellness, March 2014
Math Night-Caminitos, February 2014
Marathon Kids Volunteer, February 2014
Marathon Kids, October 2013
Relay for Life-ESS Club Mentor, April 2013
Bobcat Build- ESS Club Mentor, March 2013
Marathon Kids, February 2013
Varsity Soccer Coach-San Marcos Baptist Academy, December 2012, January 2013

Service Honors and Awards:
Alpha Chi Favorite Professor of 2024, March 2024
Foundations of Excellence Award, Awarded October 2020 by the Student Foundation
Presidential Distinction Award in Service for the College of Education, 2019
San Marcos Housing Authority 2017 Volunteer of the Year, awarded March 2018

D. Organization Memberships
Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance, 2011- Present
The American Council on Exercise-ACE, 2015-2017
Society of Health and Physical Educators- SHAPE America, 2011- 2017
National Soccer Coaches Association of America- NSCAA, 2012-2016
National Academy of Sports Medicine-NASM, 2014-2016

E. Service Grants and Contracts

1. Funded External Service Grants and Contracts:

2. Submitted, but not Funded, External Service Grants and Contracts:

3. Funded Internal Service Grants and Contracts
4. Submitted, but not Funded, Internal Service Grants and Contracts: