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## TxATE News

### 2017 ATE Annual Meeting

February 10 - 14, 2017  
Orlando, Florida

**Teacher Educators:  
Inspiring the Future,  
Honoring the Past.**

### ATE Texas Delegates

Ginny Fender, Elizabeth Ward, Debby Shulsky, Arthur Hernandez, and Denise Staudt will represent our state in the national delegation at ATE. Thank you for your service!

### Affiliations

TxATE membership is affiliated with Association of Teacher Educators (ATE)

<http://www.ate1.org>

and Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators (SRATE)

<http://www.srate.org>

Please explore the opportunities for professional development, presenting, or publishing with these partner organizations. They provide excellent resources in our field.

At the CSOTTE conference TxATE acknowledged the hard work and devoted service of two of our longstanding members!

Be sure to congratulate,  
**Carolyn Owens**

*Recipient of the*

*Ted Booker Memorial Award*

**UT-Austin UTeach**

*Recipient of the Quest for Quality Partnership Award*



## Message from the President

One of my favorite things about TXATE is collaborating with colleagues across the state. I always enjoy seeing familiar faces and making new acquaintances at conferences and meetings. We can learn so much from one another. However, there is another reason these relationships are important. Together we are stronger. As our Mission states, "TXATE serves as a major voice for the promotion of teacher education goals and ideals in Texas." Teacher education is certainly being scrutinized, and many changes are on the forefront. As teacher educators, we must be responsible for reviewing proposed policy, asking questions, and advocating for our profession. TXATE provides a platform for us to join voices and make a difference. I have learned so much about legislation, policy, leadership, and communication during my time on the TXATE Board. It truly has been a privilege to work with the TXATE officers and the leaders of other the organizations in the Consortium. I am so thankful to all those who worked so hard to organize professional conferences and publish scholarly work. I had no idea there was so much work behind the scenes! I hope you will consider serving on TXATE committees or even as an officer. I wish you well at the start of a new semester. Whether you are a veteran teacher, a tenured professor, or a novice educator, this can be your best semester yet. Every day matters. Give your students your best.

Sincerely,

Christie Bledsoe

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## CSOTTE FALL CONFERENCE

The lovely hill country [and shopping outlets!] provided the backdrop for the Fall 2016 CSOTTE conference that took place on October 16-18, 2016 at the Embassy Suites San Marcos Hotel, Convention Center and Spa. The theme was “Build a Coalition to Empower our Educators”. After several affiliate meetings on Sunday ended, Dr. Jeff Bordon, Chief Innovation Officer from Saint Leo University, inspired attendees with his powerful presentation titled: Neuroscience + Learning Research + Education Technology = Education 3.0. Dr. Michael Edgar Miles entertained us with his Keynote on Monday titled: A “Sense” of Humor.



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cy and accountability. The Emerging Scholars sessions provided teacher candidates and graduate students the opportunity to present their research in a friendly professional space that promotes teachers as researchers, leaders, and agents of change.

Numerous concurrent sessions explored teacher education engaging deep and reflective discussions about really important educational research conducted across the state of Texas that is impacting teacher development, preparation, practice, policy, advoca-

The 2017 CSOTTE conference will certainly provide members and nonmembers a collegial forum for meaningful and important discussion about challenges and opportunities that affect their students and educators across P20 settings. It will take place on

## THE DISTINGUISHED CLINICIAN AWARD

We all know the impact of a great mentor in the development of teacher candidates. Help TxATE acknowledge the priceless contributions in-service teachers make to our candidates through a nomination for the TxATE Distinguished Clinician Award.

This award is presented to a public school teacher who has demonstrated exemplary service in the field, assisting in the supervision of student teachers and/or interns.

Nomination narratives should address how the nominee interacts with the student teacher/intern in areas that address specific issues of practice, the development of particular skill sets and the overall facilitation of growth.

This is a wonderful chance to acknowledge the critical role public school teachers play in the cultivation of the next generation of highly qualified teachers.

Nominations should be sent to [veronica.estrada@utrgv.edu](mailto:veronica.estrada@utrgv.edu) by April 30, 2017.

### Call for

### Nominations

Send nominations to  
Veronica Estrada @  
[veronica.estrada@utrgv.edu](mailto:veronica.estrada@utrgv.edu)  
See <http://txate.org/>  
for more information.

### Deadline for Manuscripts

**June 15, 2017**

Any questions should be sent to **Joan Berry** at [jberry@umhb.edu](mailto:jberry@umhb.edu). This is your chance to showcase what you are doing with your colleagues.

## TEXAS FORUM OF TEACHER EDUCATION

The 2017 issue of the TxATE journal, The Texas Forum of Teacher Education, is now online. With articles ranging from STaR Chart performance to new teacher mentoring to workplace bullying, the Forum provides a way for educators to learn about new research, innovative practices, and more. As a peer-reviewed journal, it provides an opportunity for teacher educators and graduate students to share their ideas and original research about a variety of topics impacting education.

Please consider submitting **YOUR** manuscript for the 2017 edition. Manuscript guidelines are posted at <http://www.txate.org/assets/pdf-files/forum/2016/forum-manuscript-guidelines.pdf>.

# TXATE SUMMER CONFERENCE

Texas will be presented an Achievement Award and Certificate at ATE Awards Banquet on 2/3/17 around 6:30pm

## Special Thanks to

**Ginny Fender**

TxATE Executive Director for compiling report and submitting application.

## Call for Proposals

TxATE is looking for submissions that highlight best practices & research, educational models, and innovative approaches in any of the following topics:

- Best practices in Teacher Preparation
- Alternative Certification
- Field-Based Learning
- Educator Preparation Advocacy
- Accountability and Certification
- Innovative Programs In Teacher Preparation
- Trends and Issues: P-16 Initiatives, Partnerships, College Readiness

## Proposal Submission

Please submit your proposal electronically to Debby Shulsky, University of Houston-Clear Lake, [shulsky@uhcl.edu](mailto:shulsky@uhcl.edu) by **April 1, 2017**. Notification of receipt of proposal will be sent via email. Please contact Christie if receipt of proposal has not been received within two weeks of submission.

Visit the website for more information. <http://txate.org/>

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**-Facebook:** [facebook.com/Texasassociationofteachereducators/](https://www.facebook.com/Texasassociationofteachereducators/)



## HOWDY YA'LL HAPPY HOUR!!

Brought to you by the heart of Texas by TxATE at the ATE Annual Conference Orlando, FL

### When?

Sunday, Feb 12 6pm-8pm

### Where?

Look for the cowgirl with a "Howdy" button to find out which corral is hosting the happy hour!

Or

Check out the TxATE Facebook page.

RSVP to Elizabeth Ward [ekward@txwes.edu](mailto:ekward@txwes.edu)

## MEMBERSHIP

Membership includes college faculty and administrators, school and regional service staff developers, school-based teacher educators, classroom teachers, and school administrators, joining TxATE means

- you will have the opportunity to be involved and have your voice heard on the issues related to teacher preparation in Texas;
- you will have the opportunity to submit an article for The Texas Forum of Teacher Education, a refereed journal published by TxATE, containing articles and research being done by your colleagues in teacher preparation; and
- you can participate in the Summer Conference.

In addition to taking an active role in the Fall CSOTTE Conference, TxATE also sponsors the Summer Conference in Austin. This conference offers an interesting, informative program and an opportunity to present and learn.

TxATE membership is valid from June 1- May 31 of each year. Opportunities for renewal are available at the summer conference, the CSOTTE conference, and throughout the year by mail. The form is located online at <http://txate.org/membership.html>.

- Professional Membership \$30.00/annually
- Student Membership \$10.00/annually
- Retired Membership \$10.00/annually

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