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## CAREER

Teacher and administrator in K-12 schools for 16 years prior to coming to LU in 1986

School licensure: Reading Specialist, School Psychologist, Special Education and Vocal/Choral Music

Clinical experience at University of Miami Reading Clinic and Dade County prison and juvenile services

Teacher Education Department Chair for 10 years School of Education Dean since 2000

## AWARDS

Phi Delta Kappa International Service Key, Kappan of the Year, Excellence in Research

Kappa Delta Pi Point of Excellence award for community service

International Reading Association President's Club, and service awards from Virginia State Reading Association and Virginia College Reading Educators

Board member of Virginia State Reading Association for 18 years

National Academic Advising Association Outstanding Advisor and Liberty University Advisor of the Year

## PRESENTATIONS

More than 100 presentations at state, national and international conferences including the International Reading Association, Council for Exceptional Children, College Reading Association, American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, Association of Christian Schools International and the European Literacy Conferences in Berlin, Germany and Braga, Portugal

Professional development and accreditation support for schools and women's conferences in churches

## PUBLICATIONS

Articles published in professional journals, such as The Reading Professor and The College Reading Association Yearbook

## EDUCATION

Ed.D. in Reading and Varying Exceptionalities at the University of Miami
M.S. in Reading at Florida International University
B.A. in Music at Tennessee Temple University

## PERSONAL

Karen and Leonard live in Lynchburg, Va., and will celebrate their 40th anniversary in Summer 2010. They have four daughters and nine grandchildren join them for Sunday dinner each week after church. The family enjoys singing together and Karen has performed in five musicals at the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center.