

## **Pamela E. Ray**

Since 2009, Pamela Ray has served as the Program Director of Early Childhood and Family Studies at St. Philip's College. She also serves the role of Tenured Assistant Professor at the College. As Program Director, Pamela manages an instructional unit that offers certificate and degree programs to individuals who are preparing for careers in early care and education. Her responsibilities also include instructing a partial load of courses, developing and ensuring instructional unit program curriculum as governed and/or regulated by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) AND Texas Core Knowledge Areas for Early Childhood Practitioners. She has also served the roles of Chairperson, Full-Time Instructor, and Interim Program Director of Child and Family Studies for St. Philip's College beginning in 2002.

Pamela is affiliated with a variety of professional organizations. Included in these affiliations is the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI), and San Antonio Association for the Education of Young Children (SAAEYC), Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA) and the Texas Community Colleges Teacher Association (TCCTA). Pamela has also served as the Commissioner for the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Early Childhood Associate Degree Accreditation; a member of the Dr. Joe Frost Play Collection Advisory Committee with the University of the Incarnate Word; and a member of the T.E.A.C.H. for Early Childhood State Advisory Board among other positions with committees at the local, state, and national levels.

In 2011, Pamela received the Doctoral Student Association Certificate of Recognition for Leadership. She also received the Doctoral Student Association Certificate of Recognition, Publication Award in 2010. She began working towards her Doctoral Degree in Higher Education from the University of the Incarnate Word in the spring of 2009. She obtained her Master of Arts with a Human Relations Concentration from the University of Oklahoma, and thereafter pursued Post-graduate studies in Early Childhood Education at New Mexico State University.