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Fletcher is a published author in academic periodicals such as the Journal of Curriculum and Supervision and the Harvard Education Letter and is a contributing author in a book on education reform titled Deep Change: Reform for Significance.

She has presented numerous workshops for science teachers and science teacher leaders at regional, statewide and national meetings and well as research conferences such as the National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST) and the Association for Educators of Teachers of Science (AETS).

Fletcher's primary area of interest is research on program evaluation where she has made significant contributions to improving the evaluation of professional development and its impact on student achievement in Texas.

Biography

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Carol Fletcher began her education career as a middle school science teacher in 1989. After serving in numerous leadership roles in her district and being honored by her peers as "Teacher of the Year" she left the classroom in 1995 to pursue her graduate studies full time at the University of Texas where she completed her Master's degree in 1996 and Ph.D. in 1998, both in Science Education. Since that time, she has worked with university professors, instructional specialists, and teachers from across the state to improve P-12 science and mathematics instruction through the Texas Regional Collaboratives for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching (TRC) at UT. In addition to her work with the TRC, Fletcher currently serves as the Program Co-Chair for the Science Teachers Association of Texas 2007 Conference for the Advancement of Science Teaching, the largest state science teaching convention in the country.

Public Education Leadership

In 2001, Dr. Fletcher was elected to the Pflugerville ISD Board of Trustees and has since been active in legislative and school finance issues through the Texas Association of School Board's (TASB) School Board Advocacy Network, Legislative Advisory Council, and Delegate Assembly. Dr. Fletcher was elected by her fellow trustees as board president in 2006 and continues to serve in that capacity during her third term on the board.