

Parker Fawson Bio

Dr. Fawson is the Emma Eccles Jones Endowed Chair of Early Education and a professor in Teacher Education and Leadership at Utah State University. He also serves as director of the Center for the School of the Future at USU with a mission to improve student learning in K-12 public schools. In this role, he has worked with state and local public-school leaders and university partners to introduce emerging innovative teacher pathways that allows teacher candidates to work in school internships as part of the education workforce.

Prior to his current assignment he served as dean of the School of Education at Utah Valley University and former department chair and associate dean at the University of Kentucky. He is also the past president of the *Association of Literacy Educators and Researchers*. He engages regularly with teachers and school leaders to improve the impact of early literacy instruction through the Science of Reading.

He is a regular participant on professional presentations and has been an invited keynote speaker internationally on issues surrounding strategic improvement of teaching and learning instruction through the Science of Reading (SoR). Dr. Fawson is a regular participant on professional presentations and has been an invited keynote speaker internationally on issues surrounding strategic improvement of teaching and learning. He serves as a member of the Utah Science of Reading Expert Panel.

He has authored and co-authored many refereed research reports, book chapters, and professional articles on early reading, reading motivation, and at-risk readers. He is also co-author of *Your Classroom Library: New Ways to Give It More Teaching Power*.