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Laurel Overby, Coordinator for Student Disabilities Services since August 2008, came to TCU after 20 years in K-12 teaching and administration. With most of her professional career focused on learning differences and reading problems, Laurel enjoys the diversity of working with postsecondary students with disabilities.

Laurel earned a B.S. in Elementary Education and Reading from Baylor University and her M.Ed. in Special Education and Learning Disabilities from Vanderbilt University. During her first year teaching, she tutored an older man at her church who, because of dyslexia, had never learned to read the Bible. This experience sparked her interest in dyslexia across the lifespan and fueled her passion to study this and other brain-based disabilities in both children and adults.

Mrs. Overby's professional memberships include Association for Higher Education and Disabilities, Learning Disabilities Association, Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorder, Gesell Institute of Human Development, Slingerland Institute for Literacy, Association of Christian Schools International, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, and Turner Syndrome Society of the U.S.

She enjoys quiet evenings at home with her two daughters, the Hallmark Movie Channel, and a bowl of popcorn.

This quote from a favorite author, Chuck Swindoll, defines her approach to life:

"We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations."