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EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Doctor of Philosophy. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. 1999. (Special Education - Early Intervention)

Master of Education. Central Oklahoma University. 1988. (Special Education - Severe/Profound Disabilities)

Bachelor of Science. University of Kansas. 1985. (Journalism - News Reporting)

Bachelor of Arts. University of Kansas. 1985. (Psychology - Childhood Development)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor. College of Education, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida (2004 - present).

Faculty, Department of Curriculum and Instruction (2021 – present)

Faculty, Department of Curriculum, Culture, and Educational Inquiry (2006 – 2021)

Faculty, Department of Teacher Education (2004 - 2006)

Faculty, Center for Early Childhood Education, Research, and Community Partnerships (2004 - 2007)

Faculty Advisor, Bachelor of Early Care and Education (2005 – present)

Program Area Coordinator/Liaison, Early Childhood Education Programs (ECEE Certificate, BECE, M.Ed. ECE, M.Ed. C&I AOS in ECE) (2004 - present)

Faculty Advisor, M.Ed. C& I PreK-Grade 3 and M.Ed. ECE (2004 – 2006)

Program Area Coordinator, M.Ed. C & I Pre-Kindergarten to Grade 3 (2004 - 2006)

Director, Center for Early Childhood Education, Research, and Community Partnerships
(2004-2005)

Director, Slattery Educational Research Center for Child Development (2004 - 2005)

Assistant Professor, College of Education and Human Development, University of Louisville,
Louisville, Kentucky (1998 - 2004).

Faculty, Department of Teaching and Learning (1998 - 2004)

Co-Director, Family Support Center (1999 - 2003)

Director, Little Cardinals Early Childhood Development Program (1999 - 2003)

Academic Program Coordinator, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (2000 -
2004)

Faculty Advisor, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (2000 - 2004)

Research and Scholarly Activities

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Bhagwanji, Y. (2nd edition, in preparation). *Early Childhood Environmental Education Rating Scale*. Washington, D.C.: North American Association for Environmental Education.

Simmons, B., **Bhagwanji, Y.**, Burnett, D., Downey, L., Hubbard-Sanchez, Martinez, K., ... Weiser, B. (2021). *Guidelines for Excellence: Environmental Education Materials*. Washington, DC: North American Association for Environmental Education

Bhagwanji, Y. (2011). *Early Childhood Environmental Education Rating Scale*. Washington, D.C.: North American Association for Environmental Education.

Bhagwanji, Y., Santos, R., & Fowler, S. (2000). *Culturally and linguistically sensitive practices in motor skills intervention for young children*. Champaign, IL: Early Childhood Research Institute, University of Illinois.

Bhagwanji, Y. (2000). *Access to quality child care for preschool children with disabilities: An examination of efforts by Illinois Head Start programs in the context of welfare reform*. (Doctoral Dissertation, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1999). Dissertation Abstracts International, 60/09 A.

Chapters in Books

Bhagwanji, Y. (2020). Voices from the field (pp. 114-127). In M. Wiedel-Lubinski & K. Madigan (Editors), *Nature Play Workshop for Families: A Guide to 40+ Outdoor Learning Experiences in All Seasons*. London, United Kingdom: Quarry Books.

Simmons, B., **Bhagwanji, Y.**, & Ribe, R. (2016, 3rd Edition). Promoting excellence in environmental education. In M.C. Monroe & M.E. Krasny (Eds.), *Across the spectrum: Resources for environmental educators* (pp. 85-112). Washington, DC: North American Association for Environmental Education.

Other Contributions in Books

Bhagwanji, Y. (contributing author and editor). (2011). In J.W. Collins & N.P. O'Brien (Eds.), *Greenwood dictionary of education*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Bhagwanji, Y. (invited participant). (2000). Benchmark 2000: A partnership for strategic action for women and girls in Louisville and Jefferson County, Kentucky (2001). Louisville, KY: Women 4 Women, Inc.

Bhagwanji, Y. (invited participant). (1998). Retention of special education professionals: A practical guide of strategies and activities for educators and administrators (1998). Reston, VA: National Clearinghouse for Professions in Special Education.

Articles in International Refereed Journals

Bhagwanji, Y. (in preparation). Cumulating evidence and directions in future research in early childhood environmental education. *International Journal of Early Childhood Environmental Education*.

Bhagwanji, Y., & Brown, S. (submitted). Environmental sustainability thinking and doing starts early in life. *International Journal of Primary, Elementary, and Early Years Education*.

Bhagwanji, Y., & Born, P. (2018). Use of children's literature to support an emerging curriculum model of education for sustainable development for young learners. *Journal of Education for Sustainable Development*, 12(2), 85-102.

Bhagwanji, Y., & Vasquez, M. (2009). An innovative cross-cultural in-service training model: Findings from a multi-year project. *The Journal of International Special Needs Education*, 12, 11-28.

Kirsch, E.A., Lambert, M., **Bhagwanji, Y.**, & Samms-Vaughn. (2003). Early academic learning problems of Jamaican Children: Possible family influences. *The Journal of International Special Needs Education*, 6, 6-13.

Bhagwanji, Y., & Suarez-Sousa, X. (2002). Stress profile of Peruvian parents caring for children with autism. *The Journal of International Special Needs Education*, 5, 19-29.

Articles in International Journals – Non-Refereed

Bhagwanji, Y. (2020). About our ancestral connections to early bacteria and all life in between: Exceptional topics and exciting possibilities for teaching children. *International Journal of Early Childhood Environmental Education*, 8(1), 3-8.

Dernikos, B., & **Bhagwanji, Y. (2018).** *Living within precarious times: Posthumanist possibilities for early childhood environmental education*, 5(2), 3-9.

Bhagwanji, Y., & Simmons, B. (2014). Rachel Carson: Celebrated environmental ecologist and early childhood environmental education advocate. *International Journal of Early Childhood Environmental Education*, 2(1), 6-12.

Bhagwanji, Y., & Simmons, B. (2013). Cultivating understanding and long lasting desired impacts through intentional discourse on early childhood environmental education. *International Journal of Early Childhood Environmental Education*, 1(1), 5-7.

Articles in National Refereed Journals

Bhagwanji, Y., & Suarez-Sousa, X. (2002). Using Holroyd's questionnaire on resources and stress to better understand parental stress. *Envision: A publication for parents and educators of children with impaired vision*, 7(2), 2-4.

Bhagwanji, Y., Thomas, D., & Bennett, T. (2000). Enabling families of children with disabilities to better access quality child care. *Journal of Early Education and Family Review*, 8(2), 12-16.

Bhagwanji, Y. & McCollum, J. (1998). Parent involvement in preschool programs for children at risk for academic failure. *Infant-Toddler Intervention: The Transdisciplinary Journal*, 8(1), 53-66.

Articles in National Journals – Not Refereed

Bhagwanji, Y., & Cunningham, H. (2002). Service, teaching, and research opportunities in Belize. *Teaching Exceptional Children*, 34(4), 75.

Articles in State Refereed Journals

Bhagwanji, Y., Devlin, S., Devlin, P., & Gonzalez-Martinez, J., Jones, D., & Motz, M. (2005). An International In-Service Education Prototype in Special Education: Outcomes and Lessons. *Florida Journal of Teacher Education*, 7, 33-44.

Bhagwanji, Y., Rightmyer, E.C., Colina-Vasquez, M., & Suarez-Sousa, X. (2002). Opportunities and needs in early intervention training in Kentucky. *Kaleidoscope: Journal of the Kentucky Association of Early Childhood Educators*, 19, 17-22.

Educational Documents

Bhagwanji, Y. (2016). *Formative evaluation findings for EEC 4020 Foundations of Early Childhood Environmental Education*. Submitted to George B. Storer Foundation.

Bhagwanji, Y. (2016). *Formative evaluation findings for EEC 4237 Exploring Natural Habitats as a Curriculum for Young Children*. Submitted to George B. Storer Foundation.

Bhagwanji, Y. (2016). *Formative evaluation findings for EEC 4322 Effective Practices in Early Childhood Environmental Education*. Submitted to George B. Storer Foundation.

Bhagwanji, Y., Towell, J., Vasquez, M., & Zhunio, M. (2006). *READY TO READ evaluation project: Summative assessment findings (Year 3)*. Boca Raton, FL: Florida Atlantic University.

Bhagwanji, Y., Towell, J., Vasquez, M., & Zhunio, M. (2005). *READY TO READ evaluation project: Formative assessment findings (Year 3)*. Boca Raton, FL: Florida Atlantic University.

Bhagwanji, Y., Towell, J., Vasquez, M., & Zhunio, M. (2006). *READY TO READ evaluation project: Summative assessment findings (Year 2)*. Boca Raton, FL: Florida Atlantic University.

Bhagwanji, Y., Towell, J., Vasquez, M., & Zhunio, M. (2005). *READY TO READ evaluation project: Formative assessment findings (Year 2)*. Boca Raton, FL: Florida Atlantic University.

Moreno, P.R., & **Bhagwanji, Y.** (2005). *Rationale for an inverted capstone baccalaureate program in early care and education of young children*. West Palm Beach, FL: Palm Beach Community College.

Bhagwanji, Y., Towell, J., & Vasquez, M. (2005). *READY TO READ evaluation project: Summative findings (Year 1)*. Boca Raton, FL: Florida Atlantic University.

Bhagwanji, Y., & Towell, J. (2004). *READY TO READ evaluation project: Baseline findings (Year 1)*. Boca Raton, FL: Florida Atlantic University.

Bhagwanji, Y. (2003). Lessons from the inaugural year of the Belize service learning project in special education. *Division of International Special Education Services Newsletter*, 13, 3.

Grisham-Brown, J., Hallam, R., Barbee, A., & **Bhagwanji, Y.**, (2003). *KIDS NOW evaluation project (Year 3)*. Frankfort, KY: Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

Bhagwanji, Y. (2002). Campus-based child care program meets expectations, but has new needs. *The Women's Center News (University of Louisville)*, 10(1), 4-5.

Grisham-Brown, J., Hallam, R., Barbee, A., & **Bhagwanji, Y.**, (2002). *KIDS NOW evaluation project (Year 2)*. Frankfort, KY: Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

Bhagwanji, Y. (2001). *So what is early childhood education?* Washington, DC: National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies.

Heal, L.W., Rubin, S.S., Park, W., **Bhagwanji, Y.**, Ohtake, Y. (2001). *Satisfaction interview survey*. Lyon, France: Mapi Research Institute.

Barbee, A., **Bhagwanji, Y.**, Grisham-Brown, J., Ford, J., & Hallam, R. (2001). *KIDS NOW evaluation report (Year 1)*. Frankfort, KY: Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development.

Bhagwanji, Y., Hanna, S., Ronaldson, C., Wiggington, M. (2001). *JCPS Head Start classroom mental health observation form*. Louisville, KY: JCPS Head Start.

Bennett, T., **Bhagwanji, Y.**, Thomas, D., & Allison, A. (2000). *The impact of welfare reform on Head Start and family Services*. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 433 935).

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Bennett, T., **Bhagwanji, Y.**, Thomas, D., & Allison, A. (1999). *The impact of welfare reform on Head Start disability and family services*. (ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 432 366).

Bhagwanji, Y. & Bennett, T. (1999). *Annual needs assessment 1998-1999: Region V Head Start – child care training and technical assistance needs in the area of disabilities*. (ERIC Document Reproduction No. 422 067).

Bhagwanji, Y. & Bennett, T. (1998). *Region V annual needs assessment 1997-1998*. (ERIC Document Reproduction No. 411 963).

Bhagwanji, Y. (1993). *Malaysia's first day care center for children with disabilities: Future needs in research in early intervention*. (ERIC Document Reproduction No. 369 189).

GRANTS (funded \$4,759,241; not funded \$4,356,721)

National – Foundation (funded - \$179,500; not funded - \$556,221)

Sustaining Enrollment in Undergraduate Early Childhood Environmental Education Certificate Program. (2022-2023). George B. Storer Foundation. \$50,000. Principle Investigator.

Accredited Undergraduate Certificate Program in ECEE to a National Audience. (2021-2022). George B. Storer Foundation. \$45,000. Principle Investigator.

Advancing Greater Capacity in Teaching Early Childhood Environmental Education. (2020-2021). George B. Storer Foundation. \$20,000. Principle Investigator.

Empowering Childcare Centers in Enhancing ECEE: A Prototype for Direct Action. (2019-2020). George B. Storer Foundation. \$10,000. Principle Investigator.

Community Engagement in ECEE (CEECEE): An Innovative Pre-Service Practicum Model. (2018-2019). George B. Storer Foundation. \$18,000. Principle Investigator.

Advancing Preschool Teacher Skills in Connecting Young Children with Nature. (2017-2018). George B. Storer Foundation. \$6,500. Principle Investigator.

Promoting Professional Development through the *International Journal of Early Childhood Environmental Education*. (2016-2017). George B. Storer Foundation. \$2,500. Principle Investigator.

Engaging Childcare Centers in ECEE Professional Development. (2016-2017). George B. Storer Foundation. \$76,000. Principle Investigator. NOT FUNDED.

Promoting Environmental Education and Wonder in Early Education (Phase 2). (2015-2016). George B. Storer Foundation. \$25,000. Principle Investigator.

Promoting Environmental Education and Wonder in Early Education (Phase 1). (2014-2015). George B. Storer Foundation. \$12,500. Principal Investigator.

Tortuga Trail: A Sacred Place Promoting Human-Nature Interdependence. (2012-2015). *Open Spaces Sacred Places: The Healing Power of Nature*, National Awards Program for Integrated Research and Design, TKF Foundation. \$480,221. Principal Investigator (with S. Brown). NOT FUNDED.

Federal – Competitive (funded - \$2,939,311; not funded - \$3.8 million)

Catalyzing early learning in Grade K Science by applying an interdisciplinary perspective linking core ontological concepts with NGSS-Science Instruction. Proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation. \$1.2 million, 3-year project (2018-2021). NOT FUNDED.

Promoting ontological fluency in oral language development to enhance learning of NGSS standards and practices of science in grades K-1. Proposal submitted to the Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. \$1.4 million, 4-year project (2017-2021). NOT FUNDED.

Combining ontological fluency development with environmental “naturewalks” to prepare kindergarten children for future NGSS-oriented science instruction. Proposal submitted to the National Science Foundation. \$1.2 million, 3-year project (2016-2019). NOT FUNDED.

Early Reading First: Bridging the Achievement Gap in Low-Income, English Language Learning Children. (2004-2007). US Department of Education/Children’s Services Council of Palm Beach Co. \$2,170,311. Co-Principal Investigator (with J. LaBella, J. Pierman, and J. Towell).

Family Support Center: Innovative Mental Health Training. (2000-2003). United States Department of Health and Human Services. \$529,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with S. Hanna and C. Ronaldson).

Little Cardinals Early Childhood Development Program. (1999-2003). United States Department of Education. \$240,000. Principal Investigator.

State/Federal Flow-Through – Competitive (funded - \$1,350,645)

Supplemental Educational Services. (2005-2006). Palm Beach County Schools/Florida Department of Education. \$250,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with P. Marinaccio).

KIDS NOW Evaluation Project. (2003-2004). Kentucky Department of Education. \$250,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with R. Hellam, J. Grisham-Brown, A. Barbee, and A. Faul).

KIDS NOW Evaluation Project. (2002-2003). Kentucky Department of Education. \$250,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with R. Hellam, J. Grisham-Brown, and A. Barbee).

Preschool Traineeship Grant. (2002-2003). Kentucky Department of Education/United States Department of Education. \$13,000. Principal Investigator.

IECE Traineeship Grant. (2002-2003). Kentucky Department of Health and Human Services/United States Department of Education. \$6,765. Principal Investigator.

New Scripts Grant. (2002-2003). United States Department of Education/University of North Carolina at Chapel-Hill. \$600. Principal Investigator.

Faculty Assistance Grant. (2001-2002). Kentucky Department of Education/United States Department of Education. \$22,300. Principal Investigator.

Preschool Traineeship Grant. (2001-2002). Kentucky Department of Education/United States Department of Education. \$21,150. Principal Investigator.

Early Intervention of Young Children with Visual Impairments. (2001-2002). United States Department of Education/Early Intervention Training Center for Infants and Toddlers with Visual Impairments, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. \$1,000. Principal Investigator.

IECE Traineeship Grant. (2001-2002). Kentucky Department of Education/United States Department of Education. \$6,765. Principal Investigator.

KIDS NOW Evaluation Project. (2001-2002). Kentucky Department of Education. \$250,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with M. Hemmeter, J. Grisham-Brown, and A. Barbee).

KIDS NOW Evaluation Project. (2000-2001). Kentucky Department of Education. \$250,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with M. Hemmeter, J. Grisham-Brown, and A. Barbee).

Enhancing Training Opportunities in Early Intervention. (2000-2001). Kentucky Department of Education. \$29,065. Principal Investigator.

Local Community/University – Competitive (funded - \$364,285; not funded - \$500)

Technology for Environmental Education in the Outdoors. (2021-2022). Florida Atlantic University Office of Information Technology. \$4,800. Principle Investigator.

Composting for Preschoolers. (2016-2018). League of Environmental Educators of Florida (LEEF). \$500. Principle Investigator. NOT FUNDED.

Resources for Early Childhood Environmental Education Coursework. (2014-2015). Florida Atlantic University, College of Education Dean's Office. \$1,117. Principle Investigator.

Infusion Technology in Environmental Learning. (2013-2014). Florida Atlantic University Office of Information Technology. \$5,100. Principle Investigator.

Summer Tiered Approach to Reading. (2005-2009). Robert and Mary Pew Education Foundation. \$200,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with P. Marinaccio).

International In-Service Education Project. (2005-2006). Florida Atlantic University Division of Research and Graduate Studies. \$1,500. Principal Investigator.

Head Start Program: Mental Health Consultations. (2003-2004). Jefferson County Public Schools. \$28,223. Co-Principal Investigator (with A. Frey).

Development of Director's Credential in Early Child Care. (2002-2003). Kentucky Department of Education. \$9,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with E. Rightmyer).

Faculty Professional Development Small Grant. (2002-2003). Faculty Senate, University of Louisville. \$1,380. Principal Investigator.

Fee-For-Service Integrated Mental Health Services. (2002-2003). Jefferson County Public School Head Start. \$30,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with K. Besel).

Mental Health Consulting Project. (2001-2002). Jefferson County Public School Head Start. \$23,000. Co-Principal Investigator (with S. Hanna and C. Ronaldson).

Multicultural Early Childhood State Leadership Training Project. (2001-2002). Research and Faculty Development Committee, School of Education, University of Louisville. \$950. Principal Investigator.

Belize Service Learning Project in Special Education. (2001-2002). Research and Faculty Development Committee, College of Education and Human Development, University of Louisville. \$1,950. Principal Investigator.

Professional Development Needs and Opportunities in Early Intervention. (2000-2001). University of Kentucky/University of Louisville Joint Center for Policy Studies. \$5,880. Principal Investigator.

Belize Service Learning Project in Special Education. (2000-2001). Research and Faculty Development Committee, School of Education, University of Louisville. \$1,385. Principal Investigator.

Little Cardinals Early Childhood Development Program. (1999-2001). University of Louisville Student Government Association. \$30,000. Principal Investigator.

Little Cardinals Early Childhood Development Program. (1999-2000). Jefferson County Public School. \$5,000. Principal Investigator.

Child Care Evaluation. (1998-1999). Norton Healthcare. \$15,000. Principal Investigator.

PRESENTATIONS

National/International Presentations

Advancing Early Childhood Environmental Education through Research. Paper presented at the 50th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2021, virtual.

Publishing Academic Work about Environmental and Sustainability Education: Options, Priorities, and Reflections. Paper presented at the 50th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2021, virtual

Where Are the Early Childhood Environmental Education Teacher Competencies? Paper presented at the 50th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2021, virtual.

Environmental Experiences in Early Childhood. Paper accepted for presentation at the Annual Conference of the Florida Project Learning Tree, November 2021, Gainesville, Florida (cancelled due to COVID pandemic).

Advancing Early Childhood Environmental Education through Research. Paper presented at the 49th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference (virtual), October 2020.

Creating EE Online: Making EE Engaging in the Digital World. Paper presented at the 49th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference (virtual), October 2020.

Where Are the Early Childhood Environmental Education Teacher Competencies? Paper presented at the 2020 Nature-Based Early Learning Conference (virtual), August 2020.

Trends and issues in early childhood environmental education research. Paper presented at the 48th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2019, Lexington, Kentucky.

Early childhood education in the Anthropocene age: Business as usual? Paper presented at the 48th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2019, Lexington, Kentucky.

Inspiring preschool teachers in connecting children with nature: Findings from an in-service education initiative. Paper presented at the 2019 Nature-Based Early Learning Conference, August 2019, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Engaging children with disabilities in nature: Collaborating with families and accessing community supports. Paper presented at the 2019 Nature-Based Early Learning Conference, August 2019, Manchester, New Hampshire.

Restoring children's joyful relationships with nature. Paper presented at the 2019 Natural Wonder Summit, March 2019, Miami, Florida.

Encouraging preschool teachers to become change agents: Delivering effective in-service education. Paper presented at the 47th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2018, Spokane, Washington.

Preparing future teachers to integrate environmental education across the curriculum. Paper presented at the 47th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2018, Spokane, Washington.

Building a research base for early childhood environmental education. Paper presented at the 47th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2018, Spokane, Washington.

Effective pedagogy: Applying proven early childhood methodologies in environmental education. Paper presented at the 46th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2017, San Juan, Puerto Rico. [The paper was presented through a virtual conference due to Hurricane Maria.]

Interested in designing a children's natural playscape? A community's story. Paper presented at the 46th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2017, San Juan, Puerto Rico. [The paper was presented through a virtual conference due to Hurricane Maria.]

Capacity Building Summit (by invitation only). Forum gathering of individuals working in environmental education, youth and community development, and resource management organized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 45th Annual Conference of the North American Association for Environmental Education, October 2016, Madison, Wisconsin.

NAAEE Higher Education Accreditation: How do you get it? Workshop presented at the 45th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2016, Madison, Wisconsin.

Education for Sustainable Development for emergent and early fluent readers. Paper presented at the 45th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2016, Madison, Wisconsin.

Content and pedagogy of critical importance in pre-service early childhood environmental education. Paper presented at the 44th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2015, San Diego, California.

Interested in becoming an NAAEE accredited college/university. Workshop presented at the 44th Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2015, San Diego, California.

Connecting children with nature: Implications for pre-service teacher preparation programs. Presentation at the Annual Conference of the National Social Science Association, March 29, 2015, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Integrating environmental education into university coursework: Why recreate the wheel? Paper presented at the 43rd Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2014, Ottawa, Canada.

Promoting excellence in environmental education. Paper presented at the 43rd Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2014, Ottawa, Canada.

An innovative early childhood environmental education professional development initiative. Paper presented at the 43rd Annual North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 2014, Ottawa, Canada.

Study of natural habitats as curriculum for young children. Presentation at North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 10, 2013, Baltimore, Maryland.

Collaborative formative evaluation: Validated steps in improving the environmental education program. Presentation at North American Association for Environmental Education Conference, October 13, 2012, Oakland, California.

Role of educational leaders in promoting inclusive education. Presentation at the Institute of Principalship Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 21, 2010. (invited)

Role of higher education faculty in promoting inclusive education. Presentation at the Institute of Principalship Studies, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, July 12, 2010. (invited)

A reading program to scaffold English language learners' love of reading. Presentation at the American Educational Research Association Conference. (with Dr. Philomena Marinaccio). April 2007, Chicago, Illinois.

Summer tiered approach to reading: Bridging cultures with literature. Presentation at the American Reading Forum (with Drs. Philomena Marinaccio, Traci Baxley, et al.). December 2006, Sanibel Island, Florida.

Interpersonal self-efficacy within nonprofit human service settings. Presentation at the Academy of Human Resource Development International Conference. May 2006, Columbus, Ohio.

Practical teaching strategies for everyday use. Workshop given at the Belize Special Education Unit, August 2005, Belize City, Central America.

Family-centered practices. Workshop given at the Belize Special Education Unit, August 2005, Belize City, Central America.

A model for international service learning in special education. Presentation at the International Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children, April 2004, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Benefits and strategies for inclusion. Workshop given at DeLille Academy, Dandriga, August 2004, Belize, Central America.

Teaching diverse learners. Workshop given at DeLille Academy, Dandriga, August 2004, Belize, Central America.

Positive behavioral support. Workshop given at DeLille Academy, Dandriga, August 2004, Belize, Central America.

Parent involvement and relationships. Workshop given at DeLille Academy, Dandriga, August 2004, Belize, Central America.

Promoting inclusion. Workshop given at Regional Education Centre, Corozal Town, August 2003, Belize, Central America.

Improving bilingual special education services. Workshop given at Regional Education Centre, Corozal Town, August 2003, Belize, Central America.

Communication disorders and strategies. Workshop given at Regional Education Centre, Corozal Town, August 2003, Belize, Central America.

Family and Community Partnerships. Workshop given at Regional Education Centre, Corozal Town, August 2003, Belize, Central America.

Support systems for students with disabilities: Developing internal resources. Workshop given at Stella Maris Special School, August 2002, Belize City, Central America.

Support systems for students with disabilities: Administrative relationships. Workshop given at Stella Maris Special School, August 2002, Belize City, Central America.

Support systems for students with disabilities: Partnering with families. Workshop given at Stella Maris Special School, August 2002, Belize City, Central America.

Support systems for students with disabilities: Community relationships. Workshop given at Stella Maris Special School, August 2002, Belize City, Central America.

Serving children with disabilities: Head Start-child care partnership challenges and initiatives. Presentation given at the International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs, December 1999, Washington, District of Columbia.

Relationships with parents with disabilities: Perceptions and training needs of Head Start staff. Presentation given at the International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs, December 1998, Chicago, Illinois.

Regional Presentations

Nature Experiences for Budding Environmental Stewards: A Primer for Early Childhood Educators. Workshop accepted by Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County Conference (virtual), August 2020, canceled due to COVID pandemic.

Early intervention professional development opportunities and needs in Kentucky.

Presentation given at the New SCRIPT (Supporting Change and Reform in Interprofessional Preservice Training) Conference, October 2000, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

State and Local Presentations

Supporting children's environmental literacy development. (invited). Workshop to be presented at the Broward Early Childhood Education Conference, Broward College, Coconut Creek, Florida, March 2019.

Inspiring children's learning in the natural outdoors: Benefits, opportunities, and strategies! (invited). Workshop presented for the Hispanic Human Resources Council of Palm Beach County, Children's Services Council, Boynton Beach, Florida, June 2018.

Nature Education Workshop: Ways to improve your outdoor environment. (invited). Workshop presented for the Broward Association for the Education of Young Children, Children's World South Center, Ft. Lauderdale, October 2017.

Inspiring children's learning in the natural outdoors: Benefits, opportunities, and strategies! Workshop presented for the Early Learning Coalition, Children's Services Council, Boynton Beach, Florida, June 2017.

Inspiring children's learning in the natural outdoors: Benefits, opportunities, and strategies! Workshop presented for the Early Learning Coalition, Children's Services Council, Boynton Beach, Florida, May 2017.

Joyful childhood and nature education. (invited). Keynote presentation at the Florida/Georgia faith Lutheran Administrator Annual Conference, North Palm Beach, Florida, February 2017.

Getting better all the time: Strengthening children's programming in early childhood environmental education using a formative evaluation approach. Paper presented at the Fall Conference of the League of Environmental Educators in Florida (LEEF) Conference, Merritt Island, Florida, October 2016.

Environmental literacy in the early years: Engaging pre-service educators. Paper presented at the Annual League of Environmental Educators in Florida (LEEF) Conference, Archbold Biological Station, Lake Placid, Florida, March 2015.

Building Capacity for Children's Interaction with the Natural World: Ideas for Child Development Center Directors. A curriculum workshop to be presented at the Florida Association for Child Care Management 2014's Annual Conference, Miami, May 16, 2014.

A Tool for Reviewing and Evaluating the Early Childhood Environmental Education Program. A workshop to be presented at the Roots of Nature: A Friedman CJE Early Childhood Nature Education Conference, West Palm Beach, February 17, 2014.

Learning and Wondering in the Natural Outdoors – Letting Loose, Getting Dirty, and Teaching Science! A workshop to be presented at the Roots of Nature: A Friedman CJE Early Childhood Nature Education Conference, West Palm Beach, February 17, 2014.

Environmental Education for Young Children: Steps for Programmatic Change. A curriculum workshop presented at the Florida Association for Child Care Management 2013's Annual Conference, Orlando, May 18, 2013.

Connecting Children with Nature: Practical Ideas and Resources. A curriculum workshop presented at Children Count 2013's Early Care and Education Conference, West Palm Beach, April 6, 2013.

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Connecting Children with Nature: Practical Ideas and Resources. A curriculum workshop presented at Children Count 2013's Early Care and Education Conference, West Palm Beach, April 6, 2013.

Early Childhood Environmental Education Issues and Opportunities. Guest Presenter in SCE 6345 Perspectives of Environmental Education, November 2012, Florida Atlantic University.

Let's Go Outside! Outdoor Activities that Encourage Physical Activity, Development of Curiosity, and Appreciation for the Beauty of the Natural World. A curriculum workshop presented at Children Count 2012's Early Care and Education Conference, West Palm Beach, April 21, 2012.

Developing Green Child Care Centers. A curriculum workshop presented at Florida Association for Child Care Management 2012's Annual Conference, West Palm Beach, February 18, 2012.

Look, Explore, and Express! Teaching and Engaging Preschoolers in Learning Science. A curriculum workshop presented at Children Count 2011's Curriculum and Early Learning Environment Conference, West Palm Beach, April 9, 2011.

The Art of Teaching Science in the Early Childhood Curriculum. A curriculum workshop presented at Children Count 2011's Curriculum and Early Learning Environment Conference, West Palm Beach, April 9, 2011.

What does research tell us about effective nature education curriculum for young children? Paper presented at the 31st Annual Conference of the League of Environmental Educators, Starkesville, Florida, March 26, 2011.

Practical strategies for imbedding nature education in the early childhood curriculum. Workshop presented at the Florida Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, October 2010.

Integrating environmental education in early childhood curriculum. Presentation given at the Annual Teacher Conference of Head Start of Palm Beach County, August 2008, West Palm Beach, FL.

Parent involvement in the education of at-risk preschool children. Presentation at FAU College of Education Research Symposium, April 2007.

Families joining families. A series of seven presentations on state-of-the art family literacy activities, 2006-2007, Florida Atlantic University.

Evaluation of continuing education programs. Guest presenter in Program Evaluation in Curriculum and Instruction, July 2005, Florida Atlantic University.

Collaborative planning and implementation of behavior management plans. Presentation given at the Family Support Center, March 2003, University of Louisville, KY.

Case studies in managing children's difficult behaviors. Presentation given at the Family Support Center, February, March 2003, University of Louisville, KY.

Typical and atypical developmental patterns in children. Presentation given at the Family Support Center, February 2003, University of Louisville, KY.

Working with children with challenging behaviors. Presentation given at Jacob Annex (Jefferson County Public School), September 2002, Louisville, KY.

Classroom observation and art therapy activities. Workshop given at Center At Riverpoint, August 2002, Louisville, KY.

Mental health case management. Workshop given at the Family Support Center, January, February, March, April, May 2002, University of Louisville, KY.

Using pro-social guidance to reduce inappropriate behaviors of children. Workshop given at DuValle Education Center, April 2002, Louisville, KY.

Using pro-social guidance to reduce inappropriate behaviors of children. Workshop given at Jacob Annex (Jefferson County Public School), April 2002, Louisville, KY.

Using pro-social guidance to reduce inappropriate behaviors of children. Workshop given at Dawson Orman Education Center, March 2002, Louisville, KY.

Using pro-social guidance to reduce inappropriate behaviors of children. Workshop given at Wilkerson Elementary School, March 2002, Louisville, KY.

Training opportunities and needs in early intervention. Presentation given at the Conference of the Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education, October 2001, Lexington, KY.

New ways of valuing families and their voices. Presentation to be given at the New SCRIPT Preconference Session, October 2001, Lexington, KY.

Approaches and strategies in including parents of children with disabilities in all aspects of training personnel. Presentation to be given at the Conference of the Kentucky Association for Early Childhood Education, October 2001, Lexington, KY.

Models and strategies to assist Head Start teachers in promoting prosocial behaviors of children. Presentation given at the Family Support Center, August 2001, University of Louisville, KY.

Developing and implementing an effective behavior management plan. Presentation given at Jacob Annex (Jefferson County Public School), August 2001, Louisville, KY.

Family-professional partnerships in training. Presentation given at the Annual Infant/Toddler Conference, July 2001, Lexington, KY.

Licensing requirements for child care facilities in Kentucky. Presentation given at the Waggoner School Child Care Program, April 2001, Louisville, KY.

Designing a playground that supports the development of children. Presentation given at the Waggoner School Child Care Program, April 2001, Louisville, KY.

Meeting individual needs of young children. Presentation given at the Family Support Center, March 2001, University of Louisville, KY.

Helping children with play problems. Presentation given at the 4C Winter Workshop, April 2000, Louisville, KY

Encouraging pro-social behaviors of preschoolers. Presentation given at the 4C Winter Workshop, February 2000, Louisville, KY.

HONORS

- 2019 - **Visiting Distinguished Faculty**, University of Kentucky
- 2018 - **Outstanding Service to Environmental Education at National Level Award**,
North American Association for Environmental Education
- 2015 - Nominated for **COE Teacher of the Year**, Florida Atlantic University
- 2010 - Nominated for **COE Teacher of the Year**, Florida Atlantic University
- 2003 - **Who's Who in Education**, Academic Keys
- 2003 - **Appreciation Award**, CEHD Office of Research, UofL
- 2002 - **Certificate of Appreciation**, Success By 6, Louisville, KY
- 2002 - **Early Childhood Advocacy Fellowship**, Kentucky Youth Advocates
- 2002 - **Contribution Recognition**, Department of Teaching and Learning, UofL
- 2002 - **Certificate of Appreciation**, Community Coordinated Child Care, Inc., Louisville
- 2002 - **Unsung Hero's Award**, Department of Teaching and Learning, UofL
- 2001 - **Certificate of Appreciation**, Council for Exceptional Children
- 1999 - **Certificate of Appreciation**, KY Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development

TEACHING

Florida Atlantic University

UNDERGRADUATE

- EEX 3201** Typical/Atypical Child Development
- EDF 3210** Applied Learning Theory
- EEC 3214** Designing and Implementing a Blended Curriculum: Birth to Age Eight
- EEX 3603** Positive Behavior Support in Early Childhood Education
- EEX 3754** Building Family, School, and Community Partnerships
- EEC 4313** Blended Curriculum Methods in Early Childhood
- EEC 4020** Foundations of Early Childhood Environmental Education
- EEC 4237** Exploring Natural Habitats as a Curriculum for Young Children
- EEC 4322** Effective Practices in Early Childhood Environmental Education
- EEC 4404** Community Engagement in Early Childhood Environmental Education

GRADUATE

- EEC 6206** Program Design in Early Childhood Education
- EEC 6275** Studies in Curriculum Enrichment for Early Childhood Education
- EEC 6405** Community-School Concepts in Early Childhood
- EEC 6711** Communication Arts in Early Childhood
- EDG 7938** Doctoral Seminar in Curriculum and Instruction
- EDG 7980** Doctoral Dissertation

University of Louisville

UNDERGRADUATE

- EDTL 101** Academic Orientation
- EDEM 305** Child Development in Home, School, and Community
- EDEM 433** Curriculum and Methods in Early Childhood Special Education
- EDEM 435** Administration and Consultations: Day Care and Early Childhood Education
- EDEM 436** Theories of Play

GRADUATE

- EDSP 545** Exceptional Children in Regular Classroom
- EDEM 627** Applied Child Development
- EDEM 630** Theories of Child Development
- EDEM 633** Curriculum and Methods in Early Childhood Special Education
- EDEM 635** Administration and Consultations: Day Care and Early Childhood Education
- EDEM 636** Theories of Play

Independent Study/Special Topics

- Advanced studies in child development
- Advanced studies in early childhood education administration
- Advanced studies in infancy and toddlerhood
- Advanced studies in preschool curriculum
- Early intervention curriculum studies
- Early intervention service coordination
- Families in early intervention
- Infant mental health
- Issues in early childhood education
- Issues in early childhood special education
- Multicultural education in early childhood
- Practicum in inclusive early childhood education
- Professional development in environmental education
- Research methods in environmental education
- Screening/assessment/evaluation in early childhood special education
- Single case research designs

Service

NATIONAL SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

North American Association for Environmental Education (NAAEE)

Member, 2012-present

Editor, *International Journal of Early Childhood Environmental Education*

Advisory Board Member, Natural Start Alliance

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

Member, Division of Early Childhood, 1990-2012
Member, Division of International Special Education and Services (DISES), 1990-2012
Executive Board Committee Member, DISES, 1998-2004
International Advisory Board Member, DISES, 1998-present
Member, Subcommittee on Recruitment and Retention, National Clearinghouse for
Professions in Special Education, 1998-2002
International Liaison, DISES, 1999-present
Chair, DISES Cultural Forum Coordinator for Peru Conference, 2005-2006

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Member, 1999-2012

National Head Start Association (NHSA)

Member 1998-2003

NATIONAL PROJECTS

Cyberchase: Mobile Adventures in STEM (an NSF-funded media project of THIRTEEN WNET New York Public Media), advisory board member, 2017-present

SpecialQuest (a public-private national project to enhance cooperation among child care, early intervention, and Early Head Start personnel), curriculum committee, 2002-2012

SPIES (Strategies for Preschool Intervention in Everyday Settings, a federally-funded research project to develop a state-of-the-art training model and program), outreach and field research site partner, 1999-2002

Systems Change in Personnel Preparation (a federally-funded faculty development institute focusing on inclusive early childhood education settings), Kentucky higher education representative, 1999-2002

SpecialQuest (a public-private national project to enhance cooperation among child care, early intervention, and Early Head Start personnel), learning coach for teams in Kentucky and Ohio, 1998-2012

EDITORIAL AND MANUSCRIPT REVIEW

Executive Editor, *International Journal of Early Childhood Environmental Education*, 2012-present

Editorial Board Member and Reviewer, *The Journal of International Special Needs Education*, 1998-present

Editorial Board Member and Reviewer, *Asia Pacific Education Review*, 2004-2018

Consulting Editor and Reviewer, *The Journal of Disability Policy Studies*, 1999-2004

Reviewer, *Comparing Theories of Child Development*, 2003

Contributing Editor, *Greenwood Dictionary of Education*, 2001-2002, 2010-2011

Field Reviewer, *Teaching Exceptional Children*, 1997-1999

Assistant Editor, Newsletter of the Division of International Special Education and Services,
1997-2001

SERVICE TO STATE

Florida

GREEN SCHOOL RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Green Schools Judge, FAU Pine Jog Environmental Education Center, 2017

COUNTY AND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEES

Broward County Consortium of Early Childhood Community Partners, 2005 – present

Early Childhood Integration Committee of Children's Services Council of Palm Beach
County, 2004 – 2005

Career Development in Child Development of Palm Beach County, 2004 - 2005

Education Commission of Palm Beach County, 2004 - 2005

Kentucky

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Kentucky Council for Exceptional Children, 1998-2004

Kentucky Division of Early Childhood, 1998-2004

Kentucky Association of Early Childhood Education (KAECE), member 1999-2004

Kentucky Head Start Association (KHSA), member 1998-2004

KHSA/KAECE Collaborative Conference Planning Committee Member, 2000

Co-Chair, Public Relations Committee

STATE PLANNING COMMITTEES

Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development – Infant/Toddler Committee, 2001-
2004.

Co- Chair, The Kentucky Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development (KIECPD), 2003-2004.

Kentucky Department of Education – Kentucky Specialty Exam in Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (IECE) Update Committee, 2001-2004.

Governor’s Office of Early Childhood Development – Professional Development Articulation Workgroup, 2000-2003.

Kentucky Department of Education – Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP) Update Committee, 2000-2004.

Kentucky Child 2000 – Charter Member, 2000-present

Kentucky Department of Education – Multicultural Early Childhood Leadership Team, 2000-2002

Kentucky Department of Education – Kentucky SCRIPT (Supporting Change and Reform in Interprofessional Preservice Training) Team, 1999-2002

Governor’s Early Childhood Task Force – Supporting Families Work Group, 1998-2000.

LOCAL SERVICE

Boca Raton, Florida

Patron and Volunteer, Gumbo Limbo Nature and Education Center, 2004 - present

Louisville, Kentucky

Board of Directors, Community Coordinated Child Care (4-C), Inc. – 1999-2002
Program Committee, 1999-2002

Advisory Board Member, Louisville Free Public Library, Children’s Department – 2001-2004.

Advisory Board Member, Access to the Arts Forum, Kentucky Center for the Arts – 2002-2004.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Florida Atlantic University

Member, University Undergraduate Programs Committee, 2017-present

Member, University Faculty Senate, 2015-2017

Presenter, FAU Undergraduate Admission Office's Campus Day Event, 2009-present

Chair, Faculty Forum on Living and Learning Together, 2008

Chair, Search Committee for Director of Slattery Early Education and Development Center, 2004

University of Louisville

University of Louisville Honors Program, 2002-2004
Mentor, Mentoring Program, 2002-2004

President's Commission on the Status of Women, 1999-2004
Co-Chair, Child Care Subcommittee, 1999-2002
Chair, Child Care Subcommittee, 2002-2004

Student Life Non-Academic Discipline Hearing Council, 2002-2004

Advisory Board Member, Family Support Center, 1998-2003
Co-Director, 1999-2003
Recruitment Committee, 2000-2003
Steering Committee, 2001-2003

Advisory Board, Children's Literature Library Collection, 2001-2004

COLLEGE SERVICE

Florida Atlantic University

DCI Non-Tenure Track (NTT) – 1 (External reviewer, wrote evaluation letter, 2022-2023)

DCI Sustained Performance Evaluation (SPE) – 1 (Ad-hoc committee chair and lead writer, 2021-2022)

CCEI Sustained Performance Evaluation (SPE) – 1 (Ad-hoc committee member, 2020-2021)

CCEI Promotion and Tenure (P&T) – 3 (Ad-hoc committee chair and lead writer for 2, 2020-2021)

CCEI Third Year Review – 4 (Ad hoc committee chair and lead writer for 2, 2017-2021)

Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Curriculum and Instruction (2 positions), 2017-2018

Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Early Care and Education, 2014-2016

Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Professor of Exceptional Student Education, 2014-2015

Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Curriculum and Instruction, 2013-2014

Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Science/Environmental Education, 2013-2014

Search Committee for Full Professor of TESOL, 2012 - 2013

COE Graduate Programs Committee, 2012-2014

CCEI Graduate Programs Committee, 2014-2016

CCEI Graduate Recruitment Committee, 2009 - 2011

COE Research Committee, 2007 - 2015

COE Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2007 – present
Chair (2018-present)

CCEI Senior Secretary Search Committee, 2008 - 2012

CCEI Voting Committee, 2008 - 2010

COE Diversity Committee, 2004 - 2008

DTE Honors and Scholarships Committee, 2006 - 2008

COE Dean's Search Committee, 2007 - 2008

Search Committee for Chair of the Department of Teacher Education, 2005 - 2006

DTE Search Committee for Core Teaching Instructors, 2005 - 2006

Search Committee for Director of the Center for Early Childhood Education, Research, and Community Partnerships, 2005

NCATE Diversity Committee, 2004-2007

Group Leader, Student Recruitment and Retention, 2004-2007

DTE Graduate Programs Committee, 2004 - 2006

Doctoral Program Advisor – 29

Doctoral Examination Reader - 12

Doctoral Dissertation Committee – 20 (18 CCEI, 1 ESE, 1 Nursing)
Chair – 12

Ed.S. Program Advisor – 6
Capstone

Master's Thesis Committee - 1

University of Louisville

Chair, Department Honors Committee, 2003-2004

Screening Committee for Interim Department Chair, 2003

Search Committee for Associate Professor in Physical Education, 2002-2003

Search Committee for Assistant Professor in Physical Education, 2002-2003

NCATE Professional Development Committee, 2001-2002

Department Grievance Committee, 2001-2004

Chair, 2002-2003

Education Graduate Student Association

Advisor, 2001-2003

Search Committee for Senior Research Facilitator, 2001

Research and Faculty Development Committee, 2000-2004

Chair, 2000-2001

Honors and Scholarship Committee, 2000-2004

Chair, 2001-2002

Marketing and Recruitment Committee, 2000-2002

Recreating Colleges of Teacher Education: A BellSouth Initiative, 1999-2000

Chair, IECE Graduate Folio Committee, 1999-2001

Chair, IECE Undergraduate Folio Committee, 1999-2001

Chair, Search Committee for Director of Early Childhood Laboratory School, 1998-1999

Chair, Search Committee for Infant/Toddler Teacher, Early Childhood Lab School, 1998-1999

Chair, Search Committee for Preschool Teacher, Early Childhood Lab School, 1998-1999

Faculty Advisor, Education Graduate Student Association (EGSA), 1998-2004

Doctoral Program Committee – 4 (Chair – 2)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee – 4 (Chair – 2)

Master's Thesis Committee – 1

Mentor, Future Professors Program – 2

OTHER SIGNIFICANT SERVICE NOT IDENTIFIED ABOVE

DOCTORAL COMMITTEE

Doctoral Dissertation Committee – George Mason University (1)

NEW TEACHER MENTORING

Certified Intern Teacher Observer, Kentucky Teacher Internship Program (KTIP),
2000-2004

Certified Trainer, KTIP-IECE, 2000-2004