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### EDUCATION:

#### **EdD (Early Childhood)**

September 2019

Northcentral University, Scottsdale AZ

**Dissertation:** "Diverse Parent and Teacher Perspectives of Mindfulness-based Yoga in Schools: A Qualitative Case Study"

#### **MS (Educational Leadership)**

May 2012

Western Illinois University, Quad Cities Campus

#### **MS (Bilingual and Multicultural Education)**

December 2008 Western

Illinois University, Quad Cities Campus

#### **BS (Special Education)**

December 2003

Western Illinois University, Quad Cities Campus

Endorsements: Special Education (LBS 1)

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### PUBLICATIONS:

"Illinois State Literacy Plan" (Illinois State Board of Education, 2023) - Collaborative Author on Statewide Author Team

*"Stories of School Yoga: Narratives from the Field"* (SUNY PRESS, September 2019 - Chapter Contributor (Ch. 5) - *"Achieving and Breathing: the Yoga Journey of a Public School Teacher"*

*"Teaching in a Pandemic: Reaching Multilingual and Marginalized Students"* of *"Thresholds Educational Journal - 2021"* - Co-editor and Author

*"Second Reaction: Antiracism Concepts Can Be Scaffolded for Young Children"* of *"Purdue University's First Opinions, Second Reactions - 2022"*

## **COMPETITIVE GRANTS and AWARDS and Philanthropic Partnerships:**

- IL ECE Multilingual Research and Continuous Improvement, 2024 (\$420,000 - multiple philanthropic contributions)
- Grow Your Own IL Workforce Pathways Grant, 2023 (\$140,000)
- AIR Grant - Rural Grow Your Own Teacher Program and Research, 2023 (\$670,000)
- Early Childhood Competitive Grant Program - Capital Development, 2022 (\$680,000 - awaiting award decision) : construction expansion for infant/toddler
- INCCRRA/Governor's Office of Early Childhood Workforce Diversity Grant , 2022 (\$167,000): Parent Mentor and Diverse Candidate Grow Your Own
- STAR NET Grant; ISBE, 2022 (\$978,500) - Team Write: Early Childhood Special Education services
- Logan Square Parent Mentor Program Grant, 2022 (\$320,000): development and sustainability of EC-Grade 5 parent mentor program
- Ladders Grant (LSNA), 2022 (\$180,000): Parent Mentor Grow Your Own
- Quad City Community Foundation Grant, 2022 (\$20,000): Technology for Lab Site
- City of Moline Forgivable Loan For Childcare Construction, 2022 (\$50,000): Accessible Playground for Lab Site
- ECACE Grant, 2021 (\$952,000): Incumbent Workforce Degree Pathways
- INCCRRA/Gateways Spanish Prior Learned Assessment Grant, 2022 (\$10,000): Native Language Early Childhood Competency Assessment
- INCCRRA/Gateways Prior Learned Assessment Grant, 2022 (\$10,000): Early Childhood Competency Assessment
- Logan Square Parent Mentor Program (SWOP) Grant, 2021 (\$280,000)
- Iowa State Preschool Continuation Application, 2019 (\$667,000)
- Donors Choose STEM grant for K-2nd Grade Multilingual Family Partnership, 2018 (\$5000)
- Teaching Tolerance Multicultural Texts (EC-K), 2018 (\$86,000)
- Department of Education E2T2 Technology Grant, 2014 (\$410,000) - Team Write

## TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

**Fresno State University**, Fresno, CA

Fall 2023-Present

**Assistant Professor in Early Childhood/Interim BAP Coordinator**

- Served on CSU Early Literacy Collaborative (Module Development)
- Professor in Residency for Fresno Unified School District and Fresno State Residency Program
- Early Childhood and Multisubject Credential Instructor in Literacy
- Serve as Interim BAP Coordinator - realignment of the Spanish BAP credential program to new BAP standards, development of BAP program manual, development of BAP language interview protocol
- Serving on the Fresno STARS committee for early childhood improvement across the community
- Serving on the California Dual Language PLC for Early Childhood facilitate by Migrant Policy Institute
- Course Developer for PreK-3 Credential
- Reviewer for CTCC for the PreK-3 Credential (TPE 7 focus)

**Western Illinois University**, Macomb-Quad Cities, IL      Fall 2018-Summer 2023

**Director for the Center for Best Practices in Early Childhood/Visiting Professor in the School of Education**

- ECACE (Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity) Project Director, School of Education Delegate Representative
- Grant Writing Lead/Manager for ECACE , Workforce Diversity Grant, PLA Pilot, STAR NET Regions I & III, and Early Intervention Credentialing IDHS (Provider Connections), LSNA Parent Mentor and Ladders Grant, and additional smaller private grants
- INCCRRA/Gateways/IBHE workgroups related to the Early Childhood ACCESS Consortium for Equity and collaborative development of the related PLA assessment for use by the Governor's Office of Early Childhood/Early Childhood Consortium
- Co-development of incumbent worker Early Childhood Pathway and ECH/ESL option for Early Childhood majors
- Development of upcoming Spanish Bilingual Early Learning and Family Empowerment lab site (preschool, childcare, family education, wrap around services, and wellness for young children and their families)
- Teaching Responsibilities (ECH/C&I/EL-Bilingual)
- Advisory sessions with Latino Policy Forum on Early Childhood/Multilingual related topics
- Partnership on work-group to develop an Early Childhood Grow Your Own teacher pathway with LSNA/Ladders
- Recruitment participation (field trips, site visits, etc.)
- Partnership research development with Quad City Skip Along Family services on

- infant/toddler care and workforce development
- Served as expert contributor for Moline City Council meetings with Mayor Rayapati on the importance of early childhood and workforce development needs in the local area as well as participation in our local Early Childhood Council
- Participation in Illinois Bilingual Advisory Council Early Childhood Committee
- Developed curriculum and assessments/Revised Syllabi to meet accreditation standards and diversify curriculum for workforce
- Play-based just-in-time professional development for preschool and kindergarten teachers (targeted district: Plano- PH Miller: Wheaton/Warrenville - Emerson Elementary, Moline - district-wide)
- Developed curriculum for international student cohorts
- Podcast/website/book reviews for STARNET
- Development of STARNET professional development
- Technical assistance in IL Preschool for All programs
- Coordination with local ROEs/CCRRs on early childhood topics and professional development
- Participation in graduate action research review committee (Special Education)

**West Liberty Early Learning Center, West Liberty, IA**  
**ELC Principal (EC-K)/Director of Special Education (EC-12)**

July 2020-present

- Instructional leadership and building management for Early Learning Center
- Dual Language Program Development for Prek-2nd Grade, including Biliteracy Professional Development
- Professional Development (Creative Curriculum, multisensory strategies, mindfulness/yoga for classrooms, virtual learning strategies for EC/Literacy)
- Case management and building instructional support for Special Education programming, including monthly department meetings PreK-12
- Liaison to state department of education and local AEA
- Muscatine County Early Childhood Council
- Grants/Program Management (Head Start, Iowa Quality Preschool, CCAP)
- Birth to 3 Family Playgroups
- Before and after school program development and management
- Leadership of Senate File 2360 implementation/therapeutic classroom grant

**CUSD 200, Wheaton/Warrenville, IL**  
 July 2020

July 2017-June 2020

**Director of English Learners**

- Instructional leadership and program management for EL/Bilingual Programming EC-12- ISBE district Liaison for Title III
- Professional Development (Can-do Descriptors, Cooperative Learning, Culturally/Linguistically Responsive Play Facilitation (EC), Co-Teaching for ELs (EC-8), Spanish Language Development Standards, Mindfulness/Yoga in Classrooms (EC-8),

Foundational Literacy Skills, Play Plans, Oracy Development)

- Grant Management (LIEPS) - Assist in Title I
- DuPage County Early Childhood Collaborative
- Co-curriculum Director for Elementary Literacy
- Hiring for EL/Bilingual
- Partner with building principals to facilitate best practice programming/scheduling
- Parent Mentoring Program

**Moline School District #40**, Moline, IL

August 2005- July 2020

**Teacher/Instructional Coach**

- Instructional Coaching for new teachers in Dual Language
- Professional Development (Kagan Cooperative Learning, academic language/oracy, literacy strategies, yoga and mindfulness in classrooms, guided math practices for early learners, WIDA teacher facilitator)
- Cross curricular unit development
- New teacher mentor
- Oxford Picture Dictionary for Kids Feature Educator/Trainer
- Building-level scheduling and program management
- Pilot Blended Classroom Teacher
- Common Formative Assessment Team
- Family programming (Yoga/STEM/Reading)
- Special Education Teacher 9-12

**Professional Experience Notation:** Additional professional experience as an Infant-Toddler and Preschool Lead Teacher in early care and education and Special Education teacher and Paraeducator in Kindergarten and Preschool settings, including alternative learning spaces

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**PRESENTATIONS, ADVOCACY, and ACADEMIC CONTRIBUTION**

***IL ECE Multilingual Research Practice Partnership and Continuous Improvement - Spring 2024 - Present***

Lead Content Specialist and Research Team Member

***PreK-3 IPR Program Reviewer for ECE Program Standards for California Commission on Teacher Credentialing***

Review Team Member - Focused on overall and TPE 7

***Loose Parts Literacy - Huggins Center Staff Development - Summer 2024***

Lead Presenter

***Pathways and Policies that Promote Equity for Multilingual Learners - Statewide Models - QI Summit: Reimagining Early Care and Education, Summer 2024***

Co-Presenter

***Early Literacy through Play for Dual Language Classrooms - Adelante Group***

Co-Presenter

***Equitable Literacy and Language Through Play - ECPL Early Childhood Leadership Conference and STAR NET IL Summer Camp Keynote Presenter - Spring 2024 and Summer 2024***

**Policy Panel for Early Childhood Bilingual Learners - NABE Spring 2024**

Break-out Session Provider

***Play-Based Literacy - Fresno State Pre K-3 Conference - Spring 2024***

Break-out Session Provider

***Community Partner for Awareness with Raising Illinois- Spring 2023***

Quad City Community Liaison/Project Organizer

***MPI/NEEIR Nationwide Community of Practice on Improvements of DLL in Early Childhood- 2023 -2024***

Illinois and California work group member

***KIDS Advisory Subcommittee Panelist - Fall 2022***

Hosted Online by Illinois State Board of Education

***Gateways PLA Assessment Development, Piloting, and DEI Advisory Committees - Summer and Fall 2022***

Facilitated by Gateways and Mursion Technology

***ECACE CDA, IADPCE, and PLS Committees - Summer 2022- present***

Facilitated by Illinois Board of Higher Education

***Dual Language and Play Roundtable Facilitation Summer 2022***

Invited facilitator by Adelante Educational Specialists

***Play and Language Interactive Teacher Academy and Books Study, Spring-Summer 2022***

Moline School District #40

***Anti-bias by Design: Inclusive Play Spaces, Spring 2022 and Fall 2022***

OAEYC Ohio; IAIEYC Illinois

***Creating Ant-isms in Play Spaces and Nurturing Upstanders, Fall 2021***

Hosted by IL Child Care Resource and Referral

***Facilitating Play in Early Childhood Dual Language Coaching , Fall - Spring 2020***

Plano School District

***Parent Mentor Education Series: Positive Culture in the Home and the Importance of Play, Fall 2021***

Logan Square Parent Mentor Program

***Play-based Learning for Equity Panel, Fall 2021***

Hosted Online in Coordination with Skip Along Family Services

***Virtual Workshop Series: Kindfulness and Yoga for Early Learners, Fall 2021***

Iowa Association for the Education of Young Children (credited workshop through CCRR)

***Mindfulness and Yoga to Reduce Affective Filter***

IRC Conference, Winter 2019

***Turn-around Practices for Bilingual Learners*** (team presentation - CUSD 200) Illinois Bilingual Conference,

Spring 2020

***Serving English Learners in an E-Learning Environment (EC-5)***

EAB Webinar, Spring 2020

***Mindfulness-based Yoga for Early Childhood Classrooms***, Summer 2017-current (National Kids Yoga Conference, Rock Island ROE, Rock Island, IL, IRC Conference for Teachers of Culturally, IL ASCD Kindergarten Conference)

***Oracy Builds Literacy Key-Note***

Our Kids Summer Institute (Iowa Department of Education), Summer 2019

***Co-Teaching and Collaboration to Support ALLs***

(Wheaton/Warrenville Schools (Continuous), IRC)

***Using Literature to Amp up Oral Language Development***, Spring 2017 (Ontario Public Schools, Rock Island ROE, Rock Island, )

***Brain Friendly Differentiation Strategies for ELs, Spring 2017*** (Rock Island ROE, Rock Island, IL)

***Play-based Writing for Early Learners***, Summer 2017 (Rock Island ROE, Rock Island, IL)

***Guided Math for ELs***, Spring 2017, (Rock Island ROE, Rock Island, IL)

***Mindful Practices for the K-5 Classrooms***, Summer 2017 - current (Rock Island ROE, Rock Island, IL, Ontario Public Schools)

***Mindful Practices for Trauma-Informed Teaching Pre-K through Grade 2 and Model Lessons***, Summer 2017 (Henry County ROE, Monmouth, IL, Preschool for All Rock Island County)

***Mindful Practices for Educators/Before and After School Programs*** – Guest Presenter, Western Illinois University, Spring 2017 - current (Dr. Andrea Hyde, WIU)

***Content Driven Literacy Presentation***, NABE Conference, Dallas, Summer 2016 (also presented at Illinois Reading Conference, Illinois Raising Student Achievement Conference, QC Air Conference, and National Immigrant and Refugee Conference)

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**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

**NAEYC Professional Learning Institute 2022 (Higher Education and COP focused sessions/policy)**

NAEYC chosen presenters

**Adult Learning Theory and Workshop Strategies 1-Day Training 2022**

IL AEYC affiliated trainer

**Kagan Cooperative Learner School Trainer 5-Day Academy for Recertification, 2021**

Kagan Cooperative Learning: Jackie Minor

**Creative Curriculum 2-day Training 2020**

Teaching Strategies Gold/Creative Curriculum

**Multisensory Learning Strategies Capacity Builder Training, 2020**

Riverbend AEA

**Iowa Early Learning Standards Train the Trainer, 2020 - Registered Trainer**

Iowa Keystone Area Child Care Resource and Referral

**Dual Language for Preschoolers, 2019 IRC**

**Culturally Responsive Instruction Training, 2019**

Solution Tree

**DuPage County Equity Collaborative, 2019**

DuPage County ROE

**Yoga4Classrooms 2-day Training, 2019**

Lisa Flynn Yoga4Classrooms

**Dr. Andrea Honigsfeld Co-Teaching and Collaboration Train the Trainer, 2018-2019**

Visiting trainer/presenter

**Kagan Cooperative Learning School Trainer**

Kagan Cooperative Learning

\*continuous recertification starting in 2005

**Dual Language of New Mexico Training, 2018**

DLNM/Moline School District #40



**WIDA IL Teacher Facilitator/Cohort Training, 2018**

WIDA/WISC2 -Yvonne Williams

**SIOP Train the Trainer, 2017**

SIOP/Pearson

**Yoga for Children 80-Hr Certification, 2016**

Joanne Spence

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**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

**NAEYC**

Registered Member

2018-Present

**DuPage County Early Childhood Collaborative**

Participating member of the advisory council and working group

2017- July 2020

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**COMMUNITY and PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT**

Early Stars Steering Committee - Fresno County Early Care and Education (2024 - Present)

Steering Committee Member

California Dual Language PLC for Early Childhood (2023- Present)

PLC Higher Education Representative

Quad City Early Childhood Collaborative (2021-Present)

Higher Education Contributing Member

Logan Square Parent Mentor Program

Community Based Organization Leader/Volunteer

United Women Organization (2020-2024)

Steering Committee Member/Born Learning Chair

Quad City Yoga Foundation (2019-present)

-Executive Director/Yoga in Schools Development

NAEYC (2017- Present)

Registered Member

DuPage County Early Childhood Collaborative (2017-2021)

Participating member of the advisory council and working group

## REFERENCES

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