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OBJECTIVE

To contribute to the fields of early learning and teacher education through instruction and mentorship based on my experience and education in a manner that informs and encourages students and professionals to engage children in effective experiences.

EDUCATION

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA
D. Ed. Curriculum and Instruction – November 2014

Dissertation title: *Empathy in Preservice Early Childhood Teachers*

Major Field Study Areas: Empathy Characteristics, Student Success, Teacher-Student Relationships, Student Teacher Evaluations, Reflective Practices.

Collateral Research Areas: Early Childhood Practice and Theory, Historical Educational Empathy, Moral Education, Historical Teacher Preparation.

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, M. S. Curriculum and Instruction – December 2009

Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Indiana, PA, B.S. in Education – May 1982

CERTIFICATIONS

Elementary Education K-6
Early Childhood Education N-3
PQAS Certification
Early Learning Director Credential

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

1/13 – present

Director of Pre K – 4 and Middle Grade Education

Support Pre K - 4 and middle grade faculty and advisors with program implementation, advising, testing, student issues, and policies. Gain faculty support for student driven causes and concerns.

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

12/14 – present

Assistant Professor in Education

Instructor in Education

9/09-12/14

Adjunct in Education

9/08 -9/09

Planned and taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in Early Childhood Education and Teacher Education.

Planned and taught: Strategies and Techniques of Instruction, Program development for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers, Curriculum, Projects, and Play, Field Experience III: Early Childhood, Early Leadership, Early Learning Leadership, Creative Program Design.

Barbara Thompson Early Literacy Center, Derry, PA

9/07 -5/10

Executive Director

Perform all administrative duties to operate a full-service and PA Keys to Quality accredited preschool. Duties include: supervision of teachers and aides; budget, ordering, and bookkeeping; marketing and advertising; DPW, NAEYC, and STAR accreditation auditing and conducting site visits; scheduling in-school and after school programming; parent communication and community presenting; supervise technological and video operations conducted at the center. STAR 3. State model.

Seton Hill Child Services, Latrobe, PA

5/06 – 7/07

Director

Provided full direction for two Latrobe locations of Seton Hill Child Services. Provided all facility management needs for the centers; supervised staff; parent communications; and liaison between families, Greater Latrobe and Derry school districts, and SHCS. Initiated the Keystone STARS program.

Derry Area School District, Derry, PA

8/05 -5/06

Substitute

Worked in Derry Area School district as auxiliary staff and as an Elementary substitute teacher. Performed all duties for teachers away from the classroom as needed.

Kindercare Learning Centers, Wexford, Pa

4/84 – 6/89

Area Supervisor

Supervised the day-to-day operations of the Wexford Kindercare learning center and was promoted to area supervisor of the North Hills area, including Ross, Moon, Cranberry, Mars and Wexford. Worked with children from infants to preschool, parents, staff, opened sites and oversaw construction, supervised sites, and supervised and trained site directors.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Thrift Centers America

11/93 -8/05

Owner and Operator

Owned and operated large thrift stores in Latrobe and McKeesport, PA. Conducted entire business operations and management in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Clubs of Western Pa.

American Veterans Community Thrift Center

6/89 – 11/93

Manager

Performed all aspects of store management as well as warehousing and merchandise distribution.

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS, ACTIVITIES, GRANTS, CONSULTING, AND INTERNSHIPS

Young Child Expo <u>Attendee, New York City</u>	5/19
ACTE National Conference <u>Attendee, Atlanta, GA</u>	2/19
Thoburn Excellence in Teaching Award <u>Saint Vincent College</u>	11/18
Westmoreland County ECE Leadership Team	8/18
PAC-te Spring Summit <u>Attendee, Penn State</u>	4/18
Berks County Early Learning Alignment Grant <u>Author, Facilitator and Reporter</u>	8/17
NAAEE (North American Ass. For Environmental Education) <u>Attendee, Seattle, Washington</u>	8/17
STEMCON <u>Attendee, Cleveland, Ohio</u>	4/17
“Class of 27” Private viewing of WQED documentary and panel discussion. <u>Attendee</u>	9/16
NAAEE (North American Ass. For Environmental Education) <u>Attendee, Minneapolis, Minnesota</u>	8/16
Reggio Emilio Exhibition Day Trip , Early Childhood Club Organized a private tour for 26 students/faculty to experience the Reggio, Italy exhibit.	9/15
PAC-te Annual Summit <u>Participant</u>	12/14, 12/15, 12/16
PA Keys to Quality (Grant) , Saint Vincent College <u>Author, Facilitator and Reporter</u>	2015 –present
PA Keys to Quality (Grant) , Saint Vincent College <u>Facilitator and Reporter</u>	2008 –2014
PA ECE Stakeholders Committee <u>Higher Ed Representative</u>	7/15 – present
Best Day Ever Preschool <u>Consultant</u>	1/14 - present
ECE Higher ED Subcommittee <u>Chairperson</u> <u>Member</u>	9/14-present 9/12 -9/14

Early Childhood Affiliate Dinner, Saint Vincent College <u>Coordinator</u>	4/13, 4/17
Early Childhood Affiliate Dinner <u>Attendee</u>	4/09-present
NCATE Institutional Review, Indiana University of PA <u>Outside Evaluator</u>	5/11 – 8/12
Future Teachers of America, Saint Vincent College <u>Presenter and Coordinator</u>	3/11
Pre-K Counts in Pa: Results, Lessons Learned, and Implications Saint Vincent College, Fred Rogers Center <u>Coordinator</u>	11/10
Harriet Dichter, Dinner honoring OCDEL Secretary <u>Invited Participant</u>	5/10
CSAA, Country School Association of America, Saint Vincent College <u>Assisted in hosting conference.</u>	6/09
Fred Rogers Center, Children’s Media Grant <u>Awardee</u>	1/07

ATHLETIC COACHING, STUDENT ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Fred Rogers Scholars Advisory Team	9/16-present
Freshman Orientation Presenter	summer, 2012-2016
Rogers Faculty Fellow	1/15-present
Academic Spotlight Day Presenter	1/15,2/15,1/16,2/16
Ligonier Valley Community of Learning Advisory Board	10/15-present
PAEYC Early Literacy Conference, SVC Ambassador	10/15
Saint Vincent College, Majors Fair	9/15-present
Saint Vincent College Early Childhood Club Advisor	9/10 –present
Saint Vincent College Wraps for Kids Coordinator	9/13 – present
Westmoreland County Rotarian Luncheon, Key Note speaker	10/14
Westmoreland County Children’s Bureau Meeting, Co-speaker	9/09
Saint Vincent College Education Club Advisor	9/09 -8/10
Westmorland County Early Learning Round Table Higher Education Member	9/10 – present

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018- The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA. *Telepresence Robots in Teacher Education: Building a Co-Presence that Cares*(co-presented with Veronica Ent)
- 2017- Young Child Expo, New York City, New York. *Neighborhood Music Visits: The Legacy of Fred Rogers, SVC student “facilitators” and “performers” introducing music in PreK-1st grade classrooms.*
- 2017- The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA. *Neighborhood Music Visits: The Legacy of Fred Rogers.*
- 2016- University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children’s Literature Conference. *Interactive Read-a- Louds: Design, Deliver and Extend Picture Books and Informational Texts*
- 2016- Young Child Expo, New York City, New York. *Recognizing Personal Bias and Overcoming Societal Stereotypes to Facilitate Respectful and Meaningful Parent-Professional Collaborations*
- 2015 – The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA. *Connecting through Coffee Klatches: Supporting Novice Teachers*(co-presented with J. Franicola)
- 2014 - The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA. *Connecting Education Service with Your County’s Children’s Bureau Wrapping Up Kindness* (co-presented with J.Franicola)
- 2013 - The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA. *Establishing Mentor Relationships for Novice Early Learning Site Directors through a Higher Education County Wide Initiative.*
- 2012 – Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association, Hershey, PA. *Summer Science: Keeping Kids Hooked* (co-presented with R. Michalow).
- 2012 – The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA. *Overcoming Societal Stereotypes: Moving Early Childhood Pre Service Teachers Towards Family Partnerships* (co-presented with J. Franicola)
- 2012 – Appalachian Studies Association Conference, Indiana, PA. *The Portrayal of Appalachian Culture in Folklore and Picture Books* (co-presented with A. Creany)
- 2011- Early Learning Summit, State College, *Integrating Social Studies Across the Curriculum.*
- 2011 – Early Literacy Conference: Digital Media and Young Children, WCCC. *Director Credential Program and Possibilities.*
- 2011 – The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA. *Integrating Social Studies Across the Early Childhood Curriculum* (co-presented with J. Franicola)
- 2010 – Early Learning Summit, State College, PA. *Professional Development for Early Educators: Parent Relations.*

- 2009 – Derry Area School District, Derry, PA. *Fred Rogers: Early Learning Modules*
- 2008 – Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children, Pittsburgh, PA. *The Fred Rogers Approach.*
- 2007 - BUILD Annual Early Childcare Providers of PA, Greensburg, PA. *Fred Rogers Inspired.*
- 2007 – Better Kid Care, Greensburg, PA. *Engineering Trolley Style: Simple Machines in the Early Learning Classroom.*
- 2006 – Headstart, annual meeting, Greensburg, PA. *Namaste: Parent Sensitivity and Effective Relationships*

PUBLISHED WORKS

- Ent, V. I. & Beining, K. (2012). *Mister Fred Rogers: A TV Teacher-Educator Model for Pre-Service Teachers*, Selected Readings of the International Visual Literacy Association. Chicago, Ill.
- Beining, K. (2011). *Family-Teacher Partnerships: An Early Childhood Contract for Success*, Association for Childhood Education International: Childhood Education, Washington, D.C.

CAMPUS PROGRAM DESIGN, DEVELOPMENT, AND DIRECTORSHIPS

- Nature Preschool Design Partner-***responsible for the supporting research, internal personnel structure, curriculum, budget, initial physical design and enrichments in partnership with Angela Belli.*
- Faculty Council Member-** (term: 2016-2018) *Represent faculty in college matters.*
- ITC Faculty Chair-** (term: 2016-2018)-*support faculty needs and concerns in the area of technology.*
- Schoology Transition Team Member and Technical Support-** *support the college effort to transition from BB to Schoology*
- Rogers Neighborhood Visits Project Manager-***support and guide student volunteers as they visit early learning sites sharing music with children.*
- Ligonier Valley Community of Learning Hub Rogers Center Team-***Collaborative member of Dr. Li's team to support the Ligonier initiative.*
- Saint Vincent College Step-Up Enrichment Preschool Program** – *Designed and continue to monitor the preschool offering to the established Step Up Program.*
- Saint Vincent College Challenge Program Director** – *Redesigned the older failing version of the long-standing academic residential program for gifted students (grades 7-12). New version includes all interested students (grade 5-12) in a residential academic, theme based experience that incorporates coursework, athletics, and entertainment.*
- Saint Vincent College Challenge Day Program Director** – *Designed and developed a similar offering of Challenge as a day experience for Grades Pre K-4.*

Saint Vincent College Pre K – 4 and Middle Grades Director – *act as resource for faculty and students in the Pre K-4 and Middle grades tracts. Hold informational meetings and plan department wide opportunities and events, such as the. Originate and implement Freshman and Sophomore “Socials”, informational meetings held to encourage and support students.*

SVC Wraps for Kids- *Annual two day (2013-present) community service involving 100+ SVC education students supporting the Westmoreland County Children’s Bureau efforts to provide Christmas for their neediest children.*

Education Department Picnic- *developed and direct annual department wide picnic to support retention and salute seniors.*

Saint Vincent College Education Department Alumni Outreach Director- *Locate and track alumni, offering them face to face gatherings and online meetings to establish contacts in the SVC Education alumni community. Built and monitor a private website as a “meeting place” for alumni to gather and share information, advice, and postings.*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Chairperson- ECE Higher Education State Subcommittee

Member- Pennsylvania ECE Higher Stakeholders Committee

Member – Westmoreland County Pre K Counts Leadership Committee

Member - International Visual Literacy Association (IVLA)

Member - Appalachian Studies Association (ASA)

Member - National Association of the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

Member - Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC)

Member – Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)

Member – National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NAECTE)

Member – Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators (PACTE)