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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

AWARDS/Grants

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| Thoburn Award for Excellence in Teaching | November 2018 |
| Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media Grant | January 2007 |

Early Learning Summit Grant

June 2007

Timken Scholarship Award

June 1978

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

5/17-present

Director of Education Programs, Prek-12th .

Support all education faculty and advisors with program implementation, advising, testing, student issues, and policies, Gain support and lead faculty for student driven causes and concerns.

Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA

1/13 – 5/17

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, designed, and taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in Prek-4 Education and Teacher Education.

Designed and taught:

ED 205 Strategies and Techniques of Instruction

ED 317 Program Development for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers

ED 122 Curriculum, Projects, and Play, for the Developing Child

ED 318 Field Experience III: Early Childhood Instruction and Theory

ED 330 Early Leadership and Advocacy

ED 220 Social Studies for Early & Special Learners

ED 200 Comprehension and Vocabulary

ED 410 Field V: Student Teaching Internship

ED 411 Professional Seminar

GCEL 612, Early Learning Leadership

GCEL 622 Creative Programs and Workshop Development for Early Education

GCCE-661 Practicum in Counselor Education

GCEL-642 Service Learning and Community Caregiving

GCED- 650 Human Learning

GCED 635 Instructional Methodology

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 ACTIVITIES, GRANTS, CONSULTING, AND INTERNSHIPS

Children's Studies Minor Task Force

Fall 24-present

Member**The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators,
Harrisburg, PA.**

Annually

Early Childhood Affiliate Dinner

4/24

What Great Teachers Do Differently, Dr. Todd Whitaker

Chairperson/Coordinator**PETE&C 2024**

2/24

Attendee, Hershey**Rising Educator Partnerships**

1/23-present

Coordinator**PETE&C 2023**

2/23

Attendee, Poconos, PA**PETE&C 2022**

2/22

Attendee, Hershey, PA**Freshman/Sophomore Socials**

9/18-present

Originator/Coordinator**ATE**

2/18

Attendee-Atlanta, GA**Early Childhood Affiliate Dinner, Saint Vincent College**

4/17

The Last Guardians of Childhood, Dr. Junlei Li

Chairperson

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| 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 exhibits. | 9/15 |
| PA Keys to Quality (Grant) , Saint Vincent College <u>Facilitator and Reporter</u> | 2008 – 2021 |
| PA ECE Stakeholders Committee <u>Higher Ed Representative</u> | 7/15 – present |
| Best Day Ever Preschool <u>Consultant</u> | 1/14 – 5/21 |
| ECE Higher ED Subcommittee <u>Chairperson</u> <u>Member</u> | 9/14-9/16 9/12 -present |
| Early Childhood Affiliate Dinner, Saint Vincent College An Evening of Children’s Literature <u>Chairperson</u> | 4/13 |
| Early Childhood Affiliate Dinners <u>Attendee</u> | 4/11-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 |

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| 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 |
| <u>Prek Counts Grant</u> <u>Author, BTLC/DASD</u> | 9/08 |
| Fred Rogers Center, Children's Media Grant <u>Awardee</u> | 1/07 |

ATHLETIC COACHING, STUDENT ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

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| Saint Vincent Prevention Projects advisory Board | Fall 24-present |
| Saint Vincent College Education Department Concessions Manager | 2/23-present |
| Grandparents Raising Grandkids Steering Committee | 5/22-present |
| Saint Vincent College Education Department Ukraine Effort, Site Coordinator | Spring 2022 |
| Fred Rogers Scholars Advisory Team | 9/16-5/20 |
| Freshman Orientation Presenter | 2012-present |
| Rogers Faculty Fellow | 1/15-5/18 |
| Academic Spotlight Day Presenter | 15/16 |
| Ligonier Valley Community of Learning Advisory Board | 10/15-5/17 |
| 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

- 2021 – The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA. *Providing Meaningful Field Experiences Despite Pandemic Restrictions.*
- 2020 – The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA.
Community Caregiving and Service Learning: Engaging Students through Academic Goals and Expanding Classrooms within communities.
- 2020- 14th Annual Young Child Expo and Conference, NYC. *Empathy as a Learned Behavior: Determine*

- and Deepen Your Level of Perceived Empathy as an Educator and Model the Behavior for Your Students.*
- 2019– The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA *Leadership, Scholarship, and Equity Within the Early Learning Community: Engaging and Supporting Early Learning Administrators in Seeking Advanced Degrees.*
- 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– 14th Annual Young Child Expo and Conference, NYC. *Neighborhood Music Visits: The Legacy of Fred Rogers*
- 2017– The Pennsylvania Association of College Teachers and Educators, Harrisburg, PA *Neighborhood Music Visits: The Legacy of Fred Rogers, SVC student “facilitators” and “performers” in PreK-1 classrooms*
- 2016– University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children’s Literature Conference. *Interactive Read-a- Lounds: Design, Deliver and Extend Picture Books and Informational Texts*
- 2016– 13th Annual Young Child Expo and Conference, NYC. *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*
- 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

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 K-4.*

Saint Vincent College Pre K 4-12th Education Program 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 Department Picnic and SVC Wraps for Kids.*

Saint Vincent College Education Department Alumni Outreach - *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.*

Saint Vincent College Faculty Council Member- *Served 2 year term.*

Saint Vincent College Faculty Technology Committee Chair- *2 year term. Transitioned the college from Blackboard to Schoology implementation.*

Saint Vincent College/WPNR- *Designed Nature Preschool plans including building, budgeting, and curriculum in partnership with the WPNR director and graduate student support.*

Saint Vincent Education Department Service-Learning Program- *originated, designed, and implemented a Service-Learning program and award for Education Students.*

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)

Member—National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS)