



COLLEGE OF EDUCATION,  
HEALTH, & HUMAN SERVICES  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN-DEARBORN

## Ed.D. Graduates

2025

**Dr. Farqad Ayad Alfatlawy**

**Chair: Dr. Kyongson Park**

Instructional Coaching and Family Partnerships: Empowering Teachers and Parents to Support the Academic Growth of Middle Eastern Multilingual Learners

**Dr. Arus Khcheyan Movsesyan**

**Chair: Dr. Paul Fossum**

Unraveling Teacher Lore: Pedagogical Beliefs, Challenges, and Professional Development Needs of Western Armenian Heritage Language Teachers in U.S.-Based Armenian Schools

**Dr. Susan Vander Sloot**

**Chair: Dr. Paul Fossum**

Warm Humans: A Transnational Craft Pedagogy for Competency Development in Children Within the Context of Knitting

**Dr. P. Eric Bottorff**

**Chair: Dr. Paul Fossum**

Teacher and Administrator Perceptions on Preparation for Advisory

# 2024

**Dr. Asia Mohamed Al-Jalal**

**Chair: Dr. Danielle DeFauw**

[Unveiling Underrepresented Voices: The Experiences of Adult English Language Learners with Online Learning](#)

**Dr. Michelle Hall**

**Chair: Dr. Danielle DeFauw**

[Novice African American Female Principals' Self-Efficacy: Leading Persistently Low-Achieving Schools](#)

# 2021

**Dr. Karen Caldwell**

**Chair: Dr. Danielle DeFauw**

[Teaching as Apprentices and Learning in Communities: Novice Social Studies Teachers' Development of Critical Literacy Practices](#)

**Dr. Timothy Constant**

**Chair: Dr. Paul Fossum**

[Teacher Confidence & Competence: Examining Teacher Training in Historical Trauma-Informed Practices in Support of American Indian Students entailed field research at two schools in Northern Michigan](#)

**Dr. Gloria P. Davis**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher**

**Burke** [African American Women Serving as K-12 Superintendents: An Examination of the Experiences That Impact Their Career Trajectory](#)

**Dr. Brett Jordan**

**Chair: Dr. Paul Fossum**

[The Voice of the Spirit: African American Males' Perception of Black Church Membership on Their Academic](#)

**Dr. Megan Papasian-Broadwell**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer** [On-](#)

[Time Graduation Rates in a Suburban Secondary School: A Mixed-Methods Study Examining Factors that Impact Student Academic Achievement and Graduation](#)

**Dr. Loriann Bell**

**Chair: Dr. Danielle DeFauw** [The](#)

[Superintendent and the Curriculum Director: A Grounded Theory to Support the Development of a Collaborative Relationship](#)

**Dr. John Servos**

**Chair: Dr. Paul Fossum**

[Entrepreneurial Universities: An Explanatory Study on the Complexities of Academic Entrepreneurship](#)

**Dr. Eric McCloud**

**Chair: Dr. Paul Fossum**

[Postsecondary Re-Entry Programs: Examining Outcomes of Nontraditional Learners of Color.](#)

*2020*

**Dr. Zeinab Sobh**

**Chair: Dr. Kim Killu**

[Identity Among Adolescent Arab-Americans in Dearborn, Michigan: An Eriksonian Perspective](#)

**Dr. Rachid Faisal**

**Chair: Dr. Martha Adler**

[A Critical Auto-ethnography of a Post-Brown Principal's Efforts to Develop African American Students' Academic Identity and Achievement Motivation](#)

**Dr. Linda Lazar**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer**

[Human Resource Management in Education: A Study of Transformational Leadership in an Era of Globalization](#)

**Dr. John Kernan**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer**

[Teachers' Understanding of School Finance and the Impact on Job Satisfaction](#)

*2019*

**Dr. Linda Sorensen**

**Chair: Dr Bonnie Beyer**

[Health Information Leadership Styles in Enterprise Information Management](#)

**Dr. Matthew Bennett**

[Chair: Dr. Martha Adler The Educational Experience of African American Males in Special Education Through Counter-stories.](#)

**Dr. Kelli Hughes**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher Burke** [Black Narcissus: The Role of the Suburban Othermother](#)

**Dr. Jennifer Hiller**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer** [Finding Their Voice: Co-Teaching, Communication, and Collaboration](#)

## 2018

**Dr. Gina Walker**

**Chair: Dr. Martha Adler** [Positive Behavioral Support in Middle School: The Impact of Inconsistent Implementation on School Culture](#)

## 2017

**Dr. Sandra Hofman-Kingston**

**Chair: Dr. Martha Adler** [Teacher Efficacy and Poverty: A Qualitative Examination from the Teachers' Perspectives](#)

**Dr. Amira Shourbaji**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher Burke** ["We are The Hyphen In-between" Muslim Arab-American Women and Education: Intersecting Gender, Culture, and Religion](#)

**Dr. John David Branch**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer** [A Praxiography of the Transnationalization of the Stockholm School of Economics](#)

**Dr. Christina Kozlowski**

**Chair: Dr. Martha Adler** [The Use of Professional Development to Promote Culturally Responsive Teaching of English Learners \(ELs\): Classroom Implementation without Conceptual Change](#)

**Dr. Natasha Baker**

**Chair: Dr. Paul Fossum** [The Detroit Public School District: A Case Study on Superintendent Leadership from 1975 to 2015](#)

## 2016

**Dr. Emily Wang**

**Chair: Dr. Martha Adler** [Identity and Self Reflection: Six Arab Muslim Immigrant Women Tell Their Stories](#)

**Dr. Timothy Hartge**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher Burke** [Business Professors Using High-Quality Connections: A Connection to Student Self-Efficacy?](#)

**Dr. Albert Hodge**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher Burke** [African American Superintendents' Experiences with a Midwest State's Hiring Practices](#)

**Dr. Alison Kline-Kantor**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer** [Mercy Charism and Professional Development](#)

**Dr. James Anderson**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer** [School Advocacy and Community Outreach: Barriers to the Implementation of Social Media Tools for K-12 Principals](#)

**Dr. Diana Baran**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer** [Michigan High School Reform's Effect on Community College Students' Preparedness for College Level Courses Faculty -Administration & Information Management](#)

**Dr. K. Page Boyer**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer** [The Way Forward: Educational Leadership and Strategic Capital](#)

**Dr. Anne Morris**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer** [The implementation of an Accountability and Assessment System: A Case Study of Organizational Change in Higher Education](#)

## 2015

**Dr. Geraldine Pappas**

**Chair: Dr. Martha Adler**

[Empathy, the Elusive Teaching Skill to Support African American English Speaking](#)

## 2014

**Dr. Afrin Alavi**

**Chair: Dr. Martha Adler**

[Standardized Testing of the Non-Standardized Arabic-Speaking ELLs: A Misalignment of Perceptions](#)

**Dr. Fleda Fleming**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher**

**Burke** [Opposite Gendered African American Siblings from Low to Middle Socioeconomic Status Families and Female Favored Differential School Outcomes: A Phenomenological Interview Study](#)

**Dr. Monica Eraqi**

**Chair: Dr. Julie Taylor** [Arab-](#)

[Americans and Muslim-Americans Then and Now: From Immigration and Assimilation to Political Activism and Education](#)

**Dr. Christopher Tremblay**

**Chair: Dr. Bonnie Beyer**

[Graduate Coursework in College Counseling: An Exploratory Study of the Certificate Programs Training Pathway in the United States](#)

## 2013

**Dr. Andrea Guzman Oliver**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher**

**Burke** [Language Variance and its Impact on Women of Color in Community College: Perceptions of Standard and non-Standard English](#)

**Dr. Truman Hudson Jr.**

**Chair: Dr. Christopher**

**Burke** [Investigating Student Voice: Embedding Bronfenbrenner's Ecological Systems Theory In An Economics Teacher's Classroom](#)

**Dr. Joshua Tolbert**

**Chair: Dr. Belinda Lazzarus**

[The Effects of Guided Visual Vocabulary Practice for Students with Learning Disabilities on Learning Concrete Nouns in Spanish](#)

**Dr. Peggy Sepetys**

**Chair: Dr. Belinda Lazzarus**

[Co-Teaching: To what Extent does it Change Teachers' Perceived Efficacy in the Instruction of Students with Disabilities in a General Education Classroom?](#)