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Education

PH.D. | 2013 | UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

- Special Education

M.ED. | 2005 | UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

- Early Childhood Special Education

B.S. | 2000 | UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

- Early Childhood Education

Positions Held

2018-PRESENT

Associate Professor

University of Michigan - Dearborn, College of Education, Health, and Human Services,
Dearborn, Michigan

2013-2018

Assistant Professor

University of Michigan - Dearborn, College of Education, Health, and Human Services,
Dearborn, Michigan

WINTER 2018-SUMMER 2019

Faculty Director

University of Michigan - Dearborn, College of Education, Health, and Human Services Early
Childhood Education Center

FALL 2017

Interim Faculty Director

University of Michigan - Dearborn, College of Education, Health, and Human Services Early
Childhood Education Center

2015-2016

Director of Research Partnership

University of Michigan - Dearborn, College of Education, Health, and Human Services Early Childhood Education Center/Beaumont Health Center for Exceptional Families, Dearborn, Michigan

2011-2013

Instructor

University of Michigan - Dearborn, College of Education, Health, and Human Services, Dearborn, Michigan

2000-2005

Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

Champaign Early Childhood Center, Champaign Unit 4 School District, Champaign, Illinois

Teaching

TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS 2011-PRESENT

Administration, Leadership, & Advocacy in Early Childhood Education

Classroom Behavior Management

Introduction to Young Children with Special Needs

Intervention Strategies in Early Intervention/ Early Childhood Special Education

Transdisciplinary Approach: Assessment and Collaboration in Early Childhood Special Education

Early Childhood: Family, School, Community Collaboration in a Multicultural Society

Positive Guidance Strategies

The Child: Birth to Three

Advanced Child Development

Psychology of Child Development/Practicum

Research in Education

Multicultural Education in the US Classroom

Consultant/Trainer

Pyramid Model Consortium

- Parents Interacting with Infants (PIWI)
- Positive Solutions for Families (PSF)
- Targeted Strategies for Inclusion
- Infant/Toddler Module Facilitator
- Preschool Module Facilitator
- The Pyramid Infant Toddler Observation Scale (TPITOS -newly certified)

Publications

ARTICLES

2024 "Elevating diversity and disability through children's literature" (**ACCEPTED**). *Exchange*.

- 2023 “The role of leaders in re-imagining equitable early childhood systems” with C. O’Grady, J. R. Newton, & M. Mereoiu. In Batz, R., Blanchard, S. B., rooks-Ellis, D. L., Stegenga, S. M. (Eds). (2023). *Leadership: Leading from where you are* (DEC Recommended Practices Monograph Series No. 9) Division for Early Childhood.
- 2023 “Practicing anti-racism and inclusion: It starts in early childhood” with M. Vinh, C. O’Grady & D. Shapland. *Teaching Exceptional Children*, 55(5), 350-358.
- 2018 “Sustainable communities, sustainable lives: Urban youth perspectives in an out of school writers' club” with K. Hill & K. Thomas-Brown *Multicultural Perspectives*, 20(3), 148-161.
- 2017 “Training Early Childhood Professionals using an Interprofessional Practice Field Experience” *Journal of Interprofessional Education & Practice*, 10, 47-50.
- 2016 “Resources for Supporting Recommended Practices for Instruction”. *Young Exceptional Children*, 19(3), 47.
- 2016 “An analysis of how building a collaborative community of professional social studies teachers through targeted ambient professional development impacts social studies classroom practices”. with K. Thomas-Brown & S. Werner. *Journal of Education and Training Studies*, 4(11), 58-72.
- 2016 “Reggio Inspired Learning Groups: Relationships, Communication, Cognition, and Play”. with S. B. Hong & J. Han. *Early Childhood Education Journal*, 44(5).
- 2016 “My Identities are Flexible: Narrating the Lived Experiences of a Group of Educators”. with K. Thomas-Brown. *Journal of Ethnographic and Qualitative Research*, 10(4), 271-290.
- 2015 “Enhancing teacher competency through co-teaching and embedded professional development”. with K. Thomas-Brown. *Journal of Education and Training Studies*, 3(3), 117-125.
- 2015 “Inter-professional collaboration: Early childhood educators and medical therapists working within a collaboration”. with S. B. Hong. *Journal of Education and Training Studies*, 3(1), 135-145.
- 2012 “Helping families connect early literacy with social-emotional development”. with R. M. Santos & A. Fettig. *Young Children*, 67(2), pp. 88-93.
- 2011 “Bringing pieces together: Assessment of young children’s social-emotional competence”. {Monograph Series No. 13} with R. M. Santos, M. M. Ostrosky, T. Yates, A. Fettig & G. Cheatham. *Young Exceptional Children*, pp. 111-132.
- 2008 “*Inclusive playgroups: An intervention tool to support young children’s development*”. [Monograph Series No. 10]. with M. Hughes & H. Zaghlawan. *Young Exceptional Children*, pp. 75-90.
- 2008 “Research synthesis on screening and assessing social-emotional competence”. with T. Yates, M. M. Ostrosky, G. Cheatham, A. Fettig, & R. M. Santos. Available from: <http://csefel.vanderbilt.edu/document/rs.screening.assessments.pdf>

ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

- 2024 “Building young African American boys’ affective social competence through culturally responsive literature. (*Forthcoming*).
- 2024 “Assessing Arab-American perspectives of challenging behavior: A pilot study” with H. Zaghawan, G. Cheatham, Z. Sobh-Ahmad. (*Forthcoming*).

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 2016 Wayne Schools Global Geography Project Final Evaluation Report [Grant Number 150290-031].

Grants PI or Co-PI

- 2018-2019 Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency, Great Start to Readiness Program (GSRP) Grant. Michigan Department of Education. (\$232,000).
- 2016 University of Michigan-Dearborn Research Initiation & Development Grant (\$6000).
- 2015-2016 Michigan Department of Education Title II, Part A (3) Improving teacher Quality Co-PI, “Wayne Schools Global Geography Project”. (\$225,000).
- 2016 University of Michigan-Dearborn Professional Development Fund Award, (\$100).
- 2016 University of Michigan-Dearborn Faculty Research Publication Costs Grant, (\$300).
- 2015 University of Michigan-Dearborn Research Assistant Grant, (\$1200).
- 2015 University of Michigan-Dearborn Faculty Research Publication Costs Grant, (\$300).
- 2014 University of Michigan-Dearborn Academic Service-Learning Faculty Fellowship, (\$1000).
- 2013 University of Michigan-Dearborn Educational Enhancement Grant, (\$1,500).
- 2013 University of Michigan-Dearborn Faculty Professional Development Grant, (\$550).
- 2012-2013 *Early On*[®] Center for Higher Education, PI, “Parents and Infants Playing.” (\$12,506).

Honors and Awards

- 2010 Margaret Westerbeck Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2009 Hardie Conferenced Travel Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2008 Margaret Westerbeck Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2008 William Chandler Bagley Doctoral Scholarship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- 2008 University Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2007 University Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2006 University Fellowship, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2006 W.E. Albin and C.C. Young Award, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Research Presentations

January 2024	25th International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities. Honolulu, HI.	Supporting Diversity & Dis/ability through Children's Literature.
November 2023	Division for Early Childhood's 39th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Disabilities and their Families! Minneapolis, MN.	Supporting Diversity & Dis/ability through Children's Literature.
	Teacher Education Division Annual Conference. Long Beach, CA.	Diving into Diversity & Disability through Children's Literature & Examining Materials used with Teacher Candidates to Depict Challenging Behavior
June/November/2023	National Association for the Education of Young Children Professional Learning Institute/NAEYC Annual Conference. Portland, OR/Nashville, TN	Exclusion by any other name: Changing practices, not semantics through preparation.
April 2023	National Training Institute (NTI) on Effective Practices: Addressing Challenging Behavior, Tampa, FL	Persisting in Promoting Equity When Equity is Under Attack.
February/March 2023	Council for Exceptional Children Convention & Expo, Louisville, KY	DEC Showcase: It's Not the Destination, It's the Journey: DEC's Commitment to Racial Equity Early Childhood Intervention Personnel Development Equity Center "Listening Session" Us vs Them to Us AND Them: One Word Can Change the Trajectory.
January 2023	Social Workers Confronting Racial Injustice Virtual Conference.	Supporting Children of Color with Culturally Responsive Practices.
November 2022	2022 EarlyOn Michigan Conference, Traverse City, MI	Discover the Michigan Personas: An Engaging and Effective Resource for Your Work.

September 2022	Division for Early Childhood Annual International Conference, Chicago, IL	Supporting Diversity and Resiliency in Higher Education
May 2022	Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI	Tools for Addressing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: The Michigan Personas
April 2022	Michigan Division for Early Childhood Virtual Conference	Discover the Michigan Personas: An Engaging and Effective Resource for Your Work.
	National Training Institute (NTI) on Effective Practices: Addressing Challenging Behavior, Tampa, FL	Supporting Dis/ability and Diversity through Children's Literature
March 2022	EarlyOn Center for Higher Education Virtual Conference	Critical Practices for Your Pyramid Model Classrooms The Michigan Personas: A new tool for faculty and professional development providers
February 2022	Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention, San Diego, CA.	Addressing Personnel Preparation needs through intentional statewide personas: The Michigan persona project
January 2022	CEC 2022 Convention and Expo, Orlando, FL	DEC Showcase: What works 0-8
November 2021	2021 Virtual Conference: Strong foundations for the future of <i>Early On</i>	The Michigan Personas: New Tools for faculty and professional development providers
March 2021	Starfish Family Services Webcast	High expectations and self-care during a pandemic.
	Michigan Council for Exceptional Children Virtual Conference.	Supporting young children's social-emotional development in turbulent times

January 2021	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Virtual Conference.	<p>Advancing equity through meaningful inclusion revisited</p> <p>Got resources? Ideas for using the new EI/ECSE Standards to influence change</p> <p>Supporting young children’s social emotional development in uncertain times.</p> <p>Resiliency and Pursuing Success in Academia</p>
March 2020	Head Start Regional T/TA, Chicago, IL.	<p>Universal design for learning: Supporting school readiness and success of young African American boys.</p>
January 2020	Head Start Regional T/TA, Chicago, IL.	<p>Supporting school readiness and success of young African American boys.</p>
June 2019	Division of International Special Education & Services. Montego Bay, Jamaica	<p>Assessing Arab American Families’ Perspectives of Challenging Behavior: A Pilot Study</p>

March 2019	Autism Alliance of Michigan Navigating Autism Today Conference. Belleville, MI	Roadmap to Supporting Social-Emotional Development in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
September 2018	<i>Guest Speaker</i> , Project Outreach: Working with Preschool Children. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI	Early Childhood Curriculum
April 2018	Keynote Speaker Michigan Division for Early Childhood Annual Conference. Mount Pleasant, MI	Respect, relate, and reflect: A relationship-based approach to guidance.
April 2018	Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference. Grand Rapids, MI	Read with me!!! Early literacy partners: Inspiring future readers and Leaders
October 2017	Keynote Speaker Oakland University Research to Practice: Evidence-based Practices for Addressing Challenging Behavior, Teacher Well-Being and Family Engagement in Early Childhood Settings Conference. Rochester, MI.	Looking at social emotional development and challenging behavior through a culturally responsive lens
October 2017	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. Portland, OR	Early Literacy Partners: Inspiring future readers and leaders / We are better together: Embedding blending practices in higher education curriculum.
October, 2016	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. Louisville, KY	Using peer-modeling to support social interactions through Second-Step intervention
August 2016	Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Professional Development Institute. Dearborn, MI	What's new about the DEC recommended practices in early intervention/early childhood special education.
February 2016	Conference on Research Innovations in Early Intervention. San Diego, CA	Challenging behavior support: A needs assessment of Arab-American families and their preschooler.
January 2016	Keynote Speaker Michigan Head Start Winter Assembly. Novi, MI	Supporting social emotional development through a culturally responsive lens
October 2015	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. Atlanta, GA.	Moving FORWARD! Getting and (Keeping) your dream job in higher ed!
March 2015	Wayne County Health and Family Service Head Start Training. Taylor, MI.	Developing meaning behind FBA/Behavior plans

March 2015	The Center for the Study of Citizenship Annual Conference. Detroit, MI.	From the inner-city to the classroom: Living my identity/s as a multicultural ethnographer.
November 2014	National Association for Multicultural Education. Tucson, AZ.	Layers of my identity through educational ethnographic lens.
October 2014	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. St. Louis, MO.	State supports of the understanding of social emotional standards.
October 2014	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. St. Louis, MO.	Addressing media influenced challenging behavior
October 2014	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. St. Louis, MO.	What's Your Passion? Choosing your research topic and sticking with it (or not!)
October 2014	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. St. Louis, MO.	Life beyond your dissertation: Yes, it really does happen!
April 2014	Association for Childhood Education International Global Summit on Childhood. Vancouver, BC Canada.	Reflections on interprofessional collaboration: Early childhood educators and medical therapists.
March 2014	Making Inclusion Work in Early Childhood with Transdisciplinary Teaming to Support Children with Challenging Behavior Conference. Dearborn, MI.	Supporting academic success through social emotional competence assessment.
October 2013	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. San Francisco, CA.	Life beyond your dissertation: Yes, it really does happen!
October 2013	CEHHS Research Colloquium. Dearborn, MI.	Taking a look at state social emotional early learning standards and professional development related to those standards
August 2013	Wayne County Head Start. Southgate, MI	Supporting Teachers, Supporting Children: Building a Foundation to Support Young Children's Social Emotional Development
May 2013	Making Inclusion Work in Early Childhood with Transdisciplinary Teaming to Support Children with Challenging Behavior Conference. Dearborn, MI	Averting Challenging Behavior with Positive Behavior Supports
January 2013	Head Start Professional Development Training. Westland, MI.	Professional development to support pro-social and friendship skills in young children

November 2012	Head Start Professional Development Training. Westland, MI	Professional development to support pro-social and friendship skills in young children
October 2012	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. Minneapolis, MN.	Life beyond your dissertation: Yes, it really does happen!
October 2012	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference, Minneapolis, MN.	Educational and medical transdisciplinary teaming for the preparation of early childhood teachers
August 2012	Early Childhood Education Center Program Meeting. Dearborn, MI.	Addressing the needs of children with persistent challenging behavior
June 2012	National Association for Education of Young Children Professional Development Conference. Indianapolis, IN.	Preparing teachers for inclusive classrooms: An Education and medical transdisciplinary team partnership
April 2012	Michigan Division for Early Childhood Conference. Mt. Pleasant, MI.	Educationally and medically fit: A transdisciplinary training experience for preservice teachers.
March 2012	Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children. Grand Rapids, MI.	Using evidence-based strategies to support social emotional development
November 2011	CEF and UMD monthly colloquium. Dearborn, MI.	CEF and UMD Collaboration
September 2011	Wayne County Head Start. Westland, MI.	Relationships, environments, and social emotional teaching
July 2011	Pennsylvania Infant Toddler Symposium. Reading, PA.	Come play with me: Supporting positive interactions for families
July 2011	Pennsylvania Infant Toddler Symposium. Reading, PA.	Promoting social emotional development through relationships, environments, and positive interactions using the PIWI model
April 2011	PaTTAN CSEFEL Infant Toddler Parent Module Training. Pittsburgh, PA.	PIWI: Parents interacting with infants

April 2011	South Carolina First Steps, Georgetown, SC.	Supporting parents and caregivers using the PIWI model.
February 2011	Aurora Elementary School District. Aurora, IL.	Effective interventions: Creating emotionally supportive environments for children with challenging behaviors
January 2011	Zion Elementary School District. Zion, IL.	Effective interventions: Creating emotionally supportive environments for children with challenging behaviors
November 2010	Vermillion County Early Childhood Professional Development. Danville, IL.	Relationship, environments, and social emotional teaching
October 2010	Missouri Child Care Aware Resource and Referral Network. Columbia, MO.	Infant toddler training: Promoting social emotional competence
October 2010	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. Kansas City, MO.	Social emotional early learning standards usage in early childhood settings
October 2010	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. Kansas City, MO.	Partnering with parents to promote children's social and emotional skills
March 2010	National Training Institute on Effective Practices: Supporting Young Children's Social/Emotional Development. Clearwater Beach, FL.	Making connections: Positive solutions to parent training
January/March 2010	Illinois State Board of Education: Early Childhood Professional Development Opportunities. Chicago Heights & Peoria, IL.	Effective interventions: Creating emotionally supportive environments for children with challenging behaviors.
July 2009	Illinois State Board of Education: Early Childhood Professional Development Opportunities. Fairview Heights, IL.	Social and emotional development: Supporting pre-k children and partnering with parents
April 2009	Annual Child Abuse Prevention Conference, West Des Moines, IA.	Families using positive behavior support to address challenging behavior in their children
March 2009	Association for Childhood Education International, Chicago, IL.	Infusing topics on children's social emotional development in pre-service coursework
December 2008	Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Positive Behavior Support Training, Oahu, HI.	Positive solutions for families

September 2008	Positive Behavior Supports State Conference, Ames, IA.	Supporting families in implementing positive behavior supports
September 2008	Schaumburg School District Training Workshop. Schaumburg, IL.	Looking through the social emotional lens: Evidence –based strategies for supporting young children’s development
September 2008	Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children Symposium, Springfield, IL.	Creating Supportive Environments and Building Positive Relationships
August 2008	Mississippi Valley Early Childhood Education State Conference. Dubuque, IA.	Addressing the needs of children with persistent challenging behavior
November 2007	Annual Meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Baltimore, MD.	Reflections of emerging evaluators: Constructing evaluation meaning in situated learning contexts.
November 2007	National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Chicago, IL.	Toddler playgroups: Building confidence and competence through parent-child interactions.
November 2007	National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Chicago, IL.	Promotion and prevention: Supporting preschoolers’ social-emotional competence and averting challenging behavior
October 2007	Division of Early Childhood Annual International Conference. Niagara Falls, Canada.	Reflections in the looking glass
October 2007	Sharing a Vision, Springfield, IL.	Why are they doing that? Approaches to understanding and addressing culturally and linguistically diverse children in the classroom
October 2007	Sharing a Vision, Springfield, IL.	Hey, hey it’s time to play: Infant/Toddler playgroups
December 2006	Creating Caring Connections "Working with Families In Illinois Early Intervention System" Conference. Rolling Meadows, IL.	Stay and play: Using parent child playgroups as vehicle for intervention
October 2006	East Central Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children Fall Membership Meeting and Training. Champaign, IL.	Teach me what to do! Creating tools and resources to support children’s social emotional development.
October 2006	Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children Symposium, Springfield, IL.	Teach me what to do! Teaching strategies to support children’s social emotional development

October 2005	East Central Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children Fall Membership Meeting and Training, Champaign, IL.	Sharing encounters of Reggio Emilia, Italy
March 2005	Illinois Head Start Association Conference. Springfield, IL.	Effective interventions: Creating emotionally supportive environments for children with challenging behaviors
October 2004	Champaign Early Childhood Center for School Improvement workshop. Champaign, IL.	Modeled writing for pre-K.

Service

National/International

- 2022-Present Division for Early Childhood Education of the Council for Exceptional Children,
President-Elect, Vice President
- 2018-2022 Division for Early Childhood Education of the Council for Exceptional Children,
Board Secretary
- 2021-Present Division for Early Childhood Education of the Council for Exceptional Children, Inclusion,
Equity and Social Justice Committee Member
- 2020-2022 Division for Early Childhood Education of the Council for Exceptional Children, Co-Chair
Personnel Preparation Position Statement Revision Workgroup
- 2019-Present Division for Early Childhood Education of the Council for Exceptional Children,
Personnel Preparation Committee Member Board Liaison/Membership Committee
Member
- 2019-2021 Division for Early Childhood Education of the Council for Exceptional Children,
Membership Committee Member

Statewide

- 2021-2022 Michigan Department of Education Early Childhood Standards of Quality Review and Revision
Committee
- 2021-2022 Michigan Department of Education Diverse Education Workforce Advisory Group Member
- 2016-Present Michigan Division for Early Childhood Board, Membership/Outreach Chairperson
- 2011-Present Early On® Center for Higher Education Advisory Group
- 2019-Present Autism Alliance of Michigan, Navigator Committee

Local

- 2020-Present Wayne County Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Committee Member
- 2017-2022 Dearborn Early Learning Coalition Committee
- 2014-Present Starfish Family Services Board Member
- 2014-2019 Starfish Family Services Program Quality Strategy Committee Chair
- 2011-2015 Wayne County Health and Family Services Head Start Program (WCHFSHS) Disability
Subcommittee
- 2011-2015 Wayne County Health and Family Services Head Start Program (WCHFSHS) Education
Advisory Committee
- 2011-2013 Wayne County Health and Family Services Head Start Program (WCHFSHS) Diversity
Subcommittee
- 2011-2013 Wayne County Health and Family Services Head Start Program (WCHFSHS) Family Literacy
Subcommittee (2011-2013)

Book/Journal Reviewer

- 2023-Present Infants and Young Children, Reviewer
- 2016-Present Young Exceptional Children Editorial Board
- 2016, March Sage Open Article Editor. Early Childhood Cognition of Media and Social- Emotional Learning” (SO-15-0643).
- 2013 Spring Child’s Hope, IMPACT “Read to Me” Program Co-Coordinator
- 2014, April Book Reviewer for Sage Publications Mercer, J. Child Development: Myths and Misunderstandings
- 2014, March Book Reviewer for TextReviews Allen-Cowdery, The Exceptional Child: Inclusion in Early Childhood Education.
- 2013, April Reviewer for *Young Exceptional Children’s* Monograph "In the Eyes of the Beholder: Cultural Interpretations of Challenging Behavior in Young Children" submitted for consideration

Departmental and University Service

- 2021-Present Provost’s Council for Student Honors
- 2019-Present University of Michigan-Dearborn Student Code of Conduct Appeals Board
- 2013-2019 CEHHS, Faculty Senate Member
- 2011-2019 CEHHS, Early Childhood Education Center Program Committee
- 2011-2019 CEHHS, Early Childhood Education Center Advisory Board
- 2011-2019 University of Michigan-Dearborn and the Center for Exceptional Children Collaborative Inclusion Conference Planning Committee
- 2011-2019 University of Michigan-Dearborn and Beaumont Health Center for Exceptional Children Collaborative Committee
- 2017, Winter CEHHS, Early Childhood Education Center Financial Specialist Search Committee
- 2016, Winter CEHHS, Early Childhood Education Center Site Director Search Committee
- 2012-2015 CEHHS, Curriculum Committee
- 2013-2014 CEHHS, Faculty Search Committee
- 2014, Fall University of Michigan, Roads Scholar Selection Committee
- 2014, Winter University of Michigan-Dearborn Commencement Marshall
- 2013, Fall MPortfolio Student Midterm Evaluator
- 2013, Winter Distinguished Service Award Committee

Media Coverage

Recognition in the Reporter - Dearborn News: Confronting special education's race problem
<https://umdearborn.edu/news/articles/confronting-special-educations-race-problem>

Recognition in The Michigan Journal - UMD Collaborates with Beaumont Health on Autism Center
<http://michiganjournal.org/2016/01/19/beaumont-to-open-new-autism-center/>

Recognition in the Reporter – Dearborn News: A new worldview: Professors awarded grant to promote history and geography education in local schools
<http://news.umd.umich.edu/2015/11/a-new-worldview-professors-awarded-grant-to-promote-history-and-geography-education-in-local-schools/>

Recognition in the Reporter- Dearborn News: Building up: Faculty research focuses on renovating homes, spirits
<http://news.umd.umich.edu/2015/09/building-up-faculty-research-focuses-on-renovating-homes->

Recognition in the Reporter - Reflecting on Reggio – University of Michigan-Dearborn News
<https://news.umd.umich.edu/2013/04/reflecting-on-reggio/>

CEHHS RESEARCH Colloquium:
https://umdearborn.edu/cehhs/cehhs_research_colloquium/

Professional Associations

Childhood Education International
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
Division for Early Childhood (DEC)
Division for Teacher Education
Division for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Learners
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME)
National Black Child Development Institute (NBCDI)
Kappa Delta Pi