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Licensed Psychologist, NC # 5155 **Director**, Doctoral School Psychology Program Clinical Associate Professor

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### **EDUCATION**

1999-2003 **PhD**, School Psychology

Department of Educational Psychology

Loyola University, Chicago, IL

Research Advisors: Dr. Pamela Fenning and Dr. Ronald Morgan

Title of Dissertation: A Systematic Expansion of a Meta-analysis on the Differences in Intelligence and Adaptive Behavior of Children Diagnosed with

Autism and Asperger's Syndrome

1996-1999 **MEd Specialist,** School Psychology

Loyola University, Chicago, IL Department of Educational Psychology

Research Advisors: Dr. Pamela Fenning and Dr. Rene Lewin

Title of Master's Thesis: Autism Spectrum Disorder Interventions in the

Preschool Years

1991-1996 **BA**, Elementary Education

DePaul University, Chicago, IL

Minor: Psychology Honors: Čum Laude

Title of Honors Thesis: Differentiation for Students Diagnosed with ADHD in

the Primary Classroom

#### UNIVERSITY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Program Director, Doctoral School Psychology Program 2022-Present Director of Clinical Training, APA 2022-Present

2015-Present Clinical Associate Professor

School Psychology Doctoral Externship Coordinator 2006-Present

2004-2015 Clinical Assistant Professor

### Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL

2001-2003 Education Professor; Adjunct

Lectures included:

- > Psychological Evaluations
- Disabilities in Children
- > Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act
- > Special Education Service Implementation in the School Setting
- > Special Education Law

### Loyola University, Chicago, IL

2001-2003 Graduate School Psychology & Education Professor; Adjunct School Psychology Graduate Program Lectures included:

- Psychological Evaluations
- > Behavioral and Emotional Assessment
- > Personality Assessment
- Human Development
- > Psychological Report Writing
- > Special Education Policies, Procedures, & Law
- > Section 504 Plans

# EARLY CHILDHOOD, ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### 2002-2004 Director of Special Education

Wilmette Public School District #39, Wilmette, IL

- Administrative case manager for all students receiving special education services (Grades 5-8)
- Led all special education faculty building level meetings
- Coordinated and facilitated special education departmental meetings

#### 2002-2004 School Psychologist

Wilmette Public School District #39, Wilmette, IL

- > Administered psychological evaluations and provided treatment plans addressing behavioral, emotional, cognitive, academic, and adaptive behavior
- Provided diagnostic psychological counseling services to both individuals and groups

## 2002-2004 **Psychology Practicum (Externship) Supervisor**, School-Level

National Louis University, Evanston, IL

- > Provided clinical supervision for master's and Ph.D. school psychology students
- Evaluated clinical performance of graduate level school psychology students

## 2002-2004 **Psychology Internship Supervisor,** School-Level

Loyola University, Chicago, IL

- > Provided clinical supervision for master's and Ph.D. school psychology students
- > Evaluated clinical performance of graduate level school psychology students

#### 2002-2003 School Administration Intern

Wilmette Public School District #39, Wilmette, IL Highcrest Middle School

- Conducted a School-wide Crisis Vulnerability Assessment
- Consulted with teachers with identifying evidence-based interventions
- Assisted with behavior management and interpretation of district discipline plan
- Facilitation of parent conferences
- Conducted practice observations of teaching faculty and provided feedback based upon school-wide expectations
- Contributed to various system-level administrative changes and enhancements. Provided direction and coaching to teaching faculty on selection of appropriate curriculum materials for reading and math instruction in special education classrooms, managed inventory of instructional materials
- Planned and facilitated professional development sessions on Bullying Prevention for general and special education teaching faculty
- Facilitated planning meetings for school level Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) team
- Provided direction and guidance to school and district administrators on data management, data interpretation and progress monitoring based on universal screening testing results Planned and facilitated professional development sessions on Intervention Strategies for Children with ADHD symptomology for general and special education teaching faculty

### 1999-2002 **School Psychologist**

School Association for Special Education of DuPage County, IL

- > Provided psychological evaluations of behavior, emotional status, adaptive behavior, cognition, and academics for individuals ages two to twenty-one
- Provided individualized and group counseling services.
- Coordinated and conducted Child Find Pre-School Screenings
- Provided specialized psychological services to children diagnosed with autism
- Coordinated two-year-old early intervention play groups for the at-risk community
- Evaluated and provided supportive services for the severe-profound multineeds population in DuPage County
- Developed and implemented treatment plans for behaviorally and emotionally fragile and challenged children and their families
- Consulted with psychiatric hospital personnel, therapeutic day schools and private therapists regarding students presenting significant emotional and behavioral special needs
- Evaluated and provided supportive services for early childhood education programs
- Facilitated and led daily living and communication groups for a multi-needs population ages eighteen to twenty-one
- Led special education meetings, managed caseload and chaired pupil service team meetings
- > Facilitated and led sexual education and safety counseling groups for young adult girls with significant cognitive deficits

#### 1999-2000 Contract School Psychologist, Glen Ellyn School District, IL

- Assessed emotional, behavioral, coanitive, academic, and adaptive behavior of children ages three to eighteen
- Provided psychological services for school district during summer months, after school hours, and holiday breaks

#### 1999 **Elementary Education Teacher**

Chicago Public School District #299

- Taught third grade "Bridge Program" emphasizing inferential reading comprehension and mathematics problem solving techniques
- > Completed the "direct teaching" curriculum training and assessment

#### 1998-1999 School Psychologist

Chicago Public School District #299

- Assessed emotional, behavioral, cognitive, academic, and adaptive behavior of children ages three to twenty-one
- Participated in "School-Based Problem-Solving"
- Provided psychological services and evaluations to students with autism
- Assessed and counseled students at a school specifically designated for new young teen mothers and pregnant students aged 13-18
- > Developed and implemented treatment plans for students requiring counseling and individualized behavior plans
- Ongoing Crisis management & preparedness facilitation

#### 1998-1999 Autism Shadow Teacher

Catherine Cook School, Chicago, IL

- "Shadowed" a student with autism in an inclusionary environment
- Adapted the curriculum to meet the needs of the student
- Individualized a behavior plan to coordinate with the school's behavioral support system

### Counseling and Psychology Masters-Level Practicum Student Glenview Public School District #34, Glenview, IL 1997-1998

- > Developed counseling, assessment, diagnostic, and consultation skills under the supervision of a licensed clinical psychologist
- Co-lead social-skills, study skills, conflict resolution, and anxiety strategies counseling groups

#### 1996-1999 Behavioral Modification Therapist

Behavioral Consultation Inc., Dr. Anne Maxwell Chicago, IL

- Gained extensive Applied Behavior Analysis training from Dr. Anne Maxwell (Former Doctoral Student of Dr. Ivar Lovaas of UCLA)
- Contributed to treatment, planning, and implementation as a member of a behavior modification team with autistic youth

#### 1996-1998 Elementary Education Teacher

Providence Št. Mel School, Chicago, IL

- > Taught first grade class of students that were at high-risk for school failure
- Facilitated the teaching components of the Lloyd A. Fry Foundation Pilot **Education Project**
- Developed, conducted, and evaluated gifted mathematics curriculum
- Created and implemented a team-teaching model

- Developed advanced first grade writing curriculum
- Taught a combined first and second grade summer school

#### 1995-2001 **Private Tutor**

- > Developed individualized tutorial programs for students struggling with language arts and mathematics
- Consulted with parents regarding in-home enrichment and reinforcement math and language arts strategies

### ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP: School Psychology Program

- Doctoral Program Director
- > Director of Clinical Training, APA Appointment
- > Director of Clinical Training, Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship
- Director of the APA Program Accreditation Self Study
- Clinical Placement Externship Director (30+ psychiatric, clinical, and school-based placements / year)
- > Development and Yearly Coordination of Doctoral Externship Placements:
  - Duke Center for Autism and Brain Development
  - Duke Child & Adolescent Health Psychology & Pediatric Neuropsychology
  - Duke Children's Evaluation Clinic Duke Center for Child and Family Health; Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
  - Duke Psychosocial Treatment Clinic
  - Duke ADHD Clinic
  - Duke Child & Family Study Center
  - Triangle Neuropsychology Clinic
  - Preston Neuropsychology Clinic
  - Mariposa School for Children with Autism
  - ABC of NC Child Development Center
  - El Futuro Bi-lingual Mental Health Clinic
  - Easter Seals Foster Care Support Program
  - Wake Med Outpatient Pediatric Psychology
  - TEACCH Raleigh
  - 3-C Family Services
  - Central Regional Hospital Child and Adolescent Unit
  - UNC Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
- > Coordinator of Doctoral Application Review (100+ Applications/year)
- School Psychology Program School-based Field Placement Liaison
- School Psychology Program Clinical Field Placement Liaison
- > APA History and Systems of Psychology Foundation Coordinator
- Coordinator, School Psychology Program Peer Mentor Program
- > School Psychology Website Development / Maintenance Coordinator
- > In-coming Student Orientation Coordinator and Facilitator
- > Program Social Faculty Liaison / Facilitator
- ➤ History & Systems of Psychology Research Symposium Coordinator
- > NCATE Accreditation Review Committee
- NASP Accreditation Review Committee

- School Psychology Program Evaluation Assistant
- > School Psychology APA Accreditation Self-Study Committee
- School Psychology Program Handbook Developer/ Yearly Reviewer
- Doctoral Application Review Committee
- ➤ American Psychological Association Site Visit Program Member
- National Association of School Psychology Accreditation Co-Coordinator
- Psychology APA Accreditation Self-Study Committee
- Comprehensive Examination Student Mentor Program Coordinator
- Director of University Masters-Level Teaching Internship
- > Masters Application Review Committee Comprehensive Examination Coordinator (MEd Specialist)
- ➤ Research Symposium Coordinator (MEd Specialist)
- Author, Doctoral School Psychology Externship Handbook for School-based Placements
- Coordinator and Facilitator of Cohort Meetings (3 meetings per 3 cohorts per semester)
- Program Development; Interdisciplinary Consultation with the Doctoral Clinical Psychology Program, Neuroscience Department
- Recruitment Plan Development
- Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental Disorders (LEND) Program Liaison
- > Internship, Externship, and Post Doctoral Positions: Letters of Recommendation Writer

### Faculty Professional Activities, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

## School Psychology Doctoral Program

- Masters Project Research Thesis Chair (MEd)
- ➤ Masters Project Research Thesis Reader (MEd)
- Master's Research Project Advisor
- ➤ Master's Research Thesis Advisor
- > Academic Advisor
- Master's Thesis Research Thesis Chair (MA)
- Master's Thesis Research Thesis Reader (MA)
- Dissertation Research Advisor
- Dissertation Research Reader
- Comprehensive Examination Committee Chair
- Comprehensive Examination Committee Member
- Doctoral School Psychology Program Externship Advisor
- Externship Field Faculty Advisor
- Emergency Replacement Professor for EDUC 790 Global Child
- > Independent Studies Development:
  - Cognitive Psychology
  - Social Psychology
  - o Policy Evaluation
  - Neurodevelopmental Childhood Disorders
  - o History & Systems in Psychology
  - o Affective and Behavioral Psychology

### Human Development and Family Science Program

- > Presenter, Human Development and Family Studies Mini-Career Conference
- ➤ Honors Program Research Thesis Chair
- ➤ Honors Program Research Thesis Reader
- Admissions Committee
- Human Development & Family Studies Advisory Board

### School of Education Program Contributor

- Elementary Education Program
- School Counseling Program
- ➤ Early Childhood Program
- Human Development and Family Science Program

### Psychology Department

- > Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program, Interim Psychological Assessment Trainer
- Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program, Teaching Assistant Supervisor for the Psychological Assessment Lab

### School of Education Service

- ➤ Chair, SOE Curriculum Committee
- ➤ SOE APT Committee for Clinical Promotion
- School of Education Appeals Committee Member
- > Carolina Community Academy Principal Search Committee Member
- > School of Education Faculty Mentor for Promotion & Tenure
- Faculty Search Committee Member, School Counseling (2 semesters)
- > Faculty Search Committee Member, Human Development and Family Studies
- Faculty Search Committee Member, School Psychology (2 semesters)
- ➤ Peer Faculty Teaching Observer, School of Education (5 faculty)
- > American Psychological Association Annual Accreditation Coordinator
- Peer Mentor, Clinical Promotion (3 faculty)
- > Member, School of Education Clinical Faculty Committee
- > Master of Arts in International Education, Capstone Project Evaluator
- > UNC Special Olympics Program Member
- > UNC Special Olympics Interdisciplinary Field Day Lead Facilitator
- Post Campus Shooting Crisis Intervention Drop-in Room Co-Coordinator / Facilitator
- Guest Lecturer, Minor in Education Program, "Ethics in Special Education"
- > Guest Lecturer, NC Teaching Fellows Program, "Autism and Related Developmental Disabilities in the Classroom"
- > Guest Lecturer, School Counseling Program, "Childhood Disorders: Diagnostic Statistical Manual"
- Guest Lecturer, School Counseling Program, "School Crisis Intervention"
- School Psychology Program 40th Anniversary Symposium, Co-coordinator

- Development Committee, S.A.F.E. Teacher Certificate (Safeguard, Advocate, Follow-up, and Engage: Teachers at the Forefront of the Wellbeing and Mental Health of School Children)
- Curriculum Re-design Committee, Human Development Across the Lifespan Course Sequence and Development
- > Consultant, Carolina community School Policy Development for Early Kindergarten Admittance

### **University Service**

- UNC Q-Connect & OUTreach LGBTIQ Student Club Faculty Sponsor
- Empowering Your Life Student Club Faculty Sponsor
- Summit on School Safety Planning Committee
- Summit on School Safety Presenter
- ➤ UNC Suicide Response 2021: Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), the Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine Crisis Response Team Drop-in Center Psychologist
- Program Development; Interdisciplinary Consultation with the Doctoral Clinical Psychology Program, Neuroscience Department

#### State and National Service

- > APA Accreditation Site Visitor
- Lead Developer, Pathway to Practice North Carolina, Special Education Curriculum Development
- ➤ North Carolina Trainers of School Psychologists
- Council for Directors of School Psychology Programs
- National Association of School Psychologists Crisis & Suicide Intervention Task Force
- North Carolina Psychology Association University Representative
- Autism Developmental Resources for Virtual Learners, Facilitator
- > External Reviewer for Promotion, External Universities
- NCDPI School Psychology University Liaison
- Psychology Consultant, Public School Districts for the Following Counties: Wake, Chatham, Orange, Durham,
  - Autism Differential Diagnosis
  - o Generalized Anxiety Disorder Differential Diagnosis
  - ADHD Differential Diagnosis
  - o Oppositional Defiant Disorder Differential Diagnosis
  - o Specific Learning Disability Differential Diagnosis
  - o Conduct Disorder Differential Diagnosis
  - Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act Procedures

### **COURSE INSTRUCTION**

## **Doctoral Level**

EDUC 221	Develo advertional Accessment
	Psycho-educational Assessment Pahavioral Intervention and Counceling in Psychology
EDUC 222	Behavioral Intervention and Counseling in Psychology
EDUC 224	Externship in School Psychology
EDUC 321	School Psychology Doctoral Internship
EDUC 696	Doctoral Independent Study: History & Systems in Psychology
<i>EDUC 696</i>	Doctoral Independent Study: Social Psychology
<i>EDUC 696</i>	Doctoral Independent Study: Affective and Behavioral Psychology
<i>EDUC 718</i>	Psychoeducational Assessment & Intervention
EDUC 720	Doctoral School Psychology Professional Seminar I
EDUC 721	Doctoral School Psychology Externship-I
EDUC 721	Doctoral School Psychology Externship-II
EDUC 721	Doctoral School Psychology Externship-II Doctoral Professional Seminar & School Psychology Externship-I
EDUC 721	Doctoral Professional Seminar & School Psychology Externship-II
EDUC 796	Doctoral Independent Study: Child Development: Policy Evaluation
EDUC 796	Doctoral Independent Study: Neurodevelopmental Childhood Disorders
EDUC 796	Doctoral Independent Study: Cognitive Psychology
EDUC 820	Doctoral School Psychology Professional Seminar II
EDUC 821	Advanced Doctoral Professional Seminar & Externship-I
EDUC 821	Advanced Doctoral Professional Seminar & Externship-II
EDUC 821	Doctoral Advanced School Psychology Externship-I
EDUC 821	Doctoral Advanced School Psychology Externship-II
EDUC 821	Doctoral Advanced School Psychology Externship-III
EDUC 822	Doctoral Internship in School Psychology I
EDUC 822	Doctoral Internship in School Psychology II
EDUC 865	College Teaching Internship
EDUC 890	Special Topics: Social Psychology
EDUC 994	Doctoral Dissertation Research
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### Master's Level

EDUC 596	Master's Independent Study: History & Systems in Psychology
EDUC 681	Human Development
EDUC 827	Child & Adolescent Development
EDUC 722	Masters Internship in School Psychology-I
EDUC 722	Masters Internship in School Psychology-II
EDUC 722	Masters Internship in School Psychology-III
EDUC 726	Masters Internship in School Psychology
EDUC 796B	Master's Independent Study: Child Development, Sensory Processing
	Integration 1
<i>EDUC 992</i>	Master's Research Project

## Undergraduate Level

EDUC 401	Child Development: Prenatal to Middle Childhood
<i>EDUC 693H</i>	Honors Thesis in Education
<i>EDUC 694H</i>	Honors Thesis in Education
EDUC 532	Child Development: Prenatal to Adolescence

#### AREAS OF EXPERTISE AND TEACHING COMPETENCIES

- Differential Diagnosis of Childhood Disabilities and Disorders
- Psychological Assessment
- Psychoeducational Assessment
- Personality & Emotional Assessment
- Behavioral Assessment
- Þ Child & Adolescent Development
- Þ Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders
- Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder
- School Crisis Prevention, Intervention, and Postvention
- Ethics of Psychological Practice
- Special Education Law
- Psychological Report Writing
- Individual & Group Counseling & Therapy
- Applied Behavior Analysis, ABA
- Functional Behavior Assessment, FBA
- Sensory Motor Integration Disorders
- Teacher & Parent Consultation
- Special Education Case Management
- Clinical Supervision and Mentoring
- Professional Development Implementation in the School Setting

#### RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Evarrs, S. & Knotek, S.E. (2006). Foreign Language and Special Education. In Hening-Boyton (Ed.), 2005-2015: Realizing Our Vision of Languages for All, pp. 117-133, Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Hall.

Wasik, B. H., Villagomez, A., Berry, S., & Evarrs, S. (2011). Visual perception programs. In J.A.C. Hattie & M.M. Anderson (Eds.) International Handbook on Student Achievement. NY: Routledge.

#### Book Reviewer

Assessment of Children: Cognitive Foundations, Sixth Edition, Jerome Sattler

#### Dissertation:

A Systematic Expansion of a Meta-analysis on the Differences in Intelligence and Adaptive Behavior of Children Diagnosed with Autism and Asperger's Syndrome, 2003

### Master's Thesis:

Autism Spectrum Disorder Interventions in the Preschool Years, 1999

#### Honors Thesis:

Differentiation for Students Diagnosed with ADHD in the Primary Classroom, 1996

Loyola University Chicago Infant / Child Research Lab Team: 2000-2003 Areas of Study:

- > Child-parent attachment, inter-affectivity, attunement, and the role of touch in parent-child interaction
- > Choice co-construction as related to cognitive development and intentional communication
- > Development of emotional intelligence measures and its relationship to early language development

### **PRESENTATIONS**

2024, 2023 2022, 2021	PREPaRE Workshop 1, Third E Planning: Prevention Through	dition, Comprehensive School Safety Recovery
2024, 2023 2022, 2021	PREPaRE Workshop 2, Third E Interventions: Responding to a	dition, Mental Health Crisis n Acute Traumatic Stressor in Schools
2020, 2019 2018, 2017 2016, 2015 2014	PREPaRE Workshop 1, Second Planning: Prevention and Inter	Edition, Comprehensive School Safety vention Training Curriculum
2020, 2019 2018, 2017 2016, 2015 2014	PREPaRE Workshop 2, Second Recovery: The Roles of School-I	Edition, Crisis Intervention and Based Mental Health Professionals
2019	School Crisis Intervention and I	Postvention, School Counseling Program
2019	Ethics in Special Education, Mi	nor in Education Program
2018	Mentoring to Improve School a Student Safety and Wellbeing	nd Community Climate, Summit on
2018	Childhood Disorders: A Review School Counseling Program	of the Diagnostic Statistical Manual,
2018	Responding to School Violence,	UNC School of Education
2018	"Really? Another Student with A Scholarship of the UNC SOE Fa	ADHD?", Lightning Symposium: culty
2018	Legal and Ethical Issues in Scho	ool Violence, UNC School of Education
2017	Childhood Disorders: A Review School Counseling Program	of the Diagnostic Statistical Manual,
2010-2011	Autism and Related Developme University of North Carolina, C	ntal Disabilities in the Classroom, hapel Hill, NC Teaching Fellows
2006	ADHD in Young Children: Diag Women's Club, Cary, NC	nosis and Intervention, Cary Park
2002, 2003 2004	Special Education Law and Cor Wilmette, IL	npliance, Wilmette Public Schools,
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2002, 2003 2004	Section 504 Plans; Eligibility and Services; Wilmette Public Schools Wilmette, IL
2001-2002	Section 504 Plans; Eligibility and Services; School Association for Special Education of DuPage County, IL
2001-2002	Special Education Law and Compliance, School Association for Special Education of DuPage County, IL
1999	Section 504 Plans; Eligibility and Services; Chicago Public Schools, Chicago, IL

### LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

### North Carolina

North Carolina Board of Psychology License:

*Licensed Psychologist # 5515* 

North Carolina Department of Public Instruction Certificates:

025 026 88099 012	Elementary Education (K-6) School Psychology Exceptional Children Administrator School Administration
	National
APA	National Program Accreditation Site Visitor
NCSP	Nationally Certified School Psychologist
PREPaRE	School Crisis Prevention and Intervention Workshop I: Crisis Prevention and Preparedness: Comprehensive School Safety Planning
PREPaRE	School Crisis Prevention and Intervention Workshop II: Crisis Intervention and Recovery: The Roles of School-Based Mental Health Professionals
PREPaRE	Nationally Certified School Crisis Prevention and Intervention Trainer Workshop I: Crisis Prevention and Preparedness: Comprehensive School Safety Planning
PREPaRE	Nationally Certified School Crisis Prevention and Intervention Trainer Workshop II: Crisis Intervention and Recovery: The Roles of School- Based Mental Health Professionals
PECS	Picture Exchange Communication System for Individuals with Autism
Exner	Scoring for the Rorschach Inkblot Test

### Other Certifications

### University of North Carolina:

Safe Zone Ally I LGBTQ Certification to support people of all sexual orientations,

gender identities and gender expressions on campus

Safe Zone Ally II Gender Identity & Gender Expression

Certification to support military affiliated students and families Green Zone Certification to support undocumented university members UnDocu Carolina

### Illinois Board of Education Certificates:

03 *Teaching Certification K-9; (Psychology Endorsement)* School Service Personnel Certification, Psychology 73

General Administrative Certification (Principal & Assistant Principal) 75

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association, APA Division 16 School Psychology

National Association of School Psychologists, NASP

Autism Society of America, ASA

North Carolina School Psychology Association, NCSPA

North Carolina Trainers of School Psychologists, NCTSP

Trainers of School Psychologists Association, TSP

Council of Directors of Doctoral School Psychology Programs, CDSPP

ADHD World Federation

NASP PREPaRE National Trainers Association, Member

UNC LGBTQ Center

#### **FUNDING:**

Beyond the Classroom: Health & Disability Across the Lifespan, 2019 School of Education Strategic Seed Funding Competition

Special Olympics and School of Education Collaboration Project, 2019 School of Education Strategic Šeed Funding Competition

#### HONORS & AWARDS

UNC 20 Year Society

UNC "Star Heel Award" Peer Faculty Nominated Award, Benefits Services in the Office of Human Resources.

Who's Who in Curriculum & Education Academia

2024 UNC SOE Seed Grant Award

Master's with Distinction, Loyola University

Dean's List, Loyola University

Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, DePaul University

Magna Cum Laude, DePaul University

Dean's List, DePaul University Cecil T. Small Student Teaching Scholarship

Illinois Girls State, American Legion Scholarship

Illinois Lions Club Merit Scholarship

Golden Key National Honor Society

Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, Iota Psi Chapter

#### RESEARCH ADVISEMENT

#### **DISSERTATIONS IN PROGRESS**

Thorn, Clara

Psychosocial Impact of an Autism Diagnosis on Typically Developing Siblings

Herold, Briana

Exploration Of Current Knowledge and Resource Availability of Oncology Providers to Address Comprehensive and Inclusive Care Needs for Patients with Cancer and Co-Occurring Intellectual And Developmental Disabilities: A Quality Improvement Study

Montenegro, Daniel

Assessing Barriers to Early Behavioral Intervention for Autism in Low English Proficiency Families

O'Malley Martinez, Laura

Effects Of Immediate Reaction Force Deployment on The Academic Performance and Emotional Wellbeing of Military Children

Wood, Caitlin

Effectiveness And Utility of a Multi-Modal Education and Support Group for Adoptive Families

Delgaty, Lauren,

Hospital School Practices that Provide Educational, Social, and Emotional Support to Hospitalized Children and Adolescents

#### DOCTORAL DISSERTATION ADVISEMENT

2024 Drescher, Anne

Sources Of Strength in The College Environment: Evaluation Of A Credit-Bearing Course On Undergraduate Mental Health And Wellbeing

2024 Padro, Meagan

Development of a Questionnaire to Survey Adolescent Experiences with and Perceptions of Sexual Health Education

2023 Earixson, Daniel

An Investigation of Non-Evidence Based Autism Intervention Representations in the Media: A Content Analysis

2023 Balsa, Fiona

Reimagining Autism in the School Years: An ICF-CY Core Set for Interdisciplinary Services

2023 Brudney, Evan

Building More Inclusive University Makerspaces for Students with Disabilities

2023 Vanderburg, Julianne

Exploring and Augmenting Family Engagement in a Teacher-Led, Task-Shifted System of Child Mental Health Care in India

2023 Baig, Salma Impact of Parental Belief Systems Regarding Mental Health on the Quality-of-Life Functioning in American Muslim Adolescents Experiencing Psychological Distress Miller Green, Jennifer 2023 Service Disparities Among Preschool Students with Autism 2023 Karen Hall Youth On the Autism Spectrum Hospitalized for Suicide Related Thoughts and Behaviors: Characteristics And Perspectives From The Field 2023 Pittleman, Cari Care, Be Nice, and Keep an Eye on That Kid: Multiple Perspectives on School Professional Roles Supporting Students with Suicide-Related Thoughts and Behaviors 2023 Neshkes. Rebecca Examining The Psychometric Properties of The Dialectical Thinking Scale Adult Version and The Relationship Between Dialectical Thinking And Well-Being In School Mental Health Professionals 2023 Mohite, Dorina Gender Differences of Internalizina and Externalizina Behaviors In Autistic Children And Adolescents 2023 Toole, Emily The Štate of Trauma Informed Care in Applied Behavior Analysis: Exploring Barriers and Pathways to Implementation from The Perspective Of Aba **Practitioners** 2022 Krapf, Heather Gender Differences in Children and Adolescents with ASD: Parent-Reported and Clinician Observations of Autism Symptoms, Cognitive Performance, Daily Living Skills, Social/Emotional Functioning, and Diagnostic Profile 2022 Brame, Sara Where I'm From: Examining Experiences in the Transition to College for Rural First-Generation College Students and Their Non-Rural Peers 2022 Moore, Carrie Brandon Seeds of Creativity: Assessing the Impact of an Integrated Pilot Nature Preschool Program on Children's Creative Development 2021 Kordyback, Clare The ABC's Of School Re-Entry: An Assessment of Perceptions of Feasibility Of An Innovative Intervention Which Targets The Psychosocial And Emotional Needs Of Childhood Fighters And Survivors Of Cancer

Jones, Erin Raashel

Probe Single Case Design

2021

The Impact of Behavioral Activation on Teacher Stress and Burnout: A Multiple

2021	Landau, Paige Misconceptions about Traumatic Brain Injury: A Survey of Endorsements by North Carolina School Psychologists
2021	Chin, Andrew Jian-Bing Resistant Capital, Activism, And the Mental Health and Well-Being Of Adolescents
2021	Kwan, Courtney Negative/Intrusive Parenting as A Predictor of Internalizing Symptoms in Preschool-Aged Children Living in Rural Areas Of High Poverty
2020	Biggers, Katie Leelynn Influence of Symptoms of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder and Oppositional Defiant Disorder on Social Problem-Solving Skills in Early Elementary Students
2021	Currin, Ashley Engagement Of Students in The IEP Process; Perceptions of Parents and Teachers
2021	Choe, Danbi A Qualitative Feasibility Study of a Culturally Focused Social-Emotional Learning Program for Korean Immigrant Adolescents
2020	Miller, Kathryn Multidemensionality of Caregiver Burden in Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
2020	Dooley, Mary Unheard and Unseen: Black Female Experience in North Carolina Schools "We're Here Too."
2020	Caruthers, Carmen Factors Influencing School Selection Decisions of African American Caregivers of Children with Autism in the Era of School Choice
2020	Davis, Alexis Dolor Deriving Education Code Sets from The International Classification Of Functioning, Disability And Health For Children And Youth (Icf-Cy)
2020	Love, Letanya A A Pilot Study Examining the Treatment Feasibility, Acceptability, and Initial Outcomes of STEPS (Student Training for Educational and Personal Success): A Social-Emotional Learning Program for Black Males
2020	Lee, Seungeun The Role of Family Environmental Factors on ADHD And Odd Comorbidity In Early Childhood
2020	Velchik, Alison Project Grow: A reading fluency intervention

2020	Sogo, Wakako An Icf-Cy Based Content Analysis of The Behavior Assessment System For Children, Third Edition (Basc-3)
2019	Meng-Ting Chen Meta-Analysis of Sex Differences in Core Symptomatology In Autism Spectrum Disorder
2019	Bangert, Lauren Exploring the Moderating Effects of Executive Functioning on the Relationship between Trait Anxiety and Respiratory Sinus Arrhythmia During Stress in Adolescents with and without Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)
2019	Hayden, Jessica Adolescent Perceptions of Parent's Failure and Intelligence Mindsets
2019	Pollock, Erica Contributions from the School that Influence Student Achievement: Differences in Teachers' Perceptions
2018	Zatko, Paula Survey of Suicide Prevention for Resident Advisors at a State University: The Impact of Training on Knowledge, Attitudes, Perceived Competency, Perceived Role Responsibility, and Intervention Behavior
2018	Lawrence, Jackie Self-Injurious Behavior and Co-morbidities in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
2018	Aslan, Sevgi An Examination of Administrators', Teachers', and School Psychologists' Concerns About and Perceptions of the Implementation of Multi-Tiered System of Supports Across North Carolina
2018	Karacul, Eda Fikriye Implementing the Biopsychosocial Approach of the ICF-CY to Predict Secondary Conditions and Quality of Life in Individuals with Spina Bifida
2018	Woods, Latasha The Design of a Systems-Level Assessment Tool That Will Measure the Fidelity of Multi-Tiered Systems of Supports Implementation in North Carolina Schools
2018	Wright, Loren Association Among Stereotype Vulnerability, Sense of Belonging and Campus Climate for African American College Students at a Predominately White Institution
2018	Williams, Cherish Racial Identity Development, Racial Discrimination, and Other Psychosocial Outcomes of African American Students in Rural, Racially Segregated High Schools in the 21st Century
2018	Montalbano, Cristin Academic Performance of Children with Social-Emotional Difficulties: Examining the Role of Self-Regulation

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#### **ASSESSMENT MEASURE COMPETENCIES:**

*Intelligence / Cognitive:* 

Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children, WISC

Woodcock Johnson Tests of Cognitive Abilities, WJ-C

Wechsler Preschool and Primary Scale of Intelligence, WPPSI

Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence, WASI

Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test, NNĂT

Differential Abilities Scale for Children, DAS

Stänford-Binet Intelligence Scales, SBÍS

Kaufman Assessment Battery for Children, KABC

Wechsler Nonverbal Scale of Ability

Ravens Standard Progressive Matrices

Wechsler Memory Scale, WMS

Comprehensive Test of Nonverbal Intelligence, CTONI

Wide Range Assessment of Memory and Learning

Delis-Kaplan Executive Functioning System

Development:

Bayley Scales of Infant and Toddler Development

Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning, DIAL

Mullen Scales of Early Learning

Bracken Basic Concept Scale

#### Academic:

Kaufman Test of Educational Achievement, KTEA Wechsler Individual Achievement Test, WIAT Woodcock Johnson Tests of Achievement, WJ-A Gray Oral Reading Test, GORT Process Assessment of the Learner, PAL Test of Written Language, TOWL Key Math Test Comprehensive Test of Phonological Awareness

#### *Visual Motor Integration:*

Beery-Buktenica Developmental Test of Visual Motor Integration, VMI Bender Visual-Motor Gestalt Test Jordan Left-Right Reversal Test, JLRRT

#### Language:

Woodcock Johnson IV Tests of Oral Language Auditory Discrimination Test, ADT Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test, PPVT

#### Autism:

Autism Spectrum Rating Scale, ASRS Autism Diagnostic Observation Scale, ADOS Childhood Autism Rating Scale, CARS Gilliam Autism Rating Scale, GARS Sensory Profile Scale, SPS

### Behavioral & Emotional Measures:

Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory, MMPI Multi-dimensional Anxiety Scale for Children, MASC Children's Depression Inventory, CDI Beck Depression Inventory, BDI Behavior Assessment System for Children, BASC Functional Behavior Assessment, FBA

#### ADHD:

Brown Attention-Deficit Disorder Scale, BADDS Conners Behavior Assessment System, CBRS Behavioral Observation of Students in Schools, BOSS

#### *Projective Measures:*

Story & Sentence Completions
Thematic Apperception Test, TAT
Children's Apperception Test, CAT
Roberts Apperception Test, RAT
Projective Drawings: DAP, HTP, Kinetic Family & School
Rorschach Inkblot Test

#### Adaptive Behavior:

Adaptive Behavior Evaluation Scale, ABES Vineland Adaptive Behavior Scales, VABS Adaptive Behavior Assessment System, ABAS

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