

# PAUL JAMES (PJ) SEDILLO PH.D.

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## EDUCATION

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

**Ph.D. in Special Education/Gifted**

**August, 2013**

Dissertation: "A Retrospective Study of Gay Gifted Young Adult Male's Perceptions of Giftedness and Suicide"

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

**M.A. in Special Education/Gifted**

**May, 2001**

Areas of Concentration: Counseling

Outstanding Graduate Award/Dr. David Olguin Presenter – Phi Kappa Phi

Golden Key Honor Society

New Mexico Highlands University, Las Vegas, NM

**B.A. in Elementary Education**

**December, 1989**

Areas of Concentration:

Minor: History

Graduated with 4.03 GPA

## AWARDS

Who's Who Among Education Leaders

**March, 2000-Present**

Key Note Speaker- GLBT Graduation/UNM

**November, 2012**

Golden Key Honor Society

**May, 2001-Present**

Phi Kappa Phi

**May, 2001-Present**

Lifetime Achievement Award-Albuquerque Pride

**March 2014 Present**

Faculty Marshall- New Mexico Highlands University

**May, 2014**

## SERVICE MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Gifted Children

New Mexico Association of Gifted – Higher Education Liaison/President-Elect

Albuquerque Association of Gifted and Talented Students

GLBTQ Network –National Association of Gifted Children – Communications Chair

Phi Kappa Phi

Golden Key National Honor Society

Legislative Representative from New Mexico – National Association of the Gifted

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**REGULAR EDUCATION TEACHER- Albuquerque Public Schools ~ Atrisco Elementary**

**1989-1998**

[KOAT Top Teacher-1999 / Highlighted by KOB News as Master-Fine Arts Teacher]

**SPECIAL EDUCATION/GIFTED TEACHER- Albuquerque Public Schools ~ Atrisco/Hawthorne/ Emerson Elem.**

**1989-2007**

**GIFTED & TALENTED RESOURCE TEACHER SPECIAL EDUCATION B-LEVEL RESOURCE TEACHER**

**1998-2007**

**Albuquerque Public Schools-Emerson & Hawthorne Elementary**

**Adjunct Professor- Practicum (Student Teaching-Masters) / University of New Mexico**

**2009-2011**

[Developed syllabus, provided lab practicum, and administered all grades]

**Teaching Assistant-to Professor Elizabeth Nielsen – Creative Problem Solving**

**2010-2011**

[Assisted with grades, presented lessons and was available for one-on-one support for students]

**Teaching Assistant-to Professor Dennis Higgins–Foundation of Gifted Education**

**2010-2011**

[Assisted with grades, presented lessons and was available for one-on-one support for students]

<b>Teaching Assistant-to Professor David Olguin–Counseling Education</b> [Assisted with grades, presented lessons and was available for one-on-one support for students]	<b>2010-2011</b>
<b>NEW TEACHER SUPPORT / ELEMENTARY-GIFTED</b> <b>SPECIAL EDUCATION RESOURCE TEACHER - ALBUQUERQUE PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b> [Provide curriculum, professional development, mentorship, and direct support needed for teacher success]	<b>2008-2013</b>
<b>Assistant Professor-Special Education/Gifted – New Mexico Highlands University</b> [Hire to implement and create gifted education program for the University – advised over 151 students in 5 months]	<b>Fall 2013-Present</b>

**NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS THREE PILLARS**

**TEACHING & ADVISEMENT**

Foundations of Gifted Education 435/535 Instructional Strategies of Gifted Education 435/535 Curriculum and Methods for Mild & Moderate Exceptionalities 410/510 Twice Exceptional Populations of Gifted Education 435/535	<b>Fall 2013</b>
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Twice Exceptional Populations of Gifted Education 435/535	<b>Summer 2014</b>
Foundations of Gifted Education 435/535 Instructional Planning and Curriculum for Gifted Education 435/535 Curriculum and Methods for Mild & Moderate Exceptionalities 410/510 Field Base III / Supervisor – 8 Students [Special Education and Dual Major]	<b>Fall 2014</b>
Foundations of Gifted Education 435/535 Instructional Strategies of Gifted Education 435/535 Curriculum and Methods for Mild & Moderate Exceptionalities 410/510 Field Base III / Supervisor – 9 Students [Special Education and Dual Major]	<b>Spring 2015</b>
Foundations of Gifted Education 412/512 Instructional Planning and Curriculum for Gifted Education 416/516 Curriculum and Methods for Mild & Moderate Exceptionalities 410/510 Field Base III / Supervisor – 6 Students [Special Education and Dual Major] Overload – Introduction to Special Education – SPED 214	<b>Fall 2015</b>
Foundations of Gifted Education SPED 412/512 Instructional Strategies for Gifted Education SPED 414/514 Curriculum and Methods for Mild & Moderate Exceptionalities SPED 410/510 Introduction to Special Education SPED 214	<b>Spring 2016</b>
<b>Advisement</b> Advised over 75 students	<b>2014- 2015</b>
<b>Graduate Comprehensive Exam/Orals Committee</b> Committee Member- 2013 Committee Member 2014 Committee Member 2015 Committee Member 2016	<b>Spring/Fall 201</b> <b>Spring/Fall 2014</b> <b>Spring/Fall 2015</b> <b>Fall 2016</b>

**SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY**

***Created, Designed, Proposed and Implemented Gifted Education Program at NMHU*** Spring, 2015  
**Academic Affairs Approval**

**PRESENTATIONS**

*Literature Review on Gay Gifted Suicide* August 2013  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico- New Mexico Association for the Gifted- Summer Institute  
*Gay Gifted Suicide and What is the Current Data*

*The USDA Forest Service/Washington Office for Civil Rights* June, 25, 2014  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico-Forrest Service  
*Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Special Emphasis Program Committee*  
**Presenter**

*New Mexico Association of the Gifted* October, 2014  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico- NMAG – Summer Institutes  
 Social Emotional Aspects of Gifted/ Higher Ed Panel / Legislative Panel  
**Presenter**

*APS New Teachers of the Gifted* October, 2015  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico- City Center  
*Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted*  
**Presenter**

*Rio Rancho Public Schools –Teachers of the Gifted, Administrators and Students* November, 2015  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico- City Center  
*Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted*  
**Presenter**

*Santa Fe College Bound Charter School – Staff* Summer, 2015  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico- City Center  
*Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted*  
**Presenter**

*The Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted Conference* Summer, 2015  
 Denver, Colorado  
 Retrospective Study of Gay Gifted Youth and Suicide  
**Presenter**

*NMHU Faculty Orientation -* August, 2015  
 Las Vegas, New Mexico  
 SAFE ZONES  
**Presenter**

*New Mexico Association of the Gifted* October, 2015  
 Albuquerque, New Mexico- NMAG – Summer Institutes  
 Social Emotional Aspects of Gifted/ Higher Ed Panel / Legislative Panel  
**Presenter**

*NMHU Faculty Research Day* October, 2015  
 Las Vegas, New Mexico  
 Retrospective Study of Gay Gifted Suicide and Suicidal Ideation  
**Presenter**

**PUBLICATIONS**

*“A Retrospective Study of Gay Gifted Young Adult Male’s Perceptions of Giftedness and Suicide* May 2013  
 ProQuest – Dissertations and Thesis

<i>“Literature Review for Adolescent Gay Gifted Suicide &amp; Suicidal Ideation</i> Gifted Child Today-Publications	Spring 2013
<i>“The T is Left out of Gifted-Transgender Gifted Individuals</i> Journal for the Education of the Gifted	In Review
<i>Gifted Programs to Deter Suicide and Suicidal Ideation</i> Gifted and Talented International	In Review
<i>Giftedly Disabled and Intellectually Disarmed to Handle Life: What Motivates and Initiates an Intellectually Disabled Individual to Murder?</i> Roeper Review	In Review

**SERVICE****NEW MEXICO HIGHLANDS UNIVERSITY**

Member of NMHU Phi Kappa Phi – Assisted with Awards Ceremony  
 NMHU Faculty Marshal/Rio Rancho-Spring 2014  
 Academic Affairs – 2014/ 2015/2016 (Graduate Affairs Committee – Biology/Music Program Review)  
 Safe Zones created at NMHU- Presentation each Fall Semester  
 Conference Reviewer – National Association of the Gifted Conference – Fall-2015, Spring-2016  
 Communications Chair for the GLBTQ Network – National Association of the Gifted  
 Served on 9 Committees for Comprehensive Exams and One Thesis – 2014/2015/2016  
 Designed, Created, and Assisted with building the first float for the NMHU Homecoming Parade from Rio Rancho Center – September, 2015  
 Booth to offer the NMHU Gifted Courses nationwide- National Association of the Gifted – November, 2015  
 Search Committee Member for Science/Math Elementary –Spring 2016  
 Search Committee Member for Curriculum & Instruction-Spring 2016

**COMMUNITY**

Speaker at Rio Rancho High School- Gifted Class – 2014/2015  
 Speaker for New Teachers of the Gifted APS 2015/2016  
 Forum for Parents and Teachers of the Gifted Rio Rancho Public Schools 2015  
 Santa Fe Public Schools – Speaker for teachers of the gifted 2015