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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Humanities/Education; Salve Regina University, Newport, RI (2004)
- Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Philosophy/Humanities; Salve Regina University, Newport, RI (2001)
- Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in Curriculum & Instruction; RI College, Providence, RI (1997)
- Masters in Early Childhood & Elementary Education; RI College, Providence, RI (1981)
- Bachelor of Arts in English; RI College, Providence, RI (1979)

TEACHING LICENSE

Certifications: RI Professional Lifetime Teacher (Pre-K to Grade 8) . Critic Teacher Certificate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013 - Present** **New Mexico Highlands University;** Las Vegas, NM
Assistant Professor-Dept. Education/ Early Childhood Multicultural Education
<Interim Chair-Aug. 2015 to Jan. 2016>
- 2013** **Fisher College;** Boston, MA
Adjunct Professor-Dept. of Early Childhood Education
- 2011 - 2012** **Private Tutoring K-12**
- 2008 – 2010** **New Mexico Highlands University;** Las Vegas, NM
Assistant Professor-Dept. of Early Childhood Multicultural Education
Curriculum coordinator for Highlands University Child Development Center
- Taught undergraduate courses in Early Childhood/Elementary Education
 - Served on the NMHU Institutional Review Board
 - Participated on Dispositions Team for NCATE Accreditation
 - University Supervisor for practicum and student teachers
 - Student mentor and advisor for Major and Minor ECME Degree requirements
- 2005 - 2006** **Literacy Enrichment Center;** Cranston, RI
Owner/Director
- Responsible for the conception, set-up, and design of a program that interfaces early learning with parenting.
 - Created courses for mothers and their babies, ages 8 to 36 months.
 - Trained parents to elevate and stimulate the primary development of their child through the application of interactive multi-sensory activities in order to promote early literacy learning.

- Implemented Accelerated Reading Dynamics, a reading course for high school students and adults that provides techniques associated with variable-speed-reading to improve literacy skills.

1982 – 2004

Ivy League Pre-School; Warwick, RI
(Primary School and Certified Kindergarten)
Owner, Director, Head Teacher

- Responsible for the conception, set-up, and implementation of a school operation serving up to 120 children
- Participated with RI College as a field placement facility. Functioned as a critic teacher for undergraduate reading methods courses and as a cooperative teacher for student teachers.
- Implemented a full-day kindergarten program and conducted valuable observations on pupils that reflected the effect of computer-assisted instruction and their ability to acquire literacy skills.
- Designed monthly thematic curricula, evaluations, assessment tools of pupils, and progress-monitoring instruments to be implemented throughout the year.
- Handled all administrative and accounting functions, including budget, payroll and taxes.
- Designed and supervised construction of physical layout.
- Obtained necessary permits and satisfied all state and city mandates.
- Acquired DOE certification, DCYF licensing, and NAEYC accreditation.
- Designed and implemented student curricula
- Introduced and implemented a Personal Interest Inventory Chart to promote equitable means of teaching a diverse student population.
- Incorporated a developmentally appropriate “Technology Center” that enabled students in primary grades to review and improve basic readiness skills
- Planned creative, positive learning experiences using a variety of teaching/learning methodologies

TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

ECME 300	Professionalism
ECME 301	Health, Safety & Nutrition
ECME 302	Child Growth, Development, and Learning
ECME 303	Family & Community Collaboration I
ECME 304	Curriculum Development Play: Birth-Age 4
ECME 305	Guiding Young Children
ECME 306	Curriculum Development Implementation: Age 3-Grade 3
ECME 315	Introduction to Language, Literacy, & Reading
ECME 328	Assessment of Children & Evaluation of Programs I
ECME 332	Practicum Curriculum Development Play: Birth-Age 4

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ECME	334	Practicum Curriculum Development Play: Age 3-Grade 3
ECME	403	Family, Language, & Culture
ECME	415	Teaching and Learning Practicum
ECME	417	Emergent Literacy
ECME	420	Research in Child Growth, Development, & Learning
ECME	424	Integrated Curriculum: Birth-Age 4
ECME	425	Integrated Curriculum Practicum: Birth-Age 4
ECME	431	Advanced Caregiving for Infants & Toddlers
ECME	490	Independent Study
ECME	493	Directed Study
GNED	201	Intro to Teaching
GNED	251	Field Base 1
ELEM	317	Multicultural Education

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO BIRTH-GRADE 3 TEACHING

2009

Attended: NMSU Borderlands Early Literacy Conference (Dr. Yetta Goodman)-Las Cruces, NM

2013

Attended: CYFD Faculty Institute for NM-Early Learning Guidelines-ABQ, NM

2014

Attended: *The Wonder of Learning Exhibit and the Principles of the Reggio Emilia Approach (Featuring Lella Gandini)*-ABQ, NM

Attended: *Town Hall Meeting-The Principles of Practice with Professor Betsey Cahill*-ABQ, NM

2015

Attended: *Teach Like a Champion-Engaging Academics (Doug Lemov)*-Denver, CO

Attended: *CYFD Faculty Institute-Trauma Informed Early Education and the Developmental Interaction Curriculum*-ABQ, NM

2016

Attended: *UNM CYDF Institute: "A Journey to Celebrate"*

Attended: New Mexico Teach training-Main Campus

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RELATED TO SCHOLARSHIP

2008

Attended: *Supporting the Mental Health of Infants and Young Children*-Santa Fe, NM

2009

Attended: Study Tour-*Educating Youth for Citizenship: East & West*-Beijing, China

2013

Attended: *Webinar on Toxic Stress and Early Brain and Child Development*

2014

Attended: New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children (NMAEYC)

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2015

Attended: New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children (NMAEYC)

Attended: *Early Childhood Development & Health: The Intersections of Science, Policy, & Practice-ABQ, NM*

2016

Attended: Center for Teaching Excellence Event- Dr. Stafford Hood-*The Relevance of Culture in Evaluation and Assessment: A Personal Journey*

Attended: Public Policy Institute-*Transforming the Early Child Workforce-Santa Fe, NM*

PUBLICATIONS AND ARTICLES

Non-Peer Reviewed:

- Meckes, S. (1997). *The effect of d'nealian style print and circle & stick print on children's ability to decode words.*
- Meckes, S. (2004). *Designing a developmentally appropriate curriculum: A complete planning guide for early childhood educators.*
- Meckes, S. (2004). *The effect of using the computer as a learning tool in a kindergarten curriculum.*
- Meckes, S. (2005). *Infant literacy: Born to read.*
- Meckes, S. (2009). *The value of implementing technology into China's early childhood curriculum.*
- Meckes, S. (2015). *The collapse of cursive writing.*

Work in Progress:

- Meckes, S. *Pass the crayons or the mouse.*
- Meckes, S. *The electronic babysitter.*
- Meckes, S. *The universe is working its magic today.*

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Meckes, S. (2014, March 1). *The effect of using the computer as a learning tool in a kindergarten curriculum.* Presented at *The 2014 New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference* (NMAEYC), Albuquerque, NM.

Meckes, S. (2015, March 7). *SOS kit for early childhood directors.* Presented at *The 2015 New Mexico Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference* (NMAEYC), Albuquerque, NM.

Meckes, S. (2016, September 9). *Summary of recommendations to provide stipends to mentor teachers.* Presented at *NM Early Childhood Higher Education Task Force – Practicum Committee*, Albuquerque, NM.

SERVICE

SERVICE TO NMHU UNIVERSITY

August 2008-July 2009

- Served on *NMHU Institutional Review Board (IRB)* - reviewed research conducted by the university faculty, staff, and students. The primary responsibility of the review committee was to protect the rights and welfare of human subjects who participated in research

- Participated in a 2 day educational retreat with Dean Anderson and the School of Education faculty, to examine and assess the important aspects of NCATE accreditation- (11-2008)
- Served as ECME Program Coordinator during Dept Chair's Absence/Sabbatical-Attended weekly meetings, provided input on paths for Gateways, served on disposition team (Spring 2009)

August 2009-July 2010

- Served on the IRB Committee at NMHU
- Invited to serve on COMP Committee with Dr. Leone to evaluate graduate student (Jory Medina) Oral Exam
- Served on NMHU Dispositions Team for NCATE accreditation.

August 2013-July 2014

- Served on NMHU search and screen committee to select an Assistant Professor for Special Education: Dr. Paul Sedillo was hired.
- Attended NMHU at Santa Fe - Transfer Day-Distributed Education program brochures and materials(10-22-13) and (3-11-14)
- Volunteered to participate as a Master Cadre Member for NM Pyramid Partnership Framework

August 2014-July 2015

- Attended College Night, 10-7-14 Santa Fe, NM
- Attended College Night, 10-21-14 Las Vegas, NM
- Served on the NMHU search and screen committee to select a Dean in the School of Education- Spring 2015 (VPAA announced a failed search)
- Received a Certificate of Appreciation for Contributing Services to the Office of Field Experiences (2014-2015)
- Received a Certificate of Service for participating on the Library Committee (5-11-2015)
- Received a Certificate of Service for membership on the Academic Affairs Committee (5-11-2015)
- Completed numerous Portfolio Evaluations for teacher candidates (2014-2015)

August 2015-July 2016

Served as **INTERIM CHAIR** for the Department of Teacher Education: August 2015 to January 2016

- ✓ Coordinated class scheduling and book orders
- ✓ Monitored budget for Department
- ✓ Approved travel requests for faculty
- ✓ Evaluated faculty
- ✓ Represented department of Teacher Education at Assessment and Chairs weekly meetings
- ✓ Scheduled and conducted DTE monthly meetings

- Attended NMHU Student Convocation: August 2015
- Completed numerous Portfolio Evaluations for teacher candidates
- Volunteered to serve on the Portfolio Committee: Spring 2016
- Served on NMHU search and screen committee to select an Assistant Professor for Elementary Math/Science- Spring 2016: Dr. Jeremiah Cronin was hired.
- Continued my service on the Library Committee- since 2015

- Attended NMHU Outcomes & Assessment Report Faculty Workshop: Reviewed two other programs and shared feedback. Presented ECME program to colleagues: March 7, 2016
- *NMAEYC Conference*: Set-up table decorations (NMHU Logo) for 120 tables at the ABQ Convention Center: March 5, 2016

August 2016-December 2016

- Attended NMHU Student Convocation: August 2016
- Serve as a member of the Faculty Senate representing Teacher Education
- Serve as a member of the Portfolio Committee-Dept. of Teacher Education
- Continue my service on the Library Committee- since 2015
- Served on the Search and Screen Committee to select a VPAA for January 2017: Dr. Roxanne Gonzales-Walker was hired
- Volunteered to become a member of the Admissions Committee for the School of Education
- Volunteered to assist Dr. Brandon Kempner with the university's HLC visit

SERVICE TO THE STUDENT BODY

August 2008-July 2009

- Supported the *NMHU Band Baton Twirlers*-includes coaching routines, fund raising activities, and any other support I could offer.
- Conducted an end of semester Christmas get together at the "Traveler's Café" for ECME students on main campus. (12-2008)
- Conducted an end of semester cookout in Melody Park for ECME students on main campus. (5-2009)
- Wrote letters of recommendation for teacher candidates entering their student teaching placement

August 2009-July 2010

- Wrote several letters of recommendation for teacher candidates entering their student teaching placement

August 2013-July 2014

- Attended New Student Orientation at Santa Fe Community College (8-2013)
- Attended the Spring Career Fair on main campus-(4-2014)
- Wrote numerous letters of recommendation for teacher candidates entering student teaching placement

August 2014-July 2015

- Attended Student Orientation at Santa Fe Community College (8-2014)
- Wrote numerous letters of reference for teacher candidates entering student teaching placement and for those applying for teaching positions upon graduation
- Wrote letter to nominate Catherine Padilla for "Outstanding Student Teacher Award"
- Served as Faculty Marshal – 2015 NMHU Graduation, Las Vegas, NM

August 2015-July 2016

- Wrote numerous letters of reference for teacher candidates entering Student teaching placement and also those applying for positions upon graduation

August 2016-December 2016

- Wrote numerous letters of reference for teacher candidates entering Student Teaching placement in the spring 2017
- Wrote letter to nominate Elena Armijo for “Outstanding Student Teacher Award”
- Served as a judge for NMHU Home Coming Pageant “Paint the Town Purple”: October 6, 2016

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

August 2008-July 2009

- Member: *Habitat for Humanity* -Las Vegas, NM

August 2009-July 2010

- Volunteered to read at Armijo Elementary School (Mrs. Pittaway’s K-class) during Dr. Seuss Reading Week
- Member: *Habitat for Humanity*-Las Vegas, NM

August 2013-July2014

- Volunteered to participate on New Mexico ELG Family Engagement Committee

August 2014-July 2015

- Distributed ECME brochures(describing new certification tracks) to local child care centers in Las Vegas, NM
- Joined and volunteered-Jardineros de Placitas-Women’s Organization
- August 2015-December 2016
- Attended and represented NMHU at the First Annual Teacher’s Gala: January 2016
- Maintain membership-Jardineros de Placitas-Women’s Organization

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

August 2008-July 2009

- Participated in monthly meeting for the Higher Education Taskforce for Early Childhood Education in ABQ, NM
- Volunteered to participate on the team for the clearing house stimulus package.
- Volunteered as Peer Reviewer for Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program FY 2009.

August 2009-July 2010

- Attended monthly meetings for the NM Early Childhood Task Force in ABQ, NM

August 2013-July 2014

- Joined Delta Kappa Gamma (DKG) Society for Key Woman Educators in ABQ, NM- previously held office as Vice President in RI
- Attended monthly meetings for the NM Early Childhood Task Force in ABQ, NM

August 2014-July 2015

- Attended monthly meetings for the NM Early Childhood Higher Education Task Force in ABQ, NM
- Published in NMHU Fall 2014 Faculty Activities Report Brochure-The Collapse of Cursive Writing and its Effect on Children's Learning Skills
- Served on the Practicum Subcommittee of the Early Childhood Higher Education Task Force: Summer 2015

August 2015-July 2016

- Attended monthly meetings for the NM Early Childhood Higher Education Task Force in ABQ, NM
- Participated on the Reflective Practice Pilot Program (April 2016)
- Attended SOE Assessment and Accreditation Retreat with Dean Bailey and department chairs (June 2016)
- Served on the Practicum Subcommittee of the Early Childhood Higher Education Task Force: Summer 2016

August 2016-December 2016

- Attended monthly meetings for the NM Early Childhood Higher Education Task Force in ABQ, NM
- Attended training on "ZOOM" platform with Eric Urioste (September 2016)
- Enrolled in: Certificate of Completion D2L Mastery Course with Elizabeth Irvin
- Volunteered to work with Dean Bailey on an early childhood initiative grant related to Math
- Attended NM Teach Training on Main Campus (November 17 & 18)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Affiliations:

- Delta Kappa Gamma Society International for Key Women Educators(DKG)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Association for the Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- NM Early Childhood Higher Education Task Force
- National Baton Twirling Association (NBTA)