

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

May 2015 to August 2016
Special Education Endorsement
Clarke University

November 2007 to May 2015
Doctorate in Curriculum and Instruction (Ed.D.)
Northcentral University

August 2002 to July 2004
Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership (MA)
With Honors
University of South Florida

January 1993 to May 1995
Bachelors in Elementary Education (BA)
Spanish Endorsement
With Honors
University of Northern Iowa

August 1987 to May 1992
Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration (BA)
Minor in Spanish
Loras College

December 2019
Licensure
Iowa Master Educator License
K-6 Elementary Education
Endorsement: K-6 Spanish

June 2005

Licensure

Florida Professional Educator's Certificate

1-6 Elementary Education

Endorsement: 1-6 Spanish

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2006 to present

Clarke University: Assistant Professor of Education

Courses taught:

EDUC 100: Introduction to Reflective Teaching

EDUC 200: Foundations of Education

EDUC 202: Introduction to Exceptionalities, B-21

EDUC 336: C&I Science

EDUC 335: C&I Social Studies

EDUC 337: Reading Applications

EDUC 334: Clinical: Interdisciplinary

EDUC 405: Educational Measurement and Evaluation

EDUC 432: Elementary Education Student Teaching Supervisor

EDUC 280/EDGR 580: River Quest Institute

EDSP 200: Foundations of Special Education

EDSP 300: Assessment and Evaluation in Special Education

EDSP 301: Strategic Academic Learning

EDSP 400: Special Education Practicum

EDSP 401: Prevention and Remediation of Challenging Behaviors

EDSP 402: Collaborative Solutions

EDGR 500: Introduction to Graduate Research

EDGR 503: Problem Based Learning

EDGR 513: Brain Based Learning

EDGR 523: Teaching Diverse Learners

EDGR 525: Motivation and Management

January 2005 to May 2006, Dubuque, Iowa

Clarke University: Adjunct Education Instructor

Courses taught:

EDUC 432: Elementary Education Student Teaching Supervisor

August 2000 to June 2004, St. Petersburg, Florida

St. Raphael Catholic Elementary School: Classroom Educator

Duties: Self-inclusion classroom teacher for fourth and fifth grade, Technology Coordinator

August 1998 to June 2000, St. Petersburg, Florida

Lutheran Church of the Cross Day School: Classroom Educator

Duties: Self-inclusion classroom teacher for fourth grade; emphasis on math and science

November 1998 to September 2000, Southeast Division

Delta Education, Consultant

Duties: Trained teachers in Florida how to implement Full Option Science System (FOSS).
Attended and provided workshops for in-service teachers

August 1997 to June 1998, St. Petersburg, Florida

Shorecrest Preparatory School: Classroom Educator

Duties: Self-inclusion classroom teacher for fifth grade; emphasis on advanced language arts, math and science

August 1995 to June 1997, Cedar Falls, Iowa

St. Patrick Catholic Elementary School: Classroom Educator

Duties: Self-inclusion classroom teacher for fifth and sixth grade multiage students;
taught Spanish in grades fifth through eight

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Presentations:

Sacred Heart Elementary School, Monticello, IA (Sept. 2, 2016)

Provided differentiation instructional strategies as professional development for elementary school teachers

Clarke University, Dubuque, Iowa (November 12, 2013)

Presented and taught technology workshop for local in-service teachers to promote the new online MAE at Clarke University. *“Tech Tips for Teachers Workshop: Ideas to Implement in your Classroom Tomorrow”*

National Association of Professional Development Schools Conference, Las Vegas, NV (March 2012)

- **“Building an Accreditation Self Study with a PDS Model”** with Paula Schmidt and Michele Vosberg
- **“From Our Walls to the Heart of Our PDS”** with Paula Schmidt and Michele Vosberg

East Dubuque Elementary School, East Dubuque, IL (February 2012)

- **“Using First Person Language”**

National Association of Professional Development Schools Conference, New Orleans, LA (March 2011)

- **“Full Steam Ahead: Growing PDS Partnerships in Financially Troubled Times”** with Larry Bice and Nancy Spalla

Conferences/Workshops Attended:

Transforming Geoscience Preparation for K-8 Pre-Service Teachers Professional Training, St. Norbert College, De Pere, WI (April 8-9, 2016)

STEM Family Festival, Loras College, Dubuque, IA (April 2016)

Mad Scientist Party (Lead), Mississippi River Museum, Dubuque IA (Oct. 2015)

National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Conference, Chicago IL (March 2015)

STEM Family Festival, Clarke University, Dubuque, IA (April 2015)

Iowa Statewide STEM Conference III, Des Moines, IA (March 2015)

Iowa Statewide STEM Conference III, Des Moines, IA (March 27 and 28, 2014)

Teaching in the Wild Conference, Clarke University, Dubuque IA (October 4, 2014)

National Association for Professional Development Conference, Las Vegas, NV (March 2012)

Teach Like your Hairs on Fire Education Conference, Clarke University, Dubuque, IA (April 20, 2013)

Iowa Education Summit, Des Moines, IA (July 2011)

Iowa Science and Mathematics Teacher Educators Summit, Ankeny, IA (August 2011)

BSCS Science Teacher Training, Colorado Springs, CO (August 2011)

Aligning the Stars: When Classroom Practices and Best Practice Theory Come Together Clarke University Education Conference, Dubuque, IA (April 30, 2011)

National Association of Professional Development Schools (NAPDS) Conference
New Orleans, LA (March 2011)

Iowa Science and Mathematics Teacher Educators Summit
Grandview University, Des Moines, IA (August 2009, 2014)

Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education Conference
Cedar Falls, IA (April 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014)

Clarke University Workshops:

Moodle trainings 2012-2016
Winter Wonderland Workshop, fall 2012

Committees:

Education Department, 2006-present
Faculty Senate, 2006-present
Academic Integrity Board, 2016-present
Compass Committee, 2016-present
International Education Committee, 2008-present
Academic Advising Committee, 2008-2013, 2015-2016
Array Task Force, 2013-2015
Faculty Development Committee, 2011-2013
Education Department Search Committee, Chair, 2011

Professional Organizations:

American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
Association for Science Teacher Education
Council for Exceptional Children
Iowa Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
National Science Teachers Association
National Catholic Education Association
National Association of Professional Development Schools
National Association of Research in Science Teaching
Golden Key National Honor Society
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Citations/Publications:

Dissertation published: Spencer, E. (2015) Learning to Teach Elementary Science Methods in a Professional Development School: A Qualitative Case Study. Proquest

Published "A Team Commitment: Teaching Methods Courses in a PDS" with Ann Adkins, Nancy Spalla, and Carolyn Wiezorek in *PDS Partners* Journal, 2014.

Citation: *Managing Marginal School Employees*; Fields, Reck, and Egley. Rowman and Littlefield Publishing, 2006. Published graduate work case study titled "What's My Job? Unclear Roles or Ineffective Teacher Assistants"

Grants/Awards received:

Award Received:
McElroy Fellowship Finalist, Spring 2007
Grant Received:
Clarke College Summer Grant, 2007

SERVICE

Clarke University:

Peer Reviewer 2010, 2015
Into the Streets, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011
Iowa Private Colleges Week, 2006-2016
CORE Registrations, 2007-2012, 2016
Human Body Bee, spring 2007-2016
Advising Elementary Education Students, 2007-present
Meeting with prospective students 2007-present
Administrator to electronic portfolios in Education Department, 2007-2016
Review Education Portfolios, 2006-present
Teachers for Tomorrow: Faculty Mentor, 2006-2009, 2015

Community:

Volunteer
Hooley Irish Festival 2014-present
Volunteer
Resurrection Church, 2010–present
Volunteer
Hempstead High School 2011-2015
Volunteer
Wahlert Catholic High School Catholic, 2009-2014