

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

<i>Auburn University</i> (Auburn, Alabama) Rehabilitation and Special Education Degree: Doctor of Philosophy	2002-2007
<i>Auburn University</i> (Auburn, Alabama) Rehabilitation and Special Education Degree: Master of Education	1999-2001
<i>Auburn University</i> (Auburn, Alabama) School of Human Sciences Degree: Bachelor of Science Concentration: Adolescent Development Minor: Art History	1994-1999
American College in London (London, England) Courses: Art History and Theatre	Summer, 1996

CERTIFICATIONS

Class A Administrative Certificate	2020 - Current
Class A Certification P-12 Special Education Specific Learning Disabilities	2001 - Current
Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS) Training	2023
Alabama Leadership Academy	2015
CITI Training	2011 - Current
Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) Certified (Elementary)	2011
Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) Certified (Secondary)	2011

PROFFESIONAL EXPERIENCES

Special Education Program Chair	2013 - 2024
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Director of the Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL) Counselor, Leadership, and Special Education <i>Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Al.</i>	2016 - 2019
Professor of Special Education, Department Head & ELC Supervisor Counselor, Leadership, and Special Education <i>Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Al.</i>	2015 - 2016
Professor of Special Education Counselor, Leadership, and Special Education <i>Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Al.</i>	2016 - Current
Associate Professor of Special Education Counselor, Leadership, and Special Education <i>Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Al.</i>	2011- 2016
Adjunct Professor for Auburn University Department of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling <i>Auburn University, Auburn, Al.</i>	2013
Assistant Professor of Special Education Counselor, Leadership, and Special Education <i>Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, Al.</i>	2008 - 2011
Adjunct Professor Department of Rehabilitation & Special Education <i>Auburn University, Auburn, Al.</i>	Fall 2007
Student Athlete Consultant PALS Program for student athletes with disabilities <i>Auburn University, Auburn, Al.</i>	2007
Special Education teacher for general and regular education <i>Opelika Learning Center (alternative school), Opelika, Al.</i>	2006- 2007
Special Education teacher for students with disabilities <i>Wrights Mill Road Elementary, Auburn, Al.</i>	2005 – 2006
Special Education teacher for students with disabilities <i>Opelika Middle School, Opelika, Al.</i>	2001 – 2004
University Supervisor Department of Rehabilitation and Special Education Special Education Summer Clinic <i>Auburn University, Auburn, Al.</i>	Summers 2001 - 2004

Instructor for Diversity of Learners and Setting
Department of Rehabilitation and Special Education
Auburn University, Auburn, Al. 2002 – 2005

Graduate Teaching Assistant
Department of Rehabilitation and Special Education
Auburn University, Auburn, Al. 2002 - 2005

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) 1999 - Current

Division of International Special Education Services (DISES) 2010 - 2015

Division of Teacher Education (TED) 2008 - Current

Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC) 2008 - Current

Association of Direct Instruction (ADI) (Defunct in 2013) 2006 - 2013

HONORS

Auburn Living Magazine Cover 2024

SSEPC Member Spotlight 2020

College of Education Distinguished Research Award 2018

College of Education Dean's Service Award 2018

Professional Improvement Leave (PIL) 2014

School of Education Emerging Professor Award 2013

School of Education Donna M. Wolfinger Teaching Award 2013

Faculty Research Conference Fund Recipient 2013

Provost Conference Fund Recipient 2013

Faculty Research Conference Fund Recipient 2012

Faculty Research Conference Fund Recipient 2011

Faculty Research Conference Fund Recipient 2010

Faculty Research Conference Fund Recipient 2009

Member of *Delta Epsilon Iota*, Honors Society 2007

Member of *Alpha Theta Chi*, Graduate Honors Society 2005

CEC Rhodes Scholar for the Learning Disabilities Conference 2004

Nominated for The Alabama Powers 1st Year Teacher Initiative Award 2001

TEACHING

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Hampshire, P.K. (2025). *A Parent's Perspective: The Impact of Sleep Disturbance in Individuals with Autism*. 19th Annual Autism Conference: Empowering Through Evidence. New Orleans, La. January 17-19, 2025.
- Hubner, M.C. (2025). *Minimal Verbal Units Control in Reading: From Basic to Applied Researches and Implications for Attending Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)*. 19th Annual Autism Conference: Empowering Through Evidence. New Orleans, La. January 17-19, 2025.
- Kaur, J. (2025). *Trauma -Assumed Approach for Assessing and Treating Challenging Behavior Evoked by Corrective Feedback*. 19th Annual Autism Conference: Empowering Through Evidence. New Orleans, La. January 17-19, 2025.
- Saylor, L. (2025). *Field Experiences in Teacher Preparation*. Alabama State Department of Education (ASLDE) EPP Connect for SOR. February 26, 2025.
- Auburn University Montgomery Research Day (2025). Clement Hall. January 24, 2025.
- Maltinsky, J., Peavier, J., & Saylor, L. (2025). *Mount St Joseph University Topic: Field Experiences for Pre-service Candidates..* EPP Connect for SOR. February 26, 2025.
- Bruff, D. (2025). *AI in the Classroom*. Science Technology Complex. Auburn University Montgomery April 4, 2025.
- ALSDE (2025). *Numeracy Act Curriculum Articulation Meeting*. Auburn University Montgomery. Taylor Center. April 7, 2025.
- Caplan, J. (2025). *Leveraging AI Tools for Student Learning Success*. Auburn University at Montgomery. Virtual Workshop Series: AI, Online Learning, & Higher Education November 4, 2025.
- Zavadskiy, G. (2025). *AI: Where we are and What to Expect*. Auburn University at Montgomery. Virtual Workshop Series: AI, Online Learning, & Higher Education
- AUM. Cybersecurity Training (2025). ITS Required Cybersecurity Training. May 5, 2025.
- Kursun, O. (2024). *AI's Transformative Impact on Higher Ed*. National Distance Learning Week, Auburn University Montgomery, November 6, 2024
- Zavadsky, G. (2024). *Artificial Intelligence: Where we are and what to expect*. National Distance Learning Week, Auburn University Montgomery, November 6, 2024
- Guo, Y., Bloch, N., Miller-Rodes, C, & Walker, T. (2023). *Established Beliefs in Trauma*. Celebration of Research and Creative Activity. April 28, 2023.
- Anderson, E. (2023). *Flipgrid*. Auburn University Montgomery. Flash Talks. March, 29, 2023.
- Jones, R. (2023). *Quizziz*. Auburn University Montgomery. Flash Talks. March, 29, 2023.

- Burrows, L. (2023). *Backward Design for Lesson Planning*. Auburn University Montgomery. Flash Talks. March, 29, 2023.
- Voyager SOPRIS (2021). *Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling (LETRS)*. Online and virtual training. In progress, Year 1 complete.
- Keslowski, A. (2021). *Alabama State Department of Education CIEP Review*. ALSDE online Workshop.
- Sikler, J. (2020). *Teachers...Where Are You? How do small programs embrace, recruit, and retain teacher candidates from minoritized identities?* Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC) Symposium of The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Webinar. November, 13, 2020.
- McLeskey, J., Ziegler, D., & Kennedy, M. (2020). *Using the HLP Videos to Activate Implementation*. CEEDAR Center Webinar. July, 9 2020.
- Ackerman, K., Horn, C., & Porterfield, J. (2020). *Online Practicum Experiences for High Leverage Practices (HLP)* Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Webinar. October, 26, 2020.
- Contesse, V. (2019). *The Impact of Direct Observation and Performance Feedback on Preservice Teachers' Implementation of Evidence-Based Practices in Reading*. Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Teacher Education Division (TED) 42nd Annual Conference: Unmask Your Potential. New Orleans, La. November 5-8, 2019.
- Deger, G, Bhana, N., & Frank, J.L. (2019). *Using Simulations to Prepare Special Educators to Communicate Positively with Families with LEP*. Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Teacher Education Division (TED) 42nd Annual Conference: Unmask Your Potential. New Orleans, La. November 5-8, 2019.
- Fisher, K. & Norris, A. (2019). *Innovations in Teaching with Google Level 1 Educator Certification*. Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC) Symposium. Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Teacher Education Division (TED) 42nd Annual Conference: Unmask Your Potential. New Orleans, La. November 5-8, 2019.
- Haughney, K, & Wakeman, S. (2018). *Higher Education Feedback: A Framework for Quality edTPA*. Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Las Vegas, NV. November 6-9, 2018.
- National Center on Intensive Interventions (2018). *How Can We Improve Outcomes for Students with Persistent Learning and Behavior Needs?* Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Las Vegas, NV. November 6-9, 2018.
- Willard, C. (2018). *Incorporating Digital Pens in Inclusive Field Experiences*. Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Las Vegas, NV. November 6-9, 2018.

- Wolinski-Norton, A., & Kaczorowski, T. (2018). *Technology Tools for Multiple Purposes: Retaining and Supporting Early Career Special Educators*. Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Las Vegas, NV. November 6-9, 2018.
- Ledger, S. (2018). *Review of TeachLivE Research*. 6th Annual TeachLivE Conference, Virtual Human Interactive Performance (VHIP). Orlando, Fl. May 23-24, 2018.
- Fales, H. & Wilson, C. (2018). *Interactive STEM Education Competence in Teaching (Project INTERSECT)-Year 1 Implementation and Preliminary Data*. 6th Annual TeachLivE Conference, Virtual Human Interactive Performance (VHIP). Orlando, Fl. May 23-24, 2018.
- Bousfield, T. & Jones, P. (2018). *Utilizing TeachLivE to Support Struggling or At-Risk Interns in the Field*. 6th Annual TeachLivE Conference, Virtual Human Interactive Performance (VHIP). Orlando, Fl. May 23-24, 2018.
- Azevedo, D. (2018). *Measuring Self-Regulation During Learning with Advanced Learning Technologies*. 6th Annual TeachLivE Conference, Virtual Human Interactive Performance (VHIP). Orlando, Fl. May 23-24, 2018.
- Potts, E., & Howard, L. (2017). *Using Free Collaborative Tools in Online Courses*. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Savannah, Ga. November 7-10, 2017.
- Alves, K., & Ely, E. (2017). *Using Multi-Media Based Instruction to Improve Preservice Teacher Knowledge about Evidence Based Practices for Reading Comprehension Instruction*. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Savannah, Ga. November 7-10, 2017.
- Jordan, L., & Reyes, M. (2017). *Find Progress Monitoring Treasure in edTPA Tasks*. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Savannah, Ga. November 7-10, 2017.
- Flash Talks (FDI Technology). Topics attended: *Creating Surveys using Qualtrics, Technology for Student Success, Database for Funding Opportunities, and Integrating Library Databases*. February 22, 2017. Auburn University Montgomery.
- Alabama Associations of Colleges for Teacher Education (ALACTE) (2016). *edTPA Sessions* July 20, 2016.
- PRIM&R. *Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (IRB Board)* (2016). University of Alabama at Birmingham, September 16, 2016.
- Human Resources AUM. (2015). *Teamwork as Collaboration*. Auburn University Montgomery. Montgomery, Al. September 10, 2015.
- edTPA (2015). *Boot Camp*. Columbus State, Columbus, Ga. August 6, 2015.
- edTPA (2015). *Handbook Training*. Kennesaw State University. Auburn, Al. May 5, 2015.

- edTPA (2015). *Southeast Regional Summit*. Savannah, GA. March 30- April 1, 2015.
- FDI Training. (2015). *Technology Speed Dating*. Auburn University Montgomery. Montgomery, Al. February 18, 2015.
- FDI Training (2015). *Quality Matters Training Session*. Auburn University Montgomery. Montgomery, Al, June 29, 2015.
- Dexter, C., Moeller, J., Valasa, L., & Hwang, J. (2014). *Unison Responding in Elementary and Secondary Classrooms: A Single Case Meta-Analysis*. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Philadelphia, Pa. April 9-12, 2014.
- Trussell, R., Martinez, R., Ramirez, L. & Boyd, D. (2014). *Using Mobile Technology to Enhance Social Behaviors of Students with Autism*. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Philadelphia, Pa. April 9-12, 2014.
- Molebash, P. (2013). *VoiceThread and SCIM-C: Teachers Creating Personal Digital Histories*. Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE). New Orleans, LA, March 25-29, 2013.
- Gentry, J., McAdams, L. (2013). *Digital Story Expressions: Blending Best Practices in Literacy and Technology*. Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE). New Orleans, LA, March 25-29, 2013.
- Bodur, Y. & Unal, Z. (2013). *An Online Tool for Case Studies for Multicultural Teacher Education: Teacherserver.com*. Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE). New Orleans, LA, March 25-29, 2013.
- Alabama Leadership Academy (ALA)* (2013). Auburn University at Montgomery. Montgomery, Al.
- Reetz, L. & Ring, M.M. (2012). *Year-Long Preparation for IEPs*. University of South Dakota. National Council of Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo. Denver, Colorado, April 11-14, 2012.
- Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) (Secondary), Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) Spring 2012.
- Hales, A. (2012). *Steps to Conducting a Functional Behavior Assessment*. Western Washington University. National Council of Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo. Denver, Colorado, April 11-14, 2012.
- Kraai, R. (2012). *Metacognition Strategy use of Spelling*. Eastern Illinois. National Council of Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo. Denver, Colorado, April 11-14, 2012.
- Cheney, D. (2011). *Classroom Management: Practical Strategies from Evidence-Based Research*. University of Washington. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo, Washington, DC, April 25 – 28, 2011.

- Crone, D., Kame'enui, E. & Baker, S. (2011). *Middle School Intervention Project (MSIP)*. University of Oregon. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo, Washington, DC, April 25 – 28, 2011.
- Cuenca-Sanchez, Y. & Mastropieri M. A. (2011). *Students with Emotional Disorders: Determined to Meet Their Needs through Persuasive Writing*. George Mason University & Illinois State University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo, Washington, DC, April 25 – 28, 2011.
- Dev, P.C., Canzano, S., Chisholm, E.E. (2011). *Impact of Inclusion on Students without Disabilities*. Nazareth College. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo, Washington, DC, April 25 – 28, 2011.
- Insoon, H., & Jung, P.G. (2011). *Evidence-Based Reading Instruction for English Learners: A Synthesis of Single Case Design Research*. University of Minnesota. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo, Washington, DC, April 25 – 28, 2011.
- Regan, K.S., & Martin, P. (2011). *What's Up?: An interactive Writing Strategy for Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders (EBD)*. George Mason University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo, Washington, DC, April 25 – 28, 2011.
- Tyler-Wood, T., Periathiruvadi, S., Knexek, G., Christensen, R., Barrio, B., Ellison, A., & Limo, O. (2011). *The Simulated Inclusion Classroom for Training Teachers*. University of North Texas. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo, Washington, DC, April 25 – 28, 2011.
- Wider-Lewis, F.A., Sharma, A., & Pape S. J. (2011). *Implementing Project Based Instruction with Students with Learning Disabilities in Mathematics and Science*. University of Florida. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo, Washington, DC, April 25 – 28, 2011.
- Alabama Reading Initiative (ARI) (Elementary), Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM). Fall 2011.
- Carnahan, C. D., & Fulton, L. (2011). *Special Needs Education Goes Digital: Cyber Charter Schools and Special Needs Education*. Pennsylvania State University. Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE), Nashville, TN, March 7-11.
- Watulak, S.C., (2011). *Preparing Digital Citizens for Participatory Culture: Critical Digital Literacies in Pre-Service Learning*. Towson University. Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE), Nashville, TN, March 7-11.
- Darling, S. M., Raymond, E.B., Floyd, O.L., & Vernon-Dotson, L. (2010). *Maintaining a Scholarly Agenda in the Midst of it ALL!* Duquesne University. Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). St. Louis, MO, November 3-6.
- Kuester, D. A. & Muzzillo, J.S. (2010). *Cross-Collaboration of General and Special Education Pre-Service Teachers: Meeting the Needs of all Learners within Inclusive Secondary Classrooms*. Bradley University. Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional

Children (CEC). St. Louis, MO, November 3-6.

Conderman, G., Hedin, L., & Blood, E. (2010). *From Tutor and Helper to Strategy Instructor: Preparing Purposeful Secondary Special Educators*. Northern Illinois University. Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). St. Louis, MO, November 3-6.

Kelleher, J. (2010). *The Impact of Policy: Preparing Pre-Service Teachers for a Statewide Scientific Research Based Intervention Framework*. Sacred Heart University. Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). St. Louis, MO, November 3-6.

Bell, S.M., Kildare, L., & Bowlin, T. (2010). *Return to the Future? From One Room Schools to Universally Designed Lessons*. University of Tennessee. Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). St. Louis, MO, November 3-6.

King, L.H., & Zambone, A. (2010). *Bridging the Divide: Teaching Pre-Service Teachers how to Embed UDL in Secondary Content Instruction*. East Carolina University. Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). St. Louis, MO, November 3-6.

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) Training (2010). *Institutional Review Board (IRB) research compliance*. Auburn University Montgomery. Montgomery, Al.

Allen-Bronaugh, D., & Hauth, C. (2010). *Putting your Finger on it! Finding Relevant Evidence-Based Practices in Middle School Mathematics*. George Mason University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Cook, B. & Cook, S.C. (2010). *Weight and Health of Children with High Incidence Disabilities*. University of Hawaii. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Fredebaugh, D., & Thomas, K. (2010). *Keeping our Children Safe: Child Maltreatment and the Role of the Educator*. Nova Southeastern University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Goodwin, V. (2010). *Interpretations of Intervention for High School Exit Exams*. University of California. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Gulchak, D.J. (2010). *Teams and Technology: Collaborating with Nings, Skype, Wiggio and more!* National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Harris, K., & Williams, K. (2010). *The Impact of a Tier II Intervention on CRCT Scores*. Georgia Southern University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Kim, G. (2010). *What is Pre-K Response to Intervention (RTI) and how does it Work?* University of Central Missouri. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Konzo, D. (2010). *Supporting the Literacy of Diverse Students in Secondary Schools: Lessons Learned from the Field*. Edith Cowan University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Mackiewicz, S.M., Cooke, N.L., & Galloway, T. (2010). *Task Training: Differentiating Between the Need for Intervention and Task Misunderstanding*. University of North Carolina. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

O'Brien, E. & Kuznetsova, M. (2010). *Measuring the Effectiveness of Instruction Literacy Caching in the Pre-School Classroom: a Review of the Literature*. Virginia Commonwealth University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Peterson, P. (2010). *Leaders in Exceptional Education Addressing Diversity: Preparing Culturally Competent Special Education Faculty*. Northern Arizona University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Riccomini, P. (2010). *Are your Students Reading on PAAR? Progress Monitoring at the Secondary Level*. Clemson University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Seely, M.L., Niarhos, F., Sanger, M., Van Slyke, D., & Carell, M. (2010). *After Treatment Ends: Unmet Needs of Pediatric Cancer Survivors in the Classroom*. Vanderbilt Cancer Center. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Sileo, J.M. (2010). *Strategies for Working Ethically with Families*. State University of New York. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Snyder, C.K., & Lanyon, S.W. (2010). *Effective Coaching Strategies for Supporting Student Teachers*. University of Kansas. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Solomon, P., & Ramirez, S. (2010). *GIFT: Parent Mentor Partnership: Creating your Child's IEP Binder*. Walton County Department of Education. National Council for Exceptional Children Conference (CEC) and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Thornton, F., Stewart, S., & Franklin, L. (2010). *Implementing Response to Intervention in a Title I School*. Northern Arizona University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, TN, April 21-24.

Whetsone, M. (2009) *IHE Updates*. Technology Center, Montgomery, Al.

Lynes, M. J. (2009). *Developing Resource Materials for Distance Learners: Working with*

Culturally/Linguistically Diverse Families. University of Utah. National Teacher Education Division (TED) Conference. Charlotte, NC, November 12-14, 2009.

- Flores, M.M., Patterson, D., Shippen, M.E., Franklin, T.M., & Hinton, V. (2009). *Special Education and General Education Teachers' Knowledge and Perceived Teaching Competence in Mathematics*. Auburn University. National Teacher Education Division (TED) Conference. Charlotte, NC, November 12-14, 2009.
- Sinclair, K.D., & Takemae, N. (2009). *The Long and Winding Road: How to and How not to Accommodate for Individual Students with ADHD*. National Teacher Education Division (TED) Conference. Charlotte, NC, November 12-14, 2009.
- DeBettencourt, L.U. (2009). *Special Education Professional Immersion Training Partnership*. Johns Hopkins University. National Teacher Education Division (TED) Conference. Charlotte, NC, November 12-14, 2009.
- Scheeler, M.C. & McKinnon, K. (2009). *Effects of Immediate Feedback Delivered via Webcam and Bluetooth Technology on Pre-Service Teacher Performance*. Pennsylvania State University. National Teacher Education Division (TED) Conference. Charlotte, NC, November 12-14, 2009.
- Schwartz, S.E. (2009). *Best Practices for Online Teaching: Strategies to Improve our Teaching Evaluations*. National University. National Teacher Education Division (TED) Conference. Charlotte, NC, November 12-14, 2009.
- Oakes, W.P. & Sprouls, K. (2009). *Reading Interventions for Young Students with Behavioral Challenges: A Focus on Fluency*. Arizona State University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Seattle, WA, April 1-4, 2009.
- Collins, T.S., Smith, G.W., Katsiyannis, A., & Hodge, J. (2009). *Special Education Knowledge: How can We Improve Principal Preparation Programs?* Clemson University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Seattle, WA, April 1-4, 2009.
- Gonzalez, L., Barbetta, P., & Cramer, E. (2009). *Project QUEST Summer Institute: Bridging the Gap between Theory and Practice*. Florida International University. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Seattle, WA, April 1-4, 2009.
- Rock, M.L., Ploessl, D.M., & Howard, P.W. (2009). *So Far so Good: Teacher and Student Effects of Advanced Online Bug-in-ear Technology*. The University of Alabama. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Seattle, WA, April 1-4, 2009.
- Gleckel, E.K. & Koretz, E.S. (2009). *Collaborative Individualized Education Process: RSVP to IDEA*. Keene State College and Assumption College. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Seattle, WA, April 1-4, 2009.
- Cihak, D.F., Wright, R., Taber-Doughty, T., Aldread-Hughes, M., Kildare, L., & Quinn-Brown, L. (2009). *Use of Video Technology as Positive Behavioral Supports in Inclusive Environments*. University of Tennessee. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Seattle, WA, April 1-4, 2009.

Kelly, J.R. & Shih, M. (2009). *The Impact of Teaching Self-Determination Skills to Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*. The University of Texas at Austin & California State University-Los Angeles. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference. Seattle, WA, April 1-4, 2009.

Commitment to Instructional Diversity (2009). Auburn University at Montgomery. Montgomery, AL.

University Forum at the Alabama Federation for the Council of Exceptional Children (AFCEC) (2009). Birmingham, AL, February 8, 2009.

SERVICE-LEARNING PROJECTS

<i>School Coffee Cart</i> School Proposal	2022
<i>School Wide Garden (Rural Development)</i> Short grant	2022
<i>Common Traffic Signs for Pedestrians & Drivers: Rules for the Road for Students with Disabilities</i> Developed Lesson Unit	2021
<i>Life Skills: How to Handle Bullying</i> Developed Lesson Units	2021
<i>Proper Procedures for Outside the Classroom-Guiding Students with Autism Through Locker and Class Changes</i> Developed lesson unit	2021
<i>Appropriate Thank You notes and Materials to Service Providers</i> Developed lesson unit	2020
<i>“Read N Reach” Bringing Virtual Friends Peer Involvement from the Public School Classroom</i> Developed lesson plan	2020
<i>Pre-K Colgate Toothpaste Initiative</i> Happy or Sad Teeth? Individual curriculum	2020
<i>Pre-K Appropriate Playground Behavior</i> Playing Well with Others Individual curriculum	2019
<i>Brushing your Teeth</i> Kindergarten Fully developed lesson plans	2019

<i>Pre-K Handwashing (School-Wide Project)</i> Sing While you Wash Fully developed curriculum	2018
<i>Friendship Club School-Wide Project (Middle School)</i> What Does it Mean to Make and Keep Friends? Two week lesson plan (unit)	2018
<i>“Honor System” School-Wide Project (Elementary School)</i> Character Awareness Partially developed curriculum/added developmentally appropriate hands on material	2018
<i>Cooking & Mathematics Club (Elementary School)</i> Measurement and Cooking is Delicious! Fully developed unit	2017
<i>Online Safety Project for Students with Disabilities (Middle/High School)</i> Surfing the Internet and Cruising Social Media Lesson plan	2017
<i>Appropriate Bus Behaviors Project</i> Bus Safety and Bullying New project	2016

SCHOLARSHIP

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Thomas, J., Bicard, S., **Simmons, K.D.** (2024). The Effects of Concrete and Virtual Manipulatives on Solving Algebraic Equations in Students With Disabilities. *Journal of Special Education Technology*, 0(0) p. 1–13. DOI: 10.1177/01626434241263055
- Simmons, K.D.**, Bicard, S. & Meigs, K. (2023). It’s About Me: Student Participation in Individualized Education Program (IEP) Development. *International Journal of Social Policy and Education*, 5(3), p. 1-5.
- Bourke, N., **Simmons, K.D.**, & Ousley, M. (2022). Green schools: An Examination of Practices and Possibilities in Alabama. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Environmental and Science Education*, 18(4), p. 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.21601/ijese/12144>
- Turner, A., **Simmons, K.D.**, & Schaefer, G. (2021). Tips for Teaching at Home During COVID-19: Integrating Physical Activity for Inattentive Children. *ASAHPERD Journal: Promoting Healthy Active Alabama*, 40 (2), p. 22-24.
- Sparks, J., **Simmons, K. D.**, & Bicard, S. (2020). Did you hear me? The Effects of Live Simulated Environments on Active Listening Skills of Instructional Leaders. *International Journal of Social Policy and Education*, 2(7), p. 18-23.
- Klash, E. F. & **Simmons, K.D.** (2020). The Virtual Avatar Lab (VAL): Tapping Into Virtual Live Environments to Practice Classroom Feedback Conversations. *Journal of Curriculum and*

Teaching, 9(3), p. 149-160.

Simmons, K.D., Hinton, V., & Padgett, A. (2020). Using Visuals to Promote On-Task Behavior and Independence for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science*, 10(4), p. 16-21.

Darch, C. B, Wachsmuth, S., Darch, E., **Simmons, K.D.**, Hinton, V., & Owes, D. (2018). Creating a Climate of Achievement in Secondary Inclusive Classrooms for Students with Behavioral and Learning Difficulties: Features of an Effective Instructional and Classroom Management System. *National Association of Special Education Teachers*, 8(2), p. 47-52.

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- Thomas, J., Bicard, S., & **Simmons, K. D.** (2024, May). *Effects of Concrete and Virtual Manipulatives on Solving Algebraic Equations by Students with Disabilities*. Poster presented at the 50th Annual convention of the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Philadelphia, PA.
- Simmons, K.D.** & Bicard, S. (2023). *Utilizing Zoom Break Out Rooms Effectively*. Auburn University Montgomery. Flash Talks. March, 29, 2023.
- Simmons, K.D.** & Bicard, S. (2023). *Pecha Kucha*. Auburn University Montgomery. Flash Talks. March, 29, 2023.
- Griggs, K., Bicard, S. & **Simmons, K.D.** (2023). *Preliminary effects of naturalistic teaching strategies during repeated readings of a storybook on the expressive language of preschool children with language delays*. Celebration of Research and Creative Activity Day. Auburn University Montgomery. April 28, 2023.
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- Simmons, K.D.**, Morton, R.C., & Bicard, S. (2019). *Small Special Education Programs Caucus Shares and Symposium Part 2: From a distance: Innovations in online and hybrid teaching. Integrating Live Simulations in an Online Course*. Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Teacher Education Division (TED) 42nd Annual Conference: Unmask Your Potential. New Orleans, La. November 5-8, 2019.
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Simmons, K.D. (2019). *Supercharging Your Teaching with Virtual Environments: A How-to Session*. The goal of this presentation is to outline successful grant and IRB processes, and to guide participants in starting a successful licensed virtual environment teaching laboratory. Association of Teacher Educators (ATE) 2019 Conference: Educators at the Forefront: New Dimensions for Clinical Preparation and development of Educators. Atlanta, Ga. February 16-20, 2019. (accepted; not able to attend).

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- Bynum, Y. & **Simmons, K.D.** (2015). What can Instructional Leaders do to Prevent Cyberbullying 2015 Anti-Bullying Summit, Peachtree City, Ga. June 18-19, 2015.
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- Carpenter, L.B., & **Simmons, K.D.** (2012). *Multi-Media Slide Shows: Supporting Inclusive Practices*. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Teacher Education Division (TED) Conference. Grand Rapid, Mi. November 6-10, 2012.
- Carpenter, L.B, Shumack, K., & **Simmons, K.D.** (2012). *Mathematics and Assistive Technology: Improving Outcomes for Students with Learning Disabilities*. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Denver, Co. April 11-14, 2012.
- Shumack, K., **Simmons, K.D.**, & Carpenter, L.B. (2011). *Using VoiceThread to Differentiate Instruction*. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Teacher Education (TED) Division. Austin, Tx. November 9-12, 2011.
- Carpenter, L.B., **Simmons, K.D.**, & Shumack, K. (2011). *Teaching Online: Moving from Course Manager to Teacher*. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Teacher Education (TED) Division. Austin, Tx. November 9-12, 2011.
- Shumack, K., **Simmons, K.D.**, Carpenter, L.B., Dyal, A., & Austin, S. (2011). *Technological Strategies for Inclusive Best Practices: Developing Partnerships between Higher Education and K12 Schools*. Society of Information Technology and Teacher Education (SITE). Nashville, Tn. March 7-11, 2011.
- Simmons, K.D.**, Austin, S., Carpenter, L.B., Dyal, A., & Shumack, K. (2011). *Preparing Highly Qualified Teachers: The Results of a Secondary Grant*. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Washington, DC. April 25-28, 2011.
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- Simmons, K.D.**, Carpenter, L.B., Dyal, A., Shumack, K., & Austin, S. (2010). *Special Education and Secondary Education: Collaborative Teaching to Promote Best Practices*. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, Tn. April 21-24, 2010.
- Simmons, K.D.**, Carpenter, L.B., & Shumack, K. (2010). *Five Elements to an Effective Online Module: Creating an Online Course*. National Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference and Expo. Nashville, Tn. April 21-24.
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- Simmons, K.D.**, Carpenter, L.B., & Shumack, K. (2009). *Five Elements to an Effective Online Module: Creating an Online Course*. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Annual Conference. Charlotte, Nc. November, 14-18, 2009.
- Simmons, K.D.**, Carpenter, L.B., & Dyal, A. (2009). *Higher Education and Secondary Education: A Model for Collaborative Teaching*. Paper presented at the Alabama Federation Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Birmingham, Al. February 5- 7, 2009.
- Simmons, K.D.** & Carpenter, L.B. (2009). *Can't spell? Try assistive technology*. Paper presented at the Alabama Federation council for Exceptional Children. Birmingham, Al. February 5-7, 2009.
- Carpenter, L.B., & **Simmons, K.D.** (2009). *Spelling and Assistive Technology: Helping students with disabilities be successful writers*. Paper presented at the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Convention and Expo. Seattle, Wa. April 1-4 2009.
- Simmons, K.D.**, Carpenter, L.B., & Dyal, A. (2008). *Higher education and secondary education: A model for collaborative teaching*. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Annual Conference. Dallas, Tx. November 16-20, 2008.
- Simmons, K. D.**, & Conniff, A. (2006). *The writer's workshop and spelling instruction for secondary students with disabilities*. Paper presented at Midsouth Education Scientific Research Association (MESRA) Conference, Birmingham, Al.
- Simmons, K. D.**, & Conniff, A. (2006). *A study of the differences between the expressive writing approach and a writer's workshop approach for writing instruction for secondary students with disabilities*. Paper presented at the Alabama Federation Council for Exceptional Children, Birmingham, Al.
- Conniff, A. & **Simmons, K. D.** (2005). *Linking spelling and Reading: Maximizing Instructional Time*. Midsouth Education Scientific Research Association (MESRA) Baton Rouge, LA.
- Simmons, K. D.** (2004). *Linking spelling and Reading: Maximizing Instructional Time*.

Transition Conference, Auburn, Al.

Simmons, K. D. & Conniff, A. (2003). *Teaching Spelling and Writing Together.* Learning Disabilities Worldwide, Boston, MA.

Simmons, K. D. & Conniff, A. (2003). *Keys to Effective Reading Instruction and Behavior Management.* Presented at the Alabama Council for Exceptional Children, Tuscaloosa, Al.

Darch, C. B. & **Simmons, K. (2003).** *Reading Instruction and Classroom Management.* Presented at the Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis (ALABA), Birmingham, Al.

Darch, C. B. & **Simmons, K. (2003).** *Reading Instruction and Classroom Management* Presented at the Alabama Association for Behavior Analysis (ALABA), Birmingham, Al.

GRANTS

Fun with Functional Task Boxes 2021
Autuaga County Retired Teachers Foundation
Co-writer
Awarded: \$984.40

Functional Task Boxes - Bright Ideas Gran Program 2020
Alabama Electric Cooperative
Co-writer
Awarded: \$1,500.00

Leveraging Virtual Reality Simulations in a Mixed Reality to Enhance Teacher Preparation 2016
Ida Belle Young Grant
Awarded: \$47,407.00

A Sensory Integration Laboratory: Improving Learning Outcomes for Students with Disabilities (co-author) 2011
Auburn University at Montgomery Outreach Grant
Awarded: \$5,000.00

Secondary Special Education: Preparing Highly Qualified Teachers (co-author) 2010
Alabama State Department of Education-Division of Special Education Services
Awarded: \$15,000.00

Special Education and Secondary Education: Collaborative Teaching to Promote Inclusive Best Practices (co-author) 2009
Alabama State Department of Education- Division of Special Education Services
Awarded: \$15,000.00

Collaborative Special Education and Secondary Education Grant 2008
(participant)
Alabama State Department of Education- Division of Special Education Services
Awarded: \$20,000.00

Opelika City Schools Classroom Initiative Grant 2003
 (author)
 Awarded: \$1,600.00

DISSERTATION DEFENSES

Sabrina McGee
A Phenomenological Study of School Personnel Experiences with Trauma-Informed Practices 2025

Katherine Goodrich
Experiences in the field of education: How perceived experiences lead to teacher exit 2020

Jerri Eller
Charter Schools in Alabama: Superintendents' Perceptions in relationship to Competitive Education Marketplace and the impact on traditional public school funding 2020

Kim Davis
The Identification and Implementation of Key Elements of Exemplary Career and Technical Education in Rural Areas 2020

Kimberly Washington
Alabama Superintendents' Perceptions of Staying or Leaving the Position

VIRTUAL AVATAR LABORATORY (VAL) CONTRACTS/FUNDS

Leveraging Virtual Reality Simulations in a Mixed Reality to Enhance Leadership and Mentoring at Air University 2019
 Maxwell Air Force Base

Awarded to partner site: \$110,000.00
Air Combat & Command (Langley Virginia) 2018
 Amount: \$4,500.00

Squadron Officer's College (Air University) 2018
 Amount: \$ 11,400.00

Elk Grove High School-Chicago City Schools/VAL partnership 2018
 Amount: \$2,100.00

Autauga County School System-Prattville Junior High School/VAL partnership 2018
 Amount: \$750.00

Mt. Meigs-Center for Disability Research/VAL partnership 2017
 Amount: \$750.00

PROFESSIONAL NEWSLETTERS

Simmons, K. D. (Spring, 2014). *Small Special Education Program (SSEPC) Newsletter*. Greetings from the Chair.

Simmons, K. D. (Spring, 2013). *Small Special Education Program (SSEPC) Newsletter*. Greetings from the Associate Chair and Silent Auction Details.

Simmons, K. D. (Fall, 2013). *Small Special Education Program (SSEPC) Newsletter*. Greetings from the Co-Chair.

Simmons, K.D. (Spring, 2012). *Small Special Education Program (SSEPC) Newsletter*. Greetings from the Secretary.

Simmons, K. D. (Spring, 2011). *Small Special Education Program (SSEPC) Newsletter*. Greetings from the Secretary.

Simmons, K. D. (Fall, 2010). *Small Special Education Program (SSEPC) Newsletter*. Greetings from the Membership Chair.

Simmons, K. D. (Fall, 2010). *Small Special Education Program (SSEPC) Newsletter*. Secondary Special Education: Preparing Highly Qualified Teachers.

NON-REFEREED PRESENTATIONS

Simmons, K.D. (2025). *Building & Supporting Emotional Development in Children*. Guest lecture for Dr. Jenny Good. April, 3, 2025.

Bicard, S. & **Simmons, K.D.** (2020). A Day in the Life of a Warhawk. Why be a Special Education Teacher. November 12, 2020.

Simmons, K.D. (2020). AUM Flash Talks. Feedback Fever: How to Give Quick and Effective Feedback to Students. February 27, 2020. Taylor Center.

Simmons, K.D., & Bicard, S. (2020). AUM Graduate Preview Night. October 14, 2020.

Bicard, S., & **Simmons, K.D.** (2020). AUM Graduate Preview Night. October 22, 2020

Clayton, A., & **Simmons, K.D.** (2019). Air University Partnership: Live Demonstration of Multiple Simulations. The Air Force Information Technology & Cyberpower Education and Training Event. Montgomery, AL. August 27, 2019.

Simmons, K.D. Clayton, A., & Sparks, J. (2018). *Managing Difficult Personalities: Leader Development Course*. Air Force, Eaker Center, June 8, 2018.

Simmons, K.D. (2018). Autauga County Schools VAL Simulation. *Friendship Club and Widget Company Simulations*. Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL).

Simmons, K.D. (2018). Alabama Department of Mental Health VAL Simulation. *Professional Interviews for Adults with Disabilities and Advocacy Simulations*. Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL).

Simmons, K.D. (2018). Auburn University Montgomery Alumni Board. *Introducing the Virtual Avatar World to the Business World*. January 11, 2018.

- Simmons, K.D. & Austin, S.** (2018). Tuskegee University Dean & Department Head Simulation. *Friendship Club VAL Demonstration. Zero Tolerance & Widget Company Complaints.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL).
- Simmons, K.D.** (2018). Auburn Main Campus. *Elementary Mathematics Simulation. Lesson Plan VAL Demonstration.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL) main campus.
- Simmons, K.D.** (2018). Human Resources VAL Simulation. *Title IX Enforcement VAL Demonstration.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL).
- Simmons, K.D. & Sparks, J.** (2018). *Pike Road Schools VAL Demonstration.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL) at Pike Road School System.
- Clayton, A. & **Simmons, K.D.** (2018). British Air Force Simulation. *Leadership and Mentoring VAL Demonstration.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL), Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL.
- Clayton, A. & **Simmons, K.D.** (2018). Air Force Chaplains Simulation. *Spouse Deployment & Credit Card Declined VAL Demonstration.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL).
- Simmons, K.D. & Austin, S.** (2018). Hoover Police Department and National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) Simulation. *Cafeteria Theft & Student Depression Simulations.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL).
- Clayton, A. & **Simmons, K.D.** (2018). Air Force Capstone Course VAL Simulation. *Mentoring Simulations.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL) at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL.
- Simmons, K.D.** (2018). Chicago City Schools VAL Simulation. *Angry Parent/Teacher Conference & Passive Aggressive Parent/Teacher Conference.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL) virtual simulation.
- Clayton, A. & **Simmons, K.D.** (2018). Air Force Eaker Center VAL Simulation. *Inappropriate Facebook Post & Chain of Command Matters.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL) at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, AL.
- Simmons, K.D.** (2018). College of Veterinary Medicine VAL Simulation. *Eight-Point Exam Introduction & Widget Company Simulations.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL) at College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn, AL.
- Simmons, K.D.** (2018). Alabama Department of Rehabilitation VAL Simulation. *Employee Interviews.* Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL).

- Simmons, K.D.** (2018). Council for Accreditation of Counseling Education Programs (CACREP) VAL Simulation. *School Community Counseling with Distraught Parent/Child Dynamic*. Auburn University Montgomery (AUM) College of Education (COE) Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL).
- Clayton, A. & **Simmons, K.D.** (2017). Air Force College. Leadership Styles in the Military. Air Command & Staff College; Squadron College; and Academy. Auburn University Montgomery.
- Simmons, K.D.** (2017). Auburn Board of Trustees Meeting. *Introducing the Virtual Avatar World*. March 3, 2017. Auburn University Montgomery.
- Simmons, K.D.** (2017). Virtual Avatar Laboratory (VAL) Open House. *Showcasing the VAL and Providing Live Demonstrations*. College of Education. Auburn University Montgomery.
- Simmons, K.D.**, Carpenter, L.B., Shumack, K., & Brown, G. (2014). *Tools for Collaboration*. Tallassee City Schools. Tallassee, Al. August 7, 2014.
- Simmons, K.D.** (Summer, 2013). Guest Lecture. *Analyzing Student Data*, Auburn University. Auburn, Al.
- Simmons, K.D.**, Carpenter, L.B., & Bicard, S. (2013). *Reaching All Students Through Collaboration*. Tallassee City Schools. Tallassee, Al. August 9, 2013.
- Carpenter, L. B., Bicard, S., & **Simmons, K.** (2012). *Collaborating to Improve Outcomes for Students with Special Needs*. Peter Crump Elementary School. Montgomery, Al. February 27, 2012.
- Simmons, K.D.** (Fall, 2011). *Working with Patients with Disabilities*. Sprayberry Orthodontics. Auburn, Al.
- Simmons, K.D.** (Spring, 2011). *Behavior Management: Writing a BIP for Scout*, Guest Presenter. Auburn University at Montgomery. Montgomery, Al.
- Shumack, K. & **Simmons, K.D.** (Fall, 2010). *Lessons Learned Teaching Online*. Auburn University at Montgomery. Montgomery, Al.
- Simmons, K.D.** (Summer, 2010). *PBIS and Behavior Management*, Tuscaloosa City School System. Tuscaloosa, Al.
- Simmons, K.D.** (Fall, 2010). *Behavior Management in the Elementary Grades*, Guest Presenter, Auburn University at Montgomery. Montgomery, Al.
- Simmons, K. D.** (Spring, 2009). *Management for Elementary School Teachers*, Guest Presenter, Auburn University at Montgomery. Montgomery, Al.
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EDITORIAL BOARDS

Journal of Social Science and Education	International	2025 - Current
Education	International	2017- Current
International Journal of Inclusive Education	International	2012
Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC) Kaleidoscope	International	2011
Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Program Reviewer	International	2009- 2017
Teacher Education Division (TED) Program Reviewer	International	2009 – 2013; 2018

SERVICE

NATIONAL COMMITTEES

<i>Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC)</i> -Past President	2015 - Current
<i>Teacher Education Division (TED)</i> - Executive Board Member	2014
<i>Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC)</i> -Chair	2014
<i>Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC)</i> -Associate Chair	2013
<i>Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC)</i> - Secretary	2010 - 2012
<i>Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC)</i> -Faculty Representative	2010 - 2017
<i>Teacher Education Division (TED) Government Action Liaison (GAL) for Alabama</i> – Representative	2008 - 2012
<i>Small Special Education Programs Caucus (SSEPC)</i> –Membership Chair	2008 - 2010

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS/BOARDS

SEAP subcommittee: Stakeholder and Public Engagement Committee Meeting	2024 - Current
<i>Special Education Advisory Panel (SEAP)</i> - Board Member	2023 - Current

First Baptist Church Opelika- <i>Auxiliary Academy Board (AAB)</i> - Chair	2023 - 2025
First Baptist Church Opelika- <i>School feasibility study</i> -Chair	2023
<i>Easter Seals of Lee County</i> - Secretary (Executive Board)	2019 - Current
<i>Exceptional Foundation of East Alabama</i> - Board Member	2019 - 2024
<i>Exceptional Foundation of East Alabama</i> - Vice President	2019 - 2021
<i>Children’s Center Adult Program (CCAP)</i> - <i>Montgomery Public Schools</i> - Board Member	2017- Current
<i>The Learning Tree, Inc.</i> – Board Member	2011
<i>Exceptional Outreach Organization (EOO)</i> - Board Member	2010 - 2016

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

Faculty Grievance Committee	2018- 2027
Tenure and Promotion/Post-tenure Review Committee	2023 - 2027
Faculty Welfare Committee	2018- 2022
At Large Member (Tenure & Promotion)	2019 - 2022
COE Representative on Tenure and Promotion Committee	2016- 2019
IRB Committee (member)	2016 - Current
Curriculum Committee (member)	2012 - 2016
Family Campaign – Team Captain	2008 - 2012
Admissions Committee for Seamless Admissions	2008 – 2010
Library Committee	2008 - 2017

ESTABLISHED K-12 PARTNERSHIPS

<i>Southside High School</i> Etowah County Schools	2021
<i>Pike Road Schools (High School)</i> Pike County, Al.	2021
<i>Pike County High School</i> Brundidge, Al.	2021
<i>Highland Homes</i> Crenshaw County, Al.	2020
<i>Opelika Middle School</i> Opelika, Al.	2019

<i>Pike Road Schools (Elementary and middle)</i> Pike County, Al.	2018
<i>Ogletree Elementary School</i> Auburn, Al.	2018
<i>Park Crossing High School</i> Montgomery, Al.	2016
<i>McKee Elementary (Pre-k)</i> Montgomery, Al.	2016
<i>West Smiths Elementary School</i> Lee County, Al.	2016
<i>Johnnie Carr Middle School</i> Montgomery, Al.	2015
<i>Children's Center</i> Montgomery, Al.	2015
<i>Churchill Academy</i> Montgomery, Al.	2014
<i>Bellingrath Middle School</i> Montgomery, Al.	2014
<i>Wares Ferry Elementary School</i> Montgomery, Al.	2014
<i>Southside Middle School</i> Tallasse, Al.	2013
<i>Peter Crump Elementary School</i> Montgomery, Al.	2012
<i>Jim Wilson Elementary</i> Montgomery, Al.	2012

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION COMMITTEES

COE Research Award Committee	2025
EdD Committee	2024 - Current
COE Policy on Repeats Committee	2025
COE Faculty Mentor (Yu Ghuo)	2023
COE Dean Search	2024
COE Graduate Council	2020 - Current
Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) Committee	2020
Continuous Improvement in Educator Preparation (CIEP) 11 CAEP Reports for the Special Education program area Undergraduate & Graduate	2020

COE Research Award Committee – Chair	2019
Mentor Faculty for VAL Research (Approved IRB Proposal): Erin Klash Facilitating Interactive Feedback to Pre-Service Teachers	2019
Mentor Faculty for VAL Research (Approved IRB Proposal): Alan Miller Budgeting in School Buildings	2018
Mentor Faculty for VAL Research (Approved IRB Proposal): Jana’ Sparks Enforcing Zero Tolerance Policy	2018
Mentor Faculty for VAL Research (Approved IRB Proposal): Sara Bicard Prompting Students with Autism	2018
Mentor Faculty for VAL Research (Approved IRB Proposal): Deanne Allegro Diet/Food Diary Conversations (difficult conversations about weight and health)	2017
Mentor Faculty for VAL Research (Approved IRB Proposal): Tara Beziat Applying Effective Lesson Planning	2017
Mentor Faculty for VAL Research (Approved IRB Proposal): Sheila Austin Instructional Leadership	2016
Mentor Faculty for VAL Research (Approved IRB Proposal): Carrie Hemmings Deescalating a Parent-Teacher Conference-Using Active Listening Skills	2016
Charter School Committee - Member	2018
edTPA Committee – Member	2017 - Current
CAEP Standard II – Member	2017 - Current
COE Faculty Mentor (Alan Miller)	2017
COE Faculty Mentor (Jana’ Sparks)	2017
COE Faculty Mentor (Carrie Hemmings)	2017
School Counselor Search-Chair	2017
Core Teacher for Confucius Institute Search -Chair	2016
Early Learning Center Director Search -Chair	2016
Curriculum Coordinator Search -Chair	2016
Auxiliary Teacher Search -Chair	2016
Instructional Leadership Search -Chair	2016
School Counselor Education Search -Chair	2016
COE Faculty Mentor (Yvette Bynum)	2016
Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) -Chair	2016 – 2019

COE Faculty Mentor (Goldy Brown)	2015
Instructional Leadership Search - Member	2015
School Counselor Education Search - Member	2015
Faculty Evaluation Form Redesign -Co-Chair	2013
Special Education Practicum Redesign – Chair	2013
Special Education EdS Program Redesign – Chair	2013
Multimedia Room Committee	2013
School Counselor Education Search - Member	2013
Dean Search Committee - Member	2013
Faculty Executive Council- Weisman Teaching Award search- Chair	2013
NCATE (Met with Conditions for accreditation) - Chair	2013 – 2016
Luau Silent Auction Committee - Chair	2012
Program Analysis Committee	2010
NCATE Standard 3 Committee	2011- 2013
Friends of AUM Committee	2011 – 2012
Scholarship Committee Program Analysis Committee	2011 – 2012
Faculty Executive Council- Williford Research Award search- Chair	2010
Dress Code Committee	2010
Faculty Search for CLSE Department (CLSE) Committee - Member	2010 – 2011
United Way Liaison	2010
NCATE Standard 5 Committee	2010
Social Committee (Chair)	2008 – 2018
Luau Steering Committee - Member	2010 – 2012
Faculty Executive Council - Academic Affairs	2009 – 2015

DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

Third Year review for CLSE & Kinesiology Faculty	2022
Third Year review for CLSE Faculty	2021
Third Year review for CIT Faculty	2018
Third Year review for CLSE Faculty	2015
Grant Consortium Committee-Faculty Representative	2009 - 2013
Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC)- Faculty Representative	2009 - 2013

