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**Education**

2018 Ph.D. Student Iowa State University Special Education Doctoral Program

Graduated 2018

Completed Social Justice Certificate 2015

Completed coursework for Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Certificate 2015

Dissertation: Who I want you to be: Three portraits of culturally competent teachers improving the mental health of students

2011 M.S.E., Teaching and Learning, Drake University

Concentration: Special Education

1999 B.A., Elementary Education, The University of Iowa

Concentration: Special Education

**Professional and Research Interests**

* Critical school mental health praxis (CrSMHP)
* Cultural/racial trauma in school mental health
* School mental health systems
* Teacher preparation
* Social Justice in Education

**Professional Experience**

2013-present **Founder and Executive Director,** Please Pass the Love Youth Mental Health Initiative, Des Moines, IA

Responsibilities: Founded and manage a youth mental health non-profit that provides school mental health supports and trainings to students, families, schools and community providers. Created the only school mental health conference in the state.

2017-present **School Board Member,** West Des Moines Schools, West Des Moines, IA

Responsibilities: Govern the school district through administrative, judicial, and legislative decision-making duties.

2017-present **Adjunct Professor**, School of Education, Drake University, Des Moines, IA

Responsibilities: Teaching graduate and undergraduate coursework in special education. Supervising student practicum experiences for students within Introduction to Special Education. Created and implemented online School Mental Health Literacy Course with ISEA, Please Pass the Love & Drake

2013-2017 **Assistant Professor,** Education Department, Grand View University, Des Moines, IA

Responsibilities: Teaching graduate and undergraduate coursework; Dance Marathon, NAMI on Campus, and Slam Poetry Advisor; Dream to Teach Liaison

2011-2013 **Adjunct Professor**, School of Education, Drake University, Des Moines, IA

Responsibilities: Teaching graduate and undergraduate coursework in special education. Supervising student practicum experiences for students within Introduction to Special Education.

2008-2013 **Special Education**, West Des Moines Community Schools,

West Des Moines, IA

Responsibilities: Teaching 13-18 students in special education 7th-8th grades with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Engaged in committee work with Positive Behavior Intervention Supports (PBIS), special education literacy, and mental health.

2004-2007 **Kindergarten/Special Education Teacher**, West Des Moines Community Schools, West Des Moines, IA

Responsibilities: Taught 5-11 students with emotional and behavior disorders 3rd-6th grades. Responsible for writing and managing Individual Education Plans, Behavior Intervention Plans, and Functional Behavior Assessments. Taught 26 Kindergarten students some with special needs. Worked collaboratively with Autism team and district committee work.

2002-2004 **Special Education Teacher**, West Central Valley School District, Stuart, IA

Responsibilities: Taught 8-14 special education students K-5. Helped to create a behavior disorders classroom for the school district. Trained and implemented the first time-out room in the district.

2001-2002 **Special Education Teacher**, Plainfield Community School District,

Plainfield, IL

Responsibilities: Taught 7-12 learning resource special education students K-5. Managed IEP’s, BIP’s, and FBA’s. Facilitated support groups for students dealing with divorce and death.

1999-2001 **Third Grade Teacher**, Regina Catholic Elementary School, Iowa City, IA

Responsibilities: Taught third grade general education specializing in Social Studies. Assigned students with behavior issues and facilitated support group for students dealing with divorce and death.

**Courses taught**

**Drake University**

SPED 122/222, Characteristics of Mild/Moderate Disabilities

GRD Diverse Learners

Online School Mental Health Literacy Course

Special Education Student Teacher Supervisor

2011-2013

SPED 120/220, Introduction to Special Education

**Grand View University**

EDGR 522, Current Issues in Urban Education

LIBA 110/LIBA 111, Freshman Core I Seminar

EDUC 280, Human Relations Training for the Classroom Teacher

EDUC 430, School Mental Health

EDEX 520, School Mental Health

EDUC 475, Individual Behavior Management

EDUC 440, Diagnosis and Evaluation of Special Education Students

EDUC 363, Working with Families, Teachers & Community

EDUC 343/344, Instructional Strategist I Methods

EDUC 361/362, Instructional Strategist I Practicum

EDUC 111, Introduction to Education

EDUC 242, Pedagogies of Exceptional Children

Student Teacher Supervision

Practicum Student Supervision

**Professional Affiliations**

2018-Present Iowa Family Leadership Training Institute Mentor, Family Engagement Division of Child and Community Health Stead Family Department of Pediatrics University of Iowa

2018-Present National School Mental Health State Summit Member (SAMHSA, HHS, HRSA)

2017-Present Alliance for Family, School, and Community Partnerships (AFSCP) Member

2017 Invited as a member of the Department of Education Social-Emotional Taskforce

2016-Present Learning Supports Coalition Project AWARE & Climate Transformation Department of Education

2016-Present Des Moines Civil and Human Rights Community Doers Advisory Council

2016-Present Youth Violence Prevention Task Force Des Moines, Iowa

2015-2017 School Mental Health Screener Committees Iowa Department of Education

2014-2017 Dream to Teach, Des Moines Public Schools, Advisory Board Member

2014-2016 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Conference Proposal Reviewer

2013- 2015 Polk County Trauma Informed Care Stakeholders Group

2013-2015 Greater Des Moines National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Executive

Board of Directors Member

2013-Present Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) member

2013- Present Council for Children with Behavior Disorders (CCBD) member

2010- Present Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) member

2005- 2015 Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders,

Kansas City, MO

2013 Girl Rising- Bringing Girl Rising (March 7th), a documentary about educating girls from across the world and the societal benefits to Des Moines, Iowa.

**Education Expert Witness Experience**

2018 Retained by Bradshaw, Fowler, Proctor & Fairgrave Attorneys at Law

**Sample of Invited Presentations**

August 2018 Waukee South Middle School Culture and Diversity Workshop, *School Mental Health Systems/Suicide Prevention,* Waukee, IA

August 2018 Western Dubuque School District Teacher Back to School Professional Development, *School Mental Health Literacy,* Epworth, IA

August 2018 Clive Elementary School Back to School Professional Development, *School Mental Health Literacy (Abbreviated Version),* West Des Moines, IA

August 2018 Central Decatur School District Trauma Conference, *Trauma Within a School Mental Health Framework*, Leon, IA

August 2018 Drake University Educational Administrators Course Susie Meade, *How to Navigate School Mental Health as an Administrator,* via online to Cedar Rapids, IA

July 2018 Blank Children’s Hospital School Nurses Conference, with Marci Cordaro, RN, *The Role of a School Nurse in a School Mental Health System,* Ankeny, IA

June 2018 Iowa Safe Schools Suicide Prevention Course, *LGBTQ Suicide Prevention,* Des Moines, IA

June 2018 Indianola School District End of the Year PD, *School Mental Health Literacy,* Indianola, IA

June 2018 Norwalk School District End of the Year PD, *School Mental Health Literacy,* Norwalk, IA

May 2018 Rotary Club, *Community Mental Health Panel*, Des Moines University, Des Moines, IA

May 2018 Waukee Prairieview, Staff Professional Development, *School Mental Health Literacy,* Waukee, IA

April 2018 Iowa Governor’s Conference Safe Schools, *LGBTQ Mental Health and Suicide Prevention for Youth and Educators,* Des Moines, IA

April 2018 Gilbert School District Students, *Power of Voice*: *Mental Health Awareness for Teens,* Gilbert, IA

April 2018 Lincoln High School Mental Health Classroom, with Catie Bach, *Power of Voice: Mental Health Awareness of Teens,* Des Moines, IA

April 2018 Iowa Association of Alternative Educators Conference, *Cultural/Racial Trauma in Schools,* Des Moines, IA

March 2018 Roland Story School District Parent Mental Health Night, *Mental Health Awareness for Families,* Roland, IA

March 2018 ACT Conference, with Kayla Selby, *School Mental Health Literacy,* Cedar Rapids, IA

March 2018 Iowa Gear Up Conference, with Sonia Reyes-Snyder, *Culturally Conscious School Mental Health Literacy*, West Des Moines, IA

March 2018 Roland-Story District Youth, *Power of Voice*: *Mental Health Awareness for Teens,* Roland, IA

February 2018 Webster City Staff Professional Development, *School Mental Health Literacy,* Webster City, IA

January 2018 Walnut Creek Alternative School, *Self-care for Educators,* West Des Moines, IA

January 2018 Southeast Polk Schools PD Conference, *School Mental Health Literacy,* Altoona, IA

December 2017 Gilbert Schools Professional Development, *School Mental Health Literacy & Advanced Topics,* Gilbert, IA

October 2017 Bondurant Schools Professional Development, *School Mental Health Literacy & Racial/Cultural Trauma,* Bondurant, IA

October 2017 5th Annual Iowa School Mental Health Conference, *School Mental Health Systems & Racial/Cultural Trauma,* Des Moines, IA

September 2017 Glenwood Schools Professional Development, S*chool Mental Health Literacy and Advanced SMH Topics,* Glenwood, IA

September 2017 Risky Business Conference, *Racial Trauma Created in Schools and How to Stop It,* Des Moines, IA

September 2017 Earlham School District, S*chool Mental Health Literacy and Advanced SMH Topics,* Earlham, IA

May 2017 McCombs Middle School Professional Development, *Basic Mental Health,* Des Moines, IA

April 2017 Ramily Family Mental Health Night, *Basic Mental Health for Families,* Glenwood, IA

March 2017 Bondurant Schools Professional Development, *Basic School Mental Health,* Bondurant, IA

February 2017 Urbandale Schools Professional Development, *Basic School Mental Health & Cultural Trauma,* Urbandale, IA

October 2016 4th Annual Iowa School Mental Health Conference, *Basic School Mental Health Conference,* Des Moines, IA

April 2016 Invited Presentation Iowa Department of Education Learning Supports Conference, *School Mental Health Strategies and Mental Health & MTSS Get Married*, Des Moines, IA

April 2016 Invited Presentation Art Therapy for Teens (co-presenter Justine Saxton), Walnut Creek Alternative School, West Des Moines, IA

March 2016 Invited Presentations *School Mental Health Training for Youth & Parent Mental Health Training for Families* (in collaboration with Dr. Jeffery Kerber), Urbandale School Middle School, Urbandale, IA

January 2016 Invited Presentation *School Mental Health Training for Youth*, Sauk Prairie HS, Sauk City, WI

January 2016 Invited *School Mental Health Strategies & Teacher Wellness*, Southeast Polk School District Teacher Professional Development, Altoona, IA

### December 2015 Invited *School Mental Health Strategies for Teachers*, Urbandale MS Professional Development, Urbandale, IA

October 2015 Invited *School Mental Health Strategies for Teachers,* Iowa SMH Conference, Des Moines

October 2015 Invited Presentation *Youth Mental Health MTSS Strategies,* Risky Business Conference, Des Moines, IA

# September 2015 Invited Presentation 2015 Mental Health & Behavior Summit, Wisconsin Dells, WI

# August 2015 Invited Training *School Mental Health Strategies for Teachers,* Perry Community Schools, Perry, IA

# May 2015 Invited Professional Panel, *Youth Mental Health,* Waukee Community Schools, Waukee, IA

# April 2015 Invited Presentation Iowa Suicide Prevention Coalition, *Youth Mental Health MTSS Strategies,* Des Moines, IA

March 2015 Invited Presentation *Youth Mental Health Policy & Change,* Iowa ACT Conference, Des Moines, IA

October 2014 Invited Training *School Mental Health Strategies for Teachers,* Waukee Middle School, Waukee, IA

October 2014 Invited Presentation *Youth Mental Health,* Risky Business Conference, Des Moines, IA

September 2014 *School Mental Health Strategies for Teachers,* Iowa SMH Conference, Des Moines

May 2014 *PBIS and Interconnected Frameworks,* Iowa School-Based Mental Health

Conference, Des Moines, IA

February 2013 *Mental Health Training for Educators*, Professional Development Training,

West Des Moines Community Schools

**Publications**

Ulie-Wells, J., Bruna Richardson, K., & Romo, C. (Pending). Critical School Mental Health Praxis (CrSMHP): A framework for change In Clauss-Ehlers, C. (Ed.), *Social Justice for Children and Young People: International Perspectives.* Cambridge University Press, Cambridge: UK.

Orlando, C. M., Bradley, W., Collier, T. A., Ulie-Wells, J., Miller, E., & Weist, M. D. (2018). What Works in School-Based Mental Health Service Delivery?. In *Handbook of School-Based Mental Health Promotion* (pp. 33-49). Springer, Cham.

**Professional Certifications**

2018 Non-suicidal self-injury, online, Cornell University

2015 Social Justice in Education, Iowa State University

2014 Youth Mental Health First Aid Certification

2010-Present Instructional Strategist I MD Certification State of Iowa

2003-Present Instructional Strategist II LD/BD Certification State of Iowa

2003- Present Mandt De-escalation and Crisis Prevention Certification

2001-2005 Elementary Education Teaching Certification State of Illinois

1999- Present Elementary Education Teaching Certification State of Iowa

**Honors and Awards**

2015 & 2017 American Association of University Women “Wonder Woman” Award designed for women that go above and beyond in teaching, scholarship and service

2017 Catharine Maurice Carroll Graduate Scholarship