

CURRICULUM VITA

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EXPERTISE

Early Childhood Special Education, Early Childhood Education, Parental Involvement in Education/Special Education, Issues relating to Children and Families from Diverse Backgrounds, Inclusion of Young Children with Special Needs, Urban Education, and Personnel Preparation.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2003

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

Specialization: Education of Students with Exceptionalities –Early Childhood Special Education

M.Ed. 1997

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

Major: Early Childhood Special Education

B.A. 1993

University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida

Majors: Special Education- Interrelated Special Education
Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor, 2008-present

Department of Exceptional Student Education

College of Education

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

Assistant Professor, 2004-2008
Department of Exceptional Student Education
College of Education
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

Assistant Professor, 2002-2004
Department of Early Childhood Studies
College of Education
Boise State University, Boise, ID

Graduate Research Assistant, 1998-2002
Department of Educational Psychology and Special Education
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

Primary Non-Categorical (PNC) Teacher, (Special Needs Kindergarten), 1996-1998
Atlanta Public Schools, Atlanta, GA

Behavior Disorders (BD) Teacher, (Grades 3-5), 1994-1996
Atlanta Public Schools, Atlanta, GA

SCHOLARSHIP, RESEARCH, AND OTHER CREATIVE ACTIVITY

REFEREED WORKS

Journal publications in progress

Dukes, C., & Darling, S. M., (Eds.) (under review). Special Education Teacher Education in the 21st Century: Evolving Approaches? [Special Issue]. *Teacher Education and Special Education*.

Dukes, C., Darling, S. M., & Doan, K. (under review). *Selection pressures on special education teacher preparation: Issues shaping our future*. *Teacher Education and Special Education*.

Vernon-Dotson, L., Floyd, L., Dukes, C., & Darling, S. M. (accepted). The role of the professional in professional development: The critical nature of expertise and experience in special education teacher preparation. *Teacher Education and Special Education*.

Darling, S. M., & Dukes, C., Jones, T., & Doan, K. (submitted). Designing culturally responsive interventions for students from diverse backgrounds: Transforming teachers' approach. *Interdisciplinary Journal of Teaching and Learning*.

Journal publications

Mamah, V., Deku, P., Darling, S. M., & Avoke, S. (2011). University teachers' perception of inclusion of visually impaired in Ghanaian universities. *International Journal of Special Education, 26* (1), 70-79.

LaRocque, M., Kleiman, I., & Darling, S. M., (2011). Parental involvement: The missing link in student achievement. *Preventing School Failure, 55*(3), 115-122.

Darling, S. M. (Spring/Summer 2007). Providing positive behavioral supports within inclusive settings. *Dimensions of Early Childhood, 35*(2), 23-24.

Darling, S. M., & Gallagher, P. A. (2004). Needs of and supports for African American and European American caregivers of young children with special needs in urban and rural settings. *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education, 24*(2), 98-109.

Gallagher, P., Rhodes, C. A., & Darling, S. M. (2004). Parents as professionals in early intervention: A Parent Educator Model. *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education, 24*(1), 5-13.

Darling, S. M. & Gallagher, P. A. (2003). Using self-assessments in early intervention training. *Journal of Early Intervention, 25*(3), 219-227.

Books

LaRocque, M. M., & Darling, S. M. (Eds.). (2008). *Blended curriculum in the inclusive K-3 classroom: Teaching ALL young children*. Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

Chapters in books

Darling, S. M. & LaRocque, M. M. (2008). Overview of young children with exceptional needs. In M. LaRocque and S. Darling (Eds.), *Blended curriculum in the inclusive K-3 classroom: Teaching ALL young children*. (pp. 32-60). Boston: Allyn & Bacon.

Darling, S. M. (2005). Literacy and the Black woman. In J. Kilgour Dowdy (Ed.), *Readers of the quilt: Essays on being Black, female and literate* (pp. 15-26). New Jersey: Hampton Press.

Other publications

Conference proceedings

Sileo, N. M., Stanford, P., Dieker, L., Darling, S. M., & Murawski, W. (2004). *Walking the tightrope: Balancing home, life, and professional responsibilities*. Conference Proceedings, 27th Annual Teacher Education Division Conference, Albuquerque,

NM.

Darling, S. M. (2003). *Comparison of the needs and sources of support of urban and Rural caregivers of young children with special needs*. Conference Proceedings, 2003 ACRES Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Darling, S. M. & Wise, I. B. (2000). *Mentoring African American doctoral students: A solution for retention*. Conference Proceedings, 23rd Annual Teacher Education Division Annual Conference. Las Vegas, NV.

Competitive Grants

Darling, S. M., & LaRocque, M. L. (2006, unfunded). *Preparing personnel to work with young children with special needs*. United States Department of Education/OSEP

Darling, S. M., & LaRocque, M. L. (2005, unfunded). *Project live, learn, and play: Professional development for infant toddler developmental specialist*. United States Department of Education/OSEP

PRESENTATIONS

International presentations competitively selected

Darling, S. M., Dukes, C., & Doan, K., & Cadette, J. (2013, April). *Concept Mapping as an Authentic Assessment Tool for Special Education Teacher Preparation*. Paper presented at the annual conference for the Council for Exceptional Children, San Antonio, TX (Refereed based on abstract).

Wischnowski, M., Darling, S. M., & Hughes, M. (2012, October). Getting Published in YEC. Paper presented at the annual conference for the Division for Early Childhood, Minneapolis, MN. (Referred based on abstract).

Darling, S. M., Cadette, J., & Dukes, C. (2012, October). *Video-enhanced instruction in early childhood special education personnel preparation*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the Division for Early Childhood, Minneapolis, MN. (Referred based on abstract).

Darling, S. M., Dukes, C., & Doan, K., & Cadette, J. (2011, November). *Measuring pre-service teacher conceptual change: Using concept mapping as an assessment tool*. Paper presented at the annual conference for the Council for Exceptional Children, Denver, CO. (Refereed based on abstract).

Darling, S. M., LaRocque, M., & Dukes, C. (2011, April). *Collecting data in the digital age*. Poster presented at annual conference of the Council for Exceptional Children, National harbor, MD. (Refereed based on abstract)

Darling, S. M., Dukes, C., LaRocque, M. (2010). *Collecting data in the Digital Age*. Poster presented at Division for Early Childhood 26th Annual International Conference, Kansas City, MO.

Malone, D., & Darling, S.M. (2010). *Resistance to Intentional Intervention*. Paper presented at Division for Early Childhood 26th Annual International Conference, Kansas City, MO.

Darling, S. M., Boone, H. A., Rhodes, C., & Valle-Riestra, D. (2009, October). *Ethics in Early Childhood: DEC's Code of Ethics*. Paper presented at Division for Early Childhood 25th Annual International Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Darling, S. M., & LaRocque, M. (2009, October). *Exemplary practices for collaborating with families who are from diverse backgrounds: A synthesis of the literature*. Poster presented at Division for Early Childhood 25th Annual International Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Darling, S. M., Rhodes, C., and Valle-Riestra, D. (2008). Division for Early Childhood's Code of Ethics. Paper presented at Division for Early Childhood 24th Annual International Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Bromer, B., Darling, S. M., and Oser, C. (2008). DEC Subdivision Mini Grant Roundtable. . Paper presented at Division for Early Childhood 24th Annual International Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Darling, S. M. & Dukes, C. (2008). Serving Children Where they Live, Learn, and Play. Poster presented at Division for Early Childhood 24th Annual International Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

Darling, S. M. (2007). *Effective Early Intervention for Rural Families*. Paper presented at Division for Early Childhood 23rd Annual International Conference, Niagara Falls, ON

Darling, S. M. (2007, April). *Who Would Get This Degree?* Paper presented at the Council for Exceptional Children 2007 International Conference, Louisville, KY.

LaRocque, M., & Darling, S. M. (2006, October). *Early Intervention: Family Diversity in Natural Environments*. Poster presented at the Division for Early Childhood 22nd Annual International Conference, Little Rock, AR.

- LaRocque, M., & Darling, S. M. (2005, April). *Project PEER: Parents and educators engaging in research*. Paper presented at the Council for Exceptional Children 2005 Annual International Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Darling, S. M. (2003, October). *A Comparison of the needs and Sources of Support of Urban and Rural Caregivers of Young Children with Special Needs*. Paper Presented at the Division for Early Childhood 19th Annual International Conference, Washington, DC.
- Gallagher, P.A., Rhodes, C., Vail, C., & Darling, S. M. (2001, December). *Evaluating Family Involvement from the Inside Out: Experience with OSEP's Monitoring Process*. Paper presented at the Division for Early Childhood 17th Annual International Conference, Boston, MA.
- Obiaokor, F., Ford, B., & Darling, S. M. (2000, April). *Managing Crises of Suburban Schools: What General and Special Educators Must Know*. Paper presented at Council for Exceptional Children Annual International Conference, Vancouver, BC.
- Dowdy, J. Walters, Y., & Darling, S. M. (2000, March). *Black Women and Education*. Paper presented at National Council for Black Studies 24th Annual International Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Gallagher, P.A., Rhodes, C., & Darling, S. M. (2000, December). *Celebrating Multicultural Diversity: Bringing Parents to the Party Through Innovative Practice*. Paper presented at the Division for Early Childhood 16th Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM.
- Gallagher, P.A., Rhodes, C., & Darling, S. M. (1999, December). *Evaluation of a Parent Education Model: Parents as Professionals in Early Intervention*. Paper presented at the Division for Early Childhood 15th Annual International Conference, Washington, DC.
- Gallagher, P.A., Rhodes, C., & Darling, S. M. (1998, December). *Enhancing Family Centered Care in Early Intervention*. Paper presented at the Division of Early Childhood 14th Annual International Conference, Chicago, IL

National presentations competitively selected

- Dukes, C., Darling, S. M., & Cadette, J. (2011, November). *Creating and enhancing course content using faculty-created instructional videos*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Austin, TX.
- Dukes, C., Darling, S. M., Doan, K., & Cadette, J. (2011, November). *Using Concepts Maps as an Assessment Tool to Measure Teacher Conceptual Change*. Paper to be presented at the annual conference for the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Austin, TX.
- Darling, S. M. (2010, November). *Overview of the scholarly agenda*. In S. M. Darling and L. Vernon-Dotson (Chairs), *Maintaining a scholarly agenda in the midst of It ALL!* Panel

presented at the annual conference for the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, St. Louis, MO. (Refereed based on abstract).

Darling, S.M., Dukes, C., Doan, K., & Jones, T. (2010, November). *Designing Culturally Responsive Interventions for Student from Diverse Backgrounds: Transforming Teachers' Approach*. Paper presented at Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO.

Darling, S. M., Heiser, L., Malone, D., & Schoer, L. (2009, November). *IHEs and LEAs: Fostering Reciprocally Beneficial Partnerships for Special Education Teacher Preparation*. Paper presented at Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC.

Darling, S. M., Alvarez-McHatton, P., & Dukes, C. (2009, November). *Engaging in Peer Review Processes: Being an Excellent Reviewer!* Paper presented at Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC.

Darling, S. M. (2007, November). *Challenges in Teacher Education at a Distributed Campus University*. Paper presented at Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI

Darling, S. M., Raymond, E., & Floyd, L. (2007, November). *A Comparison of Three Universities' Response to the NCATE Standard 4: Diversity*. Paper presented at Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI

Darling, S. M. (2007, March). *Preventing Challenging Behaviors in Inclusive Settings*. Paper presented at the Southern Early Childhood Association 2007 Annual Conference, Jacksonville, FL

Darling, S. M. (2007, March). *Positive Behavioral Supports*. "Meet the Expert" featured session the Southern Early Childhood Association 2007 Annual Conference, Jacksonville, FL

Darling, S. M. (2007, March). *Adapting Curriculum for Young Children with Special Needs*. "Meet the Expert" featured session the Southern Early Childhood Association 2007 Annual Conference, Jacksonville, FL

Darling, S. M. (2006, November). *Who would get this degree?* Paper presented Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, San Diego, CA

Sileo, N. M., Stanford, P., Dieker, L., Darling, S. M., & Murawski, W. (2004). *Walking the tightrope: Balancing home, life, and professional responsibilities*. Paper presented at the Annual Teacher Education Division Conference, Albuquerque, NM

Darling, S. M. (2004, March). *Needs of Rural Families: What Early Interventionists Need to Know*. Paper presented at ACRES 2004 Annual Conference, Orlando, FL

Darling, S. M. (2003, November). *Blended ECE/ECSE: A Program Profile*. Paper presented at the Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, Biloxi, MS.

Darling, S. M. (2003, November). *Recruiting and Retaining African American Faculty*. Paper presented at the Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, Biloxi, MS.

Darling, S. M. (2003, March). *A Comparison of the needs and Sources of Support of Urban and Rural Caregivers of Young Children with Special Needs*. Paper presented at ACRES 2003 Annual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

Gallagher, P. A., Rhodes, C., & Darling, S. M. (2001, May). *Parents as Professionals in Early Intervention*. Paper presented at CSPD 2001 Conference, Alexandria, VA

Darling, S. M., & Wise, I. B. (2000, November). *Mentoring African American Doctoral Students: A Solution for Retention*. Paper presented at Teacher Education Division Annual Conference, Las Vegas, NV

State and local presentations competitively selected

Cadette, J., Darling, S. M., & Dukes, C. (2012, October). *Video-enhanced instruction in early childhood special education personnel preparation*. Poster presented at the 66th Florida Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference. Jupiter, FL. (Referred based on abstract).

Darling, S. M., & Dukes, C. (2011, February). *Designing Culturally Responsive Interventions for student from diverse backgrounds: Transforming teachers' approach*. Poster presented at the annual conference for the Eastern Educational research Association, Sarasota, FL. (Refereed based on abstract).

Darling, S. M. (2007, October). *Positively supporting young children who are diverse*. Paper presented at the Florida Council for Exceptional Children 2007 Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Darling, S. M., & Dukes, C. (2007, October). *Serving children where they live, learn, and play: a content analysis of states' conception of natural environments*. Poster presented at the Florida Council for Exceptional Children 2007 Annual Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL

Steiner, S, Nash, C., & Darling, S. M. (2004, January). *The Importance of Multicultural Literature in Idaho Schools*. Paper presented at MLK Human Rights Celebration Week, Boise State University, Boise, ID

Darling, S. M. (2003, October). *Documenting Young Children's Work*. Paper presented at State Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Sun Valley, ID

Darling, S. M. (2003, October). *Identifying and Addressing Challenging Behaviors in Young Children*. Paper presented at State Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Sun Valley, ID

Darling, S. M. (2003, February). *Identifying and Addressing Challenging Behaviors in Young Children*. Paper presented at Treasure Valley Association of Young Children Conference, Garden City, ID

Darling, S. M. (2001, October). *Children with Disabilities in Head Start Programs: What the Research Says*. Paper presented at Georgia Association on Young Children Conference, Gwinnett County, GA

Gallagher, P.A., & Darling, S. M. (2000, November). *Strategies for Preventing and Responding to Challenging Behaviors in Early Childhood Settings*. Paper presented at Best Practices Pre-K Teacher Training Conference, Atlanta, GA

Darling, S. M. (2000, February). *Perspectives on Inclusion*. Paper presented at Mentor Teacher Conference 2000, Pine Mountain, GA

Darling, S. M., & Curtis, E. (1999, October). *Serving Young Children With Special Needs Who Are From Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Backgrounds*. Paper presented at Georgia Association on Young Children Conference, Gwinnett County, GA

NON-REFEREED WORKS

Darling, S. M. (2000, Spring). Enhancing the success of Black women in adult literacy programs. *Text Quarterly*, 11(4).

Darling, S. M. (1999, Spring). A literacy for many movements, Dr. Liz Peavy's keynote address. *Text Quarterly*, 10(4).

Grant Reviewer

U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Program Competitive Grant Reviewer (2000-present)

Grant reviewer for Florida Department of Education (2007)

INSTRUCTION

Courses taught in the Department of Exceptional Student Education, Florida Atlantic University

EDG 4419 Organizing Classrooms and Managing Behavior

EEX	6707	Early Intervention Services*
EEX	2010	Survey of Exceptionalities
EEX	3226	Assessment of ALL Young Children
EEX	2091	Disability and Society

Courses taught in the Teacher Education Department, Florida Atlantic University

EEC	3214	Designing and Implementing a Blended Curriculum
EEC	5225	Guiding Young Children*
EEC	5050	Early Childhood Education*
EEC	6275	Curriculum Enrichment in Early Childhood*
EEC	6405	Community School Concepts*
EDG	7906	Early Childhood Research (Independent Study)
EEC	4112	B-5 Methods

Courses taught in the Early Childhood Studies Department, Boise State University

EDUC	250	Introduction to Special Education
EDUC	322	Social Studies, Science, and Math Curriculum
EDUC	328	Preschool Programs
EDUC	362	Field Experience in Programs for Young Children K-3
EDUC	462	Social Studies, Science, and Math Curriculum & Instruction
EDUC	506	Contemporary Issues in Education*
EDUC	522	Early Childhood: Advanced Child Development*
EDUC	523	Environments and Programs*
EDUC	597	Parent Involvement in Education*

*Indicates graduate level course

Program/Course Development

2011-2012	Participated in Department discussions regarding commencement of an <i>honors in the major</i> program. Co-developed application and materials for approval of this program at the department, college, and university levels.
2009-2011	Participated in Department discussions regarding undergraduate special education program revision. Co-wrote syllabus for 1 new course for FAU's intellectual foundation (Disability and Society).
2006-2007	Participated in Department discussions regarding undergraduate special education program revision. Co-wrote syllabus for 1 new course (collaboration).
2004-2005	FAU. Assisted in the development of 2 new degree programs in Early Childhood (Blended). At times served as (co) leader of the endeavor. Resulting in two

substantial program drafts and author of two syllabi for new courses: *Designing and Implementing a Blended Curriculum* and *Typical/Atypical Child Development*.

Invited Workshops

Darling, S.M. (2010). Q & A About Challenging Behaviors in Young Children. B'Nai Torah ECC. Boca Raton, FL. December 3, 2010.

Darling, S. M. (2010). Parent interaction: *Parent Interaction: How Schools and Teachers Can Foster Parent Involvement*. Early Childhood Jewish Educators' Conference, Boca Raton, FL. February 12, 2010.

Darling, S. M. (2009). *Listening to Children: Infusing Child Questions Into Your Curriculum*. Teacher In-service Workshop. B'Nai Torah ECC. . Boca Raton, FL. February 5, 2009.

Darling, S. M. (2008). Mathematics Instruction for Children 2-4 Years Old. Boca Raton, FL. January 7, 2009.

Darling, S. M. (2007). *Early Childhood Transitions*. 2 day workshop presented at the 5th Annual Summer Institute for the State Department of Education for the Virgin Islands. St. John, VI. August 2007

Darling, S. M. (2003). *Inclusive Environments: An overview of the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scales*. Workshop presented at the Parents as Teachers Annual Meeting, Boise, ID. February 2003.

Advisement & Supervision

Advisor to Undergraduate and graduate Students in Exceptional Student Education and Bachelor's in Early Care and Education students.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Honorary (Faculty) Member Inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society in Education. 2004 (BSU)

Honored as "faculty that goes above and beyond," nominated by student, Dana Petrie. 2004 (BSU)

J. David Sexton Award for Outstanding Doctoral Student. Division of Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children. 2002.

Outstanding Doctoral Student with an Approved Prospectus. Hayden-Waltz Scholarship. 2002.

Glenn A. Vergason Millennium Scholarship for Special Education. 2001-2002.

One Hundred Black Men of New York Doctoral Fellow. 1998-2001.

Advanced Study in Special Education Glenn A. Vergason Scholarship. 1998-2001.

SERVICE

National/professional service

Associate Editor, *Young Exceptional Children* (appointed) 2011-2016.

Governor, (Elected Position) Division for Early Childhood (2008-2012).

Professional Development Committee Chair, (Appointed Position) Teacher Education Division
(2008-2011)

Secretary, (Elected Position) Diversity Caucus, Teacher Education Division. (2007-2009)

Editorial Reviewer for *Young Exceptional Children*. (2006-present)

Member at Large (Elected Board Position): Division for Early Childhood (DEC). (2005-2008)

Guest Reviewer, *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education*. (2004)

Guest Reviewer, *Journal of Early Intervention*. (2004)

Vice President (Elected Board Position): Idaho Division for Early Childhood (IDEC). (2004)

Member, Diversity Committee of the Council for Exceptional Children-Teacher Education
Division. (1998-present)

State service

Grant reviewer for Florida Department of Education (2007)

University Service

Advisor to the student organization SISTUHs (2012-present)

Member, Advisory Board for FAU's Center for Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies (2009-2011)

Member, COE selection committee for Outstanding Faculty Members and College Service awards (2007)

Mentor for the Freshmen Learning Community for Women in Leadership (2006-2007)

Member, Boise State University, University Diversity Requirement Committee. (2003-2004)

Member, Boise State University, College of Education Diversity Committee. (2003-2004)

Member, Boise State University, College of Education Undergraduate Curriculum Committee. (2003-2004)

Member, Boise State University, College of Education Doctoral Management Committee. (2003-2004)

Co-Advisor, Boise State University, Student Council for Exceptional Children. (2003-2004)

Member, Boise State University, University Faculty Professional Standards Committee. (2002-2003)

Member, Boise State University, College of Education Diversity Committee. (2002-2003)

Member, Boise State University, Elementary Education & Specialized Studies (EESS) P& T Committee. (2002-2003)

Member, Boise State University, EESS Scholarship Committee. (2002-2003)

Local/community service

Member: Palm Beach Schools Career Education Business Leadership Committee (CEBLC). Committee advises the school district on it alliances with businesses in the community.

Member: Career Development in Child Development (CD2). Stakeholders in early childhood in Palm Beach County.

Professional affiliations

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

Teacher Education Division (TED)

Division for Early Childhood (DEC)

Division for Diverse Exceptional Learners (DDEL)

