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EDUCATION

2023 Doctor of Philosophy
 Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
 Major: Special Education

2014 Master of Education
 Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL
 Major: Exceptional Student Education

2012 Bachelor of Science
 Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL
 Major: Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2015-Present Coordinator, Advisor, and Instructor of Academy for Community Inclusion
 Department of Special Education
 Florida Atlantic University, Jupiter, FL

2013-2015 Exceptional Student Education Teacher
 Palm Beach County School District, West Palm Beach, FL

2012-2013 Teacher Assistant
 Palm Beach County School District, West Palm Beach, FL

2010-2012 Early Intervention Research Coder
 Florida State Autism Institute, Tallahassee, FL

SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH

PUBLICATIONS IN PRINT

Downey, A., Dukes, C., Kearney, K.B., Ramasamy, R., Torres, A., Carey, G., Adams, K., & Kenney, S., (2024). Teaching Workplace Communication Skills to College Students with Intellectual Disability. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 62, 1-13.
<https://doi.org/10.3233/jvr-240038>

- Downey, A., Kearney, K.B., Adams, K., Brady, M.P., Berlingo, L., & Kenney, S. (2023). Effects of remote audio coaching on workplace communication for college students with intellectual disability. *Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation*, 58(3), 317-327. <https://doi.org/10.3233/JVR-230020>
- Carey, G. C., **Downey A.**, & Kearney, K. B. (2022). Perspectives of university faculty regarding the inclusion of students with intellectual disability. *Inclusion*, 10(3), 201-212.
- Torres, A., Kearney, K. B., **Downey, A.**, & Tedesco, C. (2022). Self-determination development among college students with intellectual and developmental disabilities: A longitudinal study. *Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities*.
- Brady, M. P., Kearney, K. B., **Downey, A.**, Torres, A., & McDougall, D. (2022). Using mnemonics, remote coaching, and the range-bound changing criterion design to teach college students with IDD to make employment decisions. *Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities*, 57, 303-319.
- Downey, A., Torres, A., Kearney, K.B., Brady, M.P., & Katz, J. (2021). Teaching virtual job interview skills to college students with IDD using literacy-based behavioral interventions. *Career Development and Transition for Exceptional Individuals*, 1-13 (Advanced online publication). <https://doi.org/10.1177/2165143421989408>
- Joseph, B. M., Kearney, K., Brady, M. P., **Downey, A.**, & Torres, A. (2020). Teaching small talk: Increasing on-topic conversational exchanges in college students with intellectual and developmental disabilities using remote audio coaching. *Behavior Modification*, 45(2), 251-271. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0145445520975174>
- Kearney, K. B., Brady, M. P., Dukes, C., & **Downey, A.** (2019). Push hard and fast: Teaching adults with intellectual disability to perform hands-only CPR. *Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities*, 54, 328-342.
- Hall, K., Brady, M. P., Kearney, K. B., & **Downey, A.** (2018). Comparing different delivery modes for literacy-based behavioral interventions during employment training for college students with developmental disabilities. *Education and Training in Autism and Developmental Disabilities*, 53, 299-310.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Downey, A., Kearney, K. B., & Ramasamy, R. (2023, January 18-20). *Teaching workplace communication skills to college students with IDD*. Council for Exceptional Children

Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater Beach, FL, United States.

Kearney, K. B., Torres, A., & **Downey, A.** (2022, January 26-28). *Using virtual literacy-based behavioral interventions to teach employability skills to college students with IDD* [Paper session]. Council for Exceptional Children Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater Beach, FL, United States.

Kearney, K.B., Joseph, B., Torres, A., **Downey, A.**, Valle-Riestra, D., & Brady, M. (2021, February 18-19). *Research on short notice: COVID's unintended opportunity to study remote learning in college students with IDD*. Eastern Education Research Association, Virtual Conference. <https://www.eeraorganization.org/conference>

Torres, A., Kearney, K. B., Brady, M. P., & **Downey, A.** (2020, October 26-30). *Intervention Research: Teaching Virtual Job Interview Skills to Youth with Intellectual Disabilities*. National Rehabilitation Education Conference, Virtual Conference.

Brady, M. P., Kearney, K. B., **Downey, A.**, Wood, J., & Meiners, T. (2020, February 19-22). *College students with intellectual and developmental disabilities: An emerging research agenda* [Symposium session]. Eastern Education Research Association, Orlando, FL, United States. <https://www.eeraorganization.org/conference>

STATE AND REGIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Downey, A. (2019, March) Job Shadowing As the Key to Job Development. Presentation at Florida Vision's Division for Career Development and Transition Conference.

Downey, A. (2017, May) Learning Job Skills Through Specialized Curriculum. Presentation at Florida DCDD Visions XXIV Conference.

Carey, G., & **Downey, A.** & Wright, M., (2017, May). Surviving and Thriving : College Social Life. Presentation at Florida DCDD Visions XXIV Conference.

Carey, G., & **Downey, A.**, (2016, April). Post-Secondary Education Opportunities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities. Presentation at the Down Syndrome Association Family Café.

UNIVERSITY SYMPOSIA AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Downey, A. Panel Presentation: *Building Bridges for Success: Neurodiverse College Programs* (with M. Brady). Els for Autism Foundation 2019 Autism at Work Summit, Jupiter, FL, October 2019.

Downey, A., & Carey, G., (2016, October). Preparing Students with Developmental Disabilities for Post-Secondary Education. Presentation at Florida Atlantic

University's Honoring Outstanding Owl Teachers program.

Downey, A. (2015, October) Supported Employment for Individuals with Disabilities in Post-Secondary Education Programs. Presentation at Florida Atlantic University's Jupiter Campus.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

2021 Policy Research, Inc., Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation and Work (ARDRAW) Small Grant Program

INSTRUCTIONAL AND PEDAGOGICAL ACTIVITIES

COURSES TAUGHT

EEX 4070 Inclusive Education for General Educators
 EEX 4050 Introduction to Special Education
 *SLS 1304 Career Exploration
 *SLS 1305 Professional Career Development
 *SLS 1341 Employability Skills
 *SLS 1354 Workplace Relationships
 *SLS 2903 Career Seminar
 *SLS 2340 Professional Portfolio
 *SLS 2943 Career Internship

SYLLABI DEVELOPMENT

*SLS 1304 Career Exploration
 *SLS 1305 Professional Career Development
 *SLS 1350 Employability Skills
 *SLS 1354 Workplace Relationships
 *SLS 1930 Getting Around the Community
 *SLS 1331 Technology for Business
 *SLS 2340 Professional Portfolio
 *SLS 2903 Career Seminar
 *SLS 2943 Career Internship
 *SLS 1250 Living with Roommates
 *SLS 1251 Residential Experience
 *SLS 1321 World of Work
 *SLS 1504 Critical Thinking

**denotes course for Academy for Community Inclusion*

SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

2021, 2022 Peer Reviewer for *Career Development and Transition for Exceptional Individuals*

CERTIFICATIONS

Florida Department of Education

Teacher Certification

Elementary Education (Kindergarten-6th grade)

Exceptional Student Education (Kindergarten-12th grade)

Agency for Persons with Disabilities

Job Coach Certification

ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

2019 - Present Council for Exceptional Children

- Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities
- Division on Career Development and Transition