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EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Ph.D. Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

May 2023

Doctoral Candidate

Major: Curriculum and Instruction

Current GPA: 3.94

Dissertation Title: “The Educator Perspective: A Case Study Examining the Experiences of LGBTQ Educators with Inclusive Curriculum in K-12 Public Schools”

Committee: Dr. Michelle Vaughan (chair), Dr. Traci Baxley, Dr. Bessie Dernikos

M.Ed. Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

December 2011

Major: Elementary Education Plus Certification

Minor: Reading Specialization

Advisor: Dr. Philomina Marinaccio

B.S. Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA

August 2007

Major: Public Relations and Advertising

Minor: Philosophy

MACTE Summit Quest Montessori, Davie, FL

August 2016

Montessori Accreditation in Early Childhood Montessori Education

Summative Project: Reading Integration into 3rd Grade Public School Curriculum

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

Fall 2023 - Present

Visiting Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning

Courses Taught:

RED 4348 – Supervised Reading Practicum

LAE 4353 – Language Arts and Literature: Birth – Grade 8

RED 4750 – Reading Development 2: Grades 3 - 8

Adjunct Professor, Department of Teaching and Learning

Courses: RED 4348 – Supervised Reading Practicum

- Developed initial curriculum and piloted course materials to integrate current and political events affecting literacy instruction in the classroom materials.
- Guided other faculty members through Canvas training (new computer platform) to support curriculum and implementation of course objectives.
- Adhered to course syllabi, critical assignments, and rubrics to ensure student knowledge of course content.

Project: Summer Reading Endorsement Academy 2020

Mentor: Dr. Philomena Marinaccio

- Collaborated on a steering committee to create a summer reading academy to prepare in-service teachers for the Reading Endorsement state test
- Represented the needs of the School District of Palm Beach County as they pertained to the perspective academy.
- Compiled resources and content modules of instruction for text type and structures and assessment and evaluation

Montessori Magnet Coordinator and Resource Teacher

Fall 2017 – Spring 2023

S.D. Spady Elementary School, Delray Beach, FL

- Organized and managed the entire application process to facilitate enrollment and class placement
- Facilitated promotional events, open houses, and social media to network and build rapport between our school and community
- Mediated conflict between parents, students, and teachers to address student academic or behavioral concerns
- Coached and mentored teachers around K-5th grade literacy components to maximize instructional capacity and provide students with high-quality instruction

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Grade Teacher

Fall 2012 – Spring 2017

S.D. Spady Elementary School, Delray Beach, FL

- Established a departmentalized model for literacy instruction for grades 3-5 that utilized instructional time to provide students with a balance between instruction and practice
- Led the middle elementary team (2013-2017) to establish classroom norms and expectations across the grade level and facilitate common planning
- Held multiple leadership roles, including professional development presenter, to facilitate educators' understanding of literacy intervention, assessment, data analysis, and literacy block components

Third Grade Teacher

Spring 2012 – Fall 2012

Hagen Road Elementary School, Boynton Beach, FL

- Developed and facilitated the tracking of students' Instructional Education Plans to provide ESE students with the accommodations necessary to meet individualized goals
- Collaborated with team members to disseminate assessment data and provide differentiated learning groups to students based on needs

Substitute Teacher

Fall 2011 – Spring 2012

Palm Beach County School District, West Palm Beach, FL

- Utilized teacher-made lesson plans and additional instructional strategies to implement day-to-day instruction for students
- Implemented a variety of classroom management techniques to maintain a cooperative and conducive learning environment

SCHOLARLY EXPERIENCE

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Publications

Antonelli, M. A., & Sembiente, S. F. (2022). A systematic review of research on LGBTQ educators' experiences and LGBTQ curriculum in K-12 U.S. public schools. *Multicultural Education Review, 14*(2), 134-152.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/2005615X.2022.2087031>

PRESENTATIONS

Symposium Presentations

Antonelli, M.A. (2020). *Queer research: improving the representation of LGBTQ educators and inclusion of LGBTQ curriculum in K-12 public schools.* Presented at the Florida Atlantic College of Education Research Symposium, Boca Raton, FL. (Referred based on abstract)

Guest Lecture Presentations

Antonelli, M.A. (2020, November). *An overview of Montessori education and philosophy in early childhood classrooms.* Lecture, EEC 3214 A Blended Curriculum Birth – Age 8. Florida Atlantic University.

Antonelli, M.A. (2020, October). *LGBTQ issues and Transgender rights in schools concerning people, curriculum, and policy*. Lecture, EDF 3610 Education in Multicultural Society. Florida Atlantic University.

Antonelli, M.A. (2019, October). *An overview of Montessori education and philosophy in early childhood classrooms*. Lecture, EEC 3214 A Blended Curriculum Birth – Age 8. Florida Atlantic University.

Antonelli, M.A. (2017, January). *Literacy Toolkits: Anchor charts, teacher notebooks, and more*. Lecture, Literacy Fest. Palm Beach County School District.

Antonelli, M.A. (2017, November). *Guided reading instruction*. Lecture, AIT Student Workshop. Florida Atlantic University.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Florida Educator Certification

- Elementary Education K-6
- Reading Endorsement K-12
- English for Speakers of Other Languages Endorsement

Reading Certification

- Literacy Teacher Leader Cohort
- Intervention Team
- Leveled Literacy Intervention
- Spire Intervention Training
- Fountas and Pinnell Reading Running Record

Leadership Certification

- CSTAG Threat Assessment
- District Point of Content Accreditation
- Violence Intervention Techniques
- Marzano Administration Observation Certification
- Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt Certified

Additional Educational Certification

- Google Educator
- Clinical Educator Training
- Youth Mental Health First Aid Certified
- Culturally Responsive Teacher
- Positive Behavior Intervention

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Delta Kappa Gamma Society International
Member, 2019 - Present
Committee Member for Dress for Success Event, 2020

American Educational Research Association (AREA)
Division B Member Curriculum Studies, 2019 – Present
SIGS: Queer Studies, 2019 - Present

Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Society
Rho Omega Chapter Member 2019

Florida Atlantic University Student Achievement Council
Vice President 2020-2021
Treasurer 2019-2020

S.D. Spady Elementary School Advisory Council
Council Chair 2017 - 2019

S.D. Spady Elementary Professional Development
Chairperson, 2016 – Present

S.D. Spady Elementary Leadership Team
Project Ignite Administrator Designee 2020 – Present
Accreditation Point of Contact 2022
Member 2015 -2020

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

20th Annual Research Symposium Co-Organizer
SAC Research Symposium, Spring 2021

Florida Journal of Educational Research
Peer-Reviewer, 2021, 2022, 2023

Florida Virtual School
Peer Reviewer, 2020