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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Human Development and Family Studies; May 2020 (anticipated completion date)
University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Master of Arts in Special Education; August 2005
Major: Behavioral and Learning Disabilities
University of Maryland, College Park, MD
Thesis Title: *Investigation of Primary Grade Writing Instruction*
Committee Members: Dr. Steve Graham, Chair; Dr. Joan Lieber; Dr. Deborah L. Speece

Bachelor of Science in Education, Degree with Distinction, Cum Laude; May 2003
Major: Early Childhood Development and Education/Early Childhood Special Education
University of Delaware, Newark, DE
Thesis Title: *The Effects of Goal Explicitness on the Revisions of Sixth Grade Students With and Without Learning Disabilities*
Committee Members: Dr. Ralph Ferretti, Chair; Dr. John Vacca; Dr. Barbara Settles

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| 2018 | <i>Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware</i> |
| 2017-present | <i>Instructor, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware</i> |
| 2014-2017 | <i>Curriculum and Assessment Program Coordinator, Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood, Delaware Stars for Early Success, University of Delaware, Newark, DE</i> |

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| 2014-2017 | <i>Professional Development Instructor</i> , Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood, Professional Development Department, University of Delaware, Newark, DE |
| 2013-2014 | <i>ERS Specialty TA</i> , Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood, Delaware Stars for Early Success, University of Delaware, Newark, DE |
| 2011-2013 | <i>First Grade Teacher</i> , Pershing Elementary School, Orange County Public School District, Orlando, FL |
| 2010-2011; 2005-2007 | <i>Kindergarten Teacher</i> , MetroWest Elementary School, Orange County Public School District, Orlando, FL |

PUBLICATIONS (REFEREED)

Cutler, L. & Graham, S. (2008). Primary grade writing instruction: A national survey. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 100(4), 907-919.

ARTICLES WRITTEN FOR NON-ACADEMIC AUDIENCES

Cutler, L. (in press). Challenging the familiar: Using fractured fairy tales to introduce critical literacy. *Literacy Today*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Cutler, L. & Buell, M. (in progress). Gender stereotypes in children's picture books: What has changed and what has remained the status quo.

Cutler, L. & Gordon, M. (in progress) Gender socialization in African American and White families: The role of socioeconomic status.

Cutler, L. & Palkovitz, R. (in progress). Social ecology of fathers' shared book reading experiences: Common behaviors, frequency, predictive factors, and developmental outcomes.

RESEARCH AND TECHNICAL REPORTS

Cutler, L. (2015). *Delaware Stars Curriculum and Assessment Pilot: Final Report June 2015*. Delaware Stars for Early Success, University of Delaware.

BOOK REVIEWS: CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

Cutler, L. & Angus, C. (2018). *International Books*. Literacy Daily Blog, International Literacy Association, Newark, DE.

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2018/04/02/international-children-s-books>

PRESENTATIONS

International and National Conferences

Cutler, L. & Buell, M. (2017). *Gender Stereotypes in Children's Picture Books: What Has Improved and What Has Remained the Same*. International Literacy Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

Ye, A., Cutler, L., Gilden, C., Xie, Y., Yun, Y., & Gaviria, Y. (2017). *Investigating the Bidirectional Relationship Between Home Environment and Student Achievement: A Cross-Lagged Longitudinal Analysis*. American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Cutler, L. & Buell, M. (2017). *Gender Stereotypes in Children's Picture Books: A Contemporary Content Analysis*. Society for Research in Child Development Biennial Meeting, Austin, TX.

Panel participant during the University of Patras' 2nd Forum on Intercultural Dialogue & Learning: Educating the "Other": Intercultural Education at a Crossroads. Patras, Greece. October 2016.

Hallam, R., & Cutler, L. (2016). *Using Data to Refine Technical Assistance in QRIS: Lessons Learned From a Statewide Initiative Promoting Curriculum-Based Assessment*. National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development, Baltimore, MD.

Hallam, R., Searfoss, A., Cutler, L., & Perry-Manning, S. (2015). *Building Better Professional Development Systems with the Help of Implementation Science: What You Need to Know*. National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development, New Orleans, LA.

Ferretti, R.P., Agate, L., Andrews-Weckerly, S., & Lewis, W.E. (2004). *The effects of an explicit goal for persuasive writing on the revisions of 6th grade students with learning disabilities and their normally achieving peers*. 2004 meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.

Ferretti, R.P., Agate, L., Andrews-Weckerly, S., & Lewis, W.E. (2004). *The effects of an explicit goal for persuasive writing on the revisions of sixth-grade students with learning disabilities and their normally achieving peers*. 2004 Pacific Coast Research Conference, Coronado, CA.

Regional and Local Conferences

- Cutler, L. (2017). *The Power of Yet: Fostering a Growth Mindset in Children Through Picture Books*. Read Aloud Delaware Conference, Middletown, DE.
- Cutler, L. (2016). *Home Literacy Environments and Their Effects on Young Children's Literacy Development: A Review of the Literature*. Marion Steele Research Symposium, Newark, DE.
- Cutler, L. (2016). *Fractured Fairy Tales: A Vehicle for Introducing Critical Literacy in Early Childhood*. Read Aloud Delaware Conference, Middletown, DE.
- Cutler, L. & Hallam, R. (2015). *Screening and Assessment in Early Childhood*. Delaware Making A Difference Conference (DAEYC/DHSA), Dover, DE.
- Cutler, L. & Gigous, L. (2014). *DAP, MOD, and SPD: How to Fit it All In*. Delaware Making A Difference Conference (DAEYC/DHSA), Newark, DE.
- Cutler, L. & Gigous, L. (2014). *Crossover Themes in the ERS*. Delaware Making A Difference Conference (DAEYC/DHSA), Newark, DE.

TEACHING

- 2018 *Instructor*, HDFS: 201: Life Span Development, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware
- 2018 *Instructor*, HDFS: 270: Families and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware
- 2017 *Instructor*, HDFS: 201: Life Span Development, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware
- 2017 *Instructor*, HDFS: 270: Families and Developmental Disabilities, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware
- 2016 *Guest Lecturer*, HDFS: 667: Seminar-Introduction to the Field and Graduate School, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware
- 2016 *Guest Lecturer*, HDFS 414: Guidance and Behavior Support Birth-Grade 2, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware
- 2015 *University Based Clinical Educator*, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware

- 2015 *Guest Lecturer*, HDFS 412: Early Childhood Inclusive Math Curriculum and Assessment, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware
- 2014 *Guest Lecturer*, HDFS 355: Professional Issues in ECDE, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2017 *Inaugural Recipient*, Lynn R. Okagaki Graduate Tuition Scholarship in Human Development, University of Delaware
- 2016 Professional Development Award, Office of Graduate and Professional Education, University of Delaware, \$500
- 2012 Teacher of the Year Nominee, Pershing Elementary School
- 2003 Phi Delta Kappa Excellence in Undergraduate Research Award
- 2003 Individual and Family Studies Distinguished Students Award
- 2002 CHEP Summer Scholar
- 2002 Mortar Board National College Senior Honor Society
- 2001 Woman of Promise Certificate of Distinction
- 2001 Kappa Omicron Nu National Honor Society
- 2001 The National Society of Collegiate Scholars
- 2001 Golden Key International Honour Society

SERVICE TO THE FIELD

- Reviewer Children's and Young Adult Books, International Literacy Association, Children's Literature and Reading Special Interest Group (January 2018-December 2018)
- Vice President Education Graduate Association, College of Education and Human Development, University of Delaware (January 2018-December 2018)
- International Support Undergraduate Pre-Service Teacher Program, American Community School, Athens, Greece/ Department of Human Development and Family Studies, University of Delaware (February 2018)

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| Ask Me Ambassador | Delaware First Campaign Launch Event, University of Delaware (November 2017) |
| Member | Graduate Student Panel, College of Education and Human Development Graduate Programs Open House (November 2017) |
| Member | Human Development and Family Studies Academic Program Review, Graduate Program Committee |
| Primary Organizer | Children's Book Week Statewide Celebration Event (May, 2017) |
| Co-Founder | Human Development and Family Studies Graduate Student Brown Bag Series (February 2017-present) |
| Member | Delaware Department of Education Office of Early Learning Curriculum and Assessment Committee (January 2017-August 2017) |
| Member | Graduate Student Panel, College of Education and Human Development Graduate Programs Open House (November 2016) |
| Member | Search Committee, Communications Administrative Assistant Position, Delaware Stars (2014) |
| Member | Delaware Department of Education Early Learning Challenge Grant Goal 3 Committee (2014-2016) |

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT and RELATED EXPERIENCES

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| 2017 | <i>Out of the Fire: Navigating Tough Conversations about Race and Class</i> University of Delaware Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, 2 hours |
| 2017 | <i>Summer Faculty Institute</i> , University of Delaware Faculty Commons, 20 hours |
| 2016 | Developing Cross-Cultural Research and Collaborative Opportunities in Early Childhood Education between the United States and Greece, University of Patras and University of Athens, May 2016 and October 2016 trips to Greece |
| 2016 | <i>Coaching and Mentoring for Continuous Quality Improvement Webinar</i> , Maryland Family Network, 25 hours |
| 2016 | <i>Valuing Diversity and Differences for Positive Results</i> , University of Delaware Human Resources, 1.5 hours |
| 2016 | <i>Search Committee Training</i> , University of Delaware Human Resources, .5 hours |
| 2016 | <i>FLSA Overview for Managers</i> , |

- University of Delaware Human Resources, .5 hours
- 2016 *Fostering Innovation*,
University of Delaware Human Resources, 2.5 hours
- 2015 *Responsive Training Symposium*,
Maryland Family Network, 18 hours
- 2015 *Using Assessment to Make Meaningful Decisions about Teaching and Learning*,
Early Childhood Investigations, 1.5 hours
- 2015 *Preventing Sexual Misconduct (Title IX)*,
University of Delaware Human Resources, 1.5 hours
- 2015 *Communicating with Impact*,
University of Delaware Human Resources, 2.5 hours
- 2015 *Your Leadership Journey*,
University of Delaware Human Resources, 2.5 hours

MEDIA MENTIONS

- 2018 *Advocating for Gender Equity: UD Welcomes Student Chapter of American Association of University Women (by Lucy Comstock-Gay)*, University of Delaware, UDaily Article, March 29, 2018
<http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2018/march/aauw-women-resident-student-organization/>
- 2017 *Inspiring Love of Reading: DIEEC Coordinates Statewide Read Aloud for Children's Book Week (by Alison Burris)*, University of Delaware, UDaily Article, May 25, 2017
http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2017/may/childrens-book-week/?utm_source=UDaily+Subscribers&utm_campaign=bda0d0c479-UDaily+News+Email&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_0b5034716d-bda0d0c479-177522857

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Association of University Women

International Literacy Association

International Literacy Association SIG: Children's Literature and Reading

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

National Council on Family Relations

