

# Laura Cutler, M.A.

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.** University of Delaware May 2020 (expected)  
Human Development and Family Sciences  
Dissertation Title: *Parents' Physically Performative Behaviors During Shared Book Reading: An Observational Study*  
Advisors: Rena Hallam, Ph.D., Rob Palkovitz, Ph.D.  
Committee Members: Jason Hustedt, Ph.D., William Lewis, Ph.D.
- M.A.** University of Maryland August 2005  
Special Education  
Major: Behavioral and Learning Disabilities
- B.S.** University of Delaware May 2003  
Education, Degree with Distinction, Cum Laude  
Major: Early Childhood Development and Education/Early Childhood Special Education

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2016-present *International Support, Developing Cross-Cultural Research and Collaboration in Early Childhood Education*, University of Athens, University of Patras, University of Delaware
- 2017-present *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware
- 2019 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Professional Development Center for Educators, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware
- 2018 *Graduate Research Assistant*, New Directions Early Head Start, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware
- 2018 *Graduate Research Assistant*, Intimate Partner Violence Project, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware
- 2014-2017 *Curriculum and Assessment Program Coordinator*, Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood, Delaware Stars for Early Success, University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- 2014-2017 *Professional Development Instructor*, 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
2009-2011; 2005-2007	<i>Kindergarten Teacher</i> , MetroWest Elementary School, Orange County Public School District, Orlando, FL

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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2019	Excellence in Teaching Award, Faculty Senate Committee on Student and Faculty Honors, University of Delaware, \$1500
2019	Emerging Scholar Award, Healthy Marriage and Responsible Fatherhood Biennial Grantee Conference, Office of Family Assistance: MAST Center, \$1200
2019	Professional Development Award, Office of Graduate and Professional Education, University of Delaware, \$1000
2019	HDFS International Collaborative Professional Development Scholarship, University of Delaware, \$2500
2019	Emerging Scholar Award, 2019 International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities, and Nations, \$350
2018	Graduate Student Professional Development Scholarship, National Council on Family Relations, \$1000
2018	Amy Rextrew Graduate Student Award, University of Delaware, \$2000
2017	<i>Inaugural Recipient</i> , 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, \$1000

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Refereed Journal Articles

- Cutler, L. & Palkovitz, R. (2019). Fathers' shared book reading experiences: Common behaviors, frequency, predictive factors, and developmental outcomes. *Marriage & Family Review*. Available online at: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01494929.2019.1683119>
- Cutler, L. & Graham, S. (2008). Primary grade writing instruction: A national survey. *Journal of Educational Psychology*, 100(4), 907-919.

## Other Publications

Cutler, L. (2018). Challenging the familiar: Using fractured fairy tales to introduce critical literacy. *Literacy Today*, 35(6), 36-37.

## Manuscripts Under Review

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

Cutler, L. & Slicker, G. (under review). Picture book portrayals of the transition to kindergarten: Who is responsible?

## Manuscripts in Preparation

Cutler, L. & Lewis, W. (in preparation). Performing fatherhood: The changing representations of parenting in children's picture books.

Sawyer-Morris, G., Carrano, J., Cutler, L. & Earnshaw, V. (in preparation). Exploring the multiplicative effects of gender on latent profiles of overall functioning in a college sample of students with family substance use disorder.

## Research and Technical Reports

Cutler, L. (2019). *How dialogic reading practices support children's incidental word learning*. (white paper) Professional Development Center for Educators, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware.

Cutler, L. (2019). *Using children's books to support teachers' language in the classroom*. (white paper) Professional Development Center for Educators, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware.

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, October 22). The magic of words and books. *Literacy Daily*. Retrieved from <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2018/10/22/the-magic-of-words-and-books>

Cutler, L. & Angus, C. (2018, October 8). Reasons to celebrate: New editions of old favorites. *Literacy Daily*. Retrieved from <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2018/10/08/reasons-to-celebrate-new-editions-of-old-favorites>

Cutler, L. & Angus, C. (2018, April 2). International books. *Literacy Daily*. Retrieved from <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2018/04/02/international-children-s-books>

## PRESENTATIONS

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### International and National Conferences

- Cutler, L. & Lewis, W. (2019, December). *Performing Fatherhood: The Changing Representations of Parenting in Children's Picture Books*. (accepted paper). Literacy Research Association Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Cutler, L. & Slicker, G. (2019, December). *Literacy Experiences and Expectations Found in Picture Books about Starting Kindergarten*. (accepted paper). Literacy Research Association Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.
- Cutler, L. & Lewis, W. (2019, November). *Portraits of Fatherhood: Father-Child Relationships in Award-Winning Children's Literature*. (accepted paper). National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Ft. Worth, TX.
- Cutler, L. & Slicker, G. (2019, November). *Family Relationships and Home-School Connections in Picture Books about Starting Kindergarten*. (accepted poster). National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, Ft. Worth, TX.
- Lewis, S., Cutler, L., Liu, D., & Riser, D. (2019, June). *Navigating New Worlds with Children with Disabilities*. Diversity in Organizations, Communities, & Nations International Conference-Border Crossing Narratives: Learning from the Refugee Experience. Patras, Greece.
- Cutler, L. & Gordon, M. (2018, November). *Gender Socialization in African American and White Families: The Role of Socioeconomic Status*. National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Cutler, L. & Buell, M. (2017, July). *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, April). *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, April). *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, November). *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, June). *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.

### Regional and Local Conferences

- Cutler, L. & Sawyer Morris, G. (2019, April). *Understanding Graduate Student Needs: Using Community to Provide a Voice*. Graduate Student Forum, Newark, DE.

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

## TEACHING

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### Courses Taught

Families and Developmental Disabilities (HDFS 270),  
Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware  
(6 semesters)

Life Span Development (HDFS 201),  
Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware  
(2 semesters)

### Invited Presentations and Guest Lectures

Beginning Literacy Instruction (EDUC 210), School of Education, University of Delaware  
(Spring 2019)

Seminar-Introduction to the Field and Graduate School (HDFS 667), Department of Human  
Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware  
(Fall 2016)

Guidance and Behavior Support Birth-Grade 2 (HDFS 414), Department of Human Development  
and Family Sciences, University of Delaware  
(Spring 2016)

Early Childhood Inclusive Math Curriculum and Assessment (HDFS 412), Department of Human  
Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware  
(Fall 2015)

Professional Issues in Early Childhood Development & Education (HDFS 355), Department of  
Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware  
(Fall 2014)

### Undergraduate Pre-Service Teacher Program Support

*International Support*, American Community School, Athens, Greece/ Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware  
(February 2018)

*University Based Clinical Educator*, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences, University of Delaware  
(Fall 2015)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Co-Chair	National Council on Family Relations, Men in Families Focus Group, (November 2018-Present)
Secretary	Graduate Student Association, Department of Human Development and Family Sciences (June 2019-Present)
Reviewer	International Literacy Association, Children's and Young Adult Literature, Literacy Daily Blog, Newark, DE. (January 2018-December 2018)
Vice President	Education Graduate Association, College of Education and Human Development, University of Delaware (January 2018-December 2018)
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	Graduate Program Committee, Human Development and Family Sciences Academic Program Review
Primary Organizer	Children's Book Week Statewide Celebration Event (May 2017)
Co-Founder	Graduate Student Brown Bag Series, Human Development and Family Sciences (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	Delaware Department of Education Early Learning Challenge Grant Goal 3 Committee (2014-2016)

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

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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
2017	<i>Summer Faculty Institute</i> , University of Delaware Faculty Commons

- 2016 *Coaching and Mentoring for Continuous Quality Improvement Webinar*,  
Maryland Family Network
- 2016 *Valuing Diversity and Differences for Positive Results*,  
University of Delaware Human Resources
- 2015 *Responsive Training Symposium*,  
Maryland Family Network
- 2015 *Using Assessment to Make Meaningful Decisions about Teaching and Learning*,  
Early Childhood Investigations
- 2015 *Communicating with Impact*,  
University of Delaware Human Resources

## MEDIA COVERAGE

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- 2019 *Celebrating Excellent Teaching, Advising (by UDaily staff)*, University of Delaware, UDaily Article, May 21, 2019  
<https://www.udel.edu/udaily/2019/may/faculty-awards-excellence-in-teaching-advising-mentoring/>
- 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/>

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Association of University Women

International Literacy Association

*International Literacy Association SIG: Children's Literature and Reading*

Literacy Research Association

National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity

National Council on Family Relations

*National Council on Family Relations Focus Group: Men in Families*