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**Publications**

* Gallo-Fox, J., **Kouzeli, A.** & Pollock, K. (March/April 2024). Nature at your door: Partnering with families to support nature-based engagement. *Science and Children, 61*:2, 43-49, DOI: 10.1080/00368148.2024.2315669
* **Kouzeli, A.,** Fragkaki, M., Karava, A.-M., Karagiannopoulou, S., Bekiari, I. & Stavropoulou, E. (2020). From Human Rights Curriculum Theories to Children’s Rights Authentic Actions: A Case-Study in Preliminary Education. *The International Journal of Early Childhood Learning*, *27*(1),1-24*.* <https://doi.org/10.18848/2327-7939/CGP/v27i01/1-24>
* Han, M., Novikova, E., Kuntz, S., **Kouzeli, A**. Davis, S., Santos, A., Harlan, M. (in press). Incorporating adult play in graduate education: Inspired by Brian Sutton-Smith, *Play & Culture Studies V. 17.* Lanham, Maryland: Hamilton Books

**Recent Presentations**

* **Kouzeli, A.** & Gallo-Fox, J. (July 24-28, 2023). *What is taught in a nature-based preschool classroom? A year-long case study of curriculum designed to support children’s development and content learning*. Poster Presentation for the 2023 Natural Start Alliance Nature-Based Early Learning Conference, Online.
* **Kouzeli, A.** & Gallo-Fox, J. (April, 28, 2023). *Examining the depth and scope of science and engineering practices incorporated into a nature preschool STE-AM curriculum: A case study of two years*. Poster Presentation for the Steele Symposium, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.
* **Kouzeli, A.** & Gallo-Fox, J. (April 1, 2023). *Is it possible to support content learning and growth in the developmental domains in a nature preschool classroom? A case study.* Poster Presentation, for the inBloom Conference, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.
* Gallo-Fox, J., **Kouzeli, A.** & Pic, A. (April 29, 2022). 'But we are not an online preschool': How early childhood teachers adapted to remote programming during the Covid-19 pandemic. Poster Presentation for the Steele Symposium, University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware.
* Gallo-Fox, J, Pic, A., & **Kouzeli, A.** (April 2, 2022). *Staying true to their mission: How a Lab School worked to meet the needs of children and family during remote programming during the initial months of the COVID-19 pandemic*. InBloom Conference| University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, Poster Presentation.

**Professional Experiences**

* 2022 - 2023 Graduate Student Development and Discovery Co-Chair, Human Development and Family Sciences-Graduate Association, University of Delaware
* 02/05/2022 Facilitator in Escalation Workshop training, One Love Foundation, University of Delaware
* 03/04/2022 Ambassador to Delaware Day, College of Education and Human Development
* 06/05/2017 - 06/09/2017 | Department of Educational Sciences and Early Childhood Education, University of Patras | 8th Children's Festival
* 03/13/2017 - 04/05/2017 | University of Delaware Laboratory Preschool
* 05/30/2016 - 06/03/2016 | Department of Educational Sciences and Early Childhood Education, University of Patras | 7th Children's Festival

**Honors and Awards**

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| * 2023 NAAEE Scholarship |
| * 2019 Emerging Scholar Award, 19th International Conference on Diversity, University of Patras |
| * 2018 Visiting Scholar, Erasmus Programme, Department of Early Childhood Education, Protestant University of Applied Sciences, Freiburg, Germany (fully funded) |
| * 2017 Woman of Promise Award, University of Delaware |
| * Special Commission Award, 1st Pan-Hellenic Sketch Student |
| Competition, University of Patras, and EDUCARTOON – Cartoon in Education |
| * 2011-2012 eTwinning Pupil Quality Label Award, The virtual museum at school” educational program |
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**Professional Memberships**

* IALS research group’s member
* Natural Start Alliance

**Past Education**

* M.Ed., Educational Studies with Applications in Information Communication

Technologies (ICT), University of Aegean, 2023

* B.A., Educational Sciences and Early Childhood Education, University of Patras, 2019
* Piano Vocational Degree, Patraiko Conservatory, 2013
* Degree in Harmony in Music, Patraiko Conservatory, 2011