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Educational Background

Aim4Excellence National Director Credential Renewal **July 2016**
McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership (National-Louis University)

Aim4Excellence National Director Credential **May 2011**
McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership (National-Louis University)

Master of Science **May 2003**
Major: Early Childhood Education
University of North Dakota

Bachelor of Science **May 1986**
Major: Elementary /Early Childhood Education
University of North Dakota

Professional Experiences

Clinical Assistant Professor **August 2015 – Present**
Department of Teaching, Leadership and Professional Practice (TLPP), University of North Dakota

- Teach early childhood education courses that include Pre-K seminar, Methods and Materials Pre-K, Administration and Leadership.

ECE Undergraduate Program Director **August 2019 – May 2024**

- Managed the undergraduate programming of the ECE program in the department that included planning and conducting monthly faculty meetings, writing annual assessment reports for the program area, reviewing and updating semester course schedules.
- Attended departmental program director meetings, collaborated with other program area directors on various local and state education initiatives
- Worked with other program area directors to select college scholarship recipients based on donors' criteria
- Worked with the campus Transfer Advising office to review courses for transfer equivalency

Co-chair of the College of Education and Human Development Initial License Assessment Committee (ILAC) August 2015 – May 2023

- Planned and conducted/led all committee meetings with co-chair
- Planned and organized the fall and spring semester Assessment Retreats
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Director of University Children's Center Sept 1998 – June 2015

- Directed the management of the UND campus childcare center
- Supervised the work of an administrative assistant, 9 experienced teachers, a graduate teaching assistant and 15-30 student employees
- Supervised student teachers who were assigned to the center each semester for student teaching
- Instructor in the Department of Teaching and Learning, at the University of North Dakota. Teach early childhood education courses that include Pre-K seminar, Methods and Materials Pre-K, and Administration and Leadership.

**Certified Master Trainer June 2011-June 2014
Minnesota Center for Professional Development**

- Training and supporting early childhood and school-age practitioners

**Trainer Spring 1999 – Present
Child Care Resource & Referral of North Dakota (now Child Care Aware)**

- Provide statewide training to childcare providers on topics related to best practices in early childhood education

**Director of College Care for Kids Fall 1997 - July 1998
Lake Region State College, formerly UND-Lake Region**

- Oversee the management of the campus childcare center
- Supervised the work of an assistant director, 3 teachers, student employees working as assistant teachers and two foster grandmas.
- Supervised students who were assigned at the center each semester for field experiences

Adjunct ECE Instructor UND-Lake Region Fall 1995 - 1998

- Taught early childhood education courses in infant toddler development and curriculum planning. (Fall 1995-1998)

**After School Child Care Program Coordinator Fall 1994 - June 1998
Devils Lake school district, Devils Lake, ND**

- Coordinated the After School Program and supervised 3 program sites.

After School Child Care Site Supervisor Fall 1993 - June 1998

- Responsible for the planning and implementation of After School Programming for children K-5 in the Devils Lake Public school setting

Pre-School Teacher **August 1990 - May 1991**
Memorial Child Care Center, Devils Lake, ND (UND-Lake Region campus site).

- Responsible for the pre-school programming of 15-18 children
- Supervised an assistant teacher

Head Start Home Visitor **August 1989- June 1990**
Child Development & Family Services, Towner ND

- Was assigned a case load of 10 families with children ranging in age from 3-5
- Visited the families in their homes weekly, working one on one with them to implement developmentally appropriate activities for their children
- Worked closely with the two other Ramsey County Home Visitors to plan and implement monthly parent training and childcare setting experiences for all 30 children and their families

Director/Head Teacher **January 1988 -April 1989**
Livingston Union School District, Child Development Center, Livingston California

- Worked under the direct supervision of the district Superintendent to direct the operation, implementation, and evaluation of the Child Care Program.
- Supervised an administrative assistant, four classroom teachers, four assistant teachers and a janitor

Coordinator of Neighborhood Reading program **December 1988- May 1989**
Livingston Union School District, Livingston California

- Coordinated a grant funded program aimed at helping children and their parents become better readers
- Developed programs to encourage adults to become more confident in reading aloud to their children and also purchased books for the program's library, allowing families to check out books they wanted to read

Center based Head Start teacher **Sept 1987 - December 1987**
Head Start Child Development Services, Merced California.

- Responsible for the pre-school programming of 15-18 children. Maintained Head Start Performance standards, completed testing and supervised an assistant teacher

Courses Taught

Regular Assignments:

- T&L 250, (online) Introduction to Education (Fall 2020-present)
- T&L 250, (F2F) Introduction to Education (Spring 2018)
- T&L 310, (online) Introduction to Early Childhood Education (spring 2020-present)
- T&L 511, formerly T&L 590. Special Topics (online) Assessment in ECE (Summer 2018-present)
- T&L 997, ECE Independent Study (Summer 2014-present)
- T&L 322 Administration & Leadership in Early Childhood Education (Spring 2007 - present)

- T & L 456 Pre –K Seminar (Fall & Spring Semesters, 1998- present)
- T & L 487 Student Teaching Pre-K (Fall & Spring Semesters, 1998-present)
- T & L 333 Methods & Material Pre-K (Fall 2000 - present)
- T&L 486 Field Experience in Early Childhood Education (Fall 2000 - present)
- T&L 251, Understanding Individuals with Differing Abilities, formerly T&L315, Education of Exceptional Students (online) (Spring 2019-Spring 2020)
- T&L 590. Special Topics (online) Administration and Leadership in ECE III (Spring 2013-present)
- T&L 590. Special Topics (online) Administration and Leadership in ECE II (Fall 2012-present)
- T&L 590. Special Topics (online) Administration and Leadership in ECE I (Spring 2012-present)

Graduate Student Advising: Consistently advise 2 graduate students including Independent Study.

Undergraduate/ECE Accelerated Program Student Advising: Finished up advising of students in the ECE Accelerated Program

Curriculum Development Activities:

TTaDa sponsored Intensive DEI Workshop, May 2022 that impacted T&L 310, and T&L 333

T&L 250: redesigned online course, summer 2020 for fall 2020, redesign summer 2021, including (DEI work) for fall 2021

T&L 310: developed online course, summer 2019 for fall spring 2020

T&L 333: developed online course, summer 2019 for fall 2019

T&L 486: developed online course, summer 2019 for fall 2019

T&L 322: developed online course, summer 2019 for spring 2020

T&L 456: developed online course, summer 2019 for fall 2020

T&L 487: developed online course, summer 2019 for fall 2020

T&L 251: redesigned online course, summer 2018 for spring 2019

T&L 511: redesigned online course, spring 2018 for summer 2018

T&L 590: developed online course (all three sections – Admin in ECE), spring 2012

Service

Department Service

- Department of Teaching, Leadership and Professional Practice, Chair Search Committee (May 2022-April 2023)
- Department of Teaching, Leadership and Professional Practice, Initial License Assessment Committee, formerly Undergraduate Assessment Committee (2008-May 2023)
- Department of Teaching, Leadership and Professional Practice, Diversity Committee (2011-2019)
- Faculty Advisor Early Childhood Education Student Organization (2011-2017)

- University of North Dakota Diversity Advisory Council (2011-2016)
- Department of Teaching and Learning Marketing Committee (2006-2008)
- Co-Chair Faculty Search Committee for vacant Generalist position (Summer 2007)
- Department of Teaching and Learning Committee on Professional Dispositions for Students (2006-2007)
- Faculty Search Committee for vacant ECE position (Spring 02 & Fall 03)

College

- College of Education and Human Development, Dean Search Committee (Appointed August 2023)
- College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (Fall 2022-present)
- College Diversity Committee (2017-2019)

University

- Senate University Assessment Committee (Appointed Fall 2009-May 2011)
- University of North Dakota Maternity Leave and Breastfeeding in the Workplace Tasks Force (2005-2007)

Professional Associations

- Consultant, McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership, National Louis University (2012-Present)
- Co-chair North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (NDAEYC) Fall 2016 Conference Planning Committee
- Member of the ND Early Childhood Study Committee (Appointed March 2014-June 2015)
- Vice President of Professional Development, North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (elected 2012-2016)
- North Dakota Early Childhood Quality Rating and Improvement System Committee (QRIS) (2012-present)
- Co-Chair Facilities Committee, Northeast North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (NENDAIEYC) Fall 2014 Conference
- Co-Chair Facilities Committee, Northeast North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (NENDAIEYC) Fall 2010 Conference
- Member of the ND Early Childhood Services Advisory Board (Appointed November 2009-May 2015)
- Editor, North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (NDAEYC) Newsletter, Prairie Children (Fall 2006-February 2008)
- Chair Facilities Committee, Northeast North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (NENDAIEYC) Fall 2006 Conference
- Co-Editor, North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (NDAEYC) Newsletter, Prairie Children, (Fall 2003-Fall 2006)
- Member of the North Dakota Natural Allies State and Travel Team (03)
- Member of the North Dakota Professional Development Leadership Team (01-2006)
- Co-chair NDAEYC Fall 02 Conference Planning Committee

Community

- Member (Board of Directors), the Grand Forks Public Schools Foundation for Education (January 2014-2018)
- Member, Grand Forks Safe Kids Pedestrian and Wheeled Sports Subcommittee (Fall 2014-2018)
- Co-Founder/Co-Director of the Jewel and Randolph Yearwood Education Technology Foundation, (2013-2019)
- Member of the Grand Forks Childcare Centers Director's Association (September 1998-May 2015).
- Member, Friends of Turtle River State Park (FOTR) group (2003-2016)
- Member of the Grand Forks Head Start Policy Council, (2006-2008)
- Member of the Grand Forks Foster Grand Parent Advisory Council (1998-2010)

Publications

Refereed articles

- Offutt, S., J., Chiasson K., **Yearwood J.**, (2008) What do I do now? Supporting Early Childhood Teachers In Working with Children Who Exhibit Challenging Behaviors, *The Journal for Campus Children's Centers-The Voice* 4, N.1.
- Chiasson K., **Yearwood J.**, & Olsen G., (2006) The Best of Both Worlds: Combining ECE and ECSE Philosophies and Best Practices Through a Co teaching Model, *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education* 27 (3)

Book Review

- *Management of Child Development Centers* (6th ed.) Hearnon, P. & Hildebrand, V. (2006). Upper Saddle River, N.J. Merrill/Prentice Hall. (Invited, December 2008)

Non-Refereed articles

- Yearwood, D., & **Yearwood, J.**, (2004) Computer Technology in Early Childhood: Fad or Necessity? *Prairie Children Newsletter-North Dakota Association for the Education of Young children.* (pp.10-11).
- Yearwood, J., (2003) Teachers' and Parents' Perception of How exposure to Computers May Affect the Social Development of Young Children. Unpublished Thesis, University of North Dakota

Presentations

International Refereed

- Belgreden, J., Catlett, C., Chandler, L., Chiasson, K., Fletcher, J., Knox, S., Lindsay, C., Mori, C., Offutt, S., Olsen, G., Yates, T., and **Yearwood, J.** "Collaborative approaches to preparing college students." Division of Early Childhood (DEC) 2004: The 20th Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families, Chicago, IL December 2004

National Refereed

- Suazo-Flores, E., Adgerson, A., McGrail, C., & **Yearwood, J.** (April 2025). The origins of a village of educators nurturing preschoolers' visuospatial reasoning through socio-ecological STEM tasks [Conference presentation]. Annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association (AERA). Denver, Colorado, United States.
- Salyers, M., **Yearwood, J.**, & Baas, S. (2017) "Beyond Borders: Establishing Mutually Beneficial Partnerships Across State Lines," AACTE Conference, Tampa, FL.
- **Yearwood, J.**, Nilles D. "Creating a DAP classroom-one teacher at a time," The National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA. November 2012 (unable to present)
- Lehnhardt, K., Meyer, J., **Yearwood, J.**, "Crossing Boundaries and Creating New Intersections: Strategies for linking professional development initiatives to college credit, National Association for the Education of Young Children Professional Development Institute, June 2011
- **Yearwood, J.**, Johnson, Maren A. "Two Campus Childcare Centers' Journey to Collaboration: Lessons Learned". National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers, San Diego CA, April 2011
- **Yearwood, J.**, Chiasson, K. and Livni, H. "Rethinking conferencing with families: A PEACEful approach". National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA. November 2006
- Chiasson, K., **Yearwood, J.**, and Olsen, G. "The best of both worlds: Combining early childhood and early childhood special education philosophies and best practices through a co-teaching model in T&L 451 Methods and Materials Pre-K." National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators Conference. Washington, DC December 2005

Regional Refereed

- Votava, K., **Yearwood, J.**, "Supporting Culture and Counteracting Bias in Early Childhood Teacher Preparation," University of North Dakota DEI Conference, (October 6, 2022)
- **Yearwood, J.**, "Parents and Teachers perception of how exposure to computers may affect the social development of young children" The 21st Annual Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association's Conference (NRMERA), (October 2003).

Regional Non-Refereed

- Offutt, Sue., **Yearwood, J.**, and Chiasson, K. "An Interdisciplinary Training Model to Promote Inclusive Practice in an Early Childhood Program", North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children, Fargo, North Dakota, (September 2008)
- **Yearwood, J.**, Chiasson, K., Johner, T., Markham, C., Peters, T., Weigel, M. "Using Finger Plays to Promote Literacy", North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children, Fargo, North Dakota, (September 2008)

- **Yearwood, J.**, “Building a Cohesive Team in your Center”, North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children, Fargo, North Dakota, (September 2008)
- **Yearwood, J.**, Dockter, V., “Music and Movement with a Twist”, The North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children Conference Grand Forks, ND, (October 2006)
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Selecting the right Caregiver to staff your facility” The North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children Conference Fargo, ND, (October, 2005)

Invited Presentations

- **Yearwood, J.**, “Teaching Strategies, Methods and Materials used in the Pre-K Classroom,” St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College, Division of Teacher Education (Oct 24, 2019).
- **Yearwood, J.**, **Yearwood, D.**, “Assessment in Early Childhood Education,” St. Vincent and the Grenadines Community College, Division of Teacher Education (Oct 24, 2019).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Hiring the Right Person,” Building a Child Care Business, sponsored by NDSUE Extension Service Ramsey County, Devils Lake, ND (April 30, 2016).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Policies, Rates and Parent Involvement,” Providers Using Mindful Play Child Care Association, Grand Forks, ND (March 2016).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Assessment in Early Childhood Education” Department of Public Instruction (DPI) First Annual Early Childhood Education Conference, Bismarck, ND (April 2015).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Working with Families,” Providers using Mindful Play (PUMP) Association, Grand Forks, ND (March 2015).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Policies, Rates and Parent Involvement,” Grand Forks Home Child Care Providers Association, Grand Forks, ND (January 2013).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “The Code of Ethical Conduct,” Northeast Chapter of the North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (NENDA EYC), United Day Nursery, Grand Forks, ND (December 2011).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Developmentally Appropriate Practice”, North Dakota Childcare Center Licensors Training, Bismarck, ND, (March 2009).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “The Code of Ethical Conduct,” The East Grand Forks Home Childcare Association Meeting, East Grand Forks, MN, (February 2008).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Parent Communication and Involvement,” “A Guidance Approach to Discipline, The 10th Annual Celebrate Children Conference, Devils Lake, ND (October 2006)
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Project Exceptional – All about Environments” The 9th Annual Celebrate Children Conference, Devils Lake, ND (October 2005).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Working with Schoolers”, The 7th Annual Celebrate Children Conference in Devils Lake, ND (October 2003).
- **Yearwood, J.**, “Working with Older Children: How Preschoolers and School-Age Children are different and How to make the most of it!” Keynote speaker, 3rd Annual Celebrate Children Conference, Devils Lake, ND (October 1999).

Grants

- *Yearwood, J.*, (Fall 2014), *North Dakota Bright and Early Quality Rating and Improvement System*. Awarded: \$12,000
- *Yearwood, J.*, (Spring 2010), *Child Care Resource and Referral Enhancement Project for Centers*. Awarded: \$9,500, plus additional incentives valued at \$5,000
- *Yearwood, J.*, (Fall 2006), *Mini Grant-Team Nutrition*, North Dakota Department of Public Instruction. Awarded: \$300
- *Yearwood, J.*, (January 2005) *Quality Enhancement Project*, North Dakota Child Care Resource and Referral. Awarded: \$1,000.00
- *Yearwood, J.*, (Fall 2005), *Start-up Grant-Toddler classroom*, North Dakota Childcare Resource and Referral-United Way Start Up funds. Awarded: \$500.00
- **Yearwood, J.**, Chiasson, K., and Offutt, S. (March 17, 2003). Staff Development Project in Early Childhood Special Education at University Children's Center. Funded by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, Department of Special Education. Awarded: \$10,000.
- *Yearwood, J.*, (Spring 2003), Summer Instructional Development Professorship Grant. Awarded: \$1,500.00

Professional Associations

- NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children
- AACTE – American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education
- AERA – American Educational Research Association

Awards/Recognitions

- May 2022 University of North Dakota GRADitude Project faculty
- 2016 University of North Dakota Leadership Award - Outstanding Student Organization Advisor
- 2013 University of North Dakota Phenomenal Woman Award
- 2012 Academy of Education Arts and Sciences Bammy Award – Preschool Director of the Year
- University of North Dakota Faculty Star, 2011
- North Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (NDAEYC) Meritorious Service Award, 2010