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M.A., 2007
summa cum laude University of Akron
School of Family and Consumer Sciences
Family and Child Development

B.A., 2001
summa cum laude University of Akron
School of Family and Consumer Sciences
Family Development Minors: Child Development, Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019-Present Professor of Practice; Non-Tenure Track Faculty
School of Social Work
College of Health Professions
The University of Akron

2013- 2019 Professor of Practice/ Senior Clinical Instructor, Non-Tenure Track Faculty
School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
College of Health Professions
The University of Akron

2013-2017 Interim Center Director (2013-2016) and Center Director (2016-2017)
The University of Akron Center for Child Development
School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
College of Health Professions
The University of Akron
Successful completion of NAEYC accreditation process 2016

2007-2013 Associate Director
The University of Akron Center for Child Development
The University of Akron
Successful completion of NAEYC accreditation process 2011

2007 Assistant Director
Kindercare Learning Centers, Inc.
Hudson, OH

2001- 2007 Assistant Lecturer
School of Family and Consumer Sciences
The University of Akron

2001- 2003 Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant
School of Family and Consumer Sciences
The University of Akron

2000 Undergraduate Intern
Project Learn
Medina, OH

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2019 7700 300 - The Resilient Child
7700 301 - The Resilient Child Lab
7700 302/602 - Assessment, Play And Therapeutic Interventions With Children
7700 303 - National Health And Safety Performance Standards In Child Care
7700 481 - Special Projects: Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology
7750 632 - Human Behavior & Social Environment: Large Systems
7750:631 Human Behavior & Social Environment: Small Systems
7750:430 Human Behavior & Social Systems II

School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology & School of Social Work
The University of Akron

2013-Present Assessment, Play & Therapeutic Interventions
School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
The University of Akron

2013 Riley, Katie Preschoolers *Understanding of A Food Allergy*, Masters' Thesis Reader
and Student Mentor

2012 National Health and Safety Performance Standards in Child Care Settings,
The Resilient Child Lab
School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
The University of Akron

2001- 2012 Theory and Guidance of Play, 7400: 270
School of Family and Consumer Sciences
The University of Akron

- 2011 Families, Individuals, and the Environment
School of Family and Consumer Sciences
The University of Akron
- 2004 Infant Toddler Daycare Programs, 2200:245
Summit College
The University of Akron
- 2004 Child Development, 7400: 265
School of Family and Consumer Sciences
The University of Akron

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- 1993-2006 Brdarski's Home Child Care Business, Co-Owner
Copley, OH
- 1993 Toddler Teacher
ChildTime Inc.
Fairlawn, OH

PUBLICATIONS

- Kraus, Sophia. Interview with Caitlyn Callahan. Extracurricular Activities. *Akronlife Magazine*. July, 31, 2014.
- Kraus, Sophia. Interview with Kaylee Riley. (2014, October 19). Be picky when searching for the perfect preschool *The Suburbanite*. October 19, 2014.
- Witt, S & Brdarski, S. (2003). The merry-go-round effect: Examining the developmental perspective and social context of self-esteem in adolescents with learning disabilities. *Education and Society*, 21, 75-86.

Other Scholarly Writing

- Brdarski, S.A. (2007). *In between the lines: A personal look at lifelong reading struggles*. Unpublished master's thesis, University of Akron

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

- Kraus, S. A. (2014) Presenter at the Parenting Expo in Cleveland, OH "Understand Your options: three key indicators to high quality child care"
- Kraus, S. A. (2009) Professional Development Training Session on Assessment for Faith Lutheran Preschool. Fairlawn, OH.
- Kraus, S.A. (2009) Presentation on the Benefits of Early Childhood Education. University of Akron. Akron, OH.
- Kraus, S.A. & Schulze, P.A. (June 2008) *In between the lines: A personal look at lifelong reading struggles*. Annual Meeting of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Milwaukee, WI.

Kraus, S. A. & Michael, Y. (2007) Professional Development Training Session for Faith Lutheran Preschool. Akron, OH.

Brdarski, S. (March 2003) *Dyslexia over the lifespan: Implications for family development*. Annual Ohio Conference on Aging, Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education. Wright State University, OH

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & CERTIFICATIONS

Since 2007 National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
OAEYC; the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children

SERVICE

2018 Ad Hoc RTP Merit Review Committee
2017-present Child Life Program Interview Committee
2013-2017 Parent Advisory Board (PAB) Support Member
2015 COE-IS Steering Committee Member
2014 Summit County Children Services Child and Family Awareness Month Steering Committee member
2014 Child and Family Awareness Month Summit County Children Services Family Expo Volunteer
2012-2015 Ad Hoc STEAM Curriculum Planning
2010-2013 Center for Child Development: Center Advisory Board (CAB), Facilities Advisory Board (FAB), Parent Advisory Board (PAB)
2010-2011 Ad Hoc Accreditation Advisory Board, Professional Education Council
2009 Advisory Board for Early Childhood Education Program at Ellet and North High Schools.
2000-2001 Undergraduate Community Project Chair for Student Chapter of AAFCS

GRANTS AND FUNDING

2013-2017 Yetty Michael Fund (fundraising for child care tuition support)
2013-2017 CACFP USDA Food Grant for Child Care Programs (approx. \$26,463.92 annually)
2013-2017 Title XX Child Care Assistance Program (approx. \$198,960.00 annually)
2013-2017 Head Start Grant (\$36,000 annually)
2003 Service Learning Project Grant
Office of Student Development, University of Akron (\$200)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2001 Outstanding Senior in Family Development
Received merit-based graduate assistantship; Family Development
Outstanding Woman Student; Women in Higher Education
1999 Claudia Bowers Scholarship
Junior Women's Civic Club Scholarship
Mae C. O'Neil Endowed Scholarship
1998 Ruth Buckingham Scholarship
Frank C. Howard Scholarship

TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

2014	RTP Brown Bag, The University of Akron 1 hour
2014	CACFP Training 5.5 hours
2014	A Menu for Successful Family Engagement- How Administrators Set the Tabel, Schumacher 1.5 hours
2014	The Philosophical Baby: What Children's Minds Tell Us About Truth, Love and the Meaning of Life, Gopnik 1.5 hours
2014	The Winner's Manual for Leadership and Coaching Principles 3.75 CEUs UA Akron Business Solutions
2013	Step-Up to Quality Leadership Trainings; & Ohio PDI Network
2011	PDI NAEYC Conference (Professional Development Institute National Association for the Education of Young Children). Providence, Rhode Island.
2010	PDI NAEYC Conference (Professional Development Institute National Association for the Education of Young Children). Phoenix, Arizona.
2010	Strategies for working with children that have challenging behaviors and special needs. CCD Staff Professional Development Annual Training. August.
2009	PDI NAEYC Conference (Professional Development Institute National Association for the Education of Young Children). Charlotte, North Carolina.
2009	University of Akron Conflict Mediation Training & Certificate (15 hours)
2008-2015	OAEYC (Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children) Conference
2008	University of Akron Grant Writing Workshop
2008	Creative Curriculum Training through Head Start 2.5 days
2008	Assessment of Children; Creative Curriculum
2007, 2009, 2013	Ohio Job and Family Services Administrator Licensing Rules Training
2007- 2016	Completed all ODJFS required CCSM trainings: First-Aid, CPR, Communicable Disease & Child Abuse