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### **EDUCATION**

#### **Degrees**

Doctor of Philosophy, Language Education; Department of Language and Literacy Education; The University of Georgia; Athens, GA; December 2010.

Master of Education, Elementary Education; Department of Elementary Education; The University of Georgia; Athens, GA; August 1996.

Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences, Child and Family Development/Early Childhood Education; Department of Family and Consumer Sciences; The University of Georgia; Athens, GA; August 1992.

#### **Certificates**

Teacher Support Specialist: Clarke RESA; 1997.

Reading Endorsement Certification; Department of Reading; The University of Georgia; Athens, GA; 1999.

Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies Certification; The University of Georgia; Athens, GA; 2004.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **The University of Georgia**

Director of Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center, Department of Human Development and Family Science, The University of Georgia; Athens, GA; July 2007-present.

Interim Director of Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center, Department of Child and Family Development, The University of Georgia; Athens, GA; April 2006-July 2007.

Graduate Teaching Assistant; Department of Language and Literacy Education, College of Education, The University of Georgia; Athens, GA; 2005-2006.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### The University of Georgia Courses Taught

HDFS 4860/6860	Parenting and Child Guidance Spring 2020 (n=69 undergraduates; 1 graduate)
HDFS 4860/6860	Parenting and Child Guidance Spring 2019 (n=73 undergraduates; 8 graduates)
HDFS 4860/6860	Parenting and Child Guidance Spring 2018 (n=66 undergraduates; 6 graduates)
HDFS 4860/6860	Parent Education and Child Guidance Spring 2017 (n=62 undergraduates; 1 graduate)
HDFS 4860/6860	Parent Education and Child Guidance Spring 2016 (n=47 undergraduates; 2 graduates)
HDFS 4860	Parent Education and Child Guidance Spring 2015 (n=53 undergraduates)
HDFS 4860/6860	Parent Education and Child Guidance Spring 2014 (n=69 undergraduates; 2 graduates)
HDFS 4860	Parent Education and Child Guidance Spring 2013 (n=53 undergraduates)
CHFD 6860	Parent Education and Child Guidance Fall 2011 (n=9 graduates)
CHFD 2896	Positive Guidance in the Classroom Setting Fall 2010 (n=30 undergraduates)
CHFD 4860/6860	Parent Education and Child Guidance Spring 2010 (n=30 undergraduates; 13 graduates)
CHFD 2896	Positive Guidance in the Classroom Setting Spring 2009 (n=30 undergraduates)
CHFD 5140/SPED 4000	Group Programs for Young Children Spring 2009 (n=22 undergraduates)
CHFD 2896	Positive Guidance in the Classroom Setting Fall 2007 (n=29 undergraduates)

ELAN 3110 Children's Literature and Oral Language Acquisition  
Spring 2006 (n=30 undergraduates)

ELAN 3110 Children's Literature and Oral Language Acquisition  
Fall 2005 (n=28 undergraduates)

**Gaines Elementary School**

Kindergarten teacher; Gaines Elementary School, Athens, GA; 2002-2005.

**Fourth Street Elementary School**

Kindergarten teacher; Fourth Street Elementary School, Athens, GA: 2000-2002.

**East Athens Community Center**

Pre-Kindergarten teacher; East Athens Community Center, Athens, GA:  
1996-2000.

**Gaines Elementary School**

Pre-Kindergarten teacher; Gaines Elementary School, Athens, GA:  
1995-1996.

**Emmanuel Episcopal Day School**

Two-year olds teacher; Emmanuel Episcopal Day School, Athens, GA:  
1992-1995.

**SCHOLARSHIP**

**Research**

Language and Literacy Education Department Teaching Assistantship: The University of Georgia, 2005-2006.

Language and Literacy Education Department Reading Assistantship, Reading First Grant Initiative: The University of Georgia. 2005-2006.

**Publications**

Gannoe, L., Bush, D., Sciaraffa, M., & Kay, A. (2019) Designing and Implementing Differentiated Learning Opportunities and Experiences to Support Best Practices for Teachers at all Levels. *Dimensions*, 47(3), 22-26.

Kay, A., Neher, A., & Lush, L. (2010). Writing a Relationship: Home-School Journals. *Language Arts*, 87(6), 417-426.

Holbrook, T. & Kay, A. (2007) Review of the book *Qualitative inquiry: Approaches to language and literacy research* for *Journal of Literacy Research* 39(2), 281-288.

Kay, A. (2004). Review of the book *Give them poetry!: A guide for sharing poetry with children K-8*. *Linguistics and Education*, 15, 177-180.

### **Conference and Invited Presentations**

Kay, A. (2020, October) *Administrator-Teacher Relationships: Importance of effective connection in mentoring and advancing professionalism and professional development*. Presented at the Georgia Association for Young Children's Annual Conference, virtual.

Kay, A. (2020, July) *We're Back in Business! – Program Leaders Share Their Re-Opening Experiences*. Invited Panel Participant for N4C Zoom meeting.

Kay, A. (2019, January) *When What is Under the Surface Bubbles Up*. Presented at the Southern Conference on Children, Statesboro, GA.

Kay, A. (2018, March) *When What is Under the Surface Bubbles Up*. Presented at the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

Kay, A. (2017, March) *Creating an Allergen Awareness Policy: Instead of being 'nut free'*. Presented at the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference, Long Beach, CA.

Kay, A. (2016, October) *Designing and implementing differentiated learning opportunities to support best practices for employees at all levels*. Presented with Dana Bush, Mary Sciaraffa, and Lisa Gannoe at the National Black Child Development Institute, Orlando, FL.

Kay, A. (2016, September) *Creating an Allergen Awareness Policy: Instead of being 'nut free'*. Presented at the Georgia Association for Young Children's Annual Conference, Gwinnett, GA.

Kay, A. (2016, March) *Creating an Allergen Awareness Policy: Instead of being 'nut free'*. Presented at University of Georgia Training and Development Center/Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center Trainings. Athens, GA.

Kay, A. (2016, March) *This One is Yours, This One is Mine*. Presented with Lori Treff at the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference, Hilton Head Island, SC.

- Kay, A. (2015, September) *Careful, Your Attitude is Showing*. Presented at the Georgia Association for Young Children's Annual Conference, Duluth, GA.
- Kay, A. (2015, August) *Careful, Your Attitude is Showing*. Presented at Athens First United Methodist Church Weekday Preschool /Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center Trainings. Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2015, March) *Creating a Coalition of Campus Centers within your state*. Presented at the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Kay, A. (2014, November) *Teachers transforming professional development: How teachers develop, and can be encouraged to develop, their professional selves and identities*. Presented at National Association for the Education of Young Children's Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Kay, A. (2014, October) *Problem Solving in Action: Guiding Children Toward Resolution*. Invited presentation given in Elementary Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2014, March) *Child Guidance: What really works?* Presented at the Georgia Preschool Association Winter Study Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Kay, A. (2013, October) *Problem Solving in Action: Guiding Children Toward Resolution*. Invited presentation given in Elementary Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2012, November) *Using Dialogue Journals with Families to Learn about Culture*. Presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- Kay, A. (2012, November) *Elementary Section Get-Together*. Invited Discussion Leader at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Las Vegas, NV.
- Kay, A. (2012, September) *Problem Solving in Action: Guiding Children Toward Resolution*. Presented at the Georgia Association for Young Children's Annual Conference, Duluth, GA.
- Kay, A. (2012, March) *Careful, Your Attitude is Showing!* Presented with Lori Maerz at the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
- Kay, A. (2012, March) *High/Scope Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education*. Invited presentation given in Elementary Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

- Kay, A. (2011, November) *It's About Relationships*. Presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Chicago, IL.
- Kay, A. (2011, October) *Parent Engagement is Worth the Effort . . . REALLY!* Presented with Lori Maerz at the Georgia Association for Young Children's Annual Conference, Duluth, GA
- Kay, A. (2011, October) *High/Scope Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education*. Invited presentation given in Elementary Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2011, September) *Home-School Journals: Writing a relationship*. Invited presentation given in Language and Literacy Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2011, April) *Quality Leadership During a Time of Transition: What does it mean? How does it look? What is your role?* Presented with Lori Maerz at the National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference, La Jolla, CA.
- Kay, A. (2011, February) *High/Scope Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education*. Invited presentation given in Elementary Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2010, November) *Home-School Journals: Writing a Relationship*. Invited presentation given for Responsive Early Education for Diversity (REED) Seminar Series.
- Kay, A. (2010, November) *Home-School Journals: Creating Bridges*. Presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Convention, Orlando, FL.
- Kay, A. (2010, October) *High/Scope Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education*. Invited presentation given in Elementary Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2010, October) *Administrators, You are Not Alone!* Presented with Lori Maerz at the Georgia Association for Young Children's Annual Conference, Duluth, GA.
- Kay, A. (2009, November) *Parent-Teacher Journals: Writing a Relationship*. Presented at the National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Kay, A. (2009, October) *Getting Your Staff to BE the Professionals They Are*. Presented with Lori D. Maerz at the Georgia Association for Young Children's Annual Conference, Duluth, GA.

- Kay, A. (2008, November) *Talking so Parents will Listen; Listening so Parents will Talk*. Presented at National Association for the Education of Young Children's Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.
- Kay, A. (2008, October) *Quality Leadership During a Time of Transition: What Does it Mean? How does it Look? What is Your Role?* Presented with Lori D. Maerz at the Georgia Association for Young Children's Annual Conference, Duluth, GA.
- Kay, A. (2008, March) *Panel of Directors Presentation*. Georgia Directors' Institute On Early Care and Education Professional Development, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2008, March) *Parent-Teacher Journals: Writing a Relationship*. Presented at Henry Heritage Reading Council's Spring Mini-Conference, McDonough, GA.
- Kay, A. (2008, February) *High/Scope Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education*. Invited presentation given in Elementary Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2008, January). *Positive Guidance in the Classroom Setting*. Invited presentation given in IHDD course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2007, November) *How do 4-year olds learn?* Invited presentation given with Dr. Julia Reguero de Atilas at Barrow County Early Learning Center, Bethlehem, GA.
- Kay, A. (2007, November) *Parent-teacher Journals: Writing a Relationship*. Presentation given at National Association for the Education of Young Children's Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Kay, A. (2007, October) *Taking Parent Communication to the Next Level*. Presented with Lori D. Maerz at the Georgia Association for Young Children's Annual Conference, Duluth, GA.
- Kay, A. (2007, May) *Literacy Coaching: Examining the Importance of Relationship—Making it Real*. Presented with Leslie Bottoms at the International Reading Association's Annual Convention, Toronto, Canada.
- Kay, A. (2007, March) *Parent-Teacher Journals: Writing a Relationship*. Presented at Henry Heritage Reading Council's Spring Mini-Conference, McDonough, GA.
- Kay, A. (2007, February) *High/Scope Curriculum for Early Childhood Care and Education*. Invited presentation given in Elementary Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

- Kay, A. (2006, November) *How do 4-year olds learn?* Invited presentation given with Dr. Julia Reguero de Atilas at Barrow County Early Learning Center, Bethlehem, GA.
- Kay, A. (2006, October) *Literacy Coaching: Examining the Importance of Relationship—What's the Problem?* Presented with Leslie Bottoms at the Southeast International Reading Association's Regional Conference, Mobile, AL.
- Kay, A. (2006, October) *Collaboration and Co-Teaching: Strategies and models to improve professional cooperation in inclusive primary classrooms.* Presented with Lori D. Maerz at the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Kay, A. (2006, April) *Seeing through a different "I".* Workshop presentation conducted at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Literature Conference, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2006, April). *Using journals with parents: Re-defining parent involvement.* Invited presentation given in Elementary Education course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2005, September). *Emergent literacy and assessments in a Kindergarten classroom.* Invited presentation given in Reading Assessment course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2005, January). *Arts-based inquiry in teacher researchers' classrooms.* Presented with Buffy Hamilton at the Conference on Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies: Qualitative Inquiry Program, Athens, GA.
- Kay, A. (2004, April). *Meeting the multicultural needs in my Kindergarten classroom: Literacy, language, and home-school connection.* Invited presentation given in a Language Arts Methods course, The University of Georgia, Athens, GA.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- Alpha Upsilon Alpha, Xi Chapter, Honor Society of International Reading Association. Inducted Spring 2006.
- Nominated for Advisory Committee Member of the Year, Athens Technical College, Early Childhood Care & Education Program. Spring 2011.
- Nominated for Advisory Committee Member of the Year, Athens Technical College, Early Childhood Care & Education Program. Spring 2012.
- Nominated for Advisory Committee Member of the Year, Athens Technical College, Early Childhood Care & Education Program. Spring 2013.



Recognized by the University of Georgia's Career Center as a UGA faculty member who had a significant, positive impact on the student's career decision-making process. Spring 2013.

Recognized by the University of Georgia's Career Center as a UGA faculty member who had a significant, positive impact on the student's career decision-making process. Fall 2016.

Nominated for FACS 100 Centennial Honoree. Fall 2017.

Recognized by the University of Georgia's Career Center as a UGA faculty member who had a significant, positive impact on the student's career decision-making process. Fall 2019.

## **SERVICE**

Conference Co-Chair, Athens Area Association for Young Children, 1997

Conference Chair, Athens Area Association for Young Children, 1998

President, Athens Area Association for Young Children, 1999

Clarke County Pre-Kindergarten Orientation Coordinator, Clarke County Pre-Kindergarten Program, 1997-1999

Presided over keynote session, 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Literature Conference, Athens, GA, 2006.

Master's thesis committee member for Gretchen Gigley, "Grounds to Grow...Defining the Design Gap Between Children's Health and Public Play Space" July, 2007.

Child Care Resource and Referral Advisory Board Member, 2006-2009

Early Childhood Summit Committee Member

Athens Technical College ECCE Advisory Board Member 2007-present

Master's thesis committee member for Katie Crosta Pigott, "Bringing Nature into Play: Integrating nature into outdoor play environments for whole child development" April, 2012

Search Committee for HDFS Department Head, 2013

University Childcare Center Advisory Committee 2012-present

Early Care & Learning Strategic Action Team/E3Z Birth to Eight Team, 2014-present

Membership Committee member, National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers,  
2015-2016

Oconee County Career, Technical, and Agricultural Education (CTAE) Advisory Board  
2015-present

Board Member, Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children, 2017-present

Conference Committee Chair, Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children,  
2017-2019

Board Member, National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers, 2017-present

Conference Committee Co-Chair, National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers,  
2018-2019

Nominations and Board Development Chair, Georgia Association for the Education of  
Young Children, 2019-present

Conference Committee Chair, National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers,  
2019-present

Master's clinical project committee member for Helen Im, "School-Aged Children of  
Child Maltreatment: Implications, coping, and preparation for the Cottage"  
April, 2020

Master's clinical project committee member for Abby Joannes, "Baby's NICU Stay: A  
caregiver's guide to a stay in the NICU" May, 2020

## **Reviewing**

Invited reviewer for National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers conference  
proposals, October, 2013.

Invited reviewer for *Guiding Young Children (8<sup>th</sup> Ed.)* textbook. 2013.

Review Board member; Journal of Language and Literacy Education (JoLLE),  
2005-2008. 2005: 1 manuscript; 2006: 1 manuscript; 2008: 1 manuscript

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

National Association for the Education of Young Children

Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children

National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers

Southern Early Childhood Association