

University of Louisiana at Lafayette

College of Education Faculty Curriculum Vitae

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Education	Doctorate of Philosophy, Special Education Curriculum and Instruction, Louisiana State University Education Specialist, Early Childhood, University of Southwestern Louisiana Master's of Education – University of Southwestern Louisiana Bachelor of Science – Southern Illinois University Professional Certifications – Current Illinois Certification - Early Childhood Special Education, Elementary Education Learning Behavior Specialist I, Learning Behavior Specialist 1-Supervising Current Louisiana Certification – Early Intervention/Noncategorical Preschool, Elementary Education, and Mild/Moderate Mental Impairment 1-12
Teaching Philosophy	I believe as a teacher of future special education teachers I have a responsibility to model as many of the principles of our field as possible in my classes. I try to differentiate instruction and individualize my instruction as needed. I want to push each of my students to reach higher than they may believe possible and to provide the supports they need to reach those potentials. At the same time I want to foster their independence and motivate them in their desire to seek out new evidence based practices to meet the unique needs of their future students. I want to emphasize the importance of forming partnerships with families and other professionals to enhance the field of special education and in particular inclusive education. I want to provide concrete instructional content and pedagogy that will assist them in linking their new skills to real life experiences in the classroom. In order to meet the principles of individualized special instruction I need to stay current in the field and to model the importance of participating in ongoing professional development and professional learning communities to promote maximal learning for all children.

<p>Bio</p>	<p>Throughout Dr. Wadsworth’s teaching career she has actively participated in community, state, university, and professional organizations at the local, state, and national levels in the areas of special education. At the community level Dr. Wadsworth is a member of Lafayette Parish Schools Preschool Inclusion Community Team and the Lafayette Parish Partners in Early Childhood Education.</p> <p>At the state level she was appointed by the LA Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to serve as higher education’s representative on the Louisiana Special Education Advisory Panel from 1995-2012. She was appointed by the governor of Louisiana to serve on State Interagency Coordinating Council for services to children Birth to three years of age with disabilities and their families from 2000 to 2008. Since 2008 she has served as a member of the State’s Special Quest Leadership Team for inclusive early childhood education (sponsored by Hilton Foundation/Head Start).</p> <p>At the university Dr. Wadsworth currently serves as Co-Chair of the College of Education Commencement Committee, faculty advisor to the Student Council for Exceptional Children, member of the Faculty Senate since 2004, elected member of the university Academic Affairs Committee and university Graduate Council. She was recently selected as the College of Education’s representative on the university Strategic Program Review Committee. Chair and primary author of special education programs accreditation reports.</p> <p>Dr. Wadsworth is an active member of the Council for Exceptional Children. She is currently a member of the Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) Executive Board and has served this organization as president, treasurer, and representative to its international delegate assembly. She is also an active member of the Division for Early Childhood of CEC and was an elected member of its international executive board for three years (2008-10). She has been a treasurer, secretary and president of the Louisiana Sub-division for Early Childhood.</p> <hr/>
<p>Courses Taught</p>	<p>Selected Courses Taught since 2009: SPED 404G – Behavioral Approaches to Managing Students with Mild/moderate Disabilities SPED 405G – Foundations of Early Childhood and Early Intervention</p>

	<p>SPED 406G – Physical and Medical Management in the Classroom</p> <p>EDCI 407 – Understanding and Facilitating Play</p> <p>SPED 414G – Interdisciplinary and Interagency Teaming</p> <p>SPED 420G – Reading, Instructional Program Planning and Implementation for Early Intervention Special Education</p> <p>SPED 422G – Working with Families of Young Children</p> <p>SPED 423G - Identification and Evaluation of Young Children</p> <p>SPED 428G – Language Arts Intervention for Students with Disabilities</p> <p>SPED 456G – Prevocational and Vocational Skills for Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities</p> <p>SPED 483G – Methods for Elementary Students with Disabilities</p> <p>SPED 484G – Assessment and Evaluation for Elementary Students with Disabilities</p> <p>SPED 491G – Foundations in Inclusive Education</p> <p>SPED 495G – Special Projects in Special Education included (<i>Applied Learning Theories, Teaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders, and Post Secondary Transition Issues</i>)</p> <p>SPED 502 – Education the Exceptional Child</p> <p>SPED 507 – Clinical Education Diagnosis</p> <p>SPED 535 – Consultation and Collaboration in Special Education</p> <p>SPED 539 – Advanced Assessment</p> <p>SPED 560 and 561 – Elementary and Secondary Special Education Inclusion Internships</p>
Research Interests	Inclusive Education for all ages and Partnerships and Collaboration with families and professionals
Teaching Experience	<p>Teaching experience beyond UL Lafayette include adjunct instructor McNeese State University, guest lecturer at Southeastern Louisiana University and Louisiana State University. (All in the late nineties)</p> <p>Public school teaching experience prior to that time with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with disabilities, resource room with students with learning disabilities, and self-contained classrooms of student with cognitive disabilities.</p>
Publications	<p>Trahan, M., Olivier, D., & Wadsworth, D. (2014-2015). Fostering Special Education Certification Through Professional Development, Learning Communities, and Mentorship. <i>Journal of the American Academy of Special Education Professionals (JAASEP)</i></p> <p>Wadsworth, D. E. (2014) Diversity in the Classroom. In W. A.</p>

	<p>Rieck <i>Teaching in Secondary Schools</i>, 5th edition. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing Co.</p> <p>McCartney, R. W. & Wadsworth D E.(2013). Learning Benefits for K-5 Students with Pets and Other Living Organisms on the Environmental Playground. <i>Teaching and Learning</i>. 8(1) 35-55.</p> <p>McCartney, R. W. & Wadsworth D. (2012). Middle School Students with Exceptional Learning Needs Investigate the use of Visuals for Learning Science. <i>Teaching and Learning</i>,7(1), 1-20.</p> <p>Rieck, W. A., Dugger-Wadsworth, D. E. and Bourque, A. (September 2011). <i>Making PDS Work for Inclusive Special Education</i>. PDS Partners, 7(2), 7-8.</p> <p>Wadsworth, D. & Handler, B. (2011). <i>The History of Special Education in Louisiana</i>, Richardson, Crain-Dorough, Lane, and Roberts(Eds.),. <i>Education in Louisiana</i>, Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing Co.</p> <p>Rieck, W. A. & Wadsworth, D.E. (2008-9) From Broadway to the Classroom. <i>The Clearing House</i> 81(4), 165-168.</p>
Presentations	<p>2014 – October 9, “Play Benefits for All Children on an Integrated Playground”. Division of Early Childhood International Conference with R. McCartney and P. E. Wadsworth, Jr., St. Louis, MO</p> <p>2014 – January 27, “Different Perspectives: A Common Core Discussion” with G. Beckers, and D. Strauss. Louisiana 33rd Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA.</p> <p>2013 – November 9, “Using Pets and an Environmental Playground to Enhance Teacher Candidate and Student Learning,” with R. McCartney and P. E. Wadsworth, Jr., 35th Annual International Teacher Education Division Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children, Fort Lauderdale, FL</p> <p>2013 – January 28-29, “ COMPASS: Where are We Going? A Panel Discussion with G. Beckers, D. Strauss, K.Guillot, J. LaFleur, S.Julian Robinson. Louisiana 32nd Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA</p> <p>2013 – January 28-29, “Creating a Playground that Enhances</p>

	<p>Learning Opportunities for ALL Children with R. McCartney. Louisiana 32nd Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA</p> <p>2012, April “Play Benefits Enhanced On An Integrated Playground” with R. McCartney and J. Downs, International CEC Annual Convention and Expo, Denver, CO.</p> <p>2012, April “Lessons from the Arts” with W. Rieck and P. Wadsworth, Jr. International CEC Annual Convention and Expo, Denver, CO.</p> <p>2012, April “Collaboration to Improve Transition and Postschool Outcomes with L. Price and J. Downs, International CEC Annual Convention and Expo, Denver, CO.</p> <p>2012, March “Administrators and Inclusion”, with W. A. Rieck, Professional Development Schools National Conference, Las Vegas, NV</p> <p>2012, February “Fostering Special Education Certification Through Professional development, Learning Communities, and Mentorship with M. P. Trahan and D. F. Olivier, Southwest Education Research Association, New Orleans, LA</p> <p>2012, January “Science Learning on the Playground for all Children”. With R. McCartney, LA Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA</p> <p>2012, January “Update on Transition in Louisiana” . LA Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA</p> <p>2011, March 13 “<i>Accent on Special Education</i>”, with W. A. Rieck, 2011 Professional Development Schools National Conference, New Orleans, LA</p> <p>2011, January 24-25. <i>Best Practices in Transition Academics</i>, half day workshop with L. Price, P. Bole, and K. Wilson, Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette, LA</p> <p>2011, January 24-25. <i>Best Practices for Successful Employment</i>, half day workshop with L. Price, P. Bole, & K. Wilson, Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette, LA</p>
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2011, January 24-25. *How to Juggle It All and Still Leave Smiling*, with M. Boudreaux and A. Allardyce, Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette, LA

2010, May 19 *Implementing evidence-based practices: Research in practice in states and Districts*. With L. Price, K. Rone-Wilson, and P. Bole, Fourth Annual Secondary Transition State Planning Institute, Charlotte, NC.

2010, April 23, *Preparing Preservice Teachers in Inclusive Education Settings*, with W. Rieck, and B. Handler, International Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Nashville, TN

2010, January 25, *Putting a Face on Transition: Exploring Louisiana Postschool Data*. with L. Price, P. Bole, K. Rone Wilson, Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA

2010, January 26, *A Transition Vision for Louisiana* with L. Price, P. Bole, and K Rone Wilson. Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA

2010, January 26 *Tools for Guiding the Development of Quality Inclusive Early Childhood Education*. Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA

2009, November 14, with W. A. Rieck, *Accent on Special Education – Inclusive Preservice Teaching Experiences*. International Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Charlotte, NC.

2009, October 31 . with L. Price, P. Bole, and K. Rone Wilson, **(could not attend but co-authored paper presented)** - *A Transition Vision for Louisiana: Clues in the Postschool Outcome Data*, Council for Exceptional Children National Division on Career Development and Transition Conference, Savannah, GA

2009, April 3, with W. A. Rieck. *Keeping play as an instructional tool in early childhood education*, International Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Seattle, WA

March 12-15, 2009, *Accent on Special Education* with W. A. Rieck. (proposal accepted unable to present). Professional

	<p>Development Schools National Conference, Daytona Beach, FL.</p> <p>2009, January 26, with L. Price and P. T. Bole, <i>Positively Influencing Post School Outcomes at Home and throughout Louisiana</i>, Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA</p>
Grants	<p>Graduate School Recruitment Grant for Special Education MAT Program, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, \$500., December 2012</p> <p>Putting a Face on Transition, D. Wadsworth, Project Director, \$48,000.(LA Department of Education – IDEA Discretionary Funds.) (2009-2011).</p> <p>Special Education Inclusive Professional Development Site Project from Louisiana Department of Education, IDEA Discretionary Funds, 2007-2010, funded, Wadsworth – Project Director in collaboration with W. A. Rieck, H. Beasley, and L. Prejean, Total \$377,224.</p> <p>Very Special Arts, W.A. Rieck Project Director, D. Wadsworth co-investigator, \$5000., 2008-2009.</p> <p>TOTAL Grants during tenure at university to present \$971,743.60</p>
Conferences Attended	<p>International Conference Council for Exceptional Children 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009</p> <p>International Teacher Education Division of Council for Exceptional Children Conference – 2013, 2012, 2011, 2009</p> <p>International Division for Early Childhood Conference – 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2014</p> <p>National Professional Development School Conference -2012, 2011</p> <p>Louisiana Super Conference on Special Education -2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014</p> <p>Annual Secondary Transition State Planning Institute - 2010</p>
Professional Memberships	<p>Council for Exceptional Children, Teacher Education Division CEC Division of Early Childhood CEC Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities – CEC Special Education Small Programs Caucus – TED Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society</p>
Awards	<p>-Kathy Authement Prouet Endowed Professorship in Special</p>

	<p>Education 2004-2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -University Outstanding Advisor 2005-2012 -Joan and Alexander Haig Endowed Professorship in Education 2000-2004 -Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children Special Education Leadership Award – 2013 -Outstanding graduate – College of Education, USL 1998 -Chapter 376 Council for Exceptional Children Outstanding University Special Educator Award 1998 -Nominee National Student Council for Exceptional Children Advisor Award 1994-95
Additional Skills	Selected June 2006 by Louisiana Department of Education as member of state team to participate in Strategic Instruction Methods Training (SIM) University of Kansas.
Dissertation	“Understanding families’ definitions and perspectives of family-centered early intervention programs”.
Other Professional Experience	<p>Consultant Claiborne Parish Early Childhood Education Programs,</p> <p>Consultant St. Landry Parish Early Childhood Education Programs.</p> <p>Service Coordinator Regional Special Education Service Unit for Low Incidence Disabilities</p>
Service -	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Established and directs Special Education Learning Clinic (2007-present)- tutoring services for students with disabilities in area school districts -Advisor to the director of the newly created Intellectual Disabilities Project at the university / LIFE (learning is for everyone.) <hr style="border: 0.5px solid blue;"/>