

Curriculum Vitae
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Current Position:

Assistant Professor of Special Education, The University of Texas at Tyler, School of Education

Education:

August, 2014	Ph.D. University of North Texas, Denton, TX Major: Special Education – Specialization in Emotional/ Behavior Disorders
August, 2008	M.Ed. University of North Texas, Denton, TX Major: Special Education – Specialization in Emotional/ Behavior Disorders
May, 2002	B.A. University of Toledo, Toledo, OH Major: Early Childhood Education

Professional Certification Held:

Certified Texas teacher (SBEC) for Elementary Self-Contained, Grades (1-6)
Certified Texas teacher (SBEC) for Early Childhood Education, Grades (PK-KG)
Certified Texas teacher (SBEC) for English as a Second Language Supplemental, Grades (1-6)

Academic Certification:

Behavioral Specialist Certificate: University of North Texas, Denton, TX
Specialist in Re-Integration of Students with Traumatic Brain Injury, Denton, TX
Transition Specialist in Emotional/Behavioral Disorders, Denton, TX

Professional Experiences:

2014-2015 Field-Based Researcher/Coordinator, University of North Texas –
Department of Educational Psychology (Special Education) – Leadership
Program in Behavioral Disorders

- 2011–2014 Graduate Research Assistant
Program in Special Education, University of North Texas, Denton,
TX
- 2007-2010 Classroom Teacher: Inclusive 4th Grade Classroom
Plano ISD: Mendenhall Elementary School, Plano, TX
- 2005-2010 Team Leader: Kindergarten and 4th Grade
- 2003-2007 Classroom Teacher: Inclusive Kindergarten Classroom
Plano ISD: Mendenhall Elementary School, Plano, TX
- 2002-2003 Classroom Teacher: Inclusive Kindergarten Classroom
Judson ISD: Crestview Elementary School, San Antonio, TX

Scholarship/Professional Publications:

- Zolkoski, S. M.** (July, 2015). App review: Class DoJo. *Behavior Today* [online journal].
- Zolkoski, S. M.** (April, 2015). App review: TeacherKit. *Behavior Today* [online journal].
- Zolkoski, S. M.** (February, 2015). App review: Teacher’s classroom BEHAVIOR PRO. *Behavior Today* [online journal].
- Zolkoski, S. M.** (November, 2011). Benefits of CEC membership. *CEC Today* [online journal].

Peer Reviewed:

- Bullock, L. M., **Zolkoski, S. M.**, & Estes, M. B. (accepted). School-based mental health: An international perspective. *Journal of Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties*.
- Carrero, K. M., Lewis, C. G., **Zolkoski, S. M.**, & Lusk, M. E. (2014). Teaching play skills to children with autism. *Beyond Behavior*, 23(3), 17-25.
- Bullock, L. M., **Zolkoski, S. M.**, & Estes, M. B. (2014). School-based mental health and student services. *Journal for Effective Schools*, 12(1), 39-61.
- Bullock, L. M., Gable, R. A., Lewis, C. G., Collins, E. R., **Zolkoski, S. M.**, Carrero, K. M., Lusk, M. E. (2013). Ensuring successful outcomes for students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. *Preventing School Failure*, 57(1), 2-6.
- Zolkoski, S. M.**, & Bullock, L. M. (2012). Resilience in children and youth: A review. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 34, 2295-2303.
- Zolkoski, S. M.**, & Bullock, L. M. (in review). Resilience: Perspectives of graduates

from alternative education programs. *Preventing School Failure*.

Lusk, M. E., Sayman, D., **Zolkoski, S. M.**, Carrero, K., & Lewis, C. G. (in review) Playing well with others: Co-teaching in higher education. *Journal of Teacher Education*.

Lewis, C. G., Sayman, D., Carrero, K., Gibbon, T., **Zolkoski, S. M.**, & Lusk, M. E. (in review). Strategies for developing cultural competence among pre-service teachers. *Journal of Teacher Education*.

Book Chapters:

[Invited] Zolkoski, S. M., & Carrero, K. M. (accepted, 2015). Fathers in early intervention. *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Contemporary Early Childhood Services*. Thousand Oaks, CA.

Membership in Professional Associations (National/International):

- 2011-present Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)
- Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders
 - Teacher Education Division
 - Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities
 - Division for Culturally & Linguistically Diverse Exceptional Learners
 - Division for Early Childhood Education

Scholarship Groups:

- August, 2015 – present Multi-Discipline Scholarship Group, bi-weekly meetings
- January, 2014 – present Productive Scholars Writing Group hosted by University of Kansas – Dr. Kathleen Lane, monthly meetings

Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Fellow Teaching/Supervisory Experience:

- Summer, 2014 Co-Instructor – Special Education (5620): Educational Programming for Children and Youth with Severe Behavioral Disorders
- Summer, 2014 Co-Instructor – Special Education (5320): Functional Behavioral Assessment
- Summer, 2014 Co-Instructor – Special Education (5630/5640/5340): Supervisor, Field Experiences with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
- Spring, 2014 Co-Instructor – Special Education (5630/5640): Supervisor, Field Experiences with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
- Spring, 2014 Co-Instructor – Special Education (5615): Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Fall, 2013	Co-Instructor – Special Education (5630/5640): Supervisor, Field Experiences with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
Fall, 2013	Co-Instructor – Special Education (5320): Introduction to Functional Behavioral Assessment
Summer, 2013	Co-Instructor – Special Education (5630/5640): Supervisor, Field Experiences with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
Summer, 2013	Co-Instructor – Special Education (5320): Introduction to Functional Behavioral Assessment
Spring, 2013	Co-Instructor – Special Education (5615): Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports
Fall, 2012	Co-Instructor – Special Education (5320): Introduction to Functional Behavioral Assessment
Summer, 2012	Co-Instructor – Special Education (5630/5640): Supervisor, Field Experiences with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
Summer, 2012	Co-Instructor – Special Education (EDSP 5665): Advanced Transition Planning for Students with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders
Summer, 2012	Co-Instructor – Special Education (EDSP 5684): Traumatic Brain Injury
Spring, 2012	Co-Instructor – Special Education (EDSP 5684): Traumatic Brain Injury
Fall, 2011	Co-Instructor – Special Education (EDSP 5684): Traumatic Brain Injury
Summer, 2011	Co-Instructor – Special Education (EDSP 5684): Traumatic Brain Injury

Graduate Research Assistant, Doctoral Fellow Experience – Professional Conferences & Forums, Planning Assistance:

April, 2013	Volunteer for Council for Exceptional Children Conference Council for Exceptional Children, San Antonio, TX
April, 2012	Membership recruiter & information distribution for CCBD Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Denver, CO
April, 2011	Membership recruiter & information distribution for CCBD

Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Washington, DC

Related Professional Involvement and Experiences:

- Manuscript Reviewer
CCBD *Beyond Behavior*
- Manuscript Reviewer
American Psychological Association *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*
- Manuscript Reviewer
Elsevier Editorial System *Children and Youth Services Review*
- Manuscript Reviewer
Elsevier Editorial System *Mental Health & Physical Activity*
- Proposal Reviewer
Teacher Education Division 2015 Conference, Tempe, Arizona
- Proposal Reviewer
Teacher Education Division 2014 Conference, Indianapolis, IN
- Proposal Reviewer
Teacher Education Division 2013 Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Proposal Reviewer
Teacher Education Division 2012 Conference, Grand Rapids, MI

Conferences/Presentations:

- April, 2015 (with M. B. Estes & L. M. Bullock) *School-Based Intervention Strategies to Meet the Mental Health Needs of Children and Adolescents*
To be presented at CEC Convention and Expo
Conference San Diego, CA
- Nov., 2014 (with L. M. Bullock) *Resilience: Perspectives of Graduates from Alternative Education Programs*
Presented at Annual Teacher Education Division – CEC
Conference Indianapolis, IN
- Nov., 2014 (with M. E. Lusk, C. G. Lewis, & K. M. Carrero) *Models of Co-Teaching in Higher Education*
Presented at Annual Teacher Education Division – CEC
Conference Indianapolis, IN

- Nov., 2014 (with C. G. Lewis, K. M. Carrero, & M. E. Lusk) *Strategies for Developing Cultural Competence Among Pre-Service Teachers*
Presented at Annual Teacher Education Division – CEC
Conference Indianapolis, IN
- Oct., 2014 (with L. M. Bullock and M. B. Estes) *What Schools Can Do to Meet the Mental Health Needs of Children and Adolescents*
Presented at Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders
Conference Tempe, Arizona
- July, 2014 (with L. M. Bullock) *Resilience Among Graduates from Alternative Education Programs*
Presented at Division of International Special Education and Services – CEC
International Conference Braga, Portugal
- July, 2014 (with L. M. Bullock and M. B. Estes) *Mental Health Needs of Students*
Presented at Division of International Special Education and Services – CEC
International Conference Braga, Portugal
- Nov., 2013 (with M. E. Lusk, C. G. Lewis, and K. Carrero) *Co-Teaching in Higher Education: Special Educators Working Together for Our Students*
Presented at Annual Teacher Education Division – CEC
Post Conference Session Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Sept., 2013 (with K. Carrero, C. G. Lewis and M. E. Lusk) *Teaching Pretend Play to Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder*
Presented at Council for Children with Behavior Disorders – CEC
Conference Chicago, IL
- May, 2013 *EBD and PBIS*
Teaching Students with Disabilities in General Education
Augusta State University Augusta, GA
- Nov., 2012 (with C. G. Lewis and M. E. Lusk) *Two's Company! Facilitating Pre-Service Teachers' Capacity to Develop Effective Relationships with Paraprofessionals.*
Presented at Annual Teacher Education Division – CEC
Conference Grand Rapids, MI
- Oct., 2012 (with C. G. Lewis) *Children and Youth with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*
Educational Aspects of Exceptional Learners
University of North Texas Denton, TX

- Oct., 2012 (with C. G. Lewis) *Social Development is Important Too: Best Practices for Teaching Social Skills*
Presented at Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders Conference
Tempe, AZ
- April, 2012 {Invited} (with M. E. Lusk and C. G. Lewis) *From Pre-service Teacher to Teacher: How to Obtain a Teaching Position*
Presented at the CEC Convention and Expo Conference
Denver, CO
- March, 2012 (with C. G. Lewis) *Teaching Writing to Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*
Advanced Educational Strategies for Exceptional Learners
University of North Texas
Denton, TX
- Nov., 2011 (with C. G. Lewis) *Teaching Writing to Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*
Advanced Educational Strategies for Exceptional Learners
University of North Texas
Denton, TX
- Nov., 2011 (with K. M. Carrero) *Effective Collaboration between Parents and Early Childhood Practitioners*
Presented at Annual Teacher Education Division – CEC Conference
Austin, TX
- Sept., 2011 (with C. G. Lewis) *Teaching Writing to Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*
Presented at Council for Children with Behavior Disorders – CEC Conference
New Orleans, LA

Awards and Honors:

- 2013 Graduate Student Excellence – Doctoral Award from the University of North Texas Department of Educational Psychology
- 2013 Featured Scholar – Teacher Education Division-CEC
- 2010-2014 Recipient of U.S. Department of Education Grant for Doctoral Leadership Program in Behavioral Disorders

Research Interests:

- Increasing effective classroom instruction for all students with disabilities, particularly students with emotional and behavior disorders
- Resilience in children and youth with special needs

- Improving mental health and educational professionals' collaboration for all students, particularly students with emotional and behavior disorders
- Parental Involvement in school, specifically father involvement

Teaching:

Assistant Professor, Course Teaching Experiences

Fall, 2015	EDSP 3351 – Managing and Instructing Diverse Learners University of Texas at Tyler
Fall, 2015	EDUC – Instructional Programs for Students with Severe and Multiple Disabilities – University of Texas at Tyler
Fall, 2015	EDSP 5368 - Educational Strategies for Special Education University of Texas at Tyler

Field-Based Researcher/Coordinator

Spring, 2015	EDSP 5630/5640/5340 – Supervisor, Field Experiences with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders – University of North Texas
Spring, 2015	EDSP 5615 – Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports Co-Instructor University of North Texas
Fall, 2014	EDSP 5630/5640/5340 – Supervisor, Field Experiences with Emotional/Behavioral Disorders University of North Texas
Fall, 2014	EDSP 5320 – Introduction to Functional Assessment Co-Instructor University of North Texas