

Candice McKinnon

Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Early Childhood Studies
School of Education
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Education

- Ph.D., Curriculum & Instruction: Early Childhood Education** 2024
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL
Dissertation: *Head Start Teachers' Contemplative Journeys with Stress, Self-Awareness, and Interactions: A Narrative Inquiry*
Major Professor: Jolyn Blank, Ph.D.
- M.Ed., Early Childhood Education** 2014
Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA
- B.A., English Literature with a minor in Education** 2012
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

Professional Appointments

Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Studies | Fall 2024 – Present
School of Education (SOE)
California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI)

Online Visiting Professor of Early Childhood Education | Spring 2024
School of Teacher Preparation, Administrative, and Leadership (TPAL)
New Mexico State University (NMSU)

Teacher Educator Experience

- California State University Channel Islands (CSUCI)** Fall 2024 – Present
Early Childhood Studies Program (ECS) – Undergraduate
ECS 468: Early Language Literacy and Math Development Ages 3-8: Multicultural/Multilingual
ECS 471: Preschool/Primary Student Teaching
- New Mexico State University** Spring 2024
Master of Arts in Early Education: Scholarly Non-Licensure Program
ECED 5110 Working with Young Children with Diverse Abilities

ECED 5520 Literacy Development in Early Childhood
EDUC 5170 Action Research Projects

University of South Florida

2019-2021

Early Childhood Education Program – Undergraduate
EEC 4316 Assessment & Evaluation of Young Children
EEC 4942 Field Experience II
EEC 4943 Field Experience III
EEC 4321 Mathematics for Young Children

Early Childhood Education Teaching Experience

Head Start Teacher | 10/21 – 04/22
Lincoln Elementary Magnet School | Plant City, FL

PreK & Kindergarten English Coordinator | 2018-2019
Al Sa'ada Kindergarten & Cycle 1 School | Al Ain, Abu Dhabi

PreK & Kindergarten Teacher and Team Leader | 2017- 2019
Al Sa'ada Kindergarten & Cycle 1 School | Al Ain, Abu Dhabi

PreK Teacher | 2015 -2017
Al Budoor Kindergarten | Mohammed Bin Zayed City, Abu Dhabi

First Grade Teacher | 2013 – 2015
Stonewall Tell Elementary School | College Park, GA

Publications (Selected)

Berson, I. R., Berson, M. J., **McKinnon, C.**, Aradhya, D., Alyaeesh, M., Luo, W., & Shapiro, B. R. (2023). An exploration of robot programming as a foundation for spatial reasoning and computational thinking in preschoolers' guided play. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 65, 57-67. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecresq.2023.05.015>

Presentations (Selected)

McKinnon, C., Jones, F., Patterson, K. (2024, May). *Redefining Effectiveness using the Principles for Black Equity*. [Workshop Session]. Grantmakers for Effective Organizations National Conference, Los Angeles, CA, United States.

McKinnon, C., Akinloye, A., Jones, F., Patterson, K. (2023, June). *New Standards of Effectiveness: Conversations and Tools for Philanthropy*. [Symposium Session]. 2nd Annual Equity & Justice Symposium: Collaboration as Resilience, San Marino, CA, United States.

Berson, I. R., Berson, M. J, **McKinnon, C.**, Aradhya, D., Alyaeesh, M., & Luo, W. (2022, July). *An exploration of spatial reasoning as a foundation for computational thinking in preschoolers' guided play*. Presentation at the 74th OMEP "Organization Mondiale pour l'Éducation Préscolaire" World Assembly and Conference, Athens, Greece.

Berson, I., Berson, M., **McKinnon, C.**, Aradhya, D., Alyaeesh, M. (2021, April). *Understanding and Supporting Young Children's Computational Thinking* [Conference session]. American Educational Research Association 2021 Conference, Virtual.

Lee, F., **McKinnon C.**, Romo, G., Rutledge, L., Stanton, S. (2014, April). *Empowering African American Students to Become Change Agents in Their Community* [Conference session]. 9th Annual Sources of Urban Educational Excellence Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Professional Training and Certificates

Certificate in Evaluation – University of South Florida, 2022

Florida Educator Certification-Prekindergarten/Primary Education (Age 3-Grade 3), 2021

Florida Educator Certification-Elementary Education (K-6), 2021

Florida Educator ESOL Endorsement, 2021

Georgia Educator Certification- Early Childhood Education (P-5), 2013

Georgia ESOL Endorsement, 2013

Awards and Recognition

Summer Dissertation Completion Fellowship, \$9,000 | 2024
University of South Florida

THUSFAR Endowed Scholarship, \$1000 | 2021 - 2022
University of South Florida

Catherine & John Lott Brown Scholarship, \$1000 | 2021 - 2022
University of South Florida

Graduate Teaching Assistantship | 2019 – 2021
University of South Florida