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Education

2006- 2011- University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida.

Degree: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Curriculum and Instruction
Concentration: Special Education
Cognate: Religious Studies
Major Professor: Dr. Ann Cranston-Gingras
Co-Major Professor: Dr. Jeannie Kleinhammer-Tramill
Dissertation: *Guided by the Spirit: Understanding Student Behavior and Theological
Philosophy through the Lens of Secondary Catholic School Teachers*
Honors: Summa Cum Laude

2003-2006- University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida.

Degree: Masters of Arts in Special Education
Concentration: Varying Exceptionalities
Honors: Summa Cum Laude

2001-2003- University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois.

Degree: Bachelors of Arts
Major: Special Education
Honors: Summa Cum Laude

1999- 2001- Illinois Valley Community College in Oglesby, Illinois.

Degree: Associates in Arts
Honors: Magna Cum Laude

Professional Experiences

Mount St. Mary's University
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Responsible for teaching both undergraduate and graduate courses related to special education

Lecturer of Education

August 2011- October 2011

Assistant Professor of Education

October 2011- present

University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida

December 2006- August 2007- Graduate Research Assistant-
A Graduate Assistant for Dr. James Paul. I was responsible for organizing and analyzing large amounts of letters regarding memories of teachers. ATLAS.ti, a data analysis program, was used to code the letters.

Graduate Assistantships

December 2006 to August 2010

December 2006-May 2008- Graduate Research Assistant-

A Graduate Assistant for Dr. Jeannie Kleinhammer-Tramill. Some of my responsibilities included: participating in writing research grants, creating and disseminating recruitment materials for the doctoral program and scholarship opportunities, and monitoring budgets for research grants.

August 2007- December 2007; August 2008-December 2008-

Graduate Teaching Assistant-

A Graduate Assistant for Dr. Patricia Alvarez McHatton. During these semesters, I supervised Level III interns in secondary settings. My responsibilities included: creating and presenting orientation materials, providing on-site support to both cooperating teachers and interns at the practicum sites two days a week, conducting informal and formal observations, facilitating online discussions using Blackboard and Elluminate, and assisting with facilitation of the Practicum Seminar class.

December 2008-May 2010- Graduate Teaching Assistant/Associate and Graduate Research Assistant-

A Graduate Assistant for Dr. Elizabeth Shaunessy. During these semesters, I co-taught a Master's level class and assisted with Master's level courses from the Gifted program. My responsibilities included: planning and organizing materials, course development (aligning course objectives to professional standards and preparing course readings and assignments) as well as assessing and providing feedback on student work. During December 2009 to May 2010, I assisted Dr. Shaunessy with her grant, Project REACH. My responsibilities included: developing code sheets for SAS, administration of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills (ITBS) to third grade classrooms, and developing materials and presentations for Family meetings and Teacher trainings.

August 2009-August 2010- Graduate Teaching Associate-

Instructor for undergraduate course in special education

**U.S. Department of Education,
Office of Special Education
Programs**
Washington, DC

Internship
June-July 2008

Completed a 6-week internship at the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) in the Research to Practice Division under the supervision of Dr. Bonnie Jones. While at OSEP, I learned first-hand how the Research to Practice Division funds and manages discretionary grants funded by the Individuals with Disabilities Act. In addition, I was responsible for completing tasks that were assigned such as: engaging in complex policy and data analyses, developing exemplar OSEP Program Performance Measures, assisting with the 2008 Project Directors Meeting, and assisting other OSEP Project Officers with grant related activities.

University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida

*Florida Mental Health Institute
(FMHI)- Division of Applied
Research and Evaluation
Support, Child and Family
Studies*
August 2006

A behavioral consultant for the research project titled, "Evidence-Based Interventions for Severe Behavior Problems: Prevent- Teach- Reinforce (PTR) Model". My responsibilities included: designing and implementing behavior support plans with classroom teachers and providing coaching to teachers on how to implement interventions.

Westgate Elementary School
St. Petersburg, Florida

ESE Teacher
2004-2006

A full-time teacher who taught in a 2nd-3rd grade Emotionally Handicapped Exceptional Student Education self-contained classroom.

University Teaching Experiences

Mount St. Mary's University:

- SPED 308- Education of Children with Exceptionalities
- SPED 411/MSPED 511- Methods and Management for Inclusive Settings
- MSPED 508- Education of Children with Exceptionalities

University of South Florida:

- Instructor: EEX 4070- Integrating Exceptional Students in General Education Settings
- TA: EGI 6415- Consultation, Counseling, and Guidance of Gifted Students
- TA: EGI 5051- Nature and Needs of Gifted Learners
- TA: EEX 5752-901- Working with Families: A Pluralistic Perspective
- TA: EEX 4941-001- Practicum in ESE (Level III Practicum)

Teaching Certifications

Learning Behavior Specialist 1 *Illinois Initial* Teaching Certificate issued in the State of Illinois on 06/02/2003 (expiration 07/01/2014).

Exceptional Student Education (Grades K-12) Florida Professional Educator's Certificate issued in the state of Florida on 07/01/2004 (expiration 6/30/2014).

Publications

Mucci, A., & Cranston-Gingras, A. (2011). A foundation for reflection and questioning: Philosophy course requirements in Teacher Education Programs at selected Catholic colleges and universities. *Catholic Education Journal: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice*, 14(4), 371-390.

Semon, S. R., Edge, C., **Mucci, A.**, Applegate, J., & Kleinhammer-Tramill, J. *Becoming special education teacher educators: An exploration of first year doctoral student experiences.* (submitted 2/2011 to Teacher Education and Special Education)

Presentations (State and National)

Mucci, A. *Sue: Leap of faith.* Fifth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry & Couch-Stone Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 5/2009. [Proposal accepted- did not present]

Semon, S., Kleinhammer-Tramill, J., Applegate, J., **Mucci, A.**, & Edge, C. *Becoming teacher educators: An exploratory study.* American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Chicago, IL 02/2009.

McHatton, P. & **Mucci, A.** *The reality of co-teaching: I didn't sign up for this!* Annual Conference of the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Dallas, TX 11/2008.

Mucci, A. & Semon, S. *Reflections on an internship experience at the U.S. Department of Education.* Annual Conference of the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Dallas, TX 11/2008.

Kleinhammer-Tramill, J., Semon, S., & **Mucci, A.** *Becoming teacher educators: An exploratory study.* Annual Conference of the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Dallas, TX 11/2008.

Mucci, A., Semon, S., Farmer, J., Steen, A., Dias, L., & Ferreira, K. *The experiences of doctoral students in special education.* Florida Council for Exceptional Children 62nd Annual Conference, Sarasota, FL 10/2008.

Mucci, A. *My treasure*. Fourth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry & Couch-Stone Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL 5/2008.

Mucci, A. *Learning disabilities*. The Department of Special Education Second Annual Graduate Symposium at the University of South Florida, Tampa, FL 3/2008.

Mucci, A. *An illustration of classroom-based positive behavior support*. Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention and Expo, Salt Lake City, UT 4/2006. [Proposal accepted—did not present]

Mucci, A. *An illustration of classroom-based positive behavior support*. The Second International Conference on Positive Behavior Support, Tampa, FL 3/2005.

Jackson, M., **Mucci, A.**, & Balich, C. *Electronic collaboration and mentoring with preservice teachers*. Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention and Expo, Seattle, WA 4/2003.

Jackson, M., **Mucci, A.**, & Balich, C. *Using technology with preservice teachers in special education*. Illinois Council for Exceptional Children, Schamburg, IL 11/2002.

Grants Awarded

Applegate, J., Kleinhammer-Tramill, J., Semon, S., & **Mucci, A.** (2007). *Becoming Teacher Educators: An Exploratory Study*. University of South Florida College of Education—Office of the Associate Dean for Research (Mini-Grant Research Program). \$5,000.00.

McHatton, P., Allsopp, D., Colucci, K., & Cranston-Gingras, A., & **Mucci, A.** (2006). *Personnel development to improve services and results for children with disabilities*. U.S. Department of Education—Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (CFDA 84.325T). \$500,000.00.

Professional Organizations

American Educational Research Association (2007- present)
Division K- Teaching and Teacher Education (2007- present)
SIG- Religion and Education (2007- present)
SIG- Catholic Education (2009- present)
Association for Positive Behavior Support (2005-2006)
Council for Exceptional Children (2002- present)
Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders (2006-2007)
Teacher Education Division (2008- present)
Delta Epsilon Sigma Honor Society (2003- present)
Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honor Society) (2002- present)
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (2004- present)
Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (2000- present)
US Figure Skating Association (2010- present)

Awards and Other Accomplishments

- March 2011- Silver test medalist in Moves in the Field. Passed the following US Figure Skating Tests: Adult Pre-Bronze Moves in the Field (MIF), Adult Pre-Bronze Free Skate, Adult Bronze MIF, Adult Silver MIF
- January 2008- Recipient of the 2008 Merit Scholarship from the Graduate & Professional Student Council at the University of South Florida.
- September 2007- A member of The National Scholars Honor Society
- November 2004- A member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society at the University of South Florida- Tampa.
- March 2004- A member of the Outstanding Student Honor Society at the University of South Florida- Tampa.
- May 2003- Recipient of the Dean Scholar Award from the College of Education at the University of St Francis.
- May 2003- Recipient of the Meritorious Service Award from the College of Education at the University of St. Francis.
- April 2003- Delta Epsilon Sigma Honors Society at the University of St. Francis.
- April 2002- Kappa Delta Pi (Education Honor's Society) at the University of St. Francis.
- 2001- Recipient of the Franciscan Scholarship at the University of St. Francis.
- 2000-2001- Phi Theta Kappa from Illinois Valley Community College.
- 1999- Recipient of the Who's Who Among Students award from Illinois Valley Community College.
- 1998-1999- Recipient of the Who's Who Among Students award from Ottawa Township High School.
- 1997-1998- Recipient of the Who's Who Among Students award from Ottawa Township High School.

Relevant Experiences

<p>Westgate Elementary School St. Petersburg, Florida</p> <p><i>School Volunteer</i> 2003-2004</p>	<p>A Pinellas County School Volunteer who volunteered in a 2nd-3rd grade Emotionally Handicapped Exceptional Student Education self-contained classroom.</p>
<p>Big Brother/Big Sister Volunteer Program Joliet, Illinois</p> <p><i>Volunteer</i> August-December 2001</p>	<p>During a semester at the University of St. Francis, I worked with my “little brother” one day a week on his school work.</p>
<p>University of St. Francis Joliet, Illinois</p> <p><i>Preservice Teacher Field Experiences</i> 2001-2003</p>	<p>Fall 2001- Beginning Field Experience- Two mornings a week for a full semester in third, fourth, and sixth through eighth grade classrooms at Chaney-Monge School in Crest Hill, Illinois, and had 58 hours of observation and participation.</p> <p>Spring 2002- Full semester Reading practicum at A.O. Marshall School in Joliet, Illinois as a reading tutor for the Reading Power Program.</p> <p>Fall 2002- Intermediate Field Experience- Five mornings a week for a full semester of observation and participation in a third through fifth grade Instructional Special Education Classroom at Lakewood Falls Elementary School in Plainfield, Illinois.</p> <p>Spring 2003- Advanced Field Experience- Five days a week for a full semester of teaching in a fourth and fifth Inclusion and Resource Special Education setting at Lakewood Falls Elementary School in Plainfield, Illinois.</p>
<p>Joliet Park District Joliet, Illinois</p>	<p>Special Recreation Joliet and Channahon (SRJC) (1999-2001)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Figure Skating - Bocce Balls/ Special Olympics - Motor Skills Coordination Class <p>Skating School (1999-2000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Taught Figure Skating to beginners including children and adults. Some of the group classes I was assigned to teach include: pre-alpha, power, adult
<p>Ottawa Township High School Ottawa, Illinois</p> <p><i>Student Volunteer</i> 1999</p>	<p>Student Assistant in the Adaptive P.E. class</p>

<p>Easter Seals Ottawa, Illinois</p> <p><i>Volunteer</i> 1991-1996</p>	<p>I worked with students as part of the volunteer program who had speech impairments, physical impairments, emotional and learning disabilities. After 1996, I volunteered for field trips and other activities that occurred at the Easter Seal center or in the community.</p>
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Service Activities

<p>Graduate Committee Mount St. Mary's University</p> <p><i>Member</i> August 2011-present</p>	<p>Serves on the Graduate Committee for the Department of Education in the School of Education and Human Services.</p>
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<p>Educators for Justice Mount St. Mary's University</p> <p><i>Advisor</i> August 2011- present</p>	<p>Serves as an advisor to this student organization.</p>
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<p>International Youth Sports Foundation Tampa, Florida</p> <p><i>Volunteer</i> December 2010-February 2011</p>	<p>Assisted with teaching basic ice skating and hockey skills to individuals with disabilities.</p>
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<p>WeSkate classes Clearwater Ice Arena, Clearwater, Florida</p> <p><i>Volunteer</i> December 2010-February 2011</p>	<p>Assisted instructors with group classes in teaching basic ice skating skills. Some of the classes I assisted with include: Pre-Alpha, Tots, Adults.</p>
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<p>University of South Florida Tampa, Florida</p>	<p>Associate Editor for the Higher Education Consortium for Special Education (HECSE) Newsletter (March 2008-July 2009)</p> <p>Teacher Education Committee (October 2007-August 2010)</p>
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<p>Illinois Valley Community College Oglesby, Illinois</p> <p>May 2003</p>	<p>Provided a radio testimonial for Illinois Valley Community College</p>
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<p>University of St. Francis Joliet, Illinois</p> <p>2002</p>	<p>Interviewed candidates for the position of Dean for the College of Education</p>
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