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Professor
Rhode Island College

Doctor of Philosophy in Education Rhode Island College 2010
Dissertation: The Role of Pedagogical Documentation in Young Children's Thinking Processes (2012 Recipient of Honorable Mention Doctoral Dissertation Award by URI Kappa Delta Pi)

Masters of Education Rhode Island College 1996 Individualized Program –
Administration and Early Childhood

Bachelor of Science Indiana University of Pennsylvania 1986 Child Development and
Family Relations (Minor in Early Childhood)

Rhode Island Life Professional Certification Pre-K – 2 (#33817)

Professional Experience

2015 – Present	Professor Early Childhood Rhode Island College Feinstein School of Education and Human Development Providence, RI
2001 – 2015	Assistant Professor Early Childhood Rhode Island College Feinstein School of Education and Human Development Providence, RI
2001- 2002	Trainer EASTCONN/Connecticut Charters-A-Course New Haven, CT
1997 – 2001	Assistant Professor/Kindergarten Teacher Henry Barnard School Rhode Island College Providence, RI
1997 – 1998	Technical Consultant Quality 2000 Rhode Island Child Care Training System Pawtucket, RI
1994 – 1997	Director/Head Teacher Children's Discovery Centers of America, Inc. Wakefield, RI

1995 – 1996 Regional Director
Children’s Discovery Centers of America, Inc.
Wakefield, RI

1988 – 1994 Program Director/Head Teacher
Growing Children of Rhode Island
Wakefield, RI

1987 – 1988 Toddler Teacher
Dartmouth College Child Care Center
Hanover, NH

1986 – 1987 Director of Education/Toddler Teacher
Little People Day Care
Lancaster, PA

Awards/Special Recognition

2016 Recipient of the FSEHD Dean’s Recognition Award

2014 Nominated for Rhode College Faculty Leadership Award

2012 Recipient of Honorable Mention Doctoral Dissertation Award by URI
Kappa Delta Pi

2012 Recipient of FSEHD Dean’s Recognition for Extraordinary and Visionary Effort

2007 Recipient of the Rhode Island Special Friend of Children Award

2000 Feather Award – Rhode Island Department of Human Services

Current Professional Assignments and Activities

FSEHD Early Childhood Undergraduate Program Co-Coordinator since 2008

Governor Appointed Member of the Rhode Island Early Learning Council

Scholarly Work

Publications

Zoll, S., Feinberg, N., Pinheiro, B., Sevey, L. (2021). Found in Oz, the Ruby Slippers to Embracing Digital Classrooms through Appreciative Inquiry. *Planning & Changing Journal*. Illinois State University.

Sevey, L. (2014). How do we partner with families to access their funds of knowledge? In

Nemeth, K. (Ed.). *Young dual language learners: A guide for prek-3 leaders*. Philadelphia, PA: Caslon. 50 (3).

Sevey, L. & Cloud, N. (2014). How do we connect with community resources to enhance the effectiveness of our program? In Nemeth, K. (Ed.). *Young dual language learners: A guide for prek-3 leaders*. Philadelphia, PA: Caslon.

Cordeiro, P. & Sevey, L. (2013). The brilliance of children. *LEARNing landscapes*, 7(1). pp. 113-128.

Products

Sevey, L. and Grant-Orphanides, S. (2019). *RIELDS Course: Responsive Caregiving with Infants and Toddlers*. Rhode Island Department of Education.

Grants

- 2021 Rhode Island Department of Human Services - Rhode Island College , B3 CUS Cohort. (\$61,606.00).
Principal Investigators: Leslie Sevey & Susan Zoll
Objective: Deliver the B2 CUS to two cohorts of Infant/Toddler care providers.
- 2018 Rhode Island Department of Human Services - Rhode Island College Infant Toddler Higher Education Pathway (\$80,000.00 + \$91,821.00).
Principal Investigators: Leslie Sevey & Susan Zoll
Objective: Develop and Pilot a pathway to earning college credits for Spanish-Speaking Family Child Care Providers.
- 2014 Rhode Island Department of Education - Rhode Island College Institute for Early Childhood Teaching and Learning (\$952,925.00).
Principal Investigators: Leslie Sevey & Karen Castagno
Objective: To create an innovative Institute in support of the Early Childhood Workforce obtaining bachelor degrees.
- 2013 Rhode Island Department of Education - Higher Education Inventory Grant (\$25,000.00).
Principal Investigator: Leslie Sevey
Objective: To inventory the RIC/FSEHD Early Childhood Program and align with the RI Workforce Knowledge and Core Competencies.
- 2002 Professional Development Grant, RIC, FSEHD
- 2001 Professional Development Grant, RIC, FSEHD
- 2000 Professional Development Grant, RIC, FSEHD

1999 Association of Childhood Education International, Elizabeth Breathwaite
Mini-Grant

Peer Reviewed Presentations

Sevey, L. & Zoll, S. (2019). *New Education Pathways for Spanish-Speaking Family Child Care Providers*. Workshop presented at Zero To Three National Conference, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

Zoll, S., Sevey, L., & Castagno, K. (2018). *Understanding the Current Early Childhood Workforce: A Study of Participants of an Alternative Bachelor's Degree Program*. Paper presented at the New England Educational Research Organization Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, NH.

Sevey, L. & Glantz, T. (2018). *Using Cross-Disciplinary Teaching to Prepare Early Care and Education Professionals*. Paper presented at the New England Educational Research Organization Annual Meeting, Portsmouth, NH.

Ripstein, B., & Sevey, L. (2018). *Nurturing Scientific Curiosity Through Exploration and Discovery: Selecting Materials and Strategies That Cultivate Scientific Skills and Knowledge*. Workshop presented at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Orlando, FL.

Castagno, K., Sevey, L., & Zoll, S. (2016). *No Instructional Designer! Now What?* Workshop presented at the Quality Matters Annual Conference, Portland, OR.

Capraro, K. & Sevey, L. (2014). *Rethinking the Mathematical Practicum: Investigating Co-Teaching as a Way to Better Prepare Preservice Teachers*. Research in Progress Roundtable presented at the New England Educational Research Organization (NEERO) Annual Meeting.

Sevey, L. (2011). *The Role of Pedagogical Documentation in Supporting Young Children's Thinking Processes*. Research Poster Session presented at the NAEYC National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development.

Sevey, L. & Ripstein, B. (2011). *Promoting Critical Thinking in Young Children Through Pedagogical Documentation*. Workshop presented at the NAEYC Annual Conference.

Sevey, L. (2011). *The Role of Pedagogical Documentation in Supporting Young Children's Thinking Processes*. Research Poster Session presented at the NAEYC Annual Conference.

Kern, D. & Sevey, L. (2005). *Book Bags: Linking Home, School, and Students' Learning*. Workshop presented at the Lesley Literacy Conference.

Professional Presentations

- 2020 RI Association for Infant Mental Health (RIAIMH), Co-Presented with Susan Zoll “Learning Stories and Video Analysis: Documenting Play to Improve Practice”
- 2018 - 2019 Wonder of Learning Professional Development Series (3-part series)
- 2018 RI Early Childhood Conference, Co-Presented “Family Engagement: Maximizing Partnerships.
- 2008 NALS Conference, Presented “Developing Young Children’s Mathematical Concepts Through Games
- 2005 Lesley Literacy Conference, Presented “ Children Write Math”
- 2004 Lesley Literacy Conference, Presented “Book Bags: Linking Home, School, and Students’ Learning
- 2004 New England AEYC Conference, Presented “Using Book-bags to Support Literacy and Social Development
- 2000 Keys to Quality Conference, Presented “NAEYC Re-accreditation Program”
- 1999 Lesley – NE Kindergarten Conference, Presented “Math Games To Go”
- 1999 NAEYC National Conference, Presented “Intentional Acts of Kindness”
- 1999 NAEYC Annual Spring Conference, Presented “ Intentional Acts of Kindness”
- 1998 NALS Northeast Regional Conference, Presented “Intentional Acts of Kindness”
- 1997 Keys To Quality Conference, Presented, “Enhancing Your Math Center with Literature”
- 2005 Johnson & Wales University, Participated as a member of the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Administration and Leadership DACUM team
- 2004 Rhode Island College Convocation of Scholars Week, Guest Panelist, “Policy and Standards in Early Education”
- 2005 Participated in the United Way, Children Youth and Families Summit
- 2002 Professional Development Grant, Rhode Island College, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, Attended Educational Conference presented by Bev Boss

- 2001 Professional Development Grant, Rhode Island College, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, Attended Lesley Kindergarten Conference
- 2001 Professional Development Grant, Rhode Island College, Feinstein School of Education and Human Development, Attended NAEYC National Conference “Constructing Curriculum through Collaboration and Collegiality”
- 1999 ACEI Elizabeth Breathwaite Mini-Grant Recipient, “Seeds of Learning”

Public, University and Professional Service

Rhode Island College

- 2016 - Present Co-Chair RIC Mission and Goals Committee
- 2013 - 2015 Served as the Chair of the RIC Council (two terms)
- 2010 - 2014 Served on the RIC By-Laws Committee
- 2010 - 2014 Represented Elementary Education for two terms on the RIC Council
 - 2008 – 2009 Served on the RIC Committee on Academic Policies and Procedures
 - 2007 – 2008 Served on the Committee on College Lectures
- 1998 - 2000 Rhode Island College, Cultural Diversity Committee

Feinstein School of Education and Human Development / Elementary Education

- 2017 - Present Elementary Education Department Advisory Committee (DAC)
- 2015 - Present Assessment and Program Improvement Committee (APIC)
 - 2006-Present FSEHD ELED Admissions, Retention, and Exit Committee Chair
 - 2001 -Present FSEHD ELED Member of Early Childhood Undergraduate Committee,
 - M.Ed. Early Childhood Committee, RIC Early Childhood Advisory Board

Henry Barnard School

- 2000 – 2001 Henry Barnard School, Principal’s Advisory Committee
Staff Development Committee

1999 - 2000 Henry Barnard School, Mentoring Program
Principal's Advisory Committee
Staff Development Committee

1998 – 1999 Henry Barnard School, HBS Advisory Committee
Staff Development Committee

Local and National Service

2020 Member of the Early Learning Council Early Grades Workgroup

2020 Member of RI Kids Count High-quality Family Child Care System
Workgroup

2019 Reviewer for The New Educator Journal. Reviewed manuscript
(UTNE-2019-0800)

2015 - 2018 Reviewer for the New England Educational Research Organization
(NEERO) Annual Conference.

2018 - Present Member of the RI Kids Count Think Babies Steering Committee

2017 - 2018 Member of the RI Infant/Toddler Credential Workgroup

2016 Reviewer for Zero To Three Critical Competencies

2016 - Present Appointed to Serve on the Rhode Island Learning Council

2015 - Present Member of the RI T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Advisory Board

2015 - 2017 Member of RI Kids Count Infant/Toddler Policy Steering Committee

2014 - 2015 RI Kids Count Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families Policy Priority
Development Group

2012 - 2015 NAEYC/NCATE (CAEP) Program Reviewer

2013 - 2014 RIDE Workforce Knowledge and Core Competency Framework for
Professional Development Providers and Higher Education Faculty/Staff
Development Team

2013 United Way Grant Reviewer

2012 - 2015 Member of the RI Early Learning Council Workforce Subcommittee
Workgroup

- 2010 - 2012 Member of RI Early Childhood Workforce Knowledge and Competencies for Educators Development Team
- 2008 Served as a member of the RIDE Milken Educator Award Blue Ribbon Panel
- 2008 – 2014 Served on the RIDE RI Early Learning Standards Advisory Group
- 2001 – 2008 FSEHD ELED Member of Early Childhood Undergraduate Committee, M.Ed. Early Childhood Committee, RIC Early Childhood Advisory Board
- 1998-2006 / 2012 - Present
Member of the RI Association for the Education of Young Children Governing Board. Positions held: President, Treasurer, NAEYC Affiliate Council Representative, NAEYC Affiliate Council Executive Committee
- 2006 Member of Ad Hoc Committee – Plan for supporting best practices in RI Child Care Licensing
- 2006 - 2007 Member of Advisory Board for The Institute for Early Childhood Leadership and Professional Development Johnson & Wales University School of Education
- 2006 Member of the Rhode Island Quality Rating System Partnership, Standards and Measurement Work Group
- 2006 Participated as a member of Standard Setting Study to validate ETS early childhood practice and early childhood content knowledge tests
- 2005 Johnson & Wales University, Participated as a member of the M.Ed. in Early Childhood Administration and Leadership DACUM team
- 1999 - 2006 Represented Rhode Island College as a member of the Rhode Island Early Childhood Conference Planning Committee. Conference co-chair
- 2002 Chair 2003 Week of the Young Child Family Festival in conjunction with the State Home and School Project at Rhode Island College Memorial Dedication, “Honoring our Past”
- 2001 Member of the Lesley University Kindergarten Conference Steering Committee
- 2000 Member of the Practitioner’s Work Group for the Rhode Island Early Learning Standards Project
- 1994 - 2004 NAEYC Validator

Professional and Academic Association Memberships

Member National Association for the Education of Young Children since 1986
Member of Zero To Three
Member of National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators
Member of Rhode Island Association for Infant Mental Health
Member of the North American Reggio Emilia Alliance

Professional Development

2021 Participated in the RIAIMH Annual Summer Conference (4 hours)

Participated in FSEHD PLS Clinical Partnerships

2020 Completed ISTE Summer Learning Academy, “Online Learning” (15 hours)

Participated in FSEHD PLS Clinical Partnerships

Completed Zero To Three Faculty Institute, “Critical Competencies for Infant-Toddler Educators”

2019 Participated in FSEHD PLC FUSE Fellows

Participated in FSEHD PLC Clinical Partnerships

Attended the Think Babies Campaign, “Early Childhood Development: Education & Advocacy: AAP Chapter Partnership with Think Babies Campaign”

Attended the RI Kids Count Policy Roundtable, “Infants and Toddlers in the Child Welfare System”

Participated in the RIAEYC Advocacy Day/Luncheon

Attended the FSEHD EdTech@RIC Expo

Attended the Lipsitt-Duchin Lecture in Child Youth Behavior and Behavior, “A Vision for Birth-to-Five Public Policy to Nurture Child Development”

Attended the RI Kids Count Factbook Breakfast

Completed Mosaic Course, “Preventing Discrimination and Harassment Together: Faculty and Staff”

- Attended RIAIMH Baby Leadership Learning Collaborative (LLC)
- 2018 Attended the RIAEYC Early Childhood Advocacy Day
- Attended the RIAEYC Conference as a participant and presenter
- Attended the FSEHD screening, “Beyond Measure” and participated as a member of the discussion panel
- Attended the RI Kids Count Policy Roundtable, “Working Parents, Child Care, and Paid Family Leave in Rhode Island”
- Participated in a RI Kids Count sponsored discussion about Infant/Toddler Educator/Home Visitor Compensation Strategy
- Attended Governor Raimondo’s Announcement to Ensure High Quality Child Care in Rhode Island
- 2017 Participated in the RIAEYC Early Childhood Advocacy Day
- Participated in RIDE Training, “Kindergarten Curriculum Project - Boston Public School Curriculum”
- Attended the NAREA RI Brick by Brick Series, “Healthy Uncertainty: Examining the Role of the Teacher Through the Language of Clay
- Attended the AACTE Quality Support Workshop - Midwest
- Attended the RIDE Educator Preparation Calibration Session
- Attended the NAREA New England Brick by Brick Series, “Wondering and Learning Together”
- Participated in the RIAEYC Early Childhood Conference Leadership Reception and Discussion with Stacie Goffin
- Attended the RIAEYC Early Childhood Conference, “Building Advocacy in the Early Childhood Workforce”
- Attended the LISC Leadership Forum, “Workforce of Today - Workforce of Tomorrow, RI”
- Contributed Written Comments regarding, “Proposed Child Care Center and School Age Licensure”
- 2016 Participated in the RI Association for Infant Mental Health (RIAIMH) training,

- “Expanding Infant/Early Childhood Mental Health Principles and Practices
- Participated in Quality Matters training at RIC, “Applying the QM Rubric”
- Attended Governor’s Summit on Early Education and Care
- Completed CLASS © training - Toddler
- Attended the Quality Matters Conference
- Attended the NAEYC National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development
- Attended Zero To Three Annual Conference
- 2015 Attended Quality Matters Online Learning Conference
- Attended CAEP Conference
- Attended, “Why Your Institution Might Violate the ADA & What You Can Do,” at RIC
- 2014 Attended RI Kids Count Issue Brief Release, “Reading by the End of Third Grade Matters”
- Attended Healthy Early Childhood Development Symposium
- 2013 Participated in the FSEHD iPad Learning Community
- Attended EASTCONN, “Common Core Mathematics for Teachers of Young Children: Focused, Rigorous, Conceptual, and Fun to Teach!”
- Participated in a Study Tour to Reggio Emilia Italy
- 2012 Attended RI - NAREA, “Emergent Curriculum II: Process of Learning”
- Attended RI - NAREA, “Reflections and Implications of Study Tour to Reggio Emilia”
- Attended RI - NAREA, “A Reggio Emilia-inspired Workshop with artist Holly Ewald”
- 2011 Attended RI - NAREA, “Mindfulness in Documentation 2”
- Attended LESLEY University Explorations in the Reggio Emilia Approach

- Pre-Institute, “Creating Cultures of Inquiry: Documenting the Whole Child in an Age of Accountability”
- Attended NAEYC/NCATE Reviewer Meeting
- Attended NAECTE Annual Meeting
- Attended NAEYC, “Professional Preparation Standards: A Self-Study Workshop for Faculty”
- 2008 Attended RI - NAREA, “Mindfulness in Pedagogical Documentation I”
- Attended RI Kids Count, “Diverse Delivery of PreK: Opportunities and Challenges”
- 2007 Attended RIAEYC, “Fitting the Pieces Together”
- 2006 Attended the RI Child Care Policy Research Partnership Symposium
- Attended “A New Standard of Excellence: What you Need to Know about NAEYC’s New Early Childhood Program Standards and Accreditation Criteria”
- Attended RIDE training for the RI PreK - 12 Literacy Policy