

MICHAEL A. BARLA, ED.D.

CURRICULUM VITAE

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

Fontbonne University – St. Louis, MO **2015-Present**
Assistant Professor of Education

- EDU 270 Introduction to Learner Diversity
- ECE/FCS 232 The Young Child
- EDU 325/525 Individual Assessment & Approaches in Early Childhood Special Education
- ECE/FCS 551 Administering Programs for Children & Families
- EDU 307 Methods of Teaching Early Childhood Special Education
- ECE/FCS 230 Infant & Toddler Development
- CTE 508 ASD: Communication and Social Competence
- EDU 394/595 Counselling Techniques
- Final Clinical Experience Supervisor (Fall 2015 & Spring 2016)

Fontbonne University – St. Louis, MO **2013-2015**
Adjunct Faculty

- EDU 307 Methods of Teaching Early Childhood Special Education
- ECE/FCS 230 Infant & Toddler Development

Maryville University – St. Louis, MO **2013-2014**
Adjunct Faculty

- EDUC 460/660 Early Childhood Curriculum

University of Northern Colorado – Greeley, CO **2014-2015**
Adjunct Faculty

- EDSE 534 Research, Policy, and Advocacy in Early Childhood Special Education Online via Blackboard
 - EDSE 530 Family/Professional Partnerships Online via Blackboard
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EDUCATION

Doctor of Education **Maryville University, St. Louis, MO** **2011**

Department of Educational Leadership
Advisor: Leonard Keith Kinder, Ed.D.
Capstone Title: *The Impact of Central Factors in the Initial Referral and Assessment Process on Parent Satisfaction of Preschool Students*

Master of Educational Leadership **Missouri Baptist University, St. Louis, MO** **2009**

Department of Education
Action Research Title: *Parent Satisfaction Regarding the Initial Referral and Assessment Process in Early Childhood Special Education*

Master of Science **Illinois State University, Normal, IL** **1987**

	Speech-Language Pathology	
Bachelor of Science	Illinois State University, Normal, IL Speech-Language Pathology	1986
Associate of Arts	Illinois Valley Community College, Ogelsby, IL General Studies	1984

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Certificate of Clinical Competence (CCC-SLP), American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
 - Principal Kindergarten – 8th grade – Missouri: Expired 8/31/2017
 - Early Childhood Special Education Birth – 3rd grade – Missouri: Expires 8/31/2108
 - Speech and Language Specialist Kindergarten – 12th grade – Missouri: Expires 8/31/2108
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
 - Council for Exceptional Children
 - Missouri Division of Early Childhood
 - Missouri Retired Teachers Association
 - Division of Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children
 - Teacher Education Division – Council for Exceptional Children
 - Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society – Initiation 2/17/2017
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PARTICIPATION IN THE FIELD

- Division of Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children
 - Member-at-Large – Executive Board for the Division of Early Childhood July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015
 - Executive Director Search Committee Coordinator (Spring 2013)
 - Executive Board Nominations Committee Member (Spring 2016)
 - Protection & Wellbeing Special Interest Group (Fall 2016)
 - Policy Team Leader (Spring 2017 – Present)
- Early Learning Community Steering Committee, Parkway School District (2015-Present)
 - Parkway Early Learning Finance Subcommittee (2015-Present)
 - Parkway Early Learning Foundation Co-Chair (Fall 2016-Present)
- CTE Curriculum Review Committee, Rockwood School District (2016)
- National Early Childhood Special Education Inclusion Summit (DEC Annual International Conference: Atlanta, GA) – Invited Participant (October 2015)
- Chapter Reviewer for Cengage Learning – *Strategies for Including Children with Special Needs in Early Childhood Settings* by Klein, Cook, Richardson-Gibbs, & Nielsen (February 2016)
- Rockwood School District Career Fair – Education Representative – (February 2016)
- Delta Gamma Center for Children with Visual Impairments – Program Services Committee (2015-Present)

- Missouri Educator Evaluation System Training (Fall 2015)
 - Rockwood School District: Parents as Teacher's Advisory Panel (Fall 2015 – Present)
 - Building a Comprehensive Early Childhood Program Participant (Fall 2016)
 - Reviewer for the Division of Early Childhood Monograph: *Families Recommended Practices* (Fall 2016)
 - Conference Proposal Reviewer: Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children (June 2017)
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UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Fontbonne University
 - Academic Appeals Committee (2016-2017)
 - Library Advisory Committee (2015-Present)
 - Tunnel of Oppression Convener – LGBTQIA Issues (2015-2016)
 - Conversations on the Common Good Participant (2015-2016)
 - Faculty Advisor – Future Educators (2015 – 2016)
 - President's Committee on Diversity & Inclusion (2016-Present)
 - Institutional Review Board Member (2016-Present)
 - Course Evaluation Task Force (2016-Present)
 - Dedicated Semester on Identity Committee (2016-Present)
 - Peace & Justice Committee (2016-Present)
 - Fontbonne Academic Success Team Committee (2016-2017)
 - Funded a screening of *Paper Tigers* (10.25.2016)
 - Dorm Move-In Day Volunteer (Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2017)
 - Career Day Volunteer (Fall 2016)
 - Interviewer for Final Clinical Experience Seminar (Fall 2015)
 - Education/Special Education Open House Faculty Representative (Fall 2015)
 - CAEP Accreditation Participant (Spring 2016)
 - Stereotype Threat Learning Circle (Spring 2016)
 - Urban League Dinner Faculty Representative (Spring 2016)
 - Green Dot Training Participant (Spring 2016)
 - Safe Zone Training Participant (Fall 2016)
 - Diversi-TEA Invited Faculty Participant (2015-2016)
 - Fontbonne Day of Service: Forest Park Forever (Spring 2016)
 - Omicron Delta Kappa National Day of Service (Spring 2017)
 - Faculty Sponsor – FLARE: LGBTQIA Student Group (Fall 2016-Present)
 - Faculty Sponsor – Student Council for Exceptional Children (Fall 2016-Present)
 - Thesis Committee Member: Ian Farmer (Fall 2017)
 - Facilitator for *The Intersection of Educational Disabilities/Exceptionalities and Identity* (10.25.2017)
 - Undergraduate Academic Committee (2017-2019)
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AREAS OF INTEREST

- Assessment Process in Early Childhood Special Education
 - Anti-Bias Work in Early Education
 - Early Childhood Education and Development
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PRESENTATIONS

- “Leader-shiping – The Act of Guiding Someone Else’s Vessel” - Ignite Presentation - Division of Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, Minneapolis, MN, October 2012
 - “Come Join Me in Becoming Part of the Dignity Revolution” – JANUS Seminars, Fontbonne University, Fall 2016
 - “Come on – Join Me in Becoming Part of a Dignity Revolution” Breakout Session – Illinois Child & Family Connection Conference-South (4.26.2017)
 - “Learning to Lead – Leading to Learn” Keynote Presentation – Illinois Child & Family Connection Conference-South (4.26.2017)
 - “Come on – Join Me in Becoming Part of a Dignity Revolution” Breakout Session – Illinois Child & Family Connection Conference-North (5.11.2017)
 - “Learning to Lead – Leading to Learn” Keynote Presentation – Illinois Child & Family Connection Conference-South (5.11.2017)
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PUBLICATION

Barla, M. Message from the DEC Executive Board. *Young Exceptional Children*, 16.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Director of Early Childhood Education

Rockwood School District
 Chesterfield, MO 63005
 July 2010 – June 2015

- Responsible for the oversight of a large suburban early childhood program including a tuition-based preschool, an Early Childhood Special Education program, Parents as Teachers and Screening programs comprising an 11 million dollar budget.
- Leader in the continued journey toward total integration of the general education and special education departments including an emphasis on diversity and inclusion of all students and families.
- Active participation in the Missouri Division of Early Childhood as the coordinator of the local conference for two years and the co-chairperson of the Local Arrangements Committee for the National Division of Early Childhood Conference in October 2010.

Process Coordinator – Early Childhood Special Education

Rockwood School District
 Chesterfield, MO 63005
 July 2003 – June 2010

- Coordinated implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for the Early Childhood Special Education program including compliance with state and federal regulations and policies governing the delivery of special education services.
- Coordinated the Missouri School Improvement Process ensuring the program met high standards for the implementation of special education.
- Provided professional development trainings specific to special education law and compliance.
- Completed transition meetings for children enrolled in the Missouri First Steps program.

Coordinator – Early Childhood Special Education

Fort Zumwalt School District
O'Fallon, MO 63366
July 2002 – June 2003

- As the Coordinator of Early Childhood Special Education for one year, I led the program in providing comprehensive special education services for preschool aged children.

Educational Diagnostician – Early Childhood Special Education

Fort Zumwalt School District
O'Fallon, MO 63366
July 1999 – June 2002

- As an Educational Diagnostician, I coordinated the special education process including referral, assessments, and Individual Education Plans. I completed transition meetings for children enrolled in the Missouri First Steps program.

Educational Diagnostician – South Middle School

Fort Zumwalt School District
O'Fallon, MO 63366
July 1995 – June 1999

- As an Educational Diagnostician, I coordinated the special education process including referral, assessments, and Individual Education Plans.

Speech-Language Pathologist – Forest Park Elementary School

Fort Zumwalt School District
O'Fallon, MO 63366
August 1991 – June 1995

- As a Speech-Language Pathologist for four years, I provided comprehensive Speech & Language Therapy and educational services for children in a self-contained language classroom for grades 3, 4, and 5.

Speech-Language Pathologist – Orange County Public Schools

Orlando, FL
August 1990 – June 1991

- Provided comprehensive Speech & Language Therapy for children with communication delays in pre-kindergarten through fifth grade at Dover Shores Elementary School and for high school aged students with significant developmental delays at University High School.

Speech-Language Pathologist – Grundy County Special Education Cooperative

Morris, IL
January 1988 – June 1990

- Provided comprehensive Speech & Language Therapy services for children with various communication impairments including articulation, language, voice, and fluency delays attending pre-kindergarten through fifth grade.