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CURRICULUM VITA

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT: Assistant Professor of Special Education,
Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies
Western Michigan University

ACADEMIC DEGREES:

University of Kansas, School of Education, Lawrence, KS
Ph.D. Special Education, August 2009

Dissertation: Capturing the Pioneer Spirit: Family Perspectives about the Participant Direction of the HCBS Medicaid Waiver on Family Members with Significant Intellectual Disability

Loyola University Chicago, Chicago, IL
M.Ed. Special Education, January 2002
M.A. Catholic Studies, May 2000

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC
B.A. Afro-American Studies, May 1998

SPECIAL AWARDS AND HONORS:

Spotlight Member, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,
September 2010

Special Recognition, WMU Office of the Provost and Office of Faculty Development, New
Faculty Seminar, 2009-2010

Award for Achievement in Academic Research, KS chapter of AAIDD, Fall 2008

Grace Phinney Scholarship, School of Education, Fall 2006, 2008

Merit Scholarship, School of Education, Fall 2007, 2008

University of Kansas Black Faculty and Staff Student Achievement Award, Spring 2008

University of Kansas Black Faculty and Staff Academic Achievement Award, Spring 2006, 2007,
2008

David M. Dahlke Memorial Scholarship, School of Education, Fall 2007

Ruth M. Anderson Memorial Scholarship, School of Education, Fall 2007
Mini-Grant Award, Kansas Division on Early Childhood, Fall 2006
Kansas Bio Scholarship, Spring 2006
Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society, Member, Spring 2002
Salute to Educators Award, Families and Work Institute in Conjunction with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Fall 2001

WORK HISTORY:

Assistant Professor, Western Michigan University, Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies, 2009-Present
Graduate Research Fellow, University of Kansas, Beach Center on Disability, 2005-2009
Strategic Academic Tutor, University of Kansas-Department of Athletics, 2006-2009
Graduate Assistant, Loyola University Chicago School of Education, Student Academic Services, 1999-2001 & 2004-2005
Educational Consultant, Chicago, IL, 2002-2005
History and Theology Teacher and Educational Advocate for Students with Disabilities, Maria High School, 2002-2004
Intermediate Grade Teacher, St. Sabina Academy, 1998-1999

PUBLICATIONS:

Published Manuscripts:

Gross, J. S., **Wallace, L. S.**, Blue-Banning, M., Summers, J. A., & Turnbull, A. P. (2013). Examining the Experiences and Decisions of Parents/Guardians Participant Directing the Supports and Services of Adults with Significant Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (SIDD). *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*.

Whitten, E. Enicks, A., **Wallace, L.**, & Morgan, D. (2013). Study of a mixed reality virtual environment used to increase teacher effectiveness in a pre-service preparation program. Proceedings of the *First National TLE TeachLivE™ Conference*.

Submitted Manuscripts:

Wallace, L. (Revise and resubmit). The impact of Family Autism Camp on Families and Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders: An Evaluation of the Dakota Black Goose Family Autism Camp. *Journal of Outdoor Recreation, Education, and Leadership*.

Wallace, L. & Whitten, E. (Projected submission: Nov 1, 2013). The technology of teacher education: Preparing pre-service special education teachers using an integrated approach. *Journal on Excellence in College Teaching*.

Article Manuscripts Currently in Preparation:

Wallace, L. (Manuscript in preparation). Capturing the pioneer spirit: Creating inclusive, self-determined lives in the community for individuals with significant intellectual disabilities.

Unpublished Manuscripts:

Wallace, L., Turnbull, A. P., & Summers, J. A. (2010). Supporting individuals with significant intellectual disabilities to live with dignity, choice, and control in the community.

Wallace, L., Blue-Banning, M., & Turnbull, A. P. (2009). Why families choose the participant-directed use of HCBS Medicaid Waiver funds. Unpublished manuscript.

Wallace, L. (2007). Love Me, Love My Body: Creating Inclusive Learning Environments for Students in Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs. Unpublished manuscript.

GRANTS RECEIVED:

COEHD Teaching with Technology Faculty Learning Community Grant

Wallace, L. & Whitten, E. (2013). A Further Study of the Incorporation of TeachLIVE, Bug-in-the-Ear, and Apple iPads into the Teaching and Learning Process of 2nd Year Special Education Majors

Instructional Development Travel Grant, Office of Faculty Development

Wallace, L. (2013). To present research at the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference at Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI

Faculty Research and Creative Activities Award (FRACAA)

Whitten, E. & **Wallace, L.** (2010). Enhancing Teaching and Learning through the Use of Alternative Instructional Formats

Research and Development Award (RDA)

Wallace, L. (2010). Determining the Efficacy of Family Camps in Providing Informational and Emotional Support to Families of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

GRANTS APPLIED FOR:

Pepsi Fresh Project

Wallace, L. (2010). Bring a Family Autism Camp to MI to Benefit the Entire Family.

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY CLASSES TAUGHT:

SPED 4800-Introduction to Learning Disabilities
SPED 4810-Classroom Practicum with Learners with Learning Disabilities
SPED 4850-Education of Learners with Learning Disabilities
SPED 5800-Introduction to Learning Disabilities
SPED 6150- Transition-Focused Education and Services for Individuals with Disabilities
SPED 4270- Learners with Disabilities in Elementary Education Programs
SPED 4290-Learners with Disabilities in Secondary Education Programs

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CLASSES TAUGHT:

SPED 854-Family and Inter-Professional Collaboration in Special Education (College Student Teaching)

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS:

Upcoming Presentations:

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Wallace, L. (May 2013). *Preparing Effective Pre-Service Teachers using an Integrated Approach*. 5th Annual Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Academy: Allendale, MI.

Whitten, E., Morgan, D., **Wallace, L.**, & Enicks, A. (May 2013). *Using TeachLIVE as a Tool to Increase Active Teaching in Pre-Service Teachers*. TeachLIVE Conference: Orlando, FL.

Wallace, L. (May 2013). *Preparing Effective Pre-Service Teachers using an Integrated Approach*. Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching: Bethesda, MD.

Wallace, L. (June 2012). *Developing Support Mechanisms that Meet the Needs of Individuals with Disabilities in the African American Church*. American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Meeting: Charlotte, NC.

Wallace, L., Zhang, Z. & Shusterman, G. (June 2012). *Transition and Employment Services Task Force: A Call For White Papers Advancing Best Practices in the Field*. American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Meeting: Charlotte, NC.

Gross, J. & **Wallace, L.** (June 2012). *Examining Experiences and Decisions of Guardians Participant Directing Supports/Services for Adults with Significant IDD*. American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Meeting: Charlotte, NC.

Wallace, L. & Whitten, E. (February 2012). *Using Emerging Technologies to Improve the Teaching of Pre-service Special Education Students*. Association of Teacher Educators: San Antonio, TX.

Whitten, E. & **Wallace, L.** (November 2011). *Using Emerging Technologies to Improve the Teaching of Pre-service Special Education Students*. Teacher Education Division-Council for Exceptional Children National Conference: Austin, TX.

Whitten, E & **Wallace, L.** (October 2011). *Using Emerging Technologies to Improve Teaching Skills of Pre-service Students in SPED*. Teacher Educators for Children with Behavioral Disorders National Conference: Tempe, AZ.

Wallace, L & Whitten, E. (October 2011). *Using Emerging Technologies to Improve the Teaching of Pre-service Special Education Students*. Michigan Association of Teacher Educators: Detroit, MI.

Wallace, L. (June 2011). *Encouraging Family Support Through Participation in Family Autism Camp*. American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Meeting: Minneapolis, MN.

Whitten, E., **Wallace, L.**, & Morgan, D. (November 2010). *Innovative Teaching Practices in Teacher Education*. Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children National Conference: St. Louis, MO.

Wallace, L. S. (June 2009). *Capturing the Pioneer Spirit: Family Perspectives on Creating Exceptional Lives for Family Members with Significant Intellectual Disability*. American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Meeting: New Orleans, LA.

Wallace, L. S. (April 2009). *Pioneer Families: Creating Exceptional Lives in the Community for Exceptional Children*. Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention: Seattle, WA.

Wallace, L. S. (October 2008). *Why Families Choose the Participant Direction of HCBS Medicaid Waiver Funds*. InterHab Annual Meeting: Topeka, KS.

Wallace, L.S. (May 2008). *Why Families Choose the Participant Direction of HCBS Medicaid Services and Funds*. American Association of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Annual Meeting: Washington, DC.

Blue-Banning, M., Gross, J., Hartnett, J., Keeling, R., Lee, S. H., O'Neil, M., **Sayles Wallace, L.**, & Turnbull, A. (May 2007). *Adults with Intellectual Disabilities Living Inclusive and Self-determined Lives Through Individual Control of Funding and Creative Use of Resources: 'Nuts and Bolts' of Supports to Make It Happen*. AAIDD Annual Meeting 2-day Professional Workshop: Atlanta, GA.

Sayles Wallace, L. (May 2007). *Utilizing Support Brokerage as a Component of a Comprehensive Approach to Supports Coordination*. AAIDD Annual Meeting: Atlanta, GA.

Sayles Wallace, L. (March 2007). *Employment Realities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities in the State of Kansas*. Graduate and Professional Student Research Competition: Lawrence, KS & KU Professionals for Disability Student Conference: "Research to Practice": Lawrence, KS.

Wallace, L. S. (December 2006). *Employment Realities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities in the State of Kansas: Results*. Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities Quarterly Board Meeting: Topeka, KS.

Blue-Banning, M., Poston, D., Turnbull, A., **Wallace, L. S.** (November 2006) *Adults with Significant Cognitive Disabilities Controlling and Managing Their Own Funding: 'Nuts and Bolts' of Support from Families and Friends*. TASH TECH Pre-Conference Workshop: Baltimore, MD.

Turnbull, A., Blue-Banning, M., Poston, D., & **Sayles Wallace, L.** (May 2006). *What Does it Mean to Really Have Choice and Control over our Own Medicaid HCBS funds? (Symposium)*, AAMR Inclusion Summit 2006

Sayles Wallace, L. (March 2006). *Support Brokerage: Expanding Opportunities for Individual Control of HCBS Medicaid Funds*. 3rd Annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit: Topeka, KS & Graduate and Professional Association-Graduate Student Research Competition: Lawrence, KS.

Invited Presentations:

Wallace, L. (September 2013). *Preparing Effective Pre-Service Teachers Using an Integrated Approach*. First Annual Teaching and Learning Bash: Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI

Wallace, L. (panelist) (May 2013). *HSIRB and SoTL Research*. 5th Annual Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Academy: Allendale, MI.

Wallace, L. (panelist) (November 2012). *Inclusion Panel*. Community Advocates Transition Conference: Kalamazoo, MI.

Wallace, L. (January 2012). *Differentiation, Accommodations, and Modifications*. WMU-Student Michigan Education Association general body meeting: Kalamazoo, MI.

Wallace, L. (October 2011). *Communication is Key: Tools to Support Your Journey*. Family Disability Resource Day: Kalamazoo, MI.

Wallace, L. (panelist) (March 2010). *Getting from Here to There: Alumni Career Networking Event*. Loyola University Chicago, School of Education: Chicago, IL.

Wallace, L. S. (July 2009). *Capturing the Pioneer Spirit: Recommendations from the Journey*. Family Autism Camp: Lake Preston, SD.

Wallace, L. S. (July 2008). *Capturing the Pioneer Spirit: Lessons Learned Along the Way*. Family Autism Camp: Lake Preston, SD.

Wallace, L. S. (October 2007). *Love Me, Love My Body: Creating Inclusive Learning Environments for Students in Catholic Schools and Religious Education Programs (Keynote Address)*. Network of Inclusive Catholic Educators National Conference: Buffalo, MN.

Wallace, L. S. (September 2007). *Life is What You Make It: Protecting and Developing Your Assets & Creating Employment Opportunities that WORK!*. Jackson County Developmental Disabilities Organization-Visions Conference: Kansas City, MO.

Wallace, L. S. (July 2007). *The Pioneer Families Project: Pursuing Inclusive, Self-Determined Lives*. Family Autism Camp: Lake Preston, SD.

Wallace, L. S. (November 2006). *Employment Realities for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities in the State of Kansas: Survey Information Session*. Kansas Council on Developmental Disabilities-Creativity at Work: Small Business Development and Employment Innovations: Wichita, KS.

Invited Professional Development Trainings:

Wallace, L. (December 2012). *Modifications Workshop*. Milwood Magnet Middle School, Kalamazoo Public Schools: Kalamazoo, MI.

Wallace, L. (November 2012). *Accommodations and Modifications*. Milwood Magnet Middle School, Kalamazoo Public Schools: Kalamazoo, MI.

HONORS COLLEGE THESIS ADVISING:

Thesis advisor (current). Rebekah Hoffman. *What Parents Need to Know in the IEP Process: A Guide to the Law*. Lee Honors College Thesis

Thesis advisor (completed 2011). Jillian White. *Developing Practical ABA Tools for Families of Children with Autism*. Lee Honors College Thesis

Thesis advisor (completed 2011). Monica Spear. *Decreasing Wandering: An Intervention for Parents*. Lee Honors College Thesis

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

Committee member (current). Kathy Ann Huffman Boyer. *Evaluating the Use of the Math Reasoning Inventory for Improvement in Fraction Instruction*. Special Education

Committee member (2013). Derek R. Cooley. *Special Education Leadership and the Implementation of Response to Intervention*. Special Education.

Committee member-family and special education expert (2012). Manreet Reeti Kooner. *Parental Perceptions: Audiologists' Cultural Competence during Hearing Loss Diagnosis*. Speech Pathology and Audiology.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

Department-Special Education and Literacy Studies

Social Committee, 2009-present

Policy Committee, 2009

Department of Special Education, University of Kansas
50th Anniversary Advisory Committee, 2007-2008
Honors and Awards Committee, 2006-2007

College-Education and Human Development

Honors and Awards Committee

Appointment: January 2010-June 2014

Vice Chair, 2011-12

Chair, 2012-2013

University

Human Subject Institutional Review Board (HSIRB)

Appointment: October 2009-September 2015

Medallion Scholarship Competition

Faculty judge, 2011

KU Professionals for Disability (KUPD)

President, 2007-2008

Treasurer, 2006-2007

Social Committee, 2005-2006

Local

Community Advocates-ARC of Kalamazoo County, MI,

Member, Board of Directors, 2013-2015

Transition Conference Planning Committee, 2011-present

Family Disability Resource Day, Colloborative effort of WMU College of Education and Human Development, Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies, and Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kalamazoo, MI
Coordinator, 2011-present

Expressions of Love (Special Needs Ministry-Disability resource), Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Kalamazoo, MI
Member and Trainer, 2009-present

tiny-K, Douglas County, KS
Parent Involvement Committee, Member, 2007-2008
Child Find, Collaboration, and Public Awareness Committee, Member, 2006-2007

National

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, National Task Force on Transition and Employment
Co-Chair, 2010-2012

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Student and Early Career Professional Committee, 2008-present
Guide Program Co-Chair, 2008-2011

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Proposal Reviewer, Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2011

Council for Exceptional Children, Strategies for Entry to the Special Education Career Strand
Proposal Reviewer, International Convention, Seattle, WA, 2009

Council for Exceptional Children, Strategies for Entry to the Special Education Career Strand
Proposal Reviewer, International Convention, Boston, MA, 2008

Council for Exceptional Children, Teacher Education Division
Kaleidoscope Conference Proposal Reviewer, 2007

CERTIFICATIONS:

LBS 1: K-12 Certification (formally Type 10 in Learning Disabilities and Emotional/Behavioral Disorders)
IL State Board of Education, expires 2014

Project CRISS District Trainer

Project CRISS, Kalispell, MT, since 2002

Level 1 Certification

USA Track and Field, since 2004

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC)

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS:

- Incorporating technology into the pre-service teacher preparation experience
 - Current research includes:
 - Impact of TeachLIVE™ on skill development and execution during practicum experiences
 - Most appropriate use of bug-in-the-ear during the teaching and learning process for pre-service teachers