

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Victoria

M.A. in Human and Social Development

Thesis: "A Story About Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia: A Fire in My Heart"

University of Victoria

B.A. School of Child and Youth Care (with distinction)

Areas of Concentration: Early Childhood Practice; Professionalization of Early Childhood Educators; History of the field of early childhood

Camosun College

Preschool Teacher Training Program – (Credential - Preschool Teacher Certificate)

AWARDS

- Canadian Child Care Federation "Award of Excellence in Child Care" (2014)
- Gayle Davies Award "Peace, Power, Friendship and Vision" for Professional Contributions to Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia (2005)
- West Coast Child Care Inform (Nominee) "Keep the Kite Flying" Award for Advocacy in Early Childhood (2004)
- BC Ministry of Social Development and Economic Security. "For your support and commitment" (2001).
- Canadian Child Care Federation. "In appreciation of your contributions to Canadian Child Care" (1996).
- Provincial Child Care Council. "For your contributions to Early Childhood" (1994).
- The University of Victoria President's Scholarship (1991)
- The University of Victoria Faculty Scholarship (1990)

Recent & Relevant Teaching Experience

- Vancouver Island University & Cowichan Tribes & Stzu'minus First Nation Early Childhood Education and Care – Foundations of Change Fall, 2012
- Vancouver Island University Early Childhood Education and Care – Interpersonal Communications September, 2012
- MUC/VIU Professor –Early Childhood Education & Care 1995-present time
- MUC/Saanich Indian School Board ECEC Certificate & Diploma 2006-2008
- MUC/Cowichan Tribes ECEC Certificate & Diploma 2003-2005

Related Work Experience

Vancouver Island University College/Malaspina University College

April, 2013- present time

Adjunct Faculty, Early Childhood Education and Care.
Private Consultant, Early Childhood Research and Consulting

Dec. 2009- March 2013

BC Regional Innovation Chair, Aboriginal Early Childhood Development, Vancouver Island University/Malaspina University-College

Spring, 2010- present time

Project Leader (Canada). Curriculum Development. Early Childhood Development Degree. Widya Mandala Catholic University Surabaya, Indonesia

August 1995-March, 2013

University College Instructor, Early Childhood Education and Care, Vancouver Island University Academic Coordinator, ECEC Program for the Cowichan Tribes and Stz'uminus First Nation, Vancouver Island University Contract Services & Vancouver Island University AECD Chair department. Teaching a cohort of aboriginal students and coordinating teaching, student and administrative activities. Working collaboratively with the management and faculty Advisory Committee.

April, 2000-March, 2013

Project Team Leader, VIU and Widya Mandala Catholic University (Surabaya) Indonesia Early Childhood Development Project – Project Continuation. Needs assessment activities, planning and designing IECD curriculum, teaching Indonesian students, and planning for project evaluation in Surabaya, Indonesia.

September-December, 2009

Interim Associate Dean, Health and Human Service.

June 2006-June, 2008

Academic Coordinator, ECEC Program for the Saanich Indian School Board, Malaspina University College Contract Services & Malaspina University College ECEC department. Teaching a cohort of aboriginal students and coordinating teaching, student and administrative activities. Working collaboratively with the SISB/MUC Advisory Committee.

August 2003-August 2005

Academic Coordinator, ECEC Program for the Cowichan Tribes, Malaspina Contract Services & Malaspina University College ECEC department. Teaching a cohort of aboriginal students and

coordinating teaching, student and administrative activities. Working collaboratively with Cowichan Tribes/MUC Advisory Committee.

Early Childhood Development Related Research:

January 12, 2016-present time

Project co-management/writer/researcher to Success by Six, United Way (Port Alberni, Qualicum, Nanaimo, Ladysmith).

May 1, 2015-present time

Creating Effective, High Quality Transition Experiences for Young Aboriginal Children & Their Families. Program evaluation and child development assessment collaboration with Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre and School District 68. (Vancouver Island University Research Grant).

April 1, 2015-present time

Co-Applicant, Creating Effective, High Quality Transition Experiences for Young Aboriginal Children & Their Families. Program evaluation and child development assessment collaboration with Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre and School District 68. (Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network funded project).

September, 2013-present time

Project co-management/writer/researcher to Coast Salish Employment & Training Society.

June, 2013-present time

Project co-management/writer/researcher to BC Aboriginal Child Care Society project, Occupational Standards and Fair Wages for First Nation Early Childhood Educators.

April, 2013-April, 2014

Project Management & editor/co-writer/co-researcher to Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre project Kindergarten Transitions II: A Scan of Existing Supportive Programs for Aboriginal Children and Families in British Columbia.

June, 2012-January, 2013

Project Management & Mentor/editor/writer/researcher support to literature review, Aboriginal Early Childhood Development (AECD) Assessment: Issues and Insights in a Cultural Context. A Report to the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society

June, 2012-February, 2013

Project Management Mentor/editor/writer/researcher support to literature review for Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre. Transitions into Kindergarten: A Community Approach to Integrating a Child's Fragmented World.

November, 2011-January, 2012

Principal Investigator, Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship and VIU Aboriginal Early Childhood Development Project –Learning Growing and Leading

Fall, 2008

Principal Investigator, Learning Circles in Aboriginal Nursing, "Health and Wellness in Aboriginal Communities" Evaluation.

Fall, 2008

Principal Investigator, Learning Circles in Aboriginal Nursing, "Cultural Workshops" Evaluation.

Fall, 2008

Principal Investigator, Home Support and Resident Care Attendant First Nations Focus Evaluation.

2002-2004

Principal Researcher, Certification Component of the “Training for the Delivery of Quality Early Childhood Development Learning and Care Services in Canada: Accessibility, Portability and Career Advancement (a joint project of the Canadian Child care Federation and the Association of Canadian Community Colleges).

Publications and Papers

McDonell, L. (2014). Summary Report: Occupational Standards and Fair Wages for BC First Nations Early Childhood Educators. Vancouver: BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.

McDonell, L. (2014). Occupational Standards for BC First Nations Early Childhood Educators. Vancouver: BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.

McDonell, L. Aboriginal Early Childhood Development (AECD) Assessment: Issues and Insights in a Cultural Context. Vancouver: BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.

McDonell, L. Spotlight on the Community: Kindergarten Transitions II: A Scan of Existing Supportive Programs for Aboriginal Children and Families in British Columbia (2014). Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network Newsletter. Sept 2014 – Vol. 3, No. 3 p. 4.

McDonell, L. (2014). Building Bridges: Supporting Transitions to Kindergarten. Vancouver: BC Aboriginal Child Care Society Caring for Our Children Newsletter. Sept-Dec 2014 Vol. 17 No.3 pp. 1-3.

McDonell, L. (2014). The Life Behind, the Life Ahead: A Career in Early Childhood Education & Care. Canadian Child Care Federation Journal.

Beaton, W., McDonell, L. (2014). “Kindergarten Transitions II: A Scan of Existing Supportive Programs for Aboriginal Children and Families in British Columbia”. Nanaimo: TLAFC.

McDonell, L., Beaulieu, R. (in press) “Aboriginal Early Childhood Development (AECD) Assessment: Issues and Insights in a Cultural Context. A Report to the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society”. Nanaimo: BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.

Beaton, W., McDonell, L. (2013). “Transitions to Kindergarten: A Community Approach to Integrating a Children’s Fragmented World”. Nanaimo: Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre.

McDonell, L., Alphonse, D. (2012). “Learning Growing and Leading 2012”. Nanaimo: Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre.

“Reflections in a Wary Eye”. (Winter, 2011 Vol. 27. No. 4.) Vancouver: Early Childhood Educators of BC.

“Worlds Apart and A World Brought Together: ECD Work in Canada and Indonesia”. Early Childhood Educator. (Fall, 2008; Vol. 23, No. 3). Vancouver: Early Childhood Educators of BC.

“National Child Care Policy and Child Care Milestones”; The Early Childhood Educator. (Summer, 2005; Vol. 20, No. 3). Vancouver: ECEBC.

“Bridging the Distance: National Certification for Early Childhood Educators”. The Early Childhood Educator. (Winter, 2004; Vol. 19, No. 1).

“ECE Updates – Canadian Child Care Federation Member Council.” The Early Childhood Educator. Spring, 2004. Vol. 19. No. 2.

Education and Accreditation in ECE at the National Level. The Early Childhood Educator. Winter, 2004; Vol. 19, No. 1.

“Bridging the Distance: A National Certification Process for Early Childhood Educators”. A Report to the Canadian Child Care Federation. Research Connections. Supporting Children and Families. 2003.

“Bridging the Distance: A National Certification Process for Early Childhood Educators: - paper presented at the National Training Symposium, Ottawa, ON, 2003.

“ECEBC Updates – Changes to Child Care: A Provincial Update”. The Early Childhood Educator. Spring, 2002; Vol. 17. No. 1.

“ECE Updates – Government Updates”. The Early Childhood Educator.

“The New Government: Issues and Implications for Child Care.” The Early Childhood Educator. Fall, 2001; Vol. 16. No. 3.

“Update of the College of Early Childhood Educators” – co-author Karen Aitken. The Early Childhood Educator. ECEBC Fall, 2001; Vol. 16. No. 3.

“Report to the Malaspina Faculty Association Research Fund” (2001) - a needs assessment of ECD practitioners in Indonesia.

President’s Column, Early Childhood Educator, ECEBC – quarterly columns:

- “Believing in Ourselves as Professionals”. The Early Childhood Educator. Spring 2002; Vol.17, No. 1.
- “The Spirit of Camraderie”. The Early Childhood Educator. Spring 2001; Vol. 16, No. 1.
- “Summer is Here”. The Early Childhood Educator. Summer, 2001; Vol. 16. No. 2.
- “A Busy Year Ahead for ECEBC”. The Early Childhood Educator. Fall, 2001; Vol. 16, No. 3.
- “Building a Stronger and Gentler Society”. The Early Childhood Educator. Winter, 2001; Vol. 16. No 4.
- “A Busy Year for ECEBC’s Board.” The Early Childhood Educator. Fall, 2000; Vol. 15. No. 4.
- “Introductions and Directions”. The Early Childhood Educator. Summer, 2000; Vol. 15. No. 3.

“Fire in My Heart”. The Early Childhood Educator. Fall, 1997.

Contributor (Chapter Two) “Shared Diversity: An Interprovincial Report on Child Care in Canada” (Canadian National Child Care Study) (1997).

Contributor (Chapter Four) Canadian National Child Care Study, Perspectives of the Provinces: British Columbia. (1992).

Child Care For Better and For Worse: A History of Child Care in British Columbia. Canadian National Child Care Study. (1989).

Recent Presentations and Seminars

November 6, 2015

- Encouraging promising practices through First Nations Occupational Standards. Footsteps Toward a Brighter Future: Encouraging Healthy Living Practices November 6 2015.

March 17, 2015

Aboriginal Early Childhood Transitions: Issues and Inspirations. UAKN Webinar. Vancouver Island University.

April, 2015

Overview of Kindergarten Transitions: Lessons Learned. Presentation to Community Partners and TLAFC Qeq College Advisory.

October 16, 2014

Aboriginal Early Childhood Transitions: Issues and Inspirations. Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network Symposium.

November 9, 2014

Defining Practice Standards and Fair Wages for Aboriginal Early Childhood Educators. BC Aboriginal Child Care Society Conference 2014: Hand in Hand Health and Wellness for All with Quality Care.

November 13, 2013

Learning Growing Leading: BC Aboriginal Child Care Society Conference.

June 8, 2012

Empowering Children: Communication Strategies for Early Childhood Development. Widya Mandala University Surabaya Indonesia.

June 7, 2012

Responding to Cultural Diversity in Early Childhood Development: Canada and Indonesia. Widya Mandala Catholic University Surabaya Indonesia.

July 14, 2012

Early Years Forum University of Victoria: Cultural Considerations.

April 23, 2012

Looking Back & Looking Forward: University & Aboriginal Community Collaborations (1993-2012). BC Aboriginal Infant Development Programs. Victoria BC.

November 9-10 2012

Learning, Growing and Leading. BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.

January 23-25 2012

Invitation only – National Collaborative Centre for Aboriginal Health Forum Sacred Space of Womanhood: Mothering Across the Generations” Ottawa, Ontario

February 24, 2012

Data Day. A presentation in collaboration with representatives of Aboriginal organizations and agencies including: Tillicum Lelum Aboriginal Friendship Centre, School District 68; Coast Salish Employment and Training Society; Lelum’el Child Care Cowichan Valley; Kwumut Lelum Family and Child Services; and VIU Education student.

November 11, 2011

BC Aboriginal Child Care Society "Embracing Our Children's Spirit" workshop presentation "Inspirations, Innovations, Collaborations: Supporting Aboriginal Early childhood Development Through Community Partnerships".

February 3-5 2011 Early Years Conference, Vancouver, BC. Poster Presentation: "Childhood Development: Building on the Strengths of Children, Family and Community"

Current Memberships & Affiliations

- Early Childhood Educators of British Columbia.
- Canadian Child Care Federation.
- BC Aboriginal Child Care Society.

