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Education

Kent State University, Kent, Ohio; Ph.D. - Special Education
Kent State University, Kent, Ohio; M.Ed. - Special Education
Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, CO; B.A. - Social Work

Research and Scholarly Interests

Co-teaching in Higher Education
Vocation in Graduate Education
Disability History and Labeling
Family Systems Perspective and Disability

Teaching Experience

Associate Professor, California Lutheran University, 2011- Present
Education Specialist, Oak Park Unified School District, CA; 2009 - 2011
Associate Professor, Saint Mary's College, 2002-2005
Assistant Professor, Saint Mary's College, 1998 - 2002
Instructor, San Francisco State University, 1996-1998
Instructor, Kent State University, 1994-1996

Professional and Administrative Experience

Associate Dean – Graduate School of Education-California Lutheran University –
2014-Present
Behavior Consultant/Supervisor, BEST, Inc., Northridge, CA, 2008 - 2009
Clinic Director, Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes, 2002-2003
Program Director, Special Education, Saint Mary's College, 1998 - 2002
Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion, Research Coordinator,
1996-1998
Children's Hospital Medical Center of Akron, Research Associate, 1995-1996
Family Child Learning Center, Team Coordinator, 1993-1995

Fellowships and Awards

Thrivent Fellow 2014-2015
Recipient of Center for Innovative Learning Internal Research Mini-Grant
2012-2013
Recipient of the 1997 Alice H. Hayden Award. Presented in Boston, MA.
Selected for a Personnel Preparation Traineeship, Kent State University,
1993-1995

Previous Certifications

California Education Specialist Instruction Credential (Moderate/Severe and Early Childhood Special Education Authorizations)
Licensed Social Worker (Ohio); Teaching Certificate – K-12 Multiple and Orthopedic Handicaps (Ohio); Validation - Early Education of the Handicapped (Ohio)

Select Publications

Brennan, E. & McCambridge, M. (2015). Developing a co-teaching process: Relational co-teaching in the teacher preparation program. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Brennan, E. (2014). DAVID: Reinvention of Lutheran graduate education. In Duin, A.H., & Childers, E. (Eds.) *Project DAVID: Vocation and reinvention in liberal arts colleges*. University of Minnesota Digital Conservancy.

Brennan, E. (2006). A matter of difference: A contextual perspective on the history of children with mental retardation in the United States. In Safford P. & Safford, E. (Eds.). *Children with Disabilities in America: A Historical Handbook and Guide*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 65-86.

Brennan, E. & Safford, P. (2000). The meaning of disability for grandparents of young children with special needs. In Rogers, L. & Swadener, E. (Eds.). *Semiotics and Dis/ability: Interrogating Categories of Difference*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, 233-253.

Hanson, M., Beckman, P., Horn, E., Marquart, J., Sandall, S., Greig, D., & Brennan, E. (2000). Entering preschool: family and professional experiences in the transition process. *Journal of Early Intervention*. 23(4), 279-293.

Hanson, M.J., Gutierrez, S., Morgan, M., Brennan, E.L., & Zercher, C. (1997). Language, culture, and disability: Interacting influences on preschool inclusion. *Topics in Early Childhood Special Education*. 17(1), 307-336.

Webb, J.M., Diana, E.M., Luft, P., Brennan, E.L., & Brooks, E.W. (1997). The influence of pedagogical expertise and feedback on assessing student comprehension from nonverbal behavior. *The Journal of Educational Research*. 91(2), 89-97.

Select Presentations

Duin, A.H., Brennan, E., Buckman, T., Caines, A. & Feng, W. (2014, April). Project DAVID: Collective Vision and Action for Liberal Arts Colleges. Webinar presented by National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education.

Brennan, E. (2004, February). Special Education Today: Preparing Multiple Subject Credential Candidates to Work with Students with Learning Disabilities. In-service to Saint Mary's College faculty and supervisors.

Brennan, E. (2003, March). What we do right. A presentation to Clinic Directors at the 11th Annual Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes International Conference. Anaheim, CA.

Brennan, E. (2000, December). California Perspectives. Division for Early Childhood International Early Childhood Conference on Children with Special Needs. Albuquerque, NM.

Brennan, E. and Erwin, E. (1999, December). Early Childhood Issues in Inclusive and

Natural Environments. 1999 TASH International Conference. Chicago, Illinois.

Brennan, E., & Morgan, M. (1998, March). Early Childhood Transitions: Family and Classroom Perspectives. 1998 CALTASH Conference. Sacramento, CA.

Brennan, E., & Beckstead, S.P. (1997, December). Working Together: Including Preschoolers. 1997 TASH International Conference. Boston, MA.

Hanson, M.J., Horn, E., & Brennan, E. (1997, November). Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion (ECRII): Transition. 1997 DEC National Conference. New Orleans, LA.

Horn, E. & Brennan, E. (1997, November). Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion (ECRII): Transition. 1997 NAEYC National Conference. Anaheim, CA.

Brennan, E.L. & Morgan, M. (1997, March). Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion (ECRII): Emerging Themes. In-service presentation to the staff at Napa/Solano Head Start Program. Napa, CA.

Beckstead, S., Brennan, E., Zecca, F., Kim, L., Ryan, C., Garcia, A., & Sakalidu, E. (1997). Working Together - Including Preschoolers. CALTASH 1997 Annual Conference.

Brennan, E.L. (1996). Early Childhood Research Institute on Inclusion: Family Perspectives. 1996 TASH Annual International Conference: New Orleans.

Brennan, E.L. (1996). Grandparenting Children with Special Needs. 1996. TASH Annual International Conference: New Orleans.

Brennan, E.L. & Filer, J. (1996). Ohio, Early Childhood Conference. Risk and Resiliency Factors in Children Prenatally Exposed to Drugs. Fairfield County, Ohio.

Brennan, E.L., and Filer, J. (1996). Children Prenatally Exposed to Drugs: Intervention in the Preschool. Cuyahoga County Special Education Service Center.

Lieb, S., Filer, J. & Brennan, E.L. Children Prenatally Exposed to Drugs - Myths and Reality. Ohio Council for Exceptional Children 1995 Conference.

Filer, J. & Brennan, E.L. (1995). Star Care Facilitator Training. Department of Family Services, Cleveland Ohio.

Professional Activities

National Committees and Boards

- Co-chairman - National TASH (The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps) Early Childhood Committee - 1994 - 2001
- Co-chairman - National TASH Early Childhood and Inclusive Education Open Project Group - 1995 - 2001

State Committees and Boards

- President – California Division of Early Childhood, Council for Exceptional Children 2000-2002
- Vice President - California Division of Early Childhood, Council for Exceptional Children 1998 - 2000
- CAL-TASH (California Chapter of TASH) Board of Directors 1999 - 2000

General Activities

- California Department of Education. Special Education Division. Nonpublic School Onsite Review Team Member. February, 2003.
- Nonpublic Schools/Agencies Onsite Review Training. October, 2002, Sacramento, CA.

- California Association for the Education of Young Children. March, 2001. Division for Early Childhood Board Presentation.
- California Commission on Teacher Credentialing. Accreditation Review Team Member. April, 2000.

Professional Memberships

Council for Exceptional Children

ASCD (formerly the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development)