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EDUCATION

1997	University of Michigan Ph.D. Early Childhood Education and Developmental Psychology Dissertation: Kindergarten Teachers' Beliefs about School Readiness	Ann Arbor, Michigan
1989	Loyola University of Chicago B.S. Psychology and Political Science	Chicago, Illinois

EXPERIENCE

August 2016 to	Western Michigan University Interim Chair, Department of Special Education and Literacy Studies	Kalamazoo, Michigan
August 2013 to	Western Michigan University Chair, Department of Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies	Kalamazoo, Michigan
August 2012 to August 2013	Western Michigan University Interim Chair, Department of Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies	Kalamazoo, Michigan
June 2007 to present	Western Michigan University Professor	Kalamazoo, Michigan
August 2000 to June 2007	Western Michigan University Associate Professor	Kalamazoo, Michigan
December 1996 to August 2000	Western Michigan University Assistant Professor	Kalamazoo, Michigan
August 1994 to	Western Michigan University	Kalamazoo, Michigan

December 1996	Instructor	
January 1994 to May 1994	Western Michigan University Intern Coordinator	Kalamazoo, Michigan
September 1993 to May 1994	Western Michigan University Lecturer	Kalamazoo, Michigan

HONORS AND AWARDS

2019	Tribute from Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Legislature for Community Service Lansing, MI	
2019	Leader of the Year Award Kalamazoo, MI	ISAAC
2011	Lewis Walker Institute for Race Poverty Fellowship Kalamazoo, Michigan	Western Michigan University
2006	Top Grad Award Melrose Park, Illinois	Walther Lutheran High School
2004	Courage to Teach Program Fellow Kalamazoo, Michigan	Fetzer Institute
2001	Sabbatical Leave Award Kalamazoo, Michigan	Western Michigan University
2001, 1998	Statistical Database Training Award Washington, DC National Center for Education Statistics	
1998	Research Development Award Kalamazoo, Michigan	Western Michigan University
1997	Presidential Stipend Kalamazoo, Michigan	Western Michigan University
1989-1994	Rackham Merit Fellowship Ann Arbor, Michigan	University of Michigan
1989	Marguerite Wilker Johnson Ann Arbor, Michigan	University of Michigan

**Early Childhood Education
Fellowship**
Ann Arbor, Michigan University of Michigan,

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2019 to present **Western Michigan University** Kalamazoo, MI
Comparison of China and US Early Childhood Teacher Education
Creating a model for early childhood teacher education that includes best practices from the US and China.
Project Directors: Wenyun Sun, Ph.D., Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D., and Xin Li, MA
- 2018 to present **Western Michigan University** Kalamazoo, MI **Early Childhood Preservice Teachers and Cultural Competence**
Examining how WMU prepares students implement culturally relevant teaching practices.
Project Directors: Xin Li, MA and Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.
- 2015 to 2018 **Western Michigan University** Kalamazoo, MI
First Year Teacher Effectiveness Urban Schools
Examining how teacher preparation and school district professional development programs can partner to improve new teacher effectiveness in classroom management, culturally responsive teaching and assessment. Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.
- 2012 to 2015 **ELNC** Grand Rapids, MI
Evaluation of the PREP program model
Studying the impact of a parent education program on children's school readiness.
Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.

- 2012 to 2014 **Child Care Resources** Kalamazoo, MI
Evaluation of 3 CDA training models
Comparing the effects of on-site, group and individual training models improving teacher’s practice.
Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.
- 2009 to 2012 **Child Care Resources** Kalamazoo, MI
Professional Development Models for Child Care Centers
Studying the effects of mentoring on childcare staff’s ratings on the Program Quality Assessment.
Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.
- 2005 to 2013 **Western Michigan University** Kalamazoo, MI
University Support Systems for Student Parents
Examining how financial, academic, and parenting support influences student – parents’ graduation rates.
Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.
- 2004 -2005 **Kamehameha Foundation** Honolulu, HI
Kamehameha Preschool Project
Developed a multidimensional program evaluation model for identifying indicators of quality.
Project Director: Gary Miron, Ph.D.
- 2001-2004 **Nat'l Center for Education Statistics** Washington, DC
Early Childhood Longitudinal Study-Kindergarten Cohort
Analyzed quantitative data to study home and school effects on children’s readiness for school.
Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.
- 1999 to 2000 **Western Michigan University** Kalamazoo, Michigan
Implementing the Curriculum Framework.

Developed a professional development model and plan to support Benton Harbor teachers in designing a curriculum for PreK-3 students.

Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.

1998 to
2000

Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, Michigan
Institutional Support Survey.

Created survey to evaluate current programs and determine the academic, social and financial needs of minority students.

Project Director: Art Garmon, Ph.D. & Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.

1998 to
2000

Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, Michigan
School Readiness.

Analyzed school readiness data collected by the National Center for Education Statistics to determine how home, school and community factors interact and influence young children's achievement.

Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.

1997

Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, Michigan
Developmentally Appropriate Practices in Diverse Settings.

Examined 4 early childhood teachers' implementation of developmentally appropriate practices in four distinct settings using qualitative methods.

Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.

1996

Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, Michigan
Teaching Student Teachers How to Promote Cultural

Awareness in Urban and Suburban Schools. Conducted study on student teachers in cluster sites as they developed curricula that affirm the cultural diversity of their students.

Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.

1996

Western Michigan University Kalamazoo, Michigan

Seasons of Change: Developmentally Appropriate Beliefs and Practices. Analyzed survey data and philosophy papers of 36 graduate students on their beliefs and practices.

Project Directors: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D. and Andrea Smith Ph.D.

1996 **Western Michigan University** Kalamazoo, Michigan
Researchers Influence on Interview Data.
Studied five African-American female professors' reflections on their educational and teaching experience using qualitative methods.
Project Directors: Gunilla Holm, Ph.D., Monica White and Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D.

1993 to **University of Michigan** Ann Arbor, Michigan
1996 **Dissertation Research.** Analyzed national data set on teachers' views, practices, and judgments regarding school readiness.
Project Director: Regena Fails Nelson, Ph.D

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

Li, X and Nelson, R.F. (2019, November). *Using Multicultural Course Materials to Increase Pre-service Teachers' Cultural Awareness.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Nashville, TN.

Nelson, R.F. (2019, October) *Using Teach Live Simulation for Social Good.* Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

Nelson, R.F. (2019, October). *The Causes and Impact of Poverty on Kalamazoo County.* Workshop presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Kalamazoo, MI

Nelson, R.F. & Li, X. (2018, November). *Preparing Culturally Competent Early Childhood Education Teachers.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, DC.

- Nelson, R.F. (2018, November). *Preparing the Next Generation of Teachers*. Paper presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Kalamazoo, MI
- Nelson, R.F. (2017, November) *A social justice model for teacher education*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA.
- Nelson, R.F. (2016, November). *Improving New Teacher Effectiveness in Urban Schools*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Los Angeles, CA.
- Nelson, R.F. (2016, September). *A School-University Instructional Technology Model*. Paper presented at the 4th International Education and e-learning Conference, Singapore
- Nelson, R.F. (2015, November). *Cultural Competence in Early Childhood Teacher Education*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Orlando, FL.
- Nelson, R.F. (2014, November). *A comparative analysis of an urban Montessori preschool's state and national ratings of quality*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Dallas, TX.
- Nelson, R.F. & Spritsbergen, J. (2014, October). *Departmental budgets*. Presentation at the Academic Leadership Seminar, Western Michigan University
- Nelson, R.F. (2014, August). *Teaching with Technology: A comprehensive professional development model*. Paper presented at the 4th International Education and e-learning Conference, Bangkok
- Nelson, R.F. (2013, September). *The impact of the online format on an instructor's engagement with students in a teaching seminar..* Paper presented at the 3rd International Education and e-learning Conference, Singapore
- Nelson, R.F. (2012, November) *A model for using service -learning to expand preschool program services to low-income families*. Paper presented at the

- annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA.
- Nelson, R.F. (2012, September). *The use of video as a reflective tool in early childhood teacher preparation*. Paper presented at the 2nd International Education and e-learning Conference, Bali, Indonesia
- Nelson, R.F. (2011, November) *Improving program quality in urban child care centers*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Orlando, FL.
- Nelson, R.F. & Beach, A. (2012, May). *Planning quality scholarship on teaching and learning projects*. Annual Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Conference, Kalamazoo, MI
- Nelson, R.F. & Panel (2012, January). *Why are all the Black students sitting together in the cafeteria? Belonging, inclusion and engagement*. Real Talk Diversity Series, Kalamazoo, MI
- Harris, B., & Nelson, R.F. (2011, June). *Developing a school university partnership to improve teaching and learning in early childhood special education*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, National Institute for Professional Development, Providence, RI.
- Armstead , T., & Nelson, R.F. (2011,June). *Kalamazoo Quality Rating and Improvement System*. Paper presented to Kalamazoo Ready 4s Board, Kalamazoo, MI .
- Armstead , T., & Nelson, R.F. (2011, May). *QRIS – Success Stories*. Paper presented at Early Childhood Rocks Conference, Kalamazoo, MI .
- Nelson, R.F. (2010, November) *Documenting urban preschool teachers cultural competence*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Anaheim, CA.
- Harris, B., & Nelson, R.F. (2010, June). *Undergraduate first steps: Meeting the family standards*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National

- Association for the Education of Young Children, National Institute for Professional Development, Phoenix, AZ
- Armstead , T., & Nelson, R.F. (2010, May). *QRIS – Quality Rating Improvement System*. Paper presented at Early Childhood Rocks Conference, Kalamazoo, MI .
- Nelson, R.F. (2009, November) *A comparison of two preservice teacher observation techniques*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, DC.
- Nelson, R.F. (2008, November) *Models for supporting urban preschoolers’ school readiness*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Dallas, TX.
- Nelson, R.F. (2007, November). *The impact of playgroups on student - parents’ child development knowledge* . Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Chicago, IL.
- Nelson, R.F. (2006, November). *The impact of low-income parents’ college enrollment on their preschoolers’ development*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA.
- Nelson, R.F. (2005, November) *Developmentally appropriate practices and teacher training*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, DC.
- Nelson, R.F. (2004, November). *A model for evaluating early childhood education programs for poor and minority children*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Anaheim, CA.
- Nelson, R.F. (2004, October). *The approval of the early childhood major*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators, Lansing, MI.
- Nelson R.F. & Martin, L. (2004, October). *Ready or not, here I come*. Paper presented at the Annual Southwestern Michigan Early Childhood Conference, Kalamazoo, MI.

- Nelson, R.F. (2004, April). *Research on early childhood teacher certification*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, Grand Rapids, MI.
- Nelson, R.F. (2003, November). *The kindergarten transition*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Chicago, IL.
- Nelson, R.F. (2003, October). *A review of the early childhood teacher education standards*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators, Lansing, MI.
- Nelson, R.F. (2002, November). *The impact of ready environments on at-risk kindergartners' school readiness*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, New York City, NY.
- Nelson, R.F. (2001, November). *Promoting school readiness through a home-school-community partnership*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Anaheim, CA.
- Nelson, R.F., & Rogers, P. (2000, November). *The Effects of Culturally Appropriate Practices on Preschooler's Readiness*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta GA.
- Nelson, R.F. (2000, November). *Supporting Preschool Teachers in Developing Developmentally and Culturally Appropriate Practices*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators, Atlanta, GA.
- Garmon, M.A., Nelson, R.F., & Davis, S. (2000, June). *A Comprehensive Model for Recruiting and Retaining Culturally Diverse Students in Teacher Education*. Paper presented at the annual National Conference on Race and Ethnicity, Santa Fe, NM.
- Nelson, R.F., & Triplett, A. (2000, February). *School Readiness and Literacy*. Paper presented at Pre-Literacy to Reading Competence Workshop, Lawrence, MI.
- Nelson, R.F. (1999, November). *The Impact of Sociocultural Environments on Children's Readiness for School*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Council of Family Relations, Irvine, CA.

- Nelson, R. F. (1999, November). *Aligning Preschool and Elementary School Curricula in an Urban School District*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Association for Early Childhood Teacher Educators, New Orleans, LA.
- Nelson, R.F.(1999, November). *The Effects of Professional Development on School Readiness in an Urban School District*. Paper presented at the annual conference of the National Association of the Education of Young Children, New Orleans, LA.
- Nelson, R.F. & Holm, G. (1999, June). *Mentoring as Empowerment*. Paper presented at the 5th Meeting of the Women's Worlds Conference, Tromso, Norway.
- Young, A. , Nelson, R.F., Holm, G., & Nations-Johnson, L. (1998, May). *Dementoring as a Social Network*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the International Conference on Social Networks, Stiges, Spain.
- Young, A. & Nelson, R. F. (1998, March). "*Dementoring:*" *A Practical Solution to Mentoring Women in the Academy*. Paper presented at annual meeting of the National Association of Women in Education, Baltimore, MD.
- Nelson, R. F. (1997, August). *Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Diverse Settings*. Paper presented at the National Multiage/Continuous Progress Conference, Kalamazoo, MI.
- Nelson, R.F. & Smith, A. B. (1997, April). *Seasons of Change: Developmentally Appropriate Beliefs and Practices*. Paper Presented at the Association for Childhood Education International Conference, Portland, OR.
- Nelson, R. F. (1997, February). *Teaching Student Teachers How to Promote Cultural Awareness in Urban and Suburban Schools*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Phoenix, AZ.
- Nelson, R. F. (1996, October). *How to Assess Children's Readiness for Kindergarten*. Paper presented at the Annual Southwestern Michigan Early Childhood Conference, Kalamazoo, MI.
- Holm, G., White, M., & Nelson, R. F. (1996, April). *Researcher Influence on Interview Data*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.
- Nelson, R. F. (1995, April). *Social Context of Readiness*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Fails, R. (1993, November). *Macrosystem and Microsystem Influences on Teachers' Expectations of Child Development and Learning*. Paper presented at 2nd National Head Start Conference, Washington, DC.

Fails, R. & Sulzby, E. (1990, November). *Literacy in Overage Classrooms: Some Effects of Developmental Kindergarten*. Paper presented at the Fortieth Annual Meeting of the National Reading Conference, Miami, FL.

PUBLICATIONS

Nelson, R.F., Lew, M., and Shen, Y (2018). A social justice model for improving teacher effectiveness, NAECTE Urban Education Teacher Research Network (Ed.), *Early Childhood teacher education on cultural competence* (pp. 15-26). Routledge: New York.

Nelson, R.F., Lew, M, Winfield, E. (2017). Academic service-learning and cultural competence in teacher education. K. L. Heider (Ed.), *Service learning as pedagogy in early childhood education* (pp. 47 –57). Springer International: New York.

Lew, M. & Nelson, R.F. (2016). New teachers' challenges: How culturally responsive teaching, classroom management and assessment literacy are intertwined. *Multicultural Education*, 23(3/4), 7-13.

Nelson, R.F and Webb, L. (2016). *A school-University Instructional Technology Model*. Conference Proceedings for the 6th International Education and e-learning Conference, Singapore

Nelson, R.F and Webb, L. (2015). Teaching with Technology: The role of the instructional coach. *Global Science and Technology Forum Journal on Education*, 2(2), 27-30.

Nelson, R.F. (2014). *Teaching with Technology: A comprehensive professional development model*. Conference Proceedings for the 4th International Education and e-learning Conference, Bangkok

- Ma, X., Nelson, R. F., Shen, J., & Krenn, H. Y. (2014). Effects of preschool intervention strategies on school readiness in kindergarten. *Educational Research for Policy and Practice*, 1-17.
- Nelson, R.F. (2013). A model for using service-learning in teacher education programs. *US-China Education Review*, 3(1), 59-65.
- Nelson, R.F. (2013). Scaling up: Using MOOCs to increase accessibility and personalization for students. *Global Science and Technology Forum Journal on Education*, 1(2), 29-32.
- Nelson, R.F. (2013). *The impact of the online format on an instructor's engagement with students in a teaching seminar*. Conference Proceedings for the 3rd International Education and e-learning Conference, Singapore
- Nelson, R.F. (2012). *The use of video as a reflective tool in early childhood teacher preparation*. Conference Proceedings for the 2nd International Education and e-learning Conference, Bali, Indonesia
- Nelson, R.F. (2011). The school readiness of preschoolers from urban backgrounds. In D.M. Laverick & M.R. Jalongo (Eds.), *Transition to early care and education: International perspectives on making schools ready for young children* (pp. 107 – 116). Springer International: New York.
- Nelson, R.F. (2007). A model for developing a parent resource center on campus. *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*, (28)3, 243-250.
- Nelson, R.F. (2006). Should there be a stand alone early childhood certification in Michigan, *Beacon*, (29)1, 4.
- Nelson, R.F. (2005). The impact of ready environments on achievement in kindergarten, *Journal of Research in Childhood Education*, (19)3, 215-22.
- Nelson, R.F. (2004). The effects of academic, financial and social support on preservice teachers' academic performance. *Journal of College Orientation and Transition*, (12)1, 46-51.
- Nelson, R.F. (2004). The transition to kindergarten. *Early Childhood Education Journal*, (32)3, 187-190.

- Nelson, R.F. & Smith, A. B. (2004). Changes in teachers' perceptions of developmentally appropriate practice. *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education*, (25)1, 75-78.
- Cousins, L. H., Todman, L., Hyter, Y., Nelson, R.F., Bee, A., Cooper, R., & Peterson, C. (2004). Social and academic relationships in the lives of Black children: transdisciplinary research and practice. *Journal of Social Work in the Social Environment*, 9(3), 57-82.
- Nelson, R.F & Rogers, P. (2003). Supporting preschool teachers in developing developmentally and culturally appropriate practices. *Multicultural Perspectives*, 5(3), 39-42.
- Nelson, R.F., Garmon, M.A., & Davis, S. (2001). The significance of race in becoming a teacher. *College Student Journal*, 35(2), 262-270.
- Nelson, R.F., & Triplett, A. (2001). Much more than ABCs: A balanced approach to teaching literacy. *Language Arts Journal of Michigan*, 17(1), 68-70.
- Young, A.J., Nelson, R.F., Johnson, L.N., & Holm, G. (2000). Dementoring: A Non-hierarchical model for mentoring women in the academy. *Initiatives*, 59(4), 1-4.
- Nelson, R. F. (2000). Aligning Preschool and Elementary School Curricula in an Urban School District. *Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Educators*, 21(1), 59-63.
- Nelson, R.F. (2000). A review of kindergarten interventions for low-income, urban school districts. *Principal*, 79(5), 38-41.
- Nelson, R. F. (2000). Personal and environmental factors that influence early childhood teachers' practices. *Journal of Instructional Psychology*, 27 (2), 95-103.
- Nettles, A., Browning, K. & Nelson, R. F. (1999). At risk and unready? In A. L. Nettles & M.T. Nettles (Eds.). *Measuring up: Challenges minorities face in educational assessment* (pp. 235-250). Norwell, MA: Kluwer Academic Publishers.
- Smith, A. B. & Nelson, R. F. (1998). Professional development for early childhood educators. *Association of Childhood Education International Focus on PreK & K*, 11, 5-6.
- Nelson, R. F. (1998) The impact of urban and suburban field placements on teachers' cultural awareness. *College Student Journal*, 32(4), 566-571.

Meisels, S. J., Liaw, F., Dorfman, A., & Nelson, R. F. (1995). The work sampling system: Reliability and validity of a performance assessment for young children. *Early Childhood Research Quarterly*, 10(3), 277-296.

Nelson, R. F. (1995). Authentic assessment in the learner centered classroom: A work sampling process. *Focus*, 17(1), 32-34.

GRANT PROPOSALS & CONTRACTS

Nelson, R.F., & Heymoss, J. (2018). Summer Institute for Teacher Leaders. Michigan Department of Education, Title II grants, \$25,000

Gilbert, K. & Nelson, R.F. (2017). *College Assistance for Parenting and Education* . U.S. Department of Education, \$720,000

Nelson, R.F. (2012). *AVANCE Program Evaluation*, WMU- College of Health and Human Services, \$6,000

Nelson, R.F. (2012). *Child Development Associates Training Track – Program Evaluation*, Child Care Resources, \$7,000

Nelson, R.F. & Kalamazoo Nature Center (2011). *Outside in Our Schoolyard – Imperiled Butterfly Project*. Kalamazoo Community Foundation, \$11,000

Nelson, R.F., & Glaser, H. (2010). *School University Environmental Stewardship Partnership*. Environmental Protection Agency, \$60,000- not funded

Nelson, R.F. & Wright, J. (2010). *Evaluating the Impact of On-Site, Outdoor Science Labs on Elementary Children's Science Knowledge and Environmental Attitudes*. National Science Foundation, \$350,000 – not funded

Nelson, R.F. (2009). *Kalamazoo Quality Eating and Improvement System – Program Evaluation*, Child Care Resources, \$14,000

Gilbert, K. & Nelson, R.F. (2009). *College Assistance for Parenting and Education 2.0*. U.S. Department of Education, \$492,000

Nelson, R.F. & Mohny, K. (2005). *College Assistance for Parenting and Education*. U.S. Department of Education, \$476,000

Smith, A.B. & Nelson, R.F. (2001). *Increasing Access for Low-Income Student parents at the Children's Place Learning Center by the Addition of Toddler Child Care*. U.S. Department of Education, \$536,129

Nelson, R.F., & Smith, A.B. (2001).). *Early Childhood Lab School*. WMU Center for Innovation and Teaching Excellence, \$25,000.

Nelson, R.F. (2001). *Course Development Award*, WMU College of Education, \$2,300

Nelson, R.F. (2000). *All Students Achieve program – Parent Involvement and Education*, Michigan Department of Education, \$100,000- not funded

- Nelson, R.F. (1999). *Implementing the Curriculum Framework*. Michigan Department of Education Goals 2000 Grant Program, \$44,000
- Steinke, J. & Nelson, R.F. (1999). *An experimental study of the effects of televised images of women scientist role models on perceptions of science-related careers among preschool children from low-income families*. U.S. Department of Education, \$525,780- not funded
- Nelson, R. F. (1996, 1998). *Faculty Development Fund Grant*. Western Michigan University, \$250, \$200

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- Nelson, R.F. (Fall 2003). *Kamehameha Project Technical Report: A Multidimensional Model for Evaluating Early Childhood Programs*.
- Nelson, R.F. (Spring 2004). *Kamehameha Project Technical Report: Developmentally Appropriate Practices and Teacher Development*.
- Nelson, R.F. (Spring 2005). *Early Reading First: Field Review Report*.
- Nelson, R.F. (Fall 2005). *Early Reading First: Field Review Report*.
- Nelson, R.F. (Spring 2005). *Allegan County Intermediate School District Technical Report: Plan for Analyzing Preschool Achievement Data*.
- Nelson, R.F. (Fall 2005). *Northside Association for Community Development Technical Report: Curriculum Model for Low-Income Child Care Center*.
- Nelson, R.F. (Spring 2006). *Early Reading First: Field Review Report*.
- Nelson, R.F. (Fall, 2011). *Kalamazoo Quality Rating and Improvement Program Evaluation: Final Report*

MEDIA REPORTS

- WWMT Chanel 3 News: New Report offers recommendations for Michigan teacher shortage* – February 19, 2020
- WWMT Channel 3 News – Facing a shortage of certified teachers, schools turn to less-trained substitutes* – November 15, 2019
- Michigan Radio- Stateside- What districts are doing to boost the number of teachers of color in Michigan schools* – September 30, 2019
- WMU News- “Parents can help alleviate fears of starting school”* – August 11, 2000
- WMU News – Fails-Nelson, Harris take top posts with education group”* – November 12, 2002
- WMU News – “Getting a handle on Head Start”* – August 15, 2003
- WMU News – “Toys can help children develop important skills”* – December 17, 2003
- Kalamazoo Gazette-“Meeting to focus on childhood”- December 14, 2003*

Kalamazoo Gazette – “Helping nurture budding brains: Experts, parents find education early on helps kids succeed” –December 20, 2004
Greater Lansing Parent – “Laugh a little, learn a lot: Educational toys can offer children the best of both worlds” – December, 2005
Family Talk - “Pay attention to toddler attention spans” – May/June, 2006
Kalamazoo Gazette – “The school-ready home: Setting up household with learning in mind gives kids a boost” – August 17, 2006
Kalamazoo Gazette – “Choosing a preschool” – August 2009
WWMT Channel 3 News: “ Helping parents create routines for school success.” – *August 26, 2011*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

November 1997 to present	National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators
November 1997 to present	Michigan Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators – Member President 2003-2005
September 1994 to present	National Association for the Education of Young Children
September 1994 to present	Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children
September 1994 to present	Southwest Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Vice-President 2005-2007
June 1993 to present	American Educational Research Association Early Care/ Child Development SIG Division G

REVIEWER

American Educational Research Association, Critical Perspectives in Early Childhood Education, SIG
 American Educational Research Association, Division G: Social Context of Education
 American Educational Research Journal
 Prentice Hall Publishing

Early Childhood Education Research Quarterly
Michigan Test for Teacher Certification: Early Childhood.

CONSULTING

August 2015	Evaluator. Early Learning Neighborhood Consortium
August 2013	Consultant. The Montessori School
August 2012	Evaluator. Child Care Resources
December 2009	Evaluator. Kalamazoo Quality Rating and Improvement System
August 2005	Consultant. Northside Association for Community Development.
March 2005	Consultant. Allegan Intermediate School District.
June 2004	Consulting Editor. Early Childhood Research Quarterly
May 2004	Advisor. Standards of Quality for Michigan Preschools
November 2003	Advisor. Michigan Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Standards
August 2003	Evaluator. Kamehameha Preschools, Hawaii
June 2001	Advisor. NAEYC Professional Development Panel
January 2000	Consultant. Niles Community Schools
May 1999	Consultant. Martin Public School District.
December 1998	Consultant. Bloomingdale Public School District.

COMMUNITY BOARDS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEES

2020 to present	Member, YWCA Board
2019 to present	Member, Osher Life Long Institute Advisory Board
2019 to present	Member. Kalamazoo County Ready 4s Board
2017 to 2019	Co-Chair. Kalamazoo Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy and Action in the Community, Poverty Task Force
2015 to 2017	Co-Chair. Kalamazoo Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy and Action in the Community, Education Task Force
2015 to present	Member. The Learning Network, Data Committee and Kindergarten Readiness Action Network
2016 to present	Member. Child Care Resources Advisory Board
2011 to 2014	Member. Great Start Collaborative – Early Care and Education Committee.

2011 to 2013 **Member.** Kalamazoo YMCA Healthy Kids: Food Committee
2010 to 2018 **Member.** Nature Center
2010 to present **Member.** Kalamazoo Great Start Regional Center – Quality Improvement Team
2009 to 2014 **Member.** Kalamazoo County Committee for Early Childhood Education
2010 to 2015 **Member.** YWCA Children’s Center Advisory Board
2007 to 2015 **Member.** Child Care Resources Board
2006 to 2008 **Member.** Institutions of Higher Education- Early Childhood Advisory Committee
2006 to 2009 **Member.** Kalamazoo Interfaith Strategy for Advocacy and Action in the Community, Education Task Force
2003 to 2005 **Member.** Kalamazoo NAACP, Education Committee
2001 to 2003 **Member.** Collaboration for Innovation and Teaching Excellence/
1997 to present **Advisor.** Kalamazoo County Great Start Readiness Program/Head Start Advisory Group
1997 **Advisor.** Edison's Excellent Beginnings Project.
1997 **Advisor.** Benton Harbor's Early Learning Environment Project.
1995 to 2001 **Board Member.** Michigan Young Educators Society

UNIVERSITY

2019-2020 **Member.** Academic Program Review Work Group
2019 **Member.** Think Big Phase 2 committee
2018-2019 **Member.** Search committee for Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness
2014-2015 **Member.** Administrative Negotiation Team TA contract
2006 to 2009 **Advisor.** Student Parents Organization
2005 **Interviewer.** Medallion Scholarship
2004 **Member.** First Year Experience Task Force
2002 to 2005, 2010 **Member.** FRACAA Review Committee
1999 **Member.** Faculty Senate Focus group

COLLEGE

2016 to present **Member.** CEHD Scholarship Committee
2014 to present **Chair.** CEHD New Faculty Mentoring Group

2014 to present	Chair. CEHD Strategic Planning Committee
2013 to 2015	Chair. Teaching with Technology Committee
2013 to 2014	Member. CoEHD Dean's Search Committee
2012 to present	Member. CoEHD Leadership Council
2012-2014	Member. Task Force 21 – Assessment Committee
2012-2014	Member. Task Force 21 – Content Committee
2012-2016	Member. Advisory Committee – Tate Center for Grants and Innovation
2002 to present	Member. Professional Educators Board
2003 to 2005	Member. School University Partnership Team Advisory Comm.
1997 to 2001	Member. Scholarship Committee
1997 to 2001	Co-Chair. Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee
1996 to 2001	Member. Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee
1994 to 1998	Member. School University Partnership Team

DEPARTMENT

2014 to present	Chair. Elementary Education Cohort
2004 to 2009	Chair. Graduate Program Council
2004 to present	Member. Graduate Program Council
2005 to present	Member. Chair's Advisory Council/ Coordinating Council
2000 to 2012	Coordinator. Early Childhood Unit/Focal Area
2000 to present	Member. Promotion and Tenure Committee
2000 to 2001	Member. Committee on Race and Diversity
1998 to 2000	Member. Graduate Studies Committee
1998 to 1999	Member (non-voting). Promotions Committee
1997 to present	Member. Elementary Unit
1995 to 1996	Member. Merit Committee
1995 to 1997	Member. Nominations Committee
1995 to 2001	Faculty Advisor. Minority Students for Teaching/SAME
1994 to 1995	Member. Leave Committee
1994 to 1995	Member (non-voting). Tenure Committee
1994 to present	Member. Early Childhood Unit