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Education

Doctor of Education (specialization in teacher leadership), Walden University, Minneapolis
Minnesota, June 2019.

Dissertation: *The Pull and Push Factors that Influence a Student's Decision to Drop Out of School*

Educational Specialist, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois, 2006

Master of Science in Education, Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois, 1996

Bachelor of Arts, English w/ Secondary Education Certification, Northern Illinois University,
DeKalb, Illinois, 1988

Work Experience

Western Illinois University, Macomb, IL (2020- Current)
Assistant Professor, Educational Leadership
Program Coordinator, MSED

ASK Resource Center, Johnston, IA (2012-Current)
Dispute Resolution Coordinator

Iowa Department of Education, Des Moines, IA (2016-2020)
Educational Consultant Iowa Learning Online, Curriculum and Professional Development

Black Hawk College, Moline, IL (2015-2016)
Adjunct Instructor: Optional Education Instructor

Durant Community School District, Durant, IA (1999-2012)
High School Principal

Tipton Community School District, Tipton, IA (1996-1999)
Middle School Principal

Rock Falls High School, Rock Falls, IL (1992-1996)
English Instructor
Head Volleyball Coach

Teaching Experience

Western Illinois University

Fall 2023

EDL520 Leadership for Special Needs
EDL550 Principal as Instructional Leader I
EDL561 Iowa Evaluator Approval
SPED510 The Exceptional Individual (Special Education/MAT Program)

Summer 2023

SPED510 The Exceptional Individual

Spring 2023

EDL520 Leadership for Special Needs
EDL550 Principal as Instructional Leader I
SPED510 The Exceptional Individual (Special Education/MAT Program)
SPED581 Special Education Law and Supervision (Special Education Program)

Fall 2022

EDL504 Leading the Core Curriculum
EDL540 School Improvement
EDL550 Principal as Instructional Leader I
EDL561 Iowa Evaluator Approval
SPED510 The Exceptional Individual (Special Education/MAT Program)

Summer 2022

EDL520 Leadership for Special Needs

Spring 2022

EDL520 Leadership for Special Needs
EDL550 Principal as Instructional Leader I
EDL561 Iowa Evaluator Approval
EDL711 Transforming Organizations (Doctoral Course)

Fall 2021

EDL520 Leadership for Special Needs
EDL540 School Improvement
EDL551 Principal as Instructional Leader II
EDL711 Transforming Organizations (Doctoral Course)

Summer 2021

EDL520 Leadership for Special Needs
EDL540 School Improvement

Spring 2021

EDL504 Leading the Core Curriculum
EDL540 School Improvement

EDL557 Special Topics in Education (Doctoral Course)

Fall 2020

EDL504 Leading the Core Curriculum

EDL520 Leadership for Special Needs

EDL711 Transforming Organizations (Doctoral Course)

Scholarly Activities

Journal Articles in Preparation

Rockwood, P. & Rouse, M. (in progress). The costs of COVID: A comparative analysis of K-12 curriculum delivery in Illinois and Iowa rural school districts as a result of varying pandemic mandates. *Thresholds in Education*.

Conference Presentations

Rockwood, P. & Rouse, M. (paper presentation in progress). *Been there, done that: The new normal for educational leaders*. University Council for Educational Administration, Minneapolis, MN

Rockwood, P. & Rouse, M. (2023, July 27-28). *On the fly during a pandemic: Shifting student instruction in mid-air* [Video presentation]. International Council of Professors of Educational Leadership, Orlando, FL.

Rockwood, P. & Rouse, M. (2021, October 10-12). *A comparison of PK-12 instructional delivery during a pandemic* [Research Presentation]. Critical Questions in Education (CQIE) Symposium, Cleveland, OH.

Rouse, M., Karwal, A. & Kraschel, S. (2021, September-December). *RESPECT Training: Recognizing Everyone's Strengths through Peacebuilding, Empathy, Communication, and Trustbuilding*, Des Moines, IA & Ottumwa, IA.

Rouse, M. & Karwal, A. (2021, April 10). *How can family leaders manage conflict: Can understanding position and interests help?* [Professional Development Presentation] Iowa Family Leadership Training Institute, Cedar Rapids, IA.

Journal Manuscript Reviewer

Midwestern Educational Researcher (MWER)

2023-present

Critical Questions in Education (CQIE)

2020-present

Thresholds in Education

2021

Service Activities

Dissertation & Thesis Committees

Mekky, N. (2023). *Teacher perceptions of implicit bias on student achievement outcomes* [doctoral dissertation, Western Illinois University]. ProQuest.

Swanson, J. (2023). *The relationship between collective teacher efficacy, teacher attitudes toward inclusion, and highly inclusive elementary schools* [doctoral dissertation, Western Illinois University]. ProQuest.

Brienen, H. (2023). *The effects of behavior specific praise on student achievement and behavior* [special education thesis presentation, Western Illinois University].

Bagby, M. (2022). *The impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on leadership and learning in Illinois public high schools* [doctoral dissertation, Western Illinois University]. Proquest.

Arnold, D. (2022). *A qualitative multiple case study on principal leadership: Does one size fit all?* [doctoral dissertation, Western Illinois University]. ProQuest.

Gooding, L. (2022). *The impact of check and connect as a student engagement tool for students with disabilities* [special education thesis, Western Illinois University].

Hernandez, L. (2021). *Teachers successfully educating historically underserved students* [doctoral dissertation, Western Illinois University]. ProQuest.

Springer, T. (2021). *The impact of undergraduate preparation programs on the self efficacy of novice early elementary teachers in literacy instruction* [doctoral dissertation, Western Illinois University]. ProQuest.

Walters, J. (2021). *College freshmen and their perceived expectations of higher education* [doctoral dissertation, Western Illinois University]. ProQuest.

University Committees

Diversity Council (2022-Current)

Quad City Faculty Council (2022-Current)

SOE Graduate Committee (2022-Current)

Honorary Degree Committee (2022-Current)

SOE Scholarship Committee (2021-Current)

State/Regional Committees

Illinois Principal Association Pipeline Scholarship Committee (2022-Current)