

CURRICULUM VITA

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EDUCATION

- 1992 Ph.D. in Educational Psychology; Specialization in Infant/Child Development and Developmental Psychology
University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 1976 M.A., with Honors in Special Education
Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois
- 1972 B.A., with Honors in Elementary Education and Special Education
University of Illinois at Chicago

CERTIFICATION

Elementary Education, K-9 (Type 03), State of Illinois
Social/Emotional Disorders, K-12 (Type 10), State of Illinois
Learning Disabilities, K-12 (Type 10), State of Illinois

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

- 2000 – Present Clinical Associate Professor, Erikson Institute, Chicago, Illinois
- 1997 – 2000 Adjunct Faculty, Erikson Institute, Chicago, Illinois
- 1996 – 2003 Consultant, Developmental ASPIRE Early Intervention Program (Formerly known as PARC Early Intervention Program)
- 1997 – 1998 Part-time Faculty, Psychology, College of DuPage, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
- 1996 – 1998 Adjunct Faculty, Psychology, Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Illinois
- 1996 – 1998 Adjunct Faculty, Psychology, Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois
- 1996 – 1999 Teacher, LaGrange Elementary School District 102, LaGrange, Illinois
- 1994 – 1996 Visiting Lecturer, Psychology, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL
- 1994 Adjunct Faculty, Psychology, Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois

1993 – 1996	Research, Psychology, University of Chicago
1984 – 1986	Co-director of Child Care Research, The Ounce of Prevention Fund, Chicago
1984 – 1985	Research Associate, Child Psychiatry: Parent Infant Development Service (PIDS), University of Chicago Hospitals
1980 – 1981	Research Assistant, Thresholds Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center: Mother's Project
1972 – 1979	Therapeutic Teacher/Diagnostician, Nicholas J. Pritzker Children's Hospital and School

COURSES TAUGHT

- Developmental Psychology
- Early Childhood Education Methods I, II
- Exceptional Child; Children with Special Needs and Diverse Abilities
- Language Development
- Life Span Development
- Social Psychology

FUNDED PROJECTS/PROGRAMS SINCE 2000

2006-present	Online Infant Specialist in Child Care Certificate Program Campus Infant Specialist in Child Care Certificate Program
2000 – 2006	Co-director, Development of <i>BrainWonders</i> web site in conjunction with Zero To Three and Boston University

HONORS AND AWARDS

- PARC Association Taking the Initiative Award (1999)
- Scholarship, University of Chicago (1980 – 1981)
- Traineeship Award, University of Illinois at Chicago (1970 – 1972)
- Scholarship, University of Illinois at Chicago (1968 – 1972)

ADVISORY POSITIONS

2006 – present	Board Member, Illinois Developmental Therapy Association
2004- 2007	Early Intervention Credentialing Advisory Group
1997 – present	Erikson Institute students in Infant Studies, Child Development, and Teacher Education
1996 – 2010	Board member, Illinois Association for Infant Mental Health
1997 – 2000	Membership Chair, Illinois Association for Infant Mental Health
1996 – 2003	Developmental ASPIRE Early Intervention Program

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS SINCE 1995

- Alibali, M.W., Bassok, M., Olseth, K., Syc, S.E., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (1999). Illuminating mental representations through speech and gesture. *Psychological Science*, 10, 327-333.
- Alibali, M.W., Bassok, M., Olseth, K., Syc, S.E., & Goldin-Meadow, S. (1995). Gestures reveal mental models of discrete and continuous change. In J.D. Moore & J.F. Lehman (eds.), *Proceedings of the seventeenth annual conference of the cognitive science society*, pp. 391-396. Hillsdale, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS SINCE 1995

- Moving Erikson Online: Four Perspectives from administrators, faculty, instructors, and designers on an intentional and inclusive process.* (2009, November). Workshop presented at the 2009 NAEYC Annual Conference and Expo November 18-21 Washington, D.C.
- Developing Academic Learning Communities: Lessons Learned while Moving Erikson Online.* (2009, June). Workshop presented at the NAEYC 18th National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development June 14-17 Charlotte, North Carolina.
- Creation of An Online Infant Specialist Certificate Program: Sharing what we have learned.* (2008, June). Workshop presented at the NAEYC 17th National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development June 8-11 New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Inclusion and Special Needs: The Unfinished Work of Early Childhood Teacher Preparation.* (2006, November). Workshop presented to Chicago City College Faculty at Erikson Institute, Chicago, Illinois.
- Neurobehavioral Observation of Infants and Toddlers.* (2005, October). Workshop presented at the Sharing A Vision-Working Together for ALL Young Children Conference in Oak Brook, Illinois.
- Stress, the Brain and the Developing Child.* (2004, November). Workshop presented at Maximizing Children's Potential: The Power of the Brain Conference in Evanston, Illinois.
- Brain Development.* (2004, April). Workshop presented at the FOCUS on Early Education Conference at Kankakee Community College in Kankakee, Illinois.
- The Effects of Stress on the Developing Child.* (2004, March). Workshop presented at the Human Literacy: Learning to read the world ... before learning to read the word Waldorf Early Childhood Conference in Chicago, Illinois.
- The Brain and the Developing Child: Stress, Coping and Caregiving.* (2003, August). Workshop presented to social workers for the Special Education District of Lake County in Wildwood, Illinois.
- The Brain and Language Development in the Developing Child.* (2003, May). Workshop presented at Erikson Institute, Chicago, IL.
- Brain Wonders: Development in the First Three Years with a Focus on Stress.* (2003, April). Workshops presented at the Sixth Annual Infant Toddler Conference, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL.
- Stress and the Brain in the Developing Child.* (2003, April). Seminar conducted for the Loyola University School of Social Work, Chicago, IL.

- The Brain and Early Development.* (2003, February). Workshop presented at the Early Head Start Initiative Training in Zion, IL.
- The Developing Brain: The Developing Child from Birth through Adolescence.* (2002, October). Seminar conducted for the Loyola University School of Social Work, Chicago, IL.
- Brain Wonders: The Brain in the first three years of life.* (2002, June). Workshop presented at the DuPage Children's Museum, Naperville, IL.
- The Brain and Early Development.* (2002, May). Workshop presented at the Early Head Start Initiative Training in California.
- Brain Wonders: What you need to know about the brain and development.* (2002, April). Workshops presented at the Fifth Annual Infant Toddler Conference, Oakton Community College, Des Plaines, IL.
- BrainWonders.* (2002, April). Workshop presented at Erikson Institute, Chicago, IL.
- BrainWonders: Language and Literacy in Toddlers.* (2002, January). Workshop presented for Advocate Health Care-Day Care, Morton Grove, IL.
- BrainWonders: Working with Infants and Toddlers.* (2001, November). Poster presentation at the Zero To Three National Training Institute, San Diego, CA.
- The Brain and Child Development.* (2001, November). Presentation for Columbia College, Chicago, IL.
- Stress, Coping and Caregiving.* (2001, September). Workshop presented at the 5th Start Early Learning Begins at Birth Conference, Voices for Illinois Children and Erikson Institute, Chicago, IL.
- BrainWonders: Helping Babies and Toddlers Grow and Develop.* (2001, June). Workshop presented at Erikson Institute for Reach Out and Read Volunteers and Professionals, Chicago, IL.
- Brain Development and Sensory Processing From a Life Span Perspective.* (2001, March). Presented at Life Links and DAEYC Sharing Across the Ages Conference, Bensenville, IL.
- Early Influences on Brain Development.* (2001, February). Building Successful Partnerships, Chicago, IL.
- BrainWonders: Helping Babies and Toddlers Grow and Develop.* (2000, November). Training sessions for Child Care Initiatives, Chicago, IL.
- BrainWonders: Helping Babies and Toddlers Grow and Develop.* (2000, October). Workshop presented at the Golden Corridor Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Des Plaines, IL.
- BrainWonders: Helping Babies and Toddlers Grow and Develop.* (2000, September). Workshop presented at the DuPage Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Naperville, IL.
- The Infant/Toddler and Caregiver Relationship: Its Importance for Optimal Development in the Day Care Setting.* (1998, January). Workshop presented at the Annual Conference of the Chicago Metropolitan Association for the Education of Young Children, Chicago, IL.
- Special Needs: Early Signs in Infant and Toddlers.* (1997, October). Workshop presented at the South Suburban Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Fall Conference, Tinley Park, IL.

Emotional Intelligence: Assessment in Young Children. (1997, April). Presented at the Loyola University Center for Children, Families and Community Bridges for Communication Seminar Series, Wilmette, IL.

Connecting with Colleagues: Professional Roles and Perspectives in Working with Infants, Toddlers, and Families. (1997, March). Presented at the Illinois Association for Infant Mental Health Networking Seminar, Chicago, IL.

Infant Mental Health: What is it and how does it work? (1996, June). Presented at the Governor State University Early Intervention Conference, University Park, IL.

Gestures reveal mental models of discrete and continuous change. (1995, June). Paper presented at the annual conference of the Cognitive Science Society, Pittsburgh, PA.

SELECTED TRAINING AND CONSULTATION

- Learning and the Brain: Using Brain Research to Reshape Classroom Practice, Boston, MA, 1999
- Infancy and Early Childhood Training, Arlington, VA, 1997.