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EDUCATION

Ed.D. Early Childhood Education ~ Reading
University of North Texas, 2014
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M.Ed. Special Education ~ Early Childhood Education
University of North Texas, 1995

B.B.A. Finance
University of North Texas, 1989

Certifications: Texas Teacher Certificate Generic Special Education (PK - 12)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

9/23-present Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, Texas A&M University-Commerce, TX

8/17-9/22 Assistant Professor of Child & Family Studies, Northwestern State University, Natchitoches, LA

1/16-5/17 Visiting Assistant Professor, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Walker, K., Heinrich, M., Uribe Montserrat, D. A., Stanković-Ramirez, Z., Thompson, J., Rose, R. (submitted). Examining the role of developmental cascades in early care and education. *Literature Reviews in Education and Human Services*.

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Walker, K. (2022). [*Making the most of teachable moments*](#). *Teaching Young Children*, 15(2), 23-25.

Montemayor, A. & **Walker, K.** (2021). Preparing generalists early childhood teachers to work with culturally and linguistically diverse children who have special needs. In Riojas-Cortez, M. (Ed.) [*Diversifying pedagogy in early childhood teacher preparation programs*](#). Rowman & Littlefield.