

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- Ph.D. Education with an emphasis in Special Education and Disabilities Studies, University of Nevada, Reno (2016)
- M.A. Educational Psychology – Development, Learning, and Instruction, California State University, Northridge (2005), with Distinction
- B.A. Psychology, California State University, Dominguez Hills (2002), Cum Laude and Honors in Psychology

Employment

- Sept 2016 – present Assistant Professor, Special Education
Seattle Pacific University, School of Education
- Feb 2012 – Jan 2016 Graduate Student Assistant/Letter of Appointment,
University of Nevada, Reno
- Sept 2004 – June 2005 Behavioral Therapist, Long Beach Unified School District,
Long Beach, CA
- Sept 2004 – June 2005 Behavioral Therapist, Lovaas Institute for Early
Intervention, Los Angeles, CA
- July 2003 – July 2004 Behavioral Therapist, Autism Center for Treatment,
Thousand Oaks, CA
- May 2002 – Aug 2003 Behavioral Therapist, Center for Autism and Related
Disorders, Behavioral Therapist, Torrance, CA
- Aug 1996 – June 1999 Teachers Assistant in a Special Education self-contained
classroom, Long Beach Unified School District, Long
Beach, CA

Teaching Experience

- EDSP 6646/4646 Severe Disabilities
- EDU 6133 Diversity in America
- EDSP 4462 Individual Education Programs
- EDSP 4657 Behavior Management
- EDU 203 Introduction to Special Education
- EDES 313 Developing as a Teacher: Practicum and Seminar
- EDSP 632 Serving Individuals with Disabilities and Their Families
- EDSP 411/611 Students with Disabilities in General Education Settings
- PSYCH 101 Introduction to Psychology
- PSYCH 1300 Learning Frameworks

Research Publications

Walsh, B. A., Sanchez, C., Lee, A. M., **Casillas, N.**, & Hansen, C. (in press). Family concepts in early learning and development standards. *Early Child Development and Care*.

Treacy, A. C., **Casillas, N.**, & Wiest, L. R. (2013). Exploring the importance of an introductory doctoral course. *The Researcher*, 25(1), 6-20.

Wang, H. T., & **Casillas, N.** (2013). Asian American parents' experiences of raising children with autism: Multicultural family perspective, *Journal of Asian and African Studies*, 48(5), 594-606.

Manuscripts under Review

Casillas, N. Effects of video self-modeling on functional life skills in adolescents with ASD.

Casillas, N., Vigil, D. C., & Wang, H. T. Latino and non-Latino white parents' experiences raising their child with ASD: An exploratory study.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Casillas, N., Maloney, W., Treacy, A. C., Abernathy, T. V., Bingham, A., & Taylor, S. S. Understanding the journey to a doctorate.

Casillas, N., Wang, H. T., & Ilesanmi, O. A. Autism and the African American community.

Doctoral Student Teaching Manual

Casillas, N., Maloney, W., & Treacy, A. C. (2014). Doctoral student teaching manual, College of Education, Special Education, University of Nevada, Reno (Unpublished).

Conference Presentations

Treacy, A. C., Wiest, L., & **Casillas, N.** (2016). Learn at Lunch presentation at the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association (NRMERA), Reno, NV. Presentation titled: *The Role of Non-Chair Committee Members in a Student's Doctoral Program*.

Taylor, S. S., Morgan, J., & **Casillas, N.** (2016). Paper presented at the Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Lexington, KY. Paper titled: *Preparing Doctoral Students for a Successful Job Search: Crossing the Finish Line*.

Taylor, S. S., Abernathy, T., **Casillas, N.**, Treacy, A. C., Bingham, A., & Maloney, W. (2015). Paper presented at the Teacher Education Division (TED) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), Phoenix, AZ. Paper titled: *Preparing Teacher Educators: How Do we Mentor Future Faculty?*

Casillas, N., Walsh, B. A., & Hansen, C. (2015). Poster presented at the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association (NRMERA), Boise, ID. Paper titled: *Family Centered Principles in the Early Learning Standards Documents: A Content Analysis of the Western Mountain States.*

Casillas, N., Maloney, W., & Treacy, A. C. (2015). Learn at Lunch presentation at the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association (NRMERA), Boise, ID. Presentation titled: *Doctoral Student Teaching Manual.*

Treacy, A. C., Wehunt, M., Maloney, W., **Casillas, N.,** Hanson, J., Ahlawat, P., & Richmond, A. S. (2015). Workshop presentation at the Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association (NRMERA), Boise, ID. Presentation titled: *The Science and Art of the Successful Pursuit and Completion of a Doctoral Degree: Skills, Experiences, Expertise, and Resources.*

Walsh, B. A., Lee, A. M., **Casillas, N.,** & Hansen, C. (2015). Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD), Philadelphia, PA. Poster titled: *Content Validation of Parent Involvement in the Early Learning and Development Standards Documents*

Walsh, B. A., Lee, A. M., **Casillas, N.,** & Hansen, C. (2014). Paper presented at the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR), Baltimore, MD. Paper titled: *Family Centered Principles in Early Childhood Education: Initial Analysis and Implications*

Walsh, B. A., Lee, A. M., & **Casillas, N.** (2014). Paper presented at the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Minneapolis, MN. Paper titled: *Family-Centered Principles in Minnesota's Early Learning Standards: A Content Analysis*

Walsh, B. A., Lee, A. M., **Casillas, N.,** & Hansen, C. (2014). Paper presented at Nevada Association for the Education of Young Children (NevAEYC), Las Vegas, NV. Paper titled: *Family-Centered Principles in the Early Learning Standards Documents: Content Validation of the Southwestern States*

Treacy, A. C., & **Casillas, N.** (2013). Paper presented at Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association (NRMERA), Jackson Hole, WY. Paper titled: *Exploring the Importance of an Introductory Doctoral Course*

Casillas, N. (2009). Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association (AERA), San Diego, CA. Paper titled: *In Retrospect: Parental Experiences of Raising a Child with Autism*

Casillas, N. (2009). Poster presented at The Division of Early Childhood (DEC), Albuquerque, NM. Poster title: *Mothers' Views on raising their Children with Autism*

Wang, H. T., & **Casillas, N.** (2009). Poster presented at The Association for the Severely Handicaps (TASH), Pittsburgh, PA. Poster titled: *Raising Children with Autism: Perspectives of Asian Fathers*

Chen, P. Y, Koyama, T., & **Casillas, N.** (2008). Poster presented at the Association for Behavior Analysis International, Chicago, IL. Poster titled: *A Review of Sensory Integration Intervention on Self-stimulatory and Self-injurious Behaviors*

Koyama, T., **Casillas, N.**, & Chen, P. Y. (2008). Paper presented at the Infant and Early Childhood Conference, Bellevue, WA. Presentation titled: *Motivating Young Children in School: The Effective use of Reinforcement*

Chen, P. Y., & **Casillas, N.** (2008). Paper presented at the Association for Positive Behavior Support, Chicago, IL. Presentation titled: *Peer Victimization Risk Factors and Interventions for Students with Asperger Syndrome: A Review*

Casillas, N. (2007). Poster presented at the American Educational Research Association (AERA), Chicago, IL. Poster titled: *Efficacy, Motivation, and Aspirations of Immigrant Latino students*

Barron, B., **Casillas, N.**, Esmond, I., Herrenkohl, L.R., Mercier, E., Mertl, V., Nasir, N., O'Connor, K., Pea, R., Rossman, L., Tyson, K. (2007). Poster presentation at the American Educational Research Association (AERA), Chicago, IL. Poster titled: *Collaborative Capacities as a Component of Adaptive Expertise.*

Symposium Presentations

Walsh, B. A., Lee, A. M., **Casillas, N.**, Hansen, C., & Reed, J. (2013). Presentation titled: *Content validation of national family centered principles in the Nevada pre-kindergarten standards.* University of Nevada Reno, Nevada Educational Research Symposium.

Casillas, N. (2003). California State University Northridge, Student Research Symposium.

Casillas, N. (2004). California State University Northridge, Student Research Symposium.

Summit Presentations

Walsh, B. A., Anderson, A., **Casillas, N.**, & Talavera, J. (2014). Presentation titled: *Description and Reliability of the Family-Friendly Schools Walk-Through* Nevada State Summit on Family Engagement, Reno, NV.

Vigil, D. C., **Casillas, N.**, Tache, L., McDonald, L., Shaw, K., & Lewandowski, H. (2013). *Learn the Signs. Act Early.* Reno, NV.

Professional Organizations

Council in Exceptional Children (CEC)

Division of Autism and Developmental Disabilities

Teacher Education Division

Division of Research

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

Division C Learning and Instruction

Division K Teaching and Teacher Education

Special Education SIG

Religion and Education SIG

Spirituality and Education SIG

Motivation SIG

Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association (NRMERA)

Service/Committees

Search Committee - Hiring new faculty member in Special Education, University of Nevada, Reno (2015-2016)

Judith Bible Teaching Committee, University of Nevada, Reno (2015)

Work and Family Task Force, University of Nevada, Reno (2013-2014)

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Awards Committee, University of Nevada, Reno (2013-2014)

International Student Committee, University of Nevada, Reno (2013-2014)

Council on Family Engagement, Washoe County School District (2013-2014)

Family Friendly Schools Committee, Washoe County School District (2013-2014)

Graduate Student Association (GSA) Council, University of Nevada, Reno (2013-2014)