

**Selected Curriculum Vitae  
2010-2019  
Donna Elizabeth Dugger Wadsworth, Ph.D.**

**Education**

Doctor of Philosophy, Louisiana State University, August 1995.  
--Curriculum and Instruction/early childhood special education

**Professional Memberships and Activities**

Council for Exceptional Children (CEC);

- Elected LA Representative to International Council for Exceptional Children –2013, 2014, 2015, 2019
- Louisiana CEC Treasurer- 2012-2014
- Louisiana Finance Chair 2011- 2012; 2014-2019

Division of Early Childhood (DEC) – Council for Exceptional Children

- International DEC Conference Program Reviewer 2014, 2015, 2019
- Louisiana Subdivision DEC
  - Treasurer – 2012-2019
  - President 2011-2012,

Lafayette Parish Transition Core Team – 2010 to present

Lafayette Early Childhood Education Coalition – Partners in Early Childhood Education (PECE) – Promote early childhood professional development activities. Early Intervention Representative (2013 to 2016)

Member of Lafayette Parish School Board Special Quest Inclusion Community Support Team, 2012-2015.

Representative of colleges and universities to the Special Education Advisory Council of the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education 1995-2012.

**Chair and Memberships on University and College Committees**

Member University Program Review Committee – 2015-2018

Member Early Childhood Search Committee, 2014-15

Chair, COE Commencement Committee, 2014 to present

Member 2014, 2015 College of Education, Tenure and Promotion Committee

Elected as College of Education Representative to University Graduate Council, 2012-2015

Member of University Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2012-2015

Chair, Special Education NCATE/CEC Spa Report Writing Committee 2012-2013, 2014-2015, 2017

Chair Special Education Search Committee – 2013, 2015

Member of Faculty Senate – College of Education 1995-97, 2004 to present

Elected Member of University Faculty Senate Committee on Committees 2006-2012

Elected Member of University Committee on Academic Affairs 2007-2015

Curriculum Advisor to University LIFE Program for Students with Intellectual Disabilities 2014 to present.

Director of College of Education Special Education Learning Clinic, 2007-present

**Publications (\*indicate refereed journals) 2011 to present**

\*Trahan, M., Olivier, D., & Wadsworth, D. (Winter 2015). Fostering Special Education Certification Through Professional Development, Learning Communities, and Mentorship. *Journal of the American Academy of Special Education Professionals (JAASEP)*

\*McCartney, R. W. & Wadsworth D E.(2013). Learning Benefits for K-5 Students with Pets and Other Living Organisms on the Environmental Playground. *Teaching and Learning*. 8(1) 35-55.

Wadsworth, D. E. (2013) Diversity in the Classroom. In W. A. Rieck *Teaching in Secondary Schools*, 5th edition. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing Co.

\*McCartney, R. W. & Wadsworth D. (2012). Middle School Students with Exceptional Learning Needs Investigate the use of Visuals for Learning Science. *Teaching and Learning*,7(1), 1-20.

\*Rieck, W. A., Dugger-Wadsworth, D. E. and Bourque, A. (September 2011). *Making PDS Work for Inclusive Special Education*. PDS Partners, 7(2), 7-8.

Wadsworth, D. & Handler, B. (2011). *The History of Special Education in Louisiana*, Richardson, Crain-Dorough, Lane, and Roberts(Eds.),. *Education in Louisiana*, Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing Co.

**Reports Written:**

Wadsworth, D. and Briggs, C. (2017-2018) – Proposal for Exceptional Learner Concentration in Doctorate for Educational Leadership, approved and started Fall 2018

Wadsworth, D., Ruiz, M. & Beasley, T.H. (2015) Program Report Update for the Preparation of Special Education Teachers, Grades 1-5 to CAEP and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Wadsworth, D., Ruiz, M., & Beasley, T.H. (2015). Program Report Update for the Preparation of Special Education Teachers, Grades 6-12 to CAEP and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Wadsworth, D. (2014) with assistance of M. Ruiz, H. Beasley, M. Evitt, and others conducted and wrote Intellectual Disabilities Project Needs Assessment and Recommendations Report for University President.

Wadsworth, D. (2013) Program Report for the Preparation of Special Education Teachers, Grades 1-5 to National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Council for Exceptional Children

Wadsworth, D. (2013) Program Report for the Preparation of Special Education Teachers, Grades 6-12 to National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and the Council for Exceptional Children.

Assisted Dr. P. Montgomery (2013) in writing of Program Report for the Preparation of Early Childhood Education Teachers, PK-3) to National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and NAEYC

**Grants Grants (Total Grants to Date \$971,743.60)**

Graduate School Recruitment Grant for Special Education MAT Program, \$500., December 2012

Putting a Face on Transition, D. Wadsworth, Project Director, \$48,000. *La Department of Education*. (2009-2011).

**Presentations (\*refereed presentations at international, national or state organization conferences)**

2019, Feb. 26. "Response to Intervention: Do We Have a Shared Understanding?" Dr. Christine Briggs and Dr. Donna Wadsworth, 38<sup>th</sup> Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA.

2019, Feb. 26 Facilitating Effective Partnerships with Families to Support Student Success in Postsecondary Education. Caroline Jurisich, Project Director and Dr. Donna Wadsworth, Program Advisor, University of Louisiana at Lafayette

2018, July 26. Invited presenter to Governor's Symposium on the American Disabilities Act. "Post-Secondary Education." With Caroline Jurisich, Baton Rouge, LA

2018, April 20. "Crumbling the wall of a university to build meaningful relationships" with Caroline Jurisich and Keita Rone Wilson at SEPSEA Compacity Building Institute in Memphis, TN.

2018, Jan 23. "Leadership and Support for Education of Exceptional Learners." With Dr. Chris Briggs and Dr. Dianne Olivier, Louisiana 37<sup>th</sup> Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA.

2018, Jan 23. "Learning is for Everyone – UL LIFE Program with Caroline Jurisich. Louisiana 37<sup>th</sup> Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA.

2017, July 27. Invited presenter to Governor's Symposium on the American Disabilities Act. "Post-Secondary Education Opportunities for Students with Disabilities in Higher Education." With Caroline Jurisich, Baton Rouge, LA

2017, January 30, "Firing Up Synapses: The Importance of Authentic Experience and Intentional Play" with Dr. Roxanne Bourque. Louisiana 36<sup>th</sup> Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA

2017, January 31, " Successful Creation of a Post-Secondary University Program for Students with Intellectual Disabilities" with Dr. Maria Ruiz, Mary Carolyn Duffy, Caroline Jurisich and students. Louisiana 36<sup>th</sup> Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA.

2016, November 10, "Creating Space for Professional Dispositions Training within a Special Education Teacher Preparation Program." with Dr. Maria Ruiz, National Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Louisville, KY

2016, November 11, "Learning is for Everyone" with Dr. Maria Ruiz, National Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children Conference, Louisville, KY

2016, April,15. "*One Partnership with Families in Play: A Literacy and Sensory Carnival*" with Roxanne Speer. International Council for Exceptional Children Conference, St. Louis, MO

2015, November 6, "Taking the Preparation of Early Childhood Teacher Candidates One Step Further". International Teacher Education Conference – Council for Exceptional Children, Tempe, AZ .

2015, August 20, Role of your Graduate Program Coordinator with J. Tetnowski, A. Magidin, R. Viguerie, and A. Lowey, Graduate School Orientation for New Students, Student Union, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

2015, January 26-27. "Special Education Teacher Certification: An Assessment and Professional Development Needs Model" with Dr. Mitzi P. Trahan and Dr. Dianne F. Olivier. Louisiana 34<sup>th</sup> Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA.

2015, January 26-27. "Collaboration, Mentoring, and Survival Skills for First Year Teachers" with Lauren Jeffrey, Cemone Credeur, Sultonah Scott, Amanda Clark, and Caroline Jurisch, Louisiana 34th Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA.

2015, January 7. "Making Connections with your Graduate Program Coordinator", Graduate School Orientation for New Students, Olivier Hall, University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

\*2014 – October 9, "Play Benefits for All Children on an Integrated Playground". Division of Early Childhood International Conference with Dr. Robin McCartney and Patrick E. Wadsworth, Jr., St. Louis, MO

2014 – January 27, "Different Perspectives: A Common Core Discussion" with Dr. Gerlinde Beckers, and Dr. David Strauss. Louisiana 33<sup>rd</sup> Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA.

\*2013 – November 9, "Using Pets and an Environmental Playground to Enhance Teacher Candidate and Student Learning," with Dr. Robin McCartney and Patrick E. Wadsworth, Jr., 35<sup>th</sup> Annual International Teacher Education Division Conference of the Council for Exceptional Children, Fort Lauderdale, FL

2013 – January 28-29, "COMPASS: Where are We Going? A Panel Discussion with Dr. Gerlinde Beckers, Dr. David Strauss, Kim Guillot, Janine LaFleur, Sherry-Julian Robinson. Louisiana 32<sup>nd</sup> Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA

2013 – January 28-29, "Creating a Playground that Enhances Learning Opportunities for ALL Children with Dr. Robin McCartney. Louisiana 32<sup>nd</sup> Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA

\*2012, April "Play Benefits Enhanced On An Integrated Playground" with R. McCartney, and J. Downs, International COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN Annual Convention and Expo, Denver, CO.

\*2012, April "Lessons from the Arts" with W. Rieck and P. Wadsworth, Jr. International COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN Annual Convention and Expo, Denver, CO.

\*2012, April "Collaboration to Improve Transition and Postschool Outcomes with L. Price and J. Downs, International COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN Annual Convention and Expo, Denver, CO.

\*2012, March "Administrators and Inclusion", with W. A. Rieck, Professional Development Schools National Conference, Las Vegas, NV

\*2012, March "Advantages of Environmental Playgrounds" with Robin McCartney, Louisiana Environmental Education Symposium, Lafayette, LA

\*2012, February “Fostering Special Education Certification Through Professional development, Learning Communities, and Mentorship with Mitzi P. Trahan and Dianne F. Olivier, Southwest Education Research Association, New Orleans, LA

2012, January “Science Learning on the Playground for all Children”. With R. McCartney, LA Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA

2012, January “Update on Transition in Louisiana”.With Dr. Keita Rone Wilson. LA Super Conference on Special Education, Lafayette, LA

\*2011, March 13 “*Accent on Special Education*”, with W. A. Rieck, 2011 Professional Development Schools National Conference, New Orleans, LA

2011, January 24-25. *Best Practices in Transition Academics*, half day workshop with Lynda Price, Paul Bole, and Keita Wilson, Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette, LA

2011, January 24-25. *Best Practices for Successful Employment*, half day workshop with L. Price, Paul Bole, & K.Wilson, Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette, LA

2011, January 24-25. *How to Juggle It All and Still Leave Smiling*, with Marcy Boudreaux and Ashlie Allardyce, Super Conference on Special Education. Lafayette, LA

### **Awards and Recognition**

- Kathy Authement Prouet Professorship 2004-2019
- 2013 – Awarded Outstanding Special Education Leader by Louisiana Council for Exceptional Children