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Education

Ph.D., Curricular and Instructional Studies	2005
The University of Akron <i>A Phenomenological Investigation of hte Pedagogy of Family Child Care</i>	
M.A., Early Childhood Education	1998
Kent State University	
B.S., Elementary Education	1974
The University of Akron	

Higher Education Work Experience

Home, School, Community Partnerships	01/2007 - 05/2007
Kent State University - Salem	
Expressive Arts and Social Studies	01/2007 - 05/2007
Kent State University - Salem	
Understanding Young Children, Typical and Atypical	01/2006 - 05/2006
Kent State University - Tuscarawas	
Mathematics and Science Methods in Early Childhood	01/2006 - 05/2006
Indiana University, Purdue University at Fort Wayne	
Family, School, Community Relationships	01/2006 - 05/2006
The University of Akron	
Understanding Young Children, Typical and Atypical	08/2006 - 12/2006

Kent State University - Salem

Guidance of Young Children 08/2006 - 12/2006
Kente State University - Salem

Foundations in Early Childhood Education 08/2003 - 05/2004
Ashland University

Teaching of Mathematics Methods in Early Childhood 08/2003 - 05/2004
Ashland University

Child and Adolscent Development 08/2002 - 08/2002
The University of Akron
Graduate course for cohort of college candidates completing Early Intervention Specialist Certification

Characteristics of Learners 08/2000 - 05/2003
The University of Akron

Teaching in the Early Childhood Center 08/2000 - 05/2003
The University of Akron

Professional Issues and Trends 08/2000 - 05/2003
The University of Akron

Other Professional Experience

owner/operator 03/1990 - 05/1998
Gentle Years Daycare and Preschool

Preschool teacher 09/1986 - 05/1987
Firestone Park Preschool, Akron

Elementary Teacher 09/1975 - 06/1981
Akron Public Schools

Sixth Grade Teacher 08/1974 - 05/1975
Florida College Academy

Publications

Freeman, R., & Vakil, S. (2007). The pedagogical experiences and practices of family child care providers. <i>Early Childhood Education Journal</i> . D in-press.	2007
Publication:	
Freeman, R. (2006). Science curriculum in family child care. <i>A.A.A.E.Y.C. Newsletter</i> , Fall, 2006.	2006
Publication:	
Swim, T. J., & Freeman, R. (2004). A time to reflect: The use of food in early childhood classrooms, <i>Young Children</i> , 59 (6), 18-23.	2004
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Refereed</i>	
Vakil, S., Freeman, R., & Swim, T.J. (2003). The Reggio Emilia approach and inclusive early childhood programs. <i>Early Childhood Education Journal</i> , 30 (3), 187-92. I	2003
Publication:	
Swim, T. J., & Freeman, R. (2003). Parents and teachers working together: Should food be used for learning materials? <i>Early Childhood News</i> , 15 (3), 41-46.	2003
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Refereed</i>	
Freeman, R., & Vakil, S. (2003). The role of family childcare providers in early intervention. <i>Early Childhood Education Journal</i> , 32 (2), 121-5.	2003
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Refereed</i>	
Freeman, R., & Swim, T.J. (2003). A critical reflection on using food as learning material, <i>Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education</i> , 24, 83-88.	2003
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Refereed</i>	
Freeman, R. (2002). Reflection of the year's work in the Akron Reggio Study Group. Essay published in <i>Focus: The Ohio Association for The Education of Young Children</i> , 26, (2), 2.	2002
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Non-Refereed</i>	
Editor, NEOPN monthly newsletter	1993
Publication:	
Freeman, R. (1992). Some tools to battle caregiver stress. <i>The Childrens Room</i> , 18, 3	1992
Publication:	

Presentations

Freeman, R., & White, B. (June 3-6, 2008). But Words Will Never Hurt Me? The Problem of Young Childrens Bullying from a Social Justice Perspective: A Cross-National Phenomenon. The Fifteenth International Conference on Learning. Chicago, IL.	2008
Type: <i>National Non-Refereed</i>	
Freeman, R. (July 17-19, 2008). How to Put Time in a Bottle, and Reach for Some When You Need It: Have Time to Spare at the End of the Day. Paper accepted for presentation National Association for Family Child Care Conference. Chicago, IL.	2008
Type: <i>National Non-Refereed</i>	

- Freeman, R. (July 17-19, 2008). The role of husbands in family child care programs. Paper accepted for presentation National Association for Family Child Care Conference. Chicago, IL. 2008
Type: *National Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (Nov. 5-8, 2008). Family Child Care as a Place for Children's Learning: Tapping in to the Rich Learning Potential of Environment, Relationships, and Curriculum. Presentation submitted to the National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Dallas, TX. 2008
Type: *International Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2007, February). The Use of Developmentally Appropriate Teaching Strategies in Family Child Care. Presentation at the Eastern Educational Research Association, Clearwater, FL. 2007
Type: *National Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2007, June). When Young Children Learn in Family Child Care Programs: A Place for Pedagogical Fidelity. Paper presented at the International Learning Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa. 2007
Type: *International Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2007, August). Rich Learning for Young Children Using Open Ended Materials to Guide Children's Problem Solving, Imagination, and Reasoning. Paper presented at the National Association for Family Child Care Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA. 2007
Type: *National Non-Refereed*
- White, B., Freeman, R., Norton-Smith, L., & Swim, T. (November, 2006). The Asking of Good Questions: Guiding Pre- and In-service Teachers From the Scripted to the Provocative. Paper presented at the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. 2006
Type: *National Non-Refereed*
- White, B., Freeman, R., Norton-Smith, L., & Swim, T. (November, 2006). The Asking of Good Questions: Guiding Pre- and In-service Teachers From the Scripted to the Provocative. Presentation at the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA. 2006
Type: *National Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2005, April). The Teaching Voice of Family Child Care: Educational Perceptions of Ohio Providers. Paper presented at OAEYC (Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Columbus, OH. 2005
Type: *State Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R., Norton-Smith, L., Swim, T., & White, B. (2005, April). Study Groups as Tools for Reflective Practice: How Early Childhood Educators Can Become Masters of the Art. Paper presented at OAEYC (Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Columbus, OH. 2005
Type: *State Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2005, October). Why Does Johnny Read? How Young Children Learn to Read and Write. Presentation at the Ohio Library Council Annual Conference, Columbus, OH. 2005
Type: *State Non-Refereed*

- Freeman, R., Norton-Smith, L., Swim, T., & White, B. (2005, October). Adult Learners as Researchers: How Documentation, Reflection and Dialogue Spark New Pedagogy. Paper presented at Ohio Department of Education Conference, Columbus, OH. 2005
Type: *State Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R., Norton-Smith, L., Swim, T., & White, B. (2005, October). Adult Learners as Researchers: How Documentation, Reflection and Dialogue Spark New Pedagogy. Paper presented at Head Start, Region V Annual Conference, Columbus, OH. 2005
Type: *Regional Non-Refereed*
- White, B., Freeman, R., Norton-Smith, L., & Swim, T. (December, 2005). Adult Learners as Researchers: How Documentation, Reflection and Dialogue Spark New Pedagogy. Paper presented at the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Washington, D.C. 2005
Type: *National Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2005, April). The Teaching Voice of Family Child Care: Educational Perceptions of Ohio Providers. Paper to be presented at OAEYC (Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Columbus, OH. 2005
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Type: *National Refereed*
- Swim, T., & Freeman, R. (2004, October). Come Imagine With Me: Use Your Imagination to Consider New Solutions to Problems and Promote Learning. Keynote Address for Super Saturday Training, Kids Play, Inc. Akron, OH. 2004
Type: *Local Invited*
- Freeman, R. & Vakil, S. (2003, March). A Promising Look At Reggio/Special Needs. Paper presented at the Ohio Early Childhood Conference, OAEYC, Columbus, OH. 2003
Type: *State Non-Refereed*
- Swim, T.J., & Freeman, R. (2003, March). Looking at Curriculum: Using food as a Medium for Teaching. Presented at the Indiana Early Childhood Conference, IAEYC, Indianapolis, IN. 2003
Type: *National Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2003, March). Should Food Be Used As Learning Materials? A Critical Discussion. Paper presented at the Ohio Early Childhood Conference, OAEYC, Columbus, OH. 2003
Type: *State Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R., & Swim, T. J. (2003, April). Rethinking Our Culture of Learning: Food as Learning Material. Paper presented at MAEYC (Midwest Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Peoria, IL. 2003
Type: *National Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R. & Vakil, S. (2003, March). A Promising Look At Reggio/ Special Needs. Paper submitted for presentation at the Ohio Early Childhood Conference, OAEYC, Columbus, OH. 2003
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- Freeman, R. (2003, March). Should Food Be Used As Learning Materials? A Critical Discussion. Paper presented at the Ohio Early Childhood Conference, OAEYC, Columbus, OH. 2003
Type: *State Refereed*
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Type: *Regional Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2003, May). Practical Ways to Plan Your Days with Children, and How to Improve Your Environment. Keynote Address for Child Care Connections Annual Conference, Cuyahoga Falls, OH. 2003
Type: *Local Invited*

- Freeman, R. (2002, March). The Providers Home Environment: Beginning the Dialogue To Improve Our Understanding. Paper presented at the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Columbus, OH. 2002
Type: *State Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2002, March). The Provider's Home Environment: Beginning the Dialogue To Improve Our Understanding. Presented at the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children, Annual Conference, Columbus, OH. 2002
Type: *State Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2001, March). Family Childcare - Professional Development Trends: a Forum. Presented at the Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Akron, OH. 2001
Type: *Regional Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R., & Hutchins, P. (2000, May). Lessons Learned from the Reggio Approach. Presented at the State Homeless Education Conference, Mohican State Park, OH. 2001
Type: *State Refereed*
- Freeman, R. (2001, March). Family Childcare - Professional Development Trends: a Forum. Presented at the Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Akron, OH. 2001
Type: *Local Refereed*
- Colonna, D., Freeman, R., Hill, J., O'Connor, B., & Van Hooft, M., (2000, March). Educating Teachers: Response and Preventions of School Violence (K-12). Presented at EERA (American Educational Research Association) Annual Conference, Clearwater, FL. 2000
Type: *National Non-Refereed*
- Rasinski, T., & Freeman, R. (2000, September). Child Development Overview and Phonemic Awareness in the Developing Child. Presented at the Family Literacy/ABLE Conference, Mohican State Park, OH. 2000
Type: *National Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R., & Morris, P. (2000, September). A Place Called Reggio. Presented at Child Care Connection, Inventure Place, Akron, OH. 2000
Type: *Regional Non-Refereed*
- Freeman, R., & Hutchins, P. (2000, May). Lessons Learned from the Reggio Approach. Presented at the State Homeless Education Conference, Mohican State Park, OH. 2000
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Type: *Local Refereed*

McIlvine, P., & Freeman, R. (1998, November). Joining a Profession: Family Child Care Practitioners and the CDA Process. Paper presented at the NAEYC Annual Conference. (National Association for the Education of Young Children). Toronto, CAN. 1998

Type: *National Non-Refereed*

McIlvine, P., & Freeman, R. (1998, November). Joining a Profession: Family Child Care Practitioners and the CDA Process. Paper presented at the NAEYC Annual Conference. (National Association for the Education of Young Children). Toronto, CAN. 1998

Type: *National Refereed*

Freeman, R. (1996, September). How to Manage the Long Day with Children in Your Home. Presentation for Stark County Regulatory Agency, Canton, OH. 1996

Type: *Local Invited*

Freeman, R. (1996, September). How to Manage the Long Day with Children in Your Home. Presentation for Stark County Regulatory Agency, Canton, OH. 1996

Type: *Local Invited*

Freeman, R. (1995, October). Using Free, Easy-to-Access Materials: Presentation for Portage County Regulatory Agency, Ravenna, OH. 1995

Type: *Local Invited*

Freeman, R. (1993, March). Roundtable Discussion on Issues and Concerns for Family Childcare Providers. Presented at the AAAEYC (Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Akron, OH. 1993

Type: *Regional Non-Refereed*

Freeman, R. (1993, March). Roundtable Discussion on Issues and Concerns for Family Childcare Providers. Presented at the AAAEYC (Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Akron, OH. 1993

Type: *Local Refereed*

Freeman, R. (1992, March). Art Activities for Home Daycare Providers. Presented at the AAAEYC (Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children), Annual Conference, Akron, OH. 1992

Type: *Regional Non-Refereed*

Freeman, R. (1992, March). Art Activities for Home Daycare Providers. Presented at the AAAEYC (Akron Area Association for the Education of Young Children), Annual Conference, Akron, OH. 1992

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Type: *Local Invited*

Service

Editorial Boards, 2006 - 2006

Editorial review committee for ScholarlyPartnershipsEdu from Indiana University- Purdue University Fort Wayne (journal due to appear in 2006).

Type: *University*

Representative, Reggio Study Group 2002 - 2003

Liaison for Reggio Study Group (managing two-way flow of internet exchanges between Dr. Forman (Harvard), and Akron Area Reggio Study Group Listserv Members 2002-2003

Member, NEOPN 1991 - 1996

Charter member, network coordinator of the first local association of family childcare providers in the Akron area (Northeast Ohio Providers Network NEOPN)1991-1996

Member, Akron Public Schools 1980 - 1981

Staff Development Planning Committee Member, 1980-1981

Committee, Akron Public Schools 1980 - 1981

Curriculum Selection Committee

- present

Grants

, Freeman, R. (2006). A Collaborative Investigation of Science and Mathematics Inquiry 2006 - 2006

Scholarly Research Award, Phi Delta Kappa, Kent State University.

Co PI, Investigating Family Child Care Providers' Understanding of Development and Learning for Young Children 2003 - 2004

Two focus groups were held with each of three local family child care associations in the Northeast Ohio region. The focus groups investigated providers' perceptions of teaching and learning regarding the young children they care for in their homes.

Collaboration with: Ramona Freeman Terri Swim

Submitted: \$1,500.00

Status: Awarded

Awarded: \$1,500.00

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