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Education

Ph.D., Family Life Education and Consultation **2002**

Kansas State University

Title: Peace starts with a P: Parents' and Children's Perceptions of Peace. Abstract: My dissertation focused on data collected from children and parents in the United States and Yugoslavia shortly after the Yugoslavia-NATO conflict in the Spring of 1999. Th focal of point of analysis was the parents' and children's answers to questions about peace. The qualitative analysis revealed a number of themes in the parents' and children's responses regarding peace. Major themes identified in the responses of Belgrade parents and children included defining peace in contrast to war and as normal life. In the responses of U.S. parents and children, peace was most often described in contrast to war and as the presence of prosocial behaviors. Parents' and children's answers w compared, and differences between the responses of participants in the U.S. and participants in Belgrade were investigated. The responses of boys and girls and of younger and older children also were compared. Cognitive developmental theory was used to explain the differences in meanings attributed to peace by older and younger children. Symbolic interactionism provided a framework for understanding the meanings attributed to peace as they differed by group and suggested that the political violence experienced by the parents and children in Belgrade was especially important in understanding the meanings they gave to peace.

M.S., Art Therapy **1997**

Emporia State University

Masters Project: The Art of Families. Description: A series of case studies with fictional families intended to provide insight into how art might be used to help families overcome challenges related to normative and nonnormative events.

B.F.A., Pre-Art Therapy **1993**

Kansas State University

Higher Education Work Experience

Associate Professor **8/2009 - present**

Kent State University

Assistant Professor **8/2002 - 8/2009**

Kent State University

Graduate Teaching Assistant **01/1999 - 05/2002**

Kansas State University

Instructor **08/1997 - 12/1997**

Emporia State University

Other Professional Experience

Director of Expressive Therapies, Art Therapist **07/1997 - 08/1998**

Prairie View Mental Health Center, Newton, KS

After School Program Coordinator **08/1996 - 06/1997**

Pinehurst Child Care Center, Seattle, WA

Publications

Blankemeyer, M., Walker, K., & Svitak, E. (2009). The 2003 War in Iraq: An ecological analysis of American and Norther Irish children's perceptions*Childhood*, *16*(2), 229 - 246. 2009

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Walker, K., Caine-Bish, N., & Wait, S. (2009). "I like to jump on my trampoline": An analysis of drawings from 8- to 12-year-old children beginning a weight-management program. *Qualitative Health Research*, *19*(7), 907-917. 2009

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Toepfer, S. M. & Walker, K. (2009). Letters of gratitude: Improving well-being through expressive writing. *Journal of Writing Research*, *1*(3), 181 - 198. 2009

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Chuang, NK, Walker, K & Caine-Bish, N. (2009). Student perceptions of career choices: The impact of academic major. *Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences Education*, *27*(2), 19 - 29. 2009

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Walker, K., Krehbiel, M., & Knoyer, L. (2009). "Hey you! Just stopping by to say hi!": Communicating with friends and family on MySpace. *Marriage and Family Review*, *45*, 677 - 696. 2009

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Walker, K. (2007/2008). Children and their purple crayons: Understanding their worlds through their drawings.*Childhood Education, 84*, 96 - 101. 2008

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Walker, K., Myers-Bowman, K. S., & Myers-Walls, J. A. (2008). Supporting young childrens efforts toward peacemaking: Recommendations for Early Childhood Educators.*Early Childhood Education Journal*, *35*, 377 - 382. 2008

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

OMalley, C. J., Blankeymer, M., Walker, K., Dellmann-Jenkins, M. (2007). Children's reported communication with their parents about war. *Journal of Family Issues, 28*, 1639 - 1662. 2007

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Richardson, R., Kraynak, A., Blankemeyer, M., & Walker, K. (2005). Developmental assets-based parenting education as a service learning activity. *Marriage and Family Review, 38*(3), 15-31. 2005

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Myers-Bowman, K. S., Walker, K., & Myers-Walls, J. A. (2005). Differences between war and peace are big: Children from Yugoslavia and the United States describe peace and war. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology, 11*(2), 177-198. 2005

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Walker, K. (2004). Two years later: Childrens understanding of the September 11th terrorist attacks. In N. Ammar (Ed.), *Democracy and Homeland Security: Strategies, Controversies, and Impact.* [Electronic Publication]. Kent, OH: Kent State University Press. 2004

Publication: *Book Chapters*

Myers-Bowman, K. S., Walker, K., & Myers-Walls, J. A. (2003). A cross- cultural examination of children's understanding of the enemy. *Psychological Reports, 93*, 779-790. 2003

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Walker, K., Myers-Bowman, K. S., & Myers-Walls, J. A. (2003). Understanding war, visualizing peace: Children draw what they know. *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association, 20*, 191-200. 2003

Publication: *Journal Articles, Refereed*

Presentations

2010 - Holtz, K., **Walker, K.**, Flanner, S., & Smith, F. (2008). *Our Whole Lives* [a sexuality education curriculum]. Facilitated weekly group for 7th to 9th graders, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Kent, September to May. 2010

Type: *Local Invited*

Parker, K., Blankemeyer, M., **Walker, K**. (2010). *Resource Bulletins for Fathers of Children with Disabilities*. Accepted to the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN, November. 2010

Type: *National Refereed*

Walker, K., Blankemeyer, M., Young, D., & Dellmann-Jenkins, M. (2010). *Is Peace a Family Value? Asking Unitarian-Universalists about the Iraq War*. Accepted to the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN, November. 2010

Type: *National Refereed*

Blankemeyer, M., **Walker, K**., & Dellmann-Jenkins, M. (2009). *A Cross-Cultural Study of Children's Understanding of Terrorists*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Francisco, CA, November. 2009

Type: *National Refereed*

Armstrong, A., Blankemeyer, M., Fry, R., & **Walker, K.** (2009). *Appreciative Inquiry and family life education for remarried families*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Francisco, CA, November. 2009

Type: *National Refereed*

Walker, K., & Pallock, L. (2009). From Lecture to Podcast: Re-Imagining Instruction in Family Studies. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, San Francisco, CA, November. 2009

Type: *National Refereed*

Abrams, R., Blankemeyer, M., & **Walker, K.** (2008). *Childhood Cancer Connection: A website for patients and siblings*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR, November. 2008

Type: *National Refereed*

Toepfer, S. & **Walker, K**. (2008). *Letters of gratitude: Increasing happiness, life satisfaction, and gratitude*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Little Rock, AR, November. 2008

Type: *National Refereed*

Walker, K. (2008). *Children's understanding of peace and peacemaking.* Presented at the Ohio Meadville District Assembly, Cleveland, OH, September. 2008

Type: *Local Invited*

Walker, K. (2008). *Expressions of peace in children's art.* Presented to the Campus Ministers Organization, Kent, OH, April. 2008

Type: *Local Invited*

Holtz, K., **Walker, K.**, Flanner, S., & Smith, F. (2008). *Our Whole Lives* [a sexuality education curriculum]. Facilitated weekly group for 7th to 9th graders, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Kent, September to May. 2008

Type: *Local Invited*

Walker, K., & Blankemeyer, M. (2007). *Pictures and words: Children in Northern Ireland define war.* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Pittsburgh, PA, November. 2007

Type: *National Refereed*

Walker, K. (2007). *Understanding war, visualizing peace.* Art exhibit and discussion presented at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Kent, September. 2007

Type: *Local Invited*

Blankemeyer, M., **Walker, K.**, & Pokrana, K. (2006). *How does parents' militarism impact their children? A cross-cultural study*. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN, November. 2006

Type: *National Refereed*

Holtz, K., **Walker, K.**, Flanner, S., & Smith, F. (2006). *Our Whole Lives* [a sexuality education curriculum]. Facilitated weekly group for 7th to 9th graders, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Kent, September to May. 2006

Type: *Local Invited*

Walker, K., Notman, Y., & Blankemeyer, M. (2005). *Multiple meanings of peace and war: Images from Israel.* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ, November. 2005

Type: *National Refereed*

Blankemeyer, M., **Walker, K.**, & Pokrana, K. (2005). *How did you learn about peace and war? Responses from Northern Irleand and the U.S.* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Phoenix, AZ, November. 2005

Type: *National Refereed*

Teaching Scholars for Early Career Faculty Learning Community. (2004). *Starbucks, Sheetz, e-Bay, and School: Engaging Today's Students.* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Lilly West Conference on College and University Teaching, Pomona, CA, March. 2004

Type: *National Refereed*

Blankemeyer, M., O'Malley, C., & **Walker, K.** (2004). *The war in Iraq: What are children learning?*Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Orlando, FL, November. 2004

Type: *National Refereed*

Teaching Scholars for Early Career Faculty Learning Community. (2004). *Starbucks, Sheetz, e-Bay, and School: Engaging Today's Students*. Presented at the Learning and Assessment Institute, Kent, OH, May. 2004

Type: *Local Invited*

Deng, L., **Walker, K.**, & Myers-Bowman, K. S. (2003). *September 11th and terrorism: What do children know?*Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, BC, November. 2003

Type: *National Refereed*

Richardson, R., Kraynak, A., **Walker, K.**, & Blankemeyer, M. (2003). *Using a developmental assets approach for parenting education.* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, BC, November. 2003

Type: *National Refereed*

Walker, K., Blankemeyer, M., Richardson, R., & Kraynak, A. (2003). *Student reflections of service learning in parenting education.* Presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, BC, November. 2003

Type: *National Refereed*

Walker, K. (2003). *Coping with war, visualizing peace: Children draw what they know.* Presented at the Annual Portage Country Family Expo, Ravenna, OH, April. 2003

Type: *Local Invited*

Walker, K. (2003). *Art therapy: A brief introduction.* Presented at inservice training for the Portage Children's Center, Ravenna, OH, May. 2003

Type: *Local Invited*

Holtz, K., **Walker, K.**, Flanner, S., & Smith, F. (2003). *Our Whole Lives* [a sexuality education curriculum]. Facilitated weekly group for 7th to 9th graders, Unitarian-Universalist Church of Kent, September to May. 2003

Type: *Local Invited*

Service

Member, New Faculty Orientation Committee **2010 - present**

Type: *College*

Member, Collage Advisory Committee **2009 - 2010**

Type: *College*

Member, HDFS Stark Campus Search Committee **2009 - 2009**

Type: *Department*

Member, First Year Experience College Based Team **2009 - 2009**

Type: *College*

Member, Women's Resource Center Director Search Committee **2007 - 2007**

Type: *University*

Coordinator, Human Development and Family Studies **2007 - 2009**

Type: *Department*

Member, Ad-Hoc Reappointment-Tenure-Promotion File Preparation Committee **2006 - 2007**

Type: *College*

Member, Scholarship Review Board **2006 - 2006**

Type: *University*

Member, Scholarship Committee **2005 - 2007**

Type: *Department*

Representative, Womens Studies Council **2005 - present**

Type: *University*

Member, Student Grievance Committee **2002 - present**

Type: *Department*

Member, Graduate Studies Commitee **2002 - present**

Type: *Department*

Member, Faculty Advisory Committee **2002 - present**

Type: *Department*

Member, National Council on Famiy Relations **1998 - present**

Peace Focus Group Chair, 2001 - 2010

Type: *National*

Member, American Art Therapy Association **1994 - present**

Type: *National*