

ANU SACHDEV

Ph.D., Comparative and International Education

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RESUME SUMMARY

Early childhood education specialist experienced in teaching, administration and development of teacher education programs, early childhood program models in national and international settings. Passionate about advocating and collaborating with local, state and national organizations to improve services for children and families. Educational background includes early childhood education, international education, human development, English as second language, Montessori education, and history and philosophy.

SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC/RESEARCH INTERESTS

Teacher education, child development, education policy and advocacy, family engagement and school partnerships, creativity, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics), arts in education, international education, gender issues, dual language learners and cultural competence, education in post-colonial countries, global expansion of community colleges, ethnographic research methodology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- January 18 – Current **Adjunct faculty**, East Stroudsburg University, Stroudsburg, PA
- June 17 – Current **Project mentor**, Global Village for future leaders in education and industry, Iacocca Institute, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
- 2016 - Current **Adjunct faculty**, Lehigh and Carbon Community College, Schnecksville, PA
- 2016- Current **Researcher**, examining beliefs, values and practices of immigrant families to support children in transitioning to formal schooling
- 2016-Current **Researcher**, world through the eyes of preschool children
- June 16 -August 16 **Mountaintop Project Research Fellow**, *Sustainability in the Developing World: Can NGO interventions create frameworks for self-sufficiency in education systems?* Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, USA,
- 2011-August 2015 **Director**, Early Childhood Education and Art as a Way of Learning, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA
- Responsible for nationally accredited Early Childhood Education program both online, on campus, center for early childhood leadership and two on site lab schools
- 2011- Current **Early Childhood Education Consultant**, Caring for Cambodia, NGO. Providing evaluative research and recommendations for the schools in Siem Reap, Cambodia
- 2006-June 2011 **Assistant Director**, Early Childhood Education, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA
- Support the Early Childhood program by:
- Recruit, orient, supervise, support and evaluate all adjunct faculty for online and on campus
 - Teach early childhood courses online and on campus
 - Scheduling, staffing, observing and evaluating online faculty
 - Primary liaison to the Admissions and Registrar's office
 - Facilitate course/program development for online learning
 - Provide support for the Early Childhood credit program
- 2005-2007 **Coach/Mentor**, *Pasela Project*, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA
- Mentored staff in ten early childhood program classrooms to promote and support literacy through arts integration

- 1983-2006* **Director**, Eastlake Montessori Educational Center, Easton, PA
- Successfully started and operated the center for children ages 3 months -5 yrs
- 1990-2006* **Adjunct Instructor**, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA
- Teach variety of early childhood credit and non-credit to credit courses
- 1981-1983* **Education Supervisor**, Head Start program, Community Services for Children, Allentown, PA
- Developed and implemented curriculum
 - Managed staff of twenty-one centers
 - Conducted weekly trainings for teaching staff and monthly trainings for health care and social service workers
- 1978-1981* Head Teacher and Coordinator, Rochester Vocational College, Rochester, MN
- Developed and implemented curriculum
 - Supervised and mentored assistants and interns
- 1978* **Program Coordinator**, La Peppiniere Montessori, Minneapolis, MN
- Developed and implemented curriculum specifically for toddlers
 - Trained and supervised staff in Montessori principles of education

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Early Childhood Program design, development that is contextually and standards specific
- Evaluation of Early Childhood Programs for continuous quality improvement – national & international
- Accreditation
- Staff Recruitment, development and evaluation
- Development of context specific family school connections
- Administration of Early Childhood Programs
- Teacher Training Program development and implementation
- Accreditation of Teacher Training Programs
- Grant Writing and management
- Experienced qualitative researcher skills including focus groups, interviews and content discourse analysis
- Experienced in using STATA for quantitative research

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Comparative and International Education, May 2017

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

Dissertation: The World through the Eyes of Preschool Children in the Context of Globalization: an ethnographic case study

M.Ed. Globalization and Educational Change, May 2013

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

M.Ed. Human Development, December 1994

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA

M.A. History, July 1975
Delhi University, New Delhi, India

B.A. History & Philosophy, July 1973
Delhi University, New Delhi, India

Certified in English as a Second Language, May 2002
De Sales University, Center Valley, PA

Montessori Certified Teacher, May 1979
College of St. Mary's, Omaha, NE

Certified Nursery and Kindergarten Teacher in Private Academic Schools
Department of Education, PA

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES/ LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Treasurer	ACCESS National Board, Association of Early Childhood Education Teacher Educators for 2 years colleges	January 2017 – present
Vice President	ACCESS PA, State Association of Early Childhood Education Teacher Educators for 2-year colleges	May16 - present
PA Representative	ACCESS National Board, Association of Early Childhood Education Teacher Educators	Fall 2012 – present
Board Member	Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children	Spring 18 to present
Board Member	Lehigh and Northampton chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children	Fall 2015 – present
Board Member	Arts Academy Charter Middle School, Allentown, Pa	Fall 2018 - present
Member	Intercambio, program to teach English to migrant parents, Easton, Pa.	2018 - current
Co-Chair	Education Committee, Lehigh University UNICEF Club,	Fall 2014-Fall 2016
Member	Lehigh Valley Reads, United Way of Greater Lehigh Valley, Pennsylvania.	Fall 2015 - present
Member	Family & Community Engagement Committee, Lehigh Valley Children's Coalition,	Fall 2015 – Present.
Mentor	Ameri-Corps Vista Intern, United Way of Greater Lehigh Valley	Fall 15- Fall 16
Member	Steering Committee for Project LEAP (Literacy Embraced Through Partnerships)	
President 2011-14	CIE graduate Club, Comparative and International Education, Lehigh University	
Mentor	New Graduate students, Comparative and International Education Program, Lehigh University	

Board Member	Executive Board, Caring for Cambodia Lehigh Partnership, Lehigh University
Trainer	Mind in the Making Professional Development, Trainer and facilitator of ‘Ounce’ early Assessment system, Pennsylvania Keys, Harrisburg, PA
Peer Reviewer	Peer Reviewer for Early Childhood Teacher Training Programs, National Association for the Education of Young Children
Member	Member, Program Committee for Diversity Conference, “Speaking My Language: Educating Students Who Are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse, Lehigh University, April 2016
Candidate	President’s Leadership Institute, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA. Completed a yearlong leadership program facilitated by the president of Northampton Community college for 13 selected administrators and faculty
Member	Program Committee for Pennsylvania Higher Education Institute on Diversity, sponsored by Office of Child development and Early Learning
Chair	Annual Conference & Program Committee, Lehigh & Northampton Association for Young Children, Allentown, PA (1983-93).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Sachdev, A. (2019). *Poetry with young children*. Presented at PA Early Childhood Education Summit, State College, PA.

Sachdev, A & Rice, M. (2019). *Kamishibai: integrating diverse literacies*. Presented at PA Early Childhood Education Summit, State College, PA.

Sachdev, A. (2019). *ACCESS to Shared Knowledge: Current issues and best practices in associate degree early childhood teacher education*. Presented at the Professional Learning Institute, NAEYC, Long Beach, CA.

Sachdev, A. (2019). *Parental Engagement in Kindergarten Transition*. Presented at the 63st Annual conference of Comparative and International Society, San Francisco, CA.

Sachdev, A. (2019). *World through the Eyes of Young Children: A Qualitative Case Study*. Presented at the 63rd Annual conference of Comparative and International Society, San Francisco, CA.

Chun, R., Hunter, T., Horn, E., Sachdev, A., Harrill, M. (2018). *The Higher Education System We All Want: What does it look like? How do we get there?* Presented at the Annual NAEYC conference, Washington, DC.

Sachdev, A. (2018) *Power to the Profession*. Presented at PA Early Summit, State College PA.

Sachdev, A. (2018). *Supporting DLLs in Early Childhood Education*. Presented at PA Early Summit, State College PA.

Sachdev, A. (2018). *ACCESS to Shared Knowledge: Current issues and best practices in associate degree early childhood teacher education*. Presented at the Professional Development Institute, NAEYC, Austin, TX.

Sachdev, A. (2018). *Teacher Education in Pennsylvania: current trends and practices*. Presented at the Teacher Refresher Course, UGC- Human Resource Development Center, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India.

- Sachdev A & Susan Harlan (2017). *Fostering Mindfulness in Early Childhood Education*. Presented at the PA Early Summit, State College, PA.
- Kong, P., Sachdev, A., Yu, X. & Zhang, X. (2017). Presented at the 61st Annual conference of Comparative and International Society, Atlanta, GA.
- Sachdev, A. (2016). *Integrating Sustainable Development Goals in Early Childhood Education*. Presented at the PA Early Summit, State College, PA.
- Sachdev, A. (2016). *The World Through the Eyes of Preschool Children: An Ethnographic Case Study (March 6-10, 2016)*. Presented at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) in Vancouver, Canada.
- Sachdev, A. & Benmansur, R. (2016). *Engaging Children, Families and Communities: Impact of an Early Childhood Program in Cambodia*. Presented at the Annual Comparative and International Education Society Conference, Vancouver, Canada.
- Akhtas, F., Amiri, F., Benmansur, R. & Sachdev, A. (2016). *Global Perspectives of School Experiences*. Presented at Diversity Conference, "Speaking My Language: Educating Students Who Are Culturally and Linguistically Diverse", Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.
- Madzik, D., Sally, Sachdev, A. (2014). Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Dallas, TX.
- Sachdev, A. & Jan (2013). *Global Connections in Early Education*. Presented at the Annual Conference of National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington DC.
- Madzik, D., Sally, Sachdev, A. (2013). *Nurturing the artist in you: developing skills to be effective 21st century teachers*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington DC.
- Gibbs, P., Sachdev, A., Szmodis, W., Bonner, T., & Eng, S. (2013). *The added value and financial savings of contextually relevant ESL assessments in Cambodia*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, New Orleans, LA.
- Sachdev, A. (2011). *Community Colleges in India: Liberating the Underprivileged*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Barrow, K., Kuhlman, L., Schmidt, K. & Sachdev, A. (2011). *Parent Engagement in School Preparedness: Preschool Initiative in Siem Reap, Cambodia*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Education Society, Motreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Chase- Mayoral, A. & Sachdev, A. (2010). *Re-imagining Vocational Education in India: Educational Borrowing of the U.S. Community College System*. Presented at the Annual Conference of the Comparative and International Society Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Patel, Bina & Sachdev, A. (2009). *Online teaching and learning*. Presented at the Annual Conference of National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington DC.
- Christine, W., Gorton, R., Jeffrey, S. & Sachdev, A. (2008). *Art as a way of learning*. Presented at the **Annual Conference of National Association for the Education of Young Children**, Dallas, Texas
- Sachdev, A. (2007). Focus topic on *Field supervision in Online teaching and learning*. Presented at the **Annual Professional Development Institute**, New Orleans, LI

Christine, W., Gorton, R., Pinciotti, P. & Sachdev, A. (2007). *Art as a way of learning*. Presented at the Annual Conference of National Association for the Education of Young Children, Chicago IL.

Sachdev, A. & Segatti, L. (2003). *From Buenos Dias to Hello: working with dual language learners*. Presented at the Annual Conference of National Association for the Education of Young Children, Chicago, IL

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Dolan, S., Donohue, C., Holstorm, L., Sachdev, A. (2009). *Supporting Online Learners- blending high-tech with high touch*, Exchange, Volume 31, Issue 6, No.190, 90-97.

Phillips,R.D., Gorton, R.L., Pinciotti, P., & Sachdev, A.(2010). *Promising findings on Preschoolers' emergent literacy and School Readiness in Arts Integrated Early Childhood Settings*, *Early Childhood Education Journal*, 38, 111-122.

Wiseman, A., Chase-Mayoral,A. Janis, T. & Sachdev, A. (2012). *Community Colleges World Wide: Investigating the Global Phenomenon*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Sachdev, A., Szmodis, W. & Eng, S. (2014). Home based preschools in village communities: Lessons from field work in Cambodia. *National Council on Family Relations Report*, 60, 2-5.

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Teacher education, methodology, development, quality, online teaching
- English as Second Language
- Cultural, Linguistic and Ability Diversity
- Globalization, Social Justice & Gender Equity
- Education Policy and Advocacy
- Education in the developing and postcolonial countries
- Arts integration in Education and STEAM (science, technology engineering, arts and mathematics)
- Creativity in early childhood education
- Family engagement

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships:

National Association for Education of Young Children
Comparative and International Education Society
ACCESS (National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators)

OTHER SKILLS AND HOBBIES

Languages: Fluent in English, Hindi and Punjabi; Some conversational knowledge of Spanish; Knowledge of French, and Sanskrit

Hobbies: Music, Dance, Travel, Yoga, Film, Gardening, Cooking