

# 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.

### SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC/RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

March 20 – June 22	Liaison (Northeast region), State Professional Development Organization, East Stroudsburg University, PA
2018 – Current	Adjunct <b>faculty</b> , East Stroudsburg University, Stroudsburg, PA
June 17 – 2020	<b>Project mentor</b> , Global Village for future leaders in education and industry, Iacocca Institute, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
2016 - Current	<b>Adjunct faculty</b> , Lehigh and Carbon Community College, Schnecksville, PA
2016 - Current	<b>Researcher</b> , examining beliefs, values and practices of immigrant families to support children in transitioning to formal schooling
2016 - Current	<b>Researcher</b> , world through the eyes of preschool children
Summer 2016	<b>Mountaintop Project Research Fellow</b> , <i>Sustainability in the Developing World: Can NGO interventions create frameworks for self-sufficiency in education systems?</i> Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, USA,
2011 - 2015	<b>Director</b> , Early Childhood Education and Art as a Way of Learning, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Responsible for nationally accredited Early Childhood Education program both online, on campus, center for early childhood leadership and two on site lab schools</li></ul>
2011- 2017	<b>Early Childhood Education Consultant</b> , Caring for Cambodia, NGO. Providing evaluative research and recommendations for the schools in Siem Reap, Cambodia
2006 - 2011	<b>Assistant Director</b> , Early Childhood Education, Northampton Community College, Bethlehem, PA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Support the Early Childhood program by:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Recruit, orient, supervise, support and evaluate all adjunct faculty for online and on campus.</li><li>Teach early childhood courses online and on campus.</li><li>Scheduling, staffing, observing and evaluating online faculty.</li><li>Primary liaison to the Admissions and Registrar's office</li><li>Facilitate course/program development for online learning.</li><li>Provide support for the Early Childhood credit program.</li></ul></li></ul>
2005-2007	<b>Coach/Mentor</b> , <i>Pasela Project</i> , 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**

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- 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**

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**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**

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Past President	ACCESS National Board, Association of Early Childhood Education Teacher Educators for 2 years colleges			January 2025
President	ACCESS National Board, Association of Early Childhood Education Teacher Educators for 2 years colleges			
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Treasurer	ACCESS National Board, Association of Early Childhood Education Teacher Educators for 2 years colleges			
	January 2017 – December 2022, January 2025 onwards			
President	ACCESS PA, State Association of Early Childhood Education Teacher Educators for 2-year colleges			
	January 2020 – Dec. 2022			
PA Representative	ACCESS National Board, Association of Early Childhood Education Teacher Educators			
	Fall 2012 – present.			
Vice President	Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children			
	November 20 to present			
President	Lehigh and Northampton chapter of the Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children			
	August 2020 – present			
Board Member	Arts Academy Charter Middle School, Allentown, Pa		Fall 2018 - present	
Member	Leadership Council, Early Learning Resource Center, Region 12, and 14 Pennsylvania			
Member	Intercambia, program to teach English to migrant parents, Easton, Pa. 2018 – 2020			
Member	Higher Education Consortium. Fall 2020 - present			
Member	Program Committee, Comparative and International Society Annual Conference			
	Spring 2020			

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)
Co-Chair	Education Committee, Lehigh University UNICEF Club, Fall 2014-Fall 2016
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

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**Sachdev, A.** (Nov. 2024). *ACCESS to Shared Knowledge: Current issues and best practices in associate degree early childhood teacher education*. Presented at the Annual Conference, NAEYC, Anaheim, CA.).

**Sachdev, A.** (Oct.2024). *Open space: finding common grounds*. Presented at PA Early Summit, State College PA.

**Sachdev, A.** (June. 2024). *ACCESS to Shared Knowledge: Current issues and best practices in associate degree early childhood teacher education*. Professional Learning Institute, New Orleans, Louisiana.)

**Sachdev, A.** (Nov. 2023). *ACCESS to Shared Knowledge: Current issues and best practices in associate degree early childhood teacher education*. Presented at the Annual Conference, NAEYC, Nashville, TN).

**Sachdev, A.** (June. 2023). *ACCESS to Shared Knowledge: Current issues and best practices in associate degree early childhood teacher education*. Professional Learning Institute, NAEYC, Portland, Or.)

**Sachdev, A. & York-Viney, S.** (Mar 23). *Context Informed Pedagogy: Learning on Lenape Land.* . Presented at the NAPDS conference (National Association of Professional Development Schools), Jacksonville, Florida.

Zhang, X., **Sachdev, A.** & Dzotsenidze, N. (Feb 2023). *Racial Discrimination Experiences Among the Asian Community During the Pandemic*. Presented to Penn Village, NGO in Philadelphia

Goebel, J, **Sachdev, A.** (Feb. 2023). *Childhood and Schooling Beyond the Western Horizon Encounters with Memories, Matter, and More-than-Human Worlds*, Presented at the Annual Conference of Comparative and International Society virtually.

**Sachdev, A.** (Nov. 2022). *ACCESS to Shared Knowledge: Current issues and best practices in associate degree early childhood teacher education*. Presented at the Annual Conference, NAEYC, Washington DC.

Goebel, J., **Sachdev, A.**, Ndimande, B., Swadener, B. (June 2022). *Embodied Childhoods of/across/beyond Place and Time*. Presented at Reconceptualizing Early Childhood Education Conference, British Columbia, Canada.

**Sachdev, A.** (June 2022). *ACCESS to Shared Knowledge: Current issues and best practices in associate degree early childhood teacher education*. Presented at the Professional Learning Institute, NAEYC, Cleveland, Oh.

Kong, P., Zhang, X., **Sachdev, A.**, Dzotsenidze, N., & Yu, X. (Apr. 2022). *Multicultural Education during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Parental Racial Socialization in Asian and Asian American Families*. Presented at the Comparative and International Society Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN.

**Sachdev, A.**, York-Viney, S. Araujo, A. & Haney, M. (Feb, 2022). *Pre-K Semester, An Essential Building Block in the PDS program*. Presented at the NAPDS conference virtually (National Association of Professional Development Schools).

Kong, P., Yu, X., **Sachdev, A.**, & Zhang, X & Dzotsenidze, N. (Nov. 2021). *Nurturing body and mind: Understanding Asian families in the United States during the COVID-19 pandemic*. Presented at the World Council of Comparative Education Societies.

Kong, P., Zhang, X., **Sachdev, A.**, Dzotsenidze, N., & Yu, X. (Oct 2021). *Racial Socialization and Multicultural Education of Asian Families in the United States*. Presented at Presentation at MidAtlantic Region Association for Asian Studies Conference.

**Sachdev, A.** & Johnson, M. (Apr, 22, Nov, 2021, Sept., 2021). *Open Space, Circle of Connections*. Presented at National ACCESS SKIP Call. Professional development zoom webinar.

**Sachdev, A.** & Johnson, M. (June, 2021). *From Zooming to Knowing*. Presented at the Annual Professional Development, virtual National ACCESS Meeting.

Kong, P., Zhang, X., **Sachdev, A.** & Yu, X. (June, 2021). *Asian and Asian American perspectives during COVID-19*. Presented a webinar for National Consortium for Teaching about Asia, University of Pittsburgh.

Kong, P., Yu, X., **Sachdev, A.**, & Zhang, X. (April 2021). *Have you eaten? Understanding Asian families during the COVID-19 pandemic*. A poster presentation at Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) 2021 Biennial Meeting, online.

Mross, M., **Sachdev, A.** & Rutter, A. (2021). *How does collaboration foster innovation in PDS?* Presented at the virtual NAPDS conference.

Rutter, A., Nelson, L. & **Sachdev, A.** (2021). *EC PDS – A collaboration idea whose time has come.* Presented at the virtual NAPDS conference.

Kong,P., Zhang, X., Zhang, Sachdev, A. &Yu, X. (2020). *Learning the rules: Immigrant Chinese parental involvement during their child's transition to kindergarten.* Accepted poster National Research Conference on Early Childhood Virtual.

Kong,P., Zhang, X., Zhang, Sachdev, A. &Yu, X. (2020). *Learning the rules: Immigrant Chinese parental involvement during their child's transition to kindergarten.* Accepted paper for 64<sup>th</sup> annual conference of Comparative and international Society, Miami, FL.

Aktas, F., Duong, H. & Sachdev, A. (2020). *(Re)imagining the possibilities: An examination of the International Baccalaureate in relation to global citizenship.* Accepted paper for 4<sup>th</sup> annual conference of Comparative and International Society, Miami, FL.

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 63<sup>st</sup> 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 63<sup>rd</sup> 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 61<sup>st</sup> 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.

2009                      **Annual Conference of National Association for the Education of Young Children,**  
Washington DC

- Presenter on Online Learning

2008                      **Annual Conference of National Association for the Education of Young Children,**  
Dallas, Texas

- Presenter on Art as a Way of Learning

2008                      **Annual Professional Development Institute,** New Orleans, LI

- Presenter on Online Learning

2007                      **Annual Conference of National Association for the Education of Young Children,**  
Chicago IL

- Presenter on Art as a Way of Learning

- 2003                      **Annual Conference of National Association for the Education of Young Children,**  
Chicago, IL
- Presenter on Diversity & Bilingual Education
- 2003                      **Annual Conference of Lehigh & Northampton Association for the Education of Young Children,** Allentown, PA
- Presenter on Diversity & Bilingual Education

## **PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

- Kong, P. A., Zhang, X., **Sachdev, A.**, Yu, X., & Dzotsenidze, N. (2025). Navigating the Kindergarten Transition: An Exploratory Case Study of Challenges and Opportunities for Non-Immigrant and Immigrant Families. *Journal of Research in Childhood Education*, 1–20. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02568543.2024.2448134>
- Zhang, X., **Sachdev, A.**, Dzotsenidze, N., Yu, X., & Kong, P. A. (July, 2023). *Anti-Asian racism during COVID-19: Emotional challenges, coping, and implications for Asian American history teaching*. Education Sciences. 13(9), 903. <https://orcid.org/>
- Kong, P. A., Zhang, X., **Sachdev, A.**, & Yu, X. (Sept. 23). *Learning the Rules: Chinese Immigrant Parents' Involvement During Their Children's Transition to Kindergarten*. Early Childhood Education Journal.
- Kong, P. A., Budhai, S. S., Zhang, X., **Sachdev, A.**, Yu, X., & Dzotsenidze, N. (2023). *Illuminating the immigrant bargain: Multilingual Asian immigrant and Asian American families cultivating leadership capabilities and challenging systematic barriers*. Advancing Culturally Responsive and Socially Just Approaches to Multilingual Family - School Partnerships. Lexington Books.
- Kong, P., Yu, X., **Sachdev, A.**, Zhang, X., Dzotsenidze, N. (2021). *From "How are you doing?" to "Have you eaten?": Understanding the daily lived experience of Asians in America during COVID-19 pandemic*. Perspectives in Education, 39(1): 77-105
- Kong, P., Zhang, X., **Sachdev, A.**, Dzotsenidze, N., & Yu, X. (2021). *Racial socialization and multicultural education of Asian families in the United States*. In R. Gordon, K. Ahmed, & M. Hosoda (Eds.), *Evolving multicultural education for global classrooms*. (pp.40-67). IGI Global. <https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-7998-7649-6>
- 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.
- Wiseman, A., Chase-Mayoral, A. Janis, T. & Sachdev, A. (2012).** *Community Colleges World Wide: Investigating the Global Phenomenon*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.
- 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.
- 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.

## **MISCELLANEOUS ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES**

**June 2024.** Organized and went for a study Tour to Denmark to learn about NOME (Nordic open model of education).



**June 2024.** Peer review of an article for the journal of research in early childhood education

**July 2024.** Wrote grant proposal and secured it from the East Stroudsburg University Foundation to promote understanding of “Place-based” pedagogy among students.

## **ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Early Childhood Education including teacher education, methodology, development, quality, family connections, English as a Second Language and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics)
- Cultural, Linguistic and Ability Diversity
- Gender Equity
- Education Policy and Education Borrowing
- Globalization and Social Justice
- Education in the developing and postcolonial countries
- Arts integration in Education
- Creativity

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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### **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**

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

**Hobbies:** Music, Dance, Yoga, Reading, Gardening, Travel, Cooking

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