

EDUCATION

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, 2003-2007:

Ph.D., Counselor Education (CACREP accredited)

Dissertation title: *The Effect of Language Program Type on Latino Immigrant Adolescent Self-Esteem*

University of New Orleans, New Orleans, 2000-2002:

M.Ed., Counselor Education (CACREP accredited)

Area of Specialization: School Counseling

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, 1996-2000:

B.S., Psychology; Minor in Italian

**CURRENT
POSITION**

Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky:

Chair, Dept. of Educational Studies, Leadership & Counseling, Jan. 2015-present

Associate Professor, 2014-present

School Counseling Program Coordinator, 2012-present

**ACHIEVEMENTS
AND AREAS OF
EXPERTISE**

- Provide vision, leadership and oversight for eight programs within the department, to ensure that attention to optimal learning of the individual student is supported and integrated throughout the academic environment
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CERTIFICATION National Board for Certified Counselors, 76996

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- American Counseling Association (ACA)**, 2010 - present
- American School Counseling Association (ASCA)**, 2010 - 2018
- Kentucky Counseling Association (KCA)**, 2008 – 2018
 - Regional Chapter Relations Committee Chair, 2016-2018
- Western Kentucky Counseling Association (WKCA)**, 2008 – 2018
 - President-Elect, 2017-2018
 - Vice-President, 2016-2017
- National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC), Inc. and Affiliates**
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2. Bakes, A. S., Patel, S. H., **Bloomdahl, S. C.**, & Gitonga, S. K. (2010, August). *Practical applications of counseling theories*. Invited panel speaker for the Western Kentucky Counseling Association Fall Meeting, Murray, KY.

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**MAJOR SERVICE
ACTIVITIES**

State level:

- Committee member, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), School Counseling Model for Practice Task Force, 2018
- Committee member, Kentucky Department of Education (KDE), School Counselor Preparation Standards Review Task Force, 2018
- Participant, Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE), for the development of a statewide dispositions inventory in educator preparation, 2017-2018
- Participant, Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB), Principal Preparation Standards Review Task Force, 2017-2018.

University level:

- Co-Chair, MSU Council of Chairs, 2017-present
- Council of Chairs member, 2014-present
- ADVANCE Advisory Board member, Increasing the Participation and Advancement of Women in Academic Science and Engineering Careers, NSF grant, 2016-present
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Murray City School System, Murray, Kentucky

- *Mock Interviews*, Murray High School, “interviewed” high school students who

- Consultation with families and faculty, to advocate for support for the child.
- Teach social skills, such as anger management, empathy and problem-solving, to students.

KACTE Disposition Workshop, ECU, KY, April 27, 2018
West KY Edu Coop., Superintendent Retreat, Bowling Green, KY, April 24

- HONORS/ AWARDS**
- CoEHS Outstanding Research and Creativity Award co-awarded with two faculty members, May 2017
 - Appreciation of service and support of Latino students at Mayfield Middle School, May, 2014
 - MSU Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding leadership in all matters related to thyyo