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Academic Degrees

Ball State University, Ph. D. in Educational Studies, December 2010.
Advisor: Thalia Mulvhill, Ph. D.

Ball State University, Ed. S. in Curriculum and Instruction, July 2004.
Advisor: Jay Thompson, Ph. D.

Ball State University, M.A. in Secondary Education, July 2000.
Advisor: James Powell, Ph. D.

Pensacola Christian College, B.S. in Secondary Education, May 1985.
Advisor: Jerry Yarusinsky, Ed. D.

Academic Positions

University Experience

August 2012 – Present

Teaching Professor, Special Education. Responsible for teaching assistive and adaptive technology courses to graduate and undergraduate students; teaching introduction to special education courses at the graduate and undergraduate level; support departmental faculty and staff technology needs; adjunct to Department of Educational Studies in summers; direct and manage TEACH Lab (Muncie, IN)

University Courses Taught

GRADUATE

Fall 2025 Graduate Courses

SPCE 601 – Accommodations and Assistive Technology for Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities

Summer 2025 Graduate Courses

SPCE 631 – Computer Technology and the Learner with Special Needs

Spring 2025 Graduate Courses

SPCE 607 – Multi-Tier System of Supports/Response to Intervention

UNDERGRADUATE

Fall 2025 Undergraduate Courses

SPCE 201 – Introduction to Students with Exceptional Needs

(content specialist – taught 2 sections this semester)
SPCE 299X – First Year Seminar in Special Education
SPCE 331 – Technology in Special Education

Summer 2025 Undergraduate Courses

SPCE 292 – Treatment and Interventions for Autism Spectrum Disorders
SPCE 290 – Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders

Spring 2025 Undergraduate Courses

SPCE 200 – Exceptional Children & Adults (content specialist, taught 1 section)
SPCE 201 – Introduction to Students with Exceptional Needs
(content specialist – taught 2 sections this semester)
SPCE 302 – Teaching Students with Disabilities in the General Education Classroom (content specialist only)
SPCE 331 – Technology in Special Education

University Courses Taught (complete quick list)

Undergraduate Courses

SPCE 200 Exceptional Children and Adults
SPCE 201 Introduction to Students with Exceptional Needs
SPCE 302 Teaching Students with Disabilities in the General Education Classroom
SPCE 331 – 1 hr Technology in Special Education, portfolio
SPCE 331 – 2 hr Technology in Special Education, adaptive technologies
SPCE 331 – 3 hr Technology in Special Education, adaptive technologies

Undergraduate Courses Continued (Outside of Special Education)

EDTE 120 Introduction to Computing and Digital Media for Teachers
EDTE 320 Introduction to Computers for Teachers K-12
EDTE 350 Curricular Integration of Technology
EDSE 150 Basic Concepts of Secondary Education

Graduate Courses

SPCE 600 Introduction to Special Education
SPCE 601 Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities

SPCE 602 Accommodations and Assistive Technology for Post-Secondary Students with Disabilities
SPCE 608 iPads and the Exceptional Learner
SPCE 631 Computer Technology for Learners with Special Needs
SPCE 636 Research in Special Education

Graduate Courses Outside of Special Education)

EDTE 520 Introduction to Computers for Teachers K-12
 EDTE 550 Curriculum Integration of Learning Technology
 EDTE 652 Multimedia Web Design and Development for Education
 EDTE 670 Technology Policy and Pedagogy
 EDTE 685 Information Systems for Instruction and Assessment

Presentations - International

Craig, P. (2025). Pioneering AI in your courses. A paper presented at *International Society for Educational Biography (ISEB) Annual Conference*, San Antonio, TX.

Craig, P. (2024). The stories he could tell: Reflections on living 100 years. A paper presented at *International Society for Educational Biography (ISEB) Annual Conference*, San Antonio, TX.

Service

Service to the Department of Special Education (2012 – present)

Technology consultant to department – responsible for selection and distribution of university technologies to all faculty, consult on needs/new purchases
 Participant in SPCE Professional Education Committee (PEC)
 Recorder of SPCE PEC meeting minutes
 Faculty advisor to Student Council for Exceptional Children (2014-present)
 Provide Professional Development to multiple graduate and undergraduate classes using TEACH Lab materials

Direct and Manage TEACH Lab (2012 to present)

Maintain all machines within lab
 Purchase new materials for lab
 Manage software and hardware associated with lab
 Serve parents and teachers needing support or information about specialized hardware and software
 Adaptive and assistive technology consultant to area teachers
 Adaptive and assistive technology consultant to area parents and parent groups
 Adaptive and assistive technology consultant to different departments, presentations to those departments (CPSY, EDSE)

Student Council for Exceptional Children, BSU chapter

Faculty Advisor (2014-present)
 Director of SCEC Awards (2012 – present)
 Coordinator of SCEC spring awards banquet (2014 – 2019)
 Coordinator of SCEC awards newsletter (2020-present)

Department of Special Education Committees (2012 – present)

Awards Committee (2012 – present)

Chair (2013 - Spring 2016; Spring 2017- present;

Fall 2016 I was in Germany with student teachers)

Awards Committee team member (2013 – present)

Personnel Selection Committee Member (2017-2020, 2024 - present)

SPCE Professional Education Committee Member (2013 – present)

Nontenure Salary and Merit Committee Member (2023 – 2024)

Chair (2025-present)

Service to the University

University Athletics Committee Faculty Representative for Teachers

College

Serve as an oversight committee member intercollegiate athletics program, including but not limited to academic integrity, NCAA compliance, the overall student-athlete experience, gender equity and diversity issues, the intercollegiate athletics budget, and the general reputation of the athletics program

Honors College Curriculum Committee Teachers College Representative

Serve to carry information back to the college regarding changes to the Honors College degree and new Honors College minor. Work with faculty to develop “H” sections of already being taught courses to be added as options to the degree/minor.

Service to the Community

Volunteer transcriber, Smithsonian Institute, Digital Volunteer

(2017 – present)

Transcribe various documents via an online system

Volunteer Science Fair Judge

(2015 – present)

Judge science fair projects for middle and high school

Service to a Professional Organization

International Society for Educational Biography

Elected positions –

Secretary (2019-2028)

Maintain records for all meetings

Maintain history of ISEB

Foster communications and involvement from universities across the world

Manage communications to members

Manage communications with executive committee

Print, organize, distribute name tags and programs at conference

Helped organize and contact members to invite them to attend an invited guests “Evening of Conversation” in place of annual conference (Conference cancelled because of COVID)

Past President (2018-2019)

Participant, Executive Committee communications
Coordinate site coordination for next three conferences

President (2017-2018)

Coordinate Executive Committee communications
Support President Elect with CFP
Coordinate site coordination for next three conferences

President Elect (2016-2017)

Develop and disseminate call for papers for annual conference
Receive and review all proposals
Distribute proposals for peer review
Notify acceptance/rejection
Plan and organize presentation order, pairing papers with similar themes
Create program for annual conference
Coordinate all conference activities
Communicate with all executive board members on a regular basis
Increase recruiting efforts

Executive Committee Member (2014 - present)

Vote on society business
Vote on placement of annual conference

Webmaster (2014 – 2023)

create graphics, content, pages for international web site

Reviewer –

Cornelius, K. and Scott, L. (2026). *Instructional leaders by design: The special education teacher as a skilled expert*. Plural Publishing.

Graham, P. and Neild, N. R. (2025). *Early childhood Deaf education: Teacher Preparation and Instructional Approaches*. Chapter 9 review: From grief to growth: Guiding families of Deaf. IGI Global.

Cope, C. and Kalantzis, M. (2026). *Critique of artificial reason: Towards a theory and practice of cyber-social learning*. Cambridge University Press.

Membership in Professional Organizations

American Psychological Association
(2024 – present)

Council for Exceptional Children, Teacher Education Division (CEC, TEC)
(2014 – present)

Indiana Connected Educators (ICE)
(2001, 2005, 2017-present)

International Society for Educational Biography (ISEB)

(2000 – present)

International Society for Technology in Education

(2000 – present)

Society for Philosophy and History of Education (SOPHE)

(2019-2026)

Research Interests

Continued research on AI and its effect on higher education

Continued research on math apps for special education classrooms

Continued research on feminist theory history and development through historical times and the influence/significance of little-known female historical figures