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Teaching Interests: * Primary Education * Early Childhood Curriculum: Science/Social Studies * Classroom Management for Primary Grades * Early Childhood Middle Childhood (ECMC) courses

Research Interests: *Differentiation Strategies and Curriculum Design for Diverse Learners *Culturally Responsive Pedagogy and Identity *Arts Integration

Professional Interests: * Chair of the Early Childhood Conference held annually at UW-Stout * Hosting curricular and family nights in the community * Deepen quantitative and qualitative assessment tools * Professional development opportunities in literacy and culturally responsive teaching

Education

- **Ph D Literacy**
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN, United States, 2016
- **MA Curriculum and Instruction**
St. Mary's University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN, United States, 2002
- **BS Elementary Education**
St. Cloud State University
St. Cloud, MN, United States, 1998

Presentations

Poster

- Brennan, M., & Bauer, R. (April, 2016). How Does Multimodal Learning Influence Equity in the Classroom? . Global Summit on Childhood, San Jose, Costa Rica.

Panelist

- Brennan, M., Vagle, M., Bergeson, K., Bauer, R., Christensen, L., Gast, K., Martin-Kerr, K., Rombalski, A., Hicks, S., & Tatah Mentan, C. (December, 2015). Putting Theories to Work on "Equity-Mindedness" as a Phenomenon in Post-Intentional Phenomenological Literacy Research. Literacy Research Association Conference, Carlsbad, CA.

Oral Presentation

- Brennan, M., & Orrock, K. (April, 2015). Apps for ECE. UW-Stout ECE Conference, Menomonie, WI.
- Klefstad, J., & Brennan, M. (November, 2013). Oh the Places We'll Go: Who We Teach, What We Teach, and How We Teach are Part of the Journey, not the Destination, in Early Literacy and Social Studies. Children Our Future Conference, Bloomington, MN, United States.
- Brennan, M., & Klefstad, J. (November, 2013). Oh the Places You'll Go: When you get students thinking critically through Literacy and Social Studies. NAEYC (National Association of Education of Young Children), Washington, DC.

Paper

- Brennan, M., & Hines, E. (December 1, 2014). Paper presented at the Literacy Research Association Conference. Developing responsiveness and a perceptive position for various cultures through multicultural literature for preservice teacher candidates, Marco Island, FL, United States.

Grants, Contracts, and Sponsored Research

Grant

- Hines, E., Martinez, K., Brennan, M., & Nyland, R. Institutes of Higher Education/State Personnel Development Grant. Sponsored by Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, \$20000 (Funded).
- Othman, L., Hines, E., Martinez, K., Nyland, R., Peterson, C., Brennan, M., & Mason, K. Institutes of Higher Education/State Personnel Development Grant. Sponsored by Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, \$20000 (Funded).

Awards, Fellowships, Honors, and Scholarships

Fellowship

- Maybelle Rainey Price Professorship, (September 2016)
- Research Fellow, Faculty Senate (September 2015)

Award

- Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher of the Year, College of Education, Health and Human Services (May 2015)
- Outstanding Undergraduate Teacher of the Year, College of Education, Health and Human Services (2013)

Undergraduate Program Director of the Year, College of Education, Health and Human Services (May 2010)