Melissa Scott Kozak, Ph.D., CFLE

Curriculum Vitae

Lecturer / Undergraduate Internship Coordinator
Department of Human Development and Family Science
College of Family and Consumer Sciences
University of Georgia

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	University of Georgia, August 2011 Child and Family Development Dissertation Topic: *Environmental Education in Early Childhood* Advisor: David Wright, Ph.D.
M.S.	University of Georgia, December 2008 Child and Family Development Thesis Topic: *Culturally Responsive Early Learning Environments* Advisor: Mariana Souto-Manning, Ed.D.
B.S.	The University of Texas at Austin, May 2006 Human Development and Family Sciences Minor: Czech Language and Culture

CERTIFICATES

Certified Family Life Educator – Provisional; May 2013 to present
The National Council on Family Relations

The Interdisciplinary Qualitative Studies Graduate Certificate: August 2011
The University of Georgia

TEFL Certificate: August 2006
Prague, Czech Republic
130-hour intensive training course
The Language House

Second Year Czech Completion: Summer 2003
Study Abroad; LSSS, Brno, Czech Republic
Masaryk University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Teaching Positions

August 2011-present	Lecturer and Undergraduate Internship Coordinator Department of Human Development and Family Science University of Georgia
May 2010-August 2011	Instructor Department of Early Childhood Care and Education Athens Technical College

Graduate Research Assistantship

February 2011-May 2011	Department of Child and Family Development, University of Georgia Assistant for the National eXtension Better Kid Care America community Under the direction of Diane Bales, Ph.D. Prepared informational articles on child safety, environmental activities, and other child care related topics.

Graduate Teaching Assistantship

January 2011-May 2011	Department of Child and Family Development, University of Georgia Two Sections of CHFD 3920– Issues in Family Systems; under the direction of Jennifer Gonyea, Ph.D.
August 2010-May 2011	Department of Child and Family Development, University of Georgia CHFD 5100 – Family Intervention; under the direction of Jennifer Gonyea, Ph.D.
August 2010-December 2010	Department of Child and Family Development, University of Georgia CHFD 3930– Development of Interpersonal Relationships; under the direction of Jennifer Gonyea, Ph.D. CHFD 3110 – Professional Developments and Community Activities; under the direction of Jennifer Gonyea, Ph.D.
August 2009-December 2009	Department of Child and Family Development, University of Georgia CHFD 3900 – Infancy Development; under the direction of Hui-Chin Hsu, Ph.D.

Teaching and Supervision Experience

January 2010-May 2011	Department of Early Childhood Care and Education, **Athens Technical College** Supervised student teachers in Clarke County area schools and child-care centers.
August 2009-December 2009	Department of Child and Family Development, **University of Georgia** Graduate Assistant for the Birth-5 Certification Program; under the direction of Valerie Cown, M.S. Supervised student teachers in Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms, which included observations and grading of lesson plans and other related assignments.
August 2007-May 2009	College of Family and Consumer Sciences, **University of Georgia** Graduate Coordinator for the FACS Legislative/Congressional Aide Programs; under the direction of Jorge Atiles, Ph.D. & Jan Hathcote, Ph.D.

Community Experience

October 2009-May 2011	**J.J. Harris Elementary School** Co-taught with Jen McCreight in Kindergarten and First Grade Enrichment Cluster on vegetable gardening
August 2008-December 2008	**The University of Georgia** Volunteered in Preschool 1 Classroom at the Child Development Lab School at the McPhaul Center; under the direction of Anjanette Russell
October 2007-December 2007	**The University of Georgia** Carried out PAL's Assessments in 3 Head Start Classrooms; approximately 70 children; reported to Stacy Neuharth-Pritchett, Ph.D.

International Experience

August 2006-May 2007	**Dino Preschool, Prague, Czech Republic** *English teacher* Prepared original lesson plans emphasizing vocabulary and communication skills of English as a foreign language

Undergraduate Research Experience

December 2006-June 2006	**The University of Texas at Austin** *Coder* Reliability coder for self-disclosure; trained in and performed floor-switch and negativity coding; trained incoming students on the self-

disclosure code; assisted in revisions of the self-disclosure coding system

Teaching – University of Georgia

Spring 2014

Undergraduate Internship Coordination

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
HDFS 5900 – Pre-Internship	49	
HDFS 5910 – Internship Supervision	30	
HDFS 3010 – Special Topic; International Adoption	1	

Content Courses

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
HDFS 3920 – Issues in Family Systems	100	
HDFS 2950 – Child Development	115	

Fall 2013

Undergraduate Internship Coordination

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
HDFS 5900 – Pre-Internship	33	4.84
HDFS 5910 – Internship Supervision	12	NA

Content Courses

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
HDFS 3920 – Issues in Family Systems	60	4.73
HDFS 4870 – Human Sexuality Across the Lifespan	103	4.63
HDFS 4880 - Family Life Education Methodology	13	4.88

Supervised Class Research Project for Honors Credit: Grace Huang
Views of College-Aged Students on Motherless Households

Summer 2013

Undergraduate Internship Coordination

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
HDFS 5910 – Internship Supervision	18	NA

Spring 2013

Undergraduate Internship Coordination

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
HDFS 5900 – Pre-Internship	27	4.45
HDFS 5910 – Internship Supervision	36	NA

Content Courses

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
HDFS 3920 – Issues in Family Systems	28	4.19
HDFS 3920 – Issues in Family Systems	75	4.35

Fall 2012

Undergraduate Internship Coordination

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
CHFD 5900 – Pre-Internship	43	4.73
CHFD 5910 – Internship Supervision	15	NA

Content Courses

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
CHFD 2950– Child Development	48	4.43
CHFD 3920 – Issues in Family Systems	111	4.46

Summer 2012

Undergraduate Internship Coordination

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
CHFD 5910 – Internship Supervision	26	NA

Spring 2012

Undergraduate Internship Coordination

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
CHFD 5900 – Pre-Internship	37	4.83
CHFD 5910 – Internship Supervision	11	NA

Content Courses

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
CHFD 2100 – Introduction to Family Development	246	4.63
CHFD 2100 – Introduction to Family Development	241	4.55

Fall 2011

Content Courses

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
CHFD 2100 – Introduction to Family Development	71	4.71
CHFD 4330 – Diversity	30	4.81

Graduate Student Teaching – University of Georgia

May 2010

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
CHFD 3900 – Infancy Development	30	4.75

Instructor of Record; Supervised by Dr. Julia Atiles

Spring 2010

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
CHFD 3900 – Infancy Development	33	4.61

Instructor of Record; Supervised by Dr. Julia Atiles

Fall 2009

Course Title	Enrollment	Evaluation
CHFD 4860 – Parent Education and Child Guidance	30	4.83

Instructor of Record; Supervised by Amy Kay

Teaching – Athens Technical College

Summer 2011 ECE 2115– Language Arts and Literature for Children
ECE 1013– Art for Children

Winter 2011 ECE 1013– Art for Children; 2 Sections

Fall 2010 ECE 2020– Social Issues
ECE 1030– Human Growth and Development

Summer 2010 ECE 1030 – Human Growth and Development I
ECE 1013– Art for Children

Guest Lectures

Internship Related

Internships In-Depth

March 3, 2014 CHFD 3110 – Professional Development and Community Activities

September 18, 2013 CHFD 3110 – Professional Development and Community Activities

June 17, 2013	CHFD 3110 – Professional Development and Community Activities
February 11, 2013	CHFD 3110 – Professional Development and Community Activities
September 18, 2012	Human Development and Family Science Student Association; *Internship Basics*
October 30, 2012	FACS 2000 – Introduction to Family and Consumer Science, Debbie Phillips, Ph.D.
September 17, 2012	HFD 3010 - Professional Development & Community Activities, Danny Stevens
June 19, 2012	CHFD 3010 - Professional Development & Community Activities, David Wright, Ph.D.
November 2, 2011	FACS 2000-Introduction to Family and Consumer Science; Jan Hathcote, Ph.D.
October 26, 2011	CHFD 3110-Professional Development & Community Activities; 2 sections; Jennifer Gonyea, Ph.D. & Steve Kogan, Ph.D.

Departmental Related

February 24 & 26, 2014	*Emerging Research Trends in Human Development and Family Science* FACS 2000 - Introduction to Family and Consumer Science; Debbie Phillips, Ph.D.
January 28 & 30, 2014	*Introduction to Human Development and Family Science* FACS 2000 - Introduction to Family and Consumer Science; Debbie Phillips, Ph.D.
October 1, 2013	Freshman Odyssey Seminar: Helping Professions, Jolie Daigle, Ph.D.
January 22 & 24, 2013	FACS 2000 - Introduction to Family and Consumer Science; Debbie Phillips, Ph.D.
September 6, 2012	Freshman Odyssey Seminar: Helping Professions, Jolie Daigle, Ph.D.
August 28 & 30, 2012	FACS 2000 - Introduction to Family and Consumer Science; Debbie Phillips, Ph.D.

Community and Research Related

January 19, 2012 — *School Garden Network Basics*
ENGL 4830 – Advanced Studies in Writing; Elizabeth Davis, Ph.D.
ARST 4210 – Special Topics; Michael Marshall, Ph.D.
Presented to service learning students

November 3, 2011 — *It's not all about winning: Incorporating games into the classroom*
CHFD 5130 – Creative Activities for Young Children; Diane Bales, Ph.D.

October 3, 2011 — *It's not all about winning: Incorporating games into the classroom*
CHFD 5150-Families, Schools, Communities; Mick Coleman, Ph.D.

PUBLICATIONS

Textbook

Gonyea, J.L. & Kozak, M.S. (under contract). Professional Development. Kendall-Hunt Publishing.

In-Preparation

Kozak, M.S. & Dove, M.K. (2014). Exploring the peer-review process on an undergraduate research paper. Manuscript in preparation.

Kozak, M.S. & Wallinga, C.W. (2014). Growing Successful Gardens and Partnerships: Tips for Teachers! Manuscript in preparation.

Kozak, M.S. & Wallinga, C.W. (2014). Community-School partnerships in gardens. Manuscript in preparation.

Invited Resubmission

Gonyea, J. & Kozak, M.S. (Submitted for Review September, 2013). Scaffolding family science student experiences to increase employment options and preparedness. *Family Science Review*. Manuscript resubmitted for publication.

Published

Kozak, M.S. McCreight, J. (2013). We Grew It!: Enrichment Through Sustainable Gardening in Elementary School. *Journal of Applied Environmental Education and Communication., 12*(1), 29-37.

Lee, B.Y., Kozak, M.S., Nancoo, C.P., Chen, H., Middendorf, K., & Gale, J. (In Press 2013). Exploring dominant discourses: Creating spaces to find voice and cultural identity. *Journal of Cultural Diversity: An Interdisciplinary Journal, 20* (1).

Kozak, M.S. & McCreight, J. (2010). Collaborative Inquiry: Growing to Learn, and Learning to Grow. *Childhood Education, 87(1), 66-67*.

Souto-Manning, M., & Scott, M. (2008). Book Review: *Childhood Bilingualism: Research on Infancy through School Age Critical Inquiry in Language Studies: An International Journal,* 5(4), 265-270

PRESENTATIONS

Kozak, M.S. & Hoskins, D. (in progress). Experiential Learning. To be submitted March 1, 2014 for the National Conference on Family Relations, Baltimore, MD.

Kozak, M.S. (2013, April). *Farm to School: An Opportunity to Enhance Family Well-Being through Community-Based Partnerships.* Poster presentation at the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX.

Kozak, M.S. & Dove, M.K. (2013, April*). Exploring the Peer Review Process in an Undergraduate Family Science Course.* Poster presentation at the Teaching Institute at the Society for Research on Child Development, Seattle, WA.

Kozak, M.S., Walling, C, & Bales, D. (2012, November). *Cultivating Family and Community Partnerships: Results from a School Gardening Project.* Presentation at the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA.

Bales, D., Walling, C., & Kozak, M.S. (2012, November). *Eat Healthy, Be Active Backpacks: A Family Involvement Strategy to Combat Childhood Obesity by Helping Preschoolers Develop Healthy Eating Habits.* Presentation at the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA.

Dove, M.K. & Kozak, M.S. (2012, November). *Building Learning Communities*. Research Presentation at Georgia Association on Young Children, Atlanta, GA.

Kozak, M.S. (2011, November). Taking action in the garden: Eco-literacy opportunities in early childhood. Presentation at National Council for Teachers of English, Chicago, IL.

Tarulli, K, Kozak, M.S., & Wallinga, C. (2011, October). *It's not all about winning: Incorporating group games into the classroom.* Workshop Presentation at Georgia Association on Young Children, Atlanta, GA.

Kozak M.S. (2010, December). Communities in action: Collaborative research methodology.
Presentation at Student Qualitative Interest Group, Athens, GA.,

Kozak, M.S. (2010, November). Cultivating partnerships and putting down roots: Family and community involvement through school vegetable gardens. Poster presentation at The National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

Kozak, M.S. & McCreight, J. (2010, October). We grew it!: Enrichment through sustainable
gardening in elementary school. Presentation at International Making City Livable Cities Livable, Charleston, NC.

Burch, D.A. & Kozak, M.S. (2010, October). I'm so mad: Facilitating emotional expression in
young children. Presentation at Georgia Association on Young Children, Atlanta, GA.

Kozak, M.S. (2010, February). Connections to the outside world: An Interdisciplinary
approach to gardening with young children. Presentation at Quint State, Athens, GA.

Kozak, M.S. (2009, November). Culturally responsive literacy environments: Early education teacher experiences. Presentation at National Council for Teachers of English, Philadelphia, PA.

Lee, B. Y. & Scott, M. (2008, October). Literature-based democratic approaches in early
childhood education. Presentation at Georgia Association on Young Children, Atlanta, GA.

Scott, M & Souto-Manning, M. (2008, November). When young children experience many
languages and cultures: What early educators need to know. Presentation at National Association for the Education of Young Children, Dallas, TX.

Scott, M. (2008, November). Young children navigating across linguistic and cultural
contexts: Implications for teachers. Presentation at National Council for Teachers of English, San Antonio, TX.

RESEARCH

The University of Georgia

Collaborative Research – Exploring Experiential Learning
Co-PI with Donna Hancock Hoskins, Ph.D.
Survey to assess the experiences of students after completing an experiential learning opportunity. This is a collaboration between the University of Georgia and Bridgewater College.

The University of Georgia

Collaborative Research – Exploring the Peer-Review Process
Co-PI with Meghan Dove, Ph.D., CFLE
Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Study to compare and contrast the peer-review process in two sections of the same course.

The University of Georgia

Independent Research – Cultivating Partnerships & Putting Down Roots: Family & Community Involvement through School Vegetable Gardens
Supervised by David Wright, Ph.D., August 2010 – August 2011
Conducted research in an elementary school using participatory observations, interviews, and artifact collection; to fulfill requirements for completion of dissertation.

The University of Georgia

Evaluative Research Project
Eat Healthy Be Active: Supervised by Diane Bales, Ph.D., Charlie Wallinga, Ph.D., & Mick Coleman, Ph.D., March – August 2008
Aided in defining codes, performed assessments on preschool children, entered data, recruited centers, performed administrative duties, helped assemble and deliver gift baskets.

The University of Georgia

Independent Research – Negotiating Interactions in an American, Monolingual Classroom: A Case Study of a Bilingual, Korean Toddler
Supervised by Mariana Souto-Manning, Ph.D., August 2007 – July 2008
Observed in young toddler classroom at McPhaul Child Development Lab School and in the community

The University of Texas at Austin
Research Practicum, 270 hours
Supervised by Edward R. Anderson, Ph. D., August 2005 - May 2006
Worked with Texas Families Project; coded parent/child videotaped interactions for floor switches, negativity, and self-disclosure; cared for the children of participating families in and out of their homes; performed various administrative tasks

GRANTS

Department Funding for Child Development Lab School Garden
$2,100 for garden implementation

Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful
$200 Green School Award Received January 2011

Keep Athens Clarke County Beautiful and Earth Fare
$500 Award Received March 2011

HONORS & REWARDS

Student Career Development Recognition, 2014
SRCD Mentorship Program for 2013-2014
Teaching Academy Fellow for 2013-2014
Writing Fellow for 2013-2014; $1,000
$500 in Funding for Conference Travel, fall 2013
$1,200 in Funding for Conference Travel, fall 2012
Honored for 5 years of service in Family and Consumer Sciences College, UGA
$1,100 in Funding for Conference Travel, fall 2010
Graduate Assistantship received annually from 2007-2011
Gwendolyn Brooks O'Connell Teaching Award – 2010-2011
$300 in Funding for Conference Travel, fall 2009
Karen R. Davis Scholarship Recipient, 2009-2010
Nancy Hailey and Sis Strickland Hailey Scholarship, Recipient, 2008-2009
$200 in Funding for Conference Travel, fall 2008
Kappa Omicron Nu, Member, spring 2006
The University of Texas Czech Club, President, spring 2006
Conrad and Marcel Schlumberger Scholarship, fall 2002 - May 2006
The University of Texas, University Honors List, fall 2002, spring 2005, fall 2005, spring 2006
Phi Beta Kinsolving Honors Society, spring 2003
Liberal Arts Honors Program, fall 2002 - spring 2003

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Professional Affiliations

SRCD – Society for Research on Child Development
FSA - Family Science Association
NCFR - National Council of Family Relations
NAEYC – National Association for the Education of Young Children
SECA - Southern Early Childhood Association
GAYC – Georgia Association for Young Children

Journal Service

Journal of Family Issues; Reviewer
Green Teacher: Education for Planet Earth; Reviewer
Theory & Praxis: The Journal of Ecopedagogy; Reviewer
Field-Based Learning in Family Life Education; Reviewed Chapters and Wrote Commentary on the value of the text in higher education classrooms

Conference Service

Proposal review for the National Council on Family Relations Annual Conference

Scholarly Service

Reviewed a proposal and chapter for a new Child Development textbook from Sinauer Associates, Inc., Publishers

Service and Outreach

August 2013 - Present	Faculty Advisor for Student Organization: Camp for a Cause with Camp Twin Lakes
March 2014	Search Committee for Associate Clinical Faculty in Family Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics
August 2013	FACS Leadership Retreat
August 2011-Present	Faculty Learning Community for Non Tenure-Track Faculty, Facilitator Selected Proposal 3 consecutive academic years.
August 2012- Present	HDFS Representative on FACS Faculty Advisory Committee
August 5, 2013	Invited Panel Member for New Faculty Orientation*: Negotiating the Non-Tenure Track;*
August 2012	FACS Leadership Retreat
August 3, 2012	Invited Panel Member for New Faculty Orientation: *Negotiating the Non-Tenure Track*;
August 2011-May 2012	Faculty Learning Community for Career Track Faculty, Facilitator
May 2009 – August 2011	Student Academic Honesty Committee; Executive Committee Graduate Member
August 2009 – August	Graduate Member of the Student Academic Honesty Committee,

2011	
October 2009 – February 2010	Graduate Student Member on the Food Committee for Quint State
2008-2009	Graduate Student Organization, Secretary

Professional Development

March 18, 2014	Active Learning with Large Classes Center for Teaching and Learning: John Knox, Ph.D.
December 19, 2013	Safe Space Training UGA LGBT Resource Center
November 15, 2013	Study Abroad Risk Management Training
October 22, 2013	Designing SoTL Project – Part 2 Center for Teaching and Learning: Denise Domizi
October 1, 2013	Designing SoTL Project – Part 1 Center for Teaching and Learning: Denise Domizi
September 17, 2013	Getting Started with the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Center for Teaching and Learning: Denise Domizi
July 26, 2013	Mindfulness and Acceptance in Multicultural Competency: A Contextual Approach to Sociocultural Diversity in Theory and Practice UGA CAPS; Akihiko Masuda, Ph.D.
June 13, 2013	Case-writing Workshop The Office of Service Learning; Paul Mathews
May 21, 2013	Elc-*New* Workshop The Center for Teaching and Learning; Sherry Clouser
April 4, 2013	Introduction to Effective Service-Learning Course Design The Office of Service Learning; Paul Mathews

Student Recommendation Letters

75 from 2011-214 for graduate school, Child Life Internships, employment and scholarship

Community Service

August 2010 – May 2012	*Whatever it Takes* Member of the Early Care & Learning Strategic Action Team Completed Community Training; attend monthly meetings; Assist in

accreditation of child care centers located in the Alps Attendance Zone (currently seeking NCATE)

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

September 2010 – Present

Athens Farm to School
Co-Facilitator
I collaborate with three community members to organize monthly events to engage community members around Farm to School advocacy and education.

August 3, 2013 – Farm to School Workshop at W. Broad Street Market Garden

2013 Season of Athens Farmers Market – planned monthly activities

November 5, 2012 – Farm to School Roundtable Event featuring Doug Davis, Nutrition Director of Burlington, VT School District. In collaboration with Georgia Organics, the event brought together over 50 community members, including nutrition directors, principals, food bank presidents, farmers, teachers and parents.

2012 Season of Athens Farmers Market – coordinated and facilitated monthly children's activities in collaboration with Clarke County Agricultural Extension Agent

January 21, 2012-*Let's Move: Museums and Gardens;* Family Day at the Georgia Museum of Art; Collaboration with the Georgia Museum of Art and Keep Athens-Clarke County Beautiful

2011 Season of Athens Farmers Market – coordinated children's activities in collaboration with Clarke County Agricultural Extension Agent and P.L.A.C.E.

May 2009-Present

Athens Farmers Market
Assist the manager during Tuesday & Saturday markets; customer service, marketing and outreach campaigns; coordinate volunteers and assist with university projects

November 2010 – Present

Community Garden Network – Athens Land Trust
Member of the Community Advisory Board – School Garden Committee

October 26, 2012

PALS at Rocksprings Housing Development
Invited to speak about intrapreneurship as part of a "Creativity in

Business” series. The talk specifically addressed Athens Farm to School and Athens Farmers Market.

March 2010 – August 2011	**Daily Grocery Food Co-op** Working member; Sunday morning cashier