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## CHILD DEVELOPMENT & EDUCATION FACULTY

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### EDUCATION

#### UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA LOS ANGELES (UCLA)

2024- 2028| Doctoral Candidate for School of Education  
Leadership Program

#### PACIFIC OAKS COLLEGE

2014-2016 Masters Degree

Human Development & Leadership in Education

Thesis: The Effects of Father Absenteeism on Parenting Attitudes of Young Adult Latino Males

#### UNIVERSITY OF LAVERNE

2009-20013 Bachelors of Science

Child Development & Education

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### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Full Time Faculty and Director with experience in teaching Child Development courses in the Education field. Expertise in directing, planning, preparation, presentation, and evaluation of classroom instruction and related program administration activities. Background in directing instructional counseling, program development and implementation, academic advising, professional affiliation involvement, budget management, and academic faculty relationships. Able to deliver instruction in accordance with procedures and policies, in addition to course competencies and syllabi; developing and utilizing instructional techniques designed to meet individual learning styles of students. Collaboration in establishing and directing programs, such as work pilots to support first generation college attendance in financial income impacted communities and mentoring programs. Informational workshops for outreach awareness and development of teacher pathways; communicating with instructors, administrators, program affiliates, district staff, parents, and outside agencies to execute plans for students' academic success.

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Equity in teacher preparation pathways
- First-generation college student success
- Latina/o/x educational trajectories and family systems
- Father absenteeism and developmental outcomes
- Culturally sustaining pedagogy in community college settings
- Workforce pathways in early childhood education

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Antelope Valley College Full Time Faculty, Child & Family Education | 2024–Present

- Teach Child and Family Education courses including CD 101, 102, 103, 211, 201 & Education
- Design curriculum integrating culturally sustaining pedagogy and applied learning
- Incorporate observation hours and field-based experiences into coursework
- Support students pursuing careers in education through structured academic guidance

#### El Camino College Adjunct Faculty | 2018–Present

- Adjunct Faculty and Special assignment Director to support both the CPTP Mentoring Program and TEACH El Camino Program. Working collaboratively with student services and Dual Enrollment Program to support the students in the TEACH pathway.
- Working with faculty and staff to develop an educational pathway to facilitate student learning
- coordinating with TEACH El Camino Director to provide support services to students interested in teaching careers
- Operating in conjunction with the Dual Enrollment Program in the DE courses offered at the ECC feeder high schools

#### Rio Hondo College Adjunct Faculty | 2018–Present

- Work with faculty and staff to develop an educational pathway to facilitate student learning
- Currently assisting the Director of TEACH at Rio Hondo College in grant proposal development
- Work in conjunction with feeder high schools to assist students in discovering career programs

#### California State University, Los Angeles Instructor | 2019–2022

Taught the Teaching Dual Enrollment Students Program course, designed for adjunct instructors who will be going into the high schools to teach dual enrollment courses. Assisted in the development of both the program and curriculum for this course. Taught online through the College of Professional and Global Education (PaGE).

#### East Los Angeles College Adjunct Faculty, Child Family & Education Studies Department | 2016–2018

- Child Development 50 Parenting: Family Life Focus
- Child Development 51 Parenting: Home and School Focus
- Child Development 52 Parenting: Community Focus

## LEADERSHIP & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

- Ed Pathways Mentoring Program – Antelope Valley College

Developed and implemented mentoring program connecting students with professionals in education fields

Designed to support access, retention, and career readiness for first-generation and underserved students Coordinated partnerships with faculty, staff, and community stakeholders

- Teacher Preparation Pipeline (TPP) – Regional Work
  - Supported grant development and implementation across multiple colleges
  - Collaborated with K–12 districts to strengthen teacher preparation pathways
- Contributed to expanding access to teaching careers for diverse student populations

### Interdisciplinary CTE Certificate Development

- Collaborated with Sociology and Business Information Technology departments
- Developed stackable certificates aligned with workforce pathways
- Strengthened career entry and advancement opportunities for students

## GRANTS & INITIATIVES

- Contributed to Strong Workforce Program (SWP) initiatives supporting teacher preparation pathways
- Supported development of Teacher Resource Room and Demonstration Lab
- Participated in regional grant planning and implementation efforts

### Additional Experience

- Co-Coordinator, Child Development Training Consortium (2013–2018)
- Career Guidance Counselor, CalWORKs (2013–2015)
- Advised students on career pathways and credentialing
- Conducted workshops and supported student success planning
- Connected students to workforce and community resources

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & ACTIVITIES

- Association of CA Community Colleges Teacher Education Programs (ACCCTEP), 2024
- Member, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
  - Committee Member, CCCECE
- Committee Member, California Early Childhood Mentor Teacher Program
  - Event Organizer, Careers in Aging Committee

### Awards & Recognition:

- Recipient, American Graduate Award, PBS SoCal (2016)

### Presentations:

- Presenter, CCAOE Annual Conference Fall 2025 : “AI & Education”  
ACCTEP Conference 2020 -TEACH For LA

## COLLABORATORS & AFFILIATES

Dr. Norma Jones– Antelope Valley College  
Dr. Carina K. Giorgi – Antelope Valley College  
Lea Martinez – TEACH for LA -Rio Hondo College  
Ciny Giamo Ballard – University of La Verne  
Agustin Cervantes – California State University Los Angeles  
Britney Mejia – Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce  
Colleen Perez – Montebello Unified School District  
Alison Bacon – Los Angeles Unified School District  
Susie Grimm – PBS SoCal