*Curriculum Vitae*

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***EDUCATION***

**Ph.D.**

Education and Human Resource Development (Literacy and Teacher Education Specializations), Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, December 2019

Dissertation: *“Take Me to the River:” Mapping Global Flows from Crayons to Connections.*

Advisor: George Kamberelis

**Master of Arts**

Early Childhood Special Education with a Focus on Social Inclusion, University of Colorado at Denver, Denver, CO, May 1994.

**Bachelor of Arts**

Elementary Education with a Focus on Early Childhood Education, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY, May 1988.

***TEACHING EXPERIENCE***

**Elementary Education Early Childhood Department Coordinator *and* Assistant Professor of Literacy and Early Childhood** in School of Teacher Education, College of Education and Behavior Sciences, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO, 2021- present

**First Grade Teacher**, Douglas County School District, Parker, CO, 2006 – 2021.

**Kindergarten Teacher**, Douglas County School District, Parker, CO, 1994 – 2006.

**Head Start Supervising Teacher,** Child Opportunity Program, Denver, CO, 1990 – 1993.

**Early Childhood Director,** Saint Ignatius Grammar School, Chicago, IL, 1988 – 1990.

***PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT***

**President, Belize Education Project,** Parker, CO, 2007-present.

**Curriculum and Instructional Leader**, Douglas County School District, 2013-2015.

**Kindergarten Specialist**, Douglas County School District, 1998-2000.

***PUBLICATIONS***

***BOOKS***

Kirshner, J. & Pettit, J. (publication date January 2025). *Teaching Social Studies in the Early Childhood Classroom: Nurturing Democratic and Global Citizens*. Bloomsbury, London, UK

Kirshner, J. & Kamberelis, G. (Paperback 2023). *Decolonizing Transcultural Teacher Education through Participatory Action Research: Dialogue, Culture, and Identity*, Routledge Publishing, New York, NY

Kirshner, J. & Kamberelis, G. (Hardback July 2022). *Decolonizing Transcultural Teacher Education through Participatory Action Research: Dialogue, Culture, and Identity*, Routledge Publishing, New York, NY

**REVIEW OF BOOK**

Hosseini, M. (2021). Book Review: Decolonizing transcultural teacher education through participatory action research: Dialogue, culture, and Identity. *International Journal of Education Policies.* 9(4). pp. 287-288.

Beuhler, B. (2021). New Book Blends, Expertise of US and Belize Educators. *Westerner*. p. 18

***JOURNALS***

Vasu, K, Supian, N, Nimehchisalem, V. Kirshner, J., Ling, S.C.Y. (2024). A review of types of assessment and evaluation during the COVID-19 pandemic across the continents (General Assessment). *Creative Education.* 14, 1125-1139.

Kirshner, J. (2023). Disruption, transformation, resilience, and hope: The

experience of a Belizean community during Covid-19 lockdown. *The Qualitative Report.* 28(4).

Kirshner, J. (2023). COVID carving new lenses: Transformation of global educators. *Educational Research: Theory and Practice*, 34(2), 1-5.

Kirshner, J. (2022). Rivers of Change: The wisdom of the rapids within transcultural teacher education. *Journal of Educational Research and Innovation*. 10(1),

Kirshner, J. (2021). COVID as a crucible: The transformation of global educators. *International Journal of Education Methodology*. 7(4). Pp. 558-569.

Kirshner, J., Blair, D., Castillo, W. (2021). Meeting of minds and screens:Collaborating in transnational teacher development. *Discovering new educational trends: A Symposium in Belize, Central America,* ed. Pamela Cook.

Kirshner, J. & Kamberelis. G. (2020). Deep engagement: imagining and enacting possible selves and possible worlds for global change. *International Journal of Educational Policies.* Vol.14(1). pp.5-31.

Nimehchisalem, V. & Kirshner, J. (2020). Interview with Jean Kirshner, co-founder of Belize Education Project*. International Journal of Education & Literacy Studies*. 8(4). pp. 100-105.

Kirshner, J. (2020). School radio: Finding innovation in reaching remote learners in Belize. *International journal of education & literacy studies.* 8(3), 90-97.

Kirshner, J. & Kamberelis, G. (2019). Participatory action research in intercultural contact zones: Effects of relationship building on teacher identities, classroom practices, and student learning. *Discovering new educational trends: A symposium in Belize, Central America,* ed. Pamela Cook*.* Cambridge Scholar Publishing. pp. 133-155.

Kirshner, J. & Kamberelis, G. (2018). “Take me to the river;” Mapping global flows from crayons to connections. *Transformative Dialogues: Teaching & Learning Journal.* 11(3), 1-17.

Kirshner, J., & Zarestky, J. (2017). Enhancing dialogue between American and Belizean teachers on spirituality. *Proceedings from the annual meeting of the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education,* Memphis, TN.

Kirshner, J., Tzib, E., Tzib, Z., & Fry, S. (2017). From pen pals to global citizenship. *Education Leadership, 74*(4), 73-74.

Fry, S., Griffin, S., & Kirshner, J. (November/December 2012). Learning global citizenship: Students and teachers in Belize and the U.S. take action together. *Social Studies and the Young Learner, 25*(2), 23-27.

***PRESENTATIONS***

Kirshner, J. & Kyser, C. (2024, October) Panic-ogy"and the Continued Colonization of Literacy in Belize: Educators Embracing the Struggle. *The American Association for Teaching & Curriculum.* Denver, Colorado

Kirshner, J. (2024, January) Literacy and Thought are Alive: Supporting the decoding response to the literacy crisis in Belize. *Belizean International Symposium on Education (BISE)*

Kirshner, J. (April 2023) Family engagement. *Literacy Leaders Coaching Conference, Wyoming Department of Education*, Casper, Wyoming

Kirshner, J. (2023, January) Disruption and Dreams, COVID -19’s Impact on Belizean Education, *Belizean International Symposium on Education (BISE)*

Kirshner, J. (2022, October) COVID Carving New Lenses: Transformation in Global Educators, *Paper presented at Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association*, University of Montana Billings, Billings, MO

Kirshner. J. (2022, September) Solidarity in Global Educators. *WYOGLOBAL*, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY

Kirshner, J. (2022, March) Transcultural Teachers Development. From Crayons to Connections. *Scholar Spotlight*, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

Kirshner, J. Blair. D. Castillo, W. Tzul, Ofni. (2021, October) Imagining New Worlds Together: Leveraging Technology to Decolonize Transcultural Learning*. Annual meeting of the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education.* Miramera Beach, FL.

Kirshner, J., Blair, D., Castillo, W., (2021, January). Transnational teacher development: collaborating across borders in a meeting of minds and screens*. Paper presented at Belize International Symposium on Education.* Belize City, Belize Central America.

Kirshner, J. (2020, September). Reporting qualitative data: Good data tells a story. Talk Series, Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Kirshner, J. (2019, December). Effects of relationships building in Belize on Teacher identities, classroom practices, and student learning*. Paper presented at Literacy Research Association.* Tampa, FL.

Kirshner, J., Kamberelis, G. (2019, October). Relationship building across cultural lines for transformation in teachers’ identities and classroom practices. *Paper presented at Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association,* Denver, CO.

Kirshner, J., Kamberelis, G., Gabourel, T. (2019, May). “Take me to the river:” Mapping global flows from crayons to connections. *Paper presented at 15th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry*. Urbana, IL.

Kirshner, J., & Zarestky, J. (2017, October). Enhancing dialogue between American and Belizean teachers on spirituality. *Annual meeting of the American Association for Adult and Continuing Education, Memphis, TN.*

Kirshner, J., & Kamberelis, G.  (2016, December).  Negotiating conflict improvisationally within the Belize Education Project.  *Paper presented at the**66th Annual Conference of the Literacy Research Association, Nashville, TN.*

Morgridge, C. & Kirshner, J. (2016, January)*.* Every gift matters (Morgridge Family Foundation and Belize Education Project). *Presented at Wildcat Mountain Elementary School,* Littleton, CO*.*

Kirshner, J. (2014, September). Planning with the end in mind: Creating backward plans. *Paper presented at Mammoth Heights Elementary School,* Parker, CO*.*

Kirshner, J. & Blair, D. (2013, January). Cultures and literacy ePortfolios, blogs, social learning networks. *Paper presented at the Douglas County Ed Tech Conference, Highlands Ranch, CO.*

Fry, S., Griffin, S., & Kirshner, J. (2012, November). Learning global citizenship: Students and teachers in Belize and the U.S. take action together. *Paper presented at the annual conference of Social Studies and the Young Learner,* Seattle, WA*.*

Kirshner, J. (2005, August). Developmentally appropriate reading. *Paper presented at Windows of Opportunity,* Lower Kuskokwim School District Bethel, AK.

Kirshner, J. (2004, 2003). Developmentally appropriate practice and reading.  *Hoonah City School District,* Hoonah, AK.

Kirshner, J., & Ott, S. (1998). We spell developmentally appropriate with three As: Academics, assessment, accountability. *Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association of the Young Child,* Toronto, Canada.

Kirshner, J. & Ott, S. (1996). Developmentally appropriate practice in kindergarten. *Paper presented at the National Association of the Young Child,* Washington D.C.

***MEDIA COVERAGE***

**P**eters, Drew, (2023) UNC professors travel to Belize to gain more educational experience. UNC Mirror, UNC <https://www.uncmirror.com/news/2023/11/10/unc-professors-travel-to-belize-to-gain-more-educational-experience/?fbclid=IwAR36dO9dqZB8nAdBUODhzmUbRRx5tZ1f6GKTjzXGE4tUka8hjRHeximM39w>

Kern, S. (April 2023) International partnership brings Belize Educators to Colorado classrooms, *True North, UNC.* <https://www.unco.edu/news/articles/belize-education-project-23.aspx>

The (Belizean) Guardian, (October 20. 2019) US. Teachers Fan Out in Cayo this Week. Belize, Cent

Morgridge, C. (January, 2015). How one teacher changed Belize: Every gift matters. *Morgridge Family Foundation*

Michlewicz, C. (September 21, 2015). Drifter’s Hearts saving lives, one horse at a time.

Douglas, W. J., & Fry, S. (2014). Service to the environment and global community. In *The activist learner: Inquiry, literacy and service to make learning better*. (pp. 93-103). New York: Teacher College Press.

Jones, P. (October 2014). Belize Education Project offers literacy training in Cayo. *Breaking Belize News,* <https://www.breakingbelizenews.com/2014/10/16/belize-education-project-offers-literacy-training-cayo/>.

Johnson, C. (November 2014). Teacher exchange with Belize raises global awareness. *Colorado State University Source,* <https://source.colostate.edu/teacher-exchange-belize-raises-global-awareness-children/>.

Reuter, J. (May, 2013). Teacher crosses cultural boundaries*.* *Parker Chronical/Our Colorado News*, <http://belizeeducationproject.com/parker_chronicle_20130503.pdf>.

Fry, S. (2012). From charity to solidarity*.*  Kappan, 93(8), 76-77.

Finnley, B. (January, 2008). Parker teachers helping Belize kids learn to read. *Denver Post*, <https://www.denverpost.com/2008/01/27/parker-teachers-helping-belize-kids-learn-to-read/>.

***SERVICE/OUTREACH***

**Coordinator for Early Childhood Program** at University of Northern Colorado. (2023 – present)

Oversees program for over 100 undergraduates, course work, and field experience and maintain state compliance.

**Belize Education Project**(non-profit corporation), co-founder and President. (2007 – present).www.belizeeducation project.com.

- Recruit and organize approximately 25 American teachers, principals and professors annually to conduct workshops for a week in four Belizean schools with over 60 Belizean teachers.

- Work with Belize Ministry of Education for professional development.

- Host 10 educators from Belize in Colorado classrooms annually.

- Facilitate fundraising for school resources, including technology, over 60,000 classroom books, and 15,000 pounds of school supplies.

- Oversee annual budget from grants and donations (average $75,000 annually).

**Northern Rocky Mountain Education Research Association**, Board Member and Colorado Representative, October 2022 – October 2023

**Doctoral of Education Committee,** Fall 2022 – present for School of Teacher Education at the University of Northern Colorado

**Doctoral Thesis Committee** Fall 2021- present, for Doctoral Students, Jennifer Pettit, Suzie Campbell, Olivia Nicastro at the University of Northern Colorado

**Future Teacher Conference**- February 2022 and 2023, University of Northern Colorado

Recruiting perspective pre-service teacher candidates,

**Center for Enhancement Teacher Learning** (CETL) February 2022. at University of Northern Colorado, Talk for Faculty and Staff on Decolonizing Teacher Education

***AWARDS AND HONORS***

**Achievement in Local and International Service to Others,** Cherry Valley Rotary Club, 2018

**Douglas County Teacher Apple Award**, 2012.

**Golden Rotary Ethics Award** for Non-Profit Organization – Belize Education Project, 2012.

**Outstanding Educator** of Douglas County, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003.

***PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS***

American Association of Adult and Continued Education

Literacy Research Association

National Association for Multicultural Education

National Association for the Education of Young Children

National Council for Social Studies

Northern Rocky Mountain Education Research Association