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EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

Ed.D. in Educational and Organizational Leadership, 2018

Dissertation: "High Academically Achieving Rural High School Students' Perceptions of the Influences on Their College Choice Decisions"

Dissertation Advisor: Joni Finney, Ph.D.

University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Greensboro, NC

Ed. S. In Educational Leadership, 2002

Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC

MSA in School Administration, 2000

North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC

North Carolina Teacher licensure in middle school mathematics and high school social studies and mathematics, 1993

Francis Marion University, Florence, SC

BA in History, 1990

Francis Marion Scholar

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Western Illinois University, Moline, IL

Assistant Professor, August 2018 – Present

Graduate Program Coordinator for the M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Principal Endorsement programs.

Taught the following graduate courses: EDL 515 Fundamentals of School Law, EDL 528 Supervision of Instruction, EDL 540 School Improvement, EDL 545 School, Parent, and Community Relations, EDL 550 Principal as Instructional Leader I, EDL 561 Iowa

Evaluator Training (Online Course). SSED 572 Social Studies Curriculum (Online Course)

Taught the following undergraduate course: SSED 439 Methods of Teaching Secondary Social Studies.

Western Illinois University, Moline, IL

Adjunct Professor, 2018

Taught: EDL 545 School, Parent, Community Relations

Meadowview Magnet Middle School, Mount Airy, NC

Principal, 2012-2018

Middle School Principal

Westfield Elementary School, Pilot Mountain, NC

Principal, 2010-2012

Elementary School Principal

Copeland Elementary School, Dobson, NC

Principal, 2004-2010

Elementary School Principal

Mount Airy Middle School, Mount Airy, NC

Assistant Principal, 2002-2004

Middle School Assistant Principal

Jones Intermediate School, Mount Airy, NC

Assistant Principal, 2000-2002

Elementary School Assistant Principal

Mount Airy Middle School, Mount Airy, NC

7th Grade Teacher, 1999-2000

Mathematics and Science Teacher, Lead Teacher

Fall Creek Elementary School, East Bend, NC

7th and 8th Grade Teacher, 1998-1999

Mathematics Teacher

Woodruff Middle School, Woodruff, SC

7th and 8th Grade Teacher, 1994-1998

Mathematics and Social Studies Teacher

After School GED Mathematics Teacher

Accelerated Alternative School Teacher

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed:

Barr, D. (In Press). "Ya'll Come Back Now, You Hear? Influences of Southern, Rural High Schools on the College Choice Decisions of High Academically Achieving High School Seniors" *The Rural Educator*.

Non-Refereed:

Wolff, L. & Barr, D. (2019). "Superintendent Salaries: Data as a Piece of Art" *The Illinois School Board Journal*. 87(5), pp. 13-16.

Wolff, L. & Barr, D. (2019). "Not the Same: Principal, Assistant Principal Salaries Vary by Region, District Type" *The Illinois School Board Journal*. 87(5), pp. 18-23.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Refereed:

Barr, D. (October 2019) The Influence of Families on the College Choice Decisions of High Academically Achieving Rural High School Students. National Rural Education Association Annual Conference, October 25, 2019

Barr, D. (October 2019) A Continuing Study of Rural High Schools' Influences on the College Choices of High Academically Achieving Students. Midwest Educational Research Association, October 18, 2019

Barr, D. (October 2018) High School Influences on High Achieving Rural Students' College Choice. National Rural Education Association Annual Conference, October 11, 2018.

Barr, D. (2018, March) The Influences of Rural High Schools on the College Choice Decisions of High Academically Achieving Rural Students. Eastern Educational Research Association Annual Conference, March 9, 2018.

Barr, D., Simpson, L., Smith, & M., Utt, A. (2015, June) That'll Never Work Here. North Carolina New Schools 2015 Summer Institute, June 23, 2015

Barr, D., Simpson, L., Smith, & M., Utt, A. (2015, April) That'll Never Work Here. Magnet Schools of America 2015 National Conference, April 24, 2015

Barr, D., Simpson, L., Smith, & M., Utt, A. (2015, March) That'll Never Work Here. North Carolina Association of School Administrators 2015 State Conference, March 19, 2015

Barr, D. & Goins, S. (2015, March) Acceleration Through Personalization North Carolina Middle Level Educators State Conference, March 17, 2015

Barr, D. & Goins, S. (2015, March) Not the Same Old Song and Dance North Carolina Technology in Education Society 2015 State Conference, March 6, 2015

SERVICE

National

Manuscript Reviewer, *Critical Questions in Education* (2018-Present)

Manuscript Reviewer, *The Rural Educator* (2020- Present)

Award Reviewer, National Rural Education Association

Regional

Blackhawk Region, Illinois Principal's Association, University Representative (2020-Present)

Illinois State Board of Education Ad Hoc committee to review Illinois Principal Preparation Program Requirements (2021- Present)

University

Council on Admission, Graduation, and Academic Standards (2019- Present)

College

College of Education and Human Services Scholarship Committee Representative (2018-Present)

Founding Director- Arlington and Arlene Seymour Center for Rural Education Policy, Advocacy, and Research (2020- Present)

Great River Teacher Corps Mentor (2019- 2021), Director (2021- Present)

School of Education

Scholarship Committee Chair (2019- Present)

Social Committee Chair (2018- Present)

Departmental

Graduate Program Coordinator, M.S.Ed. in Educational Leadership and Principal Endorsement (2018- Present)

School of Education Graduate Committee (2018- Present)
School of Education Scholarship Committee Representative (2018-2019), Chair (2019- Present)
School of Education Administrator's Roundtable Secretary (2018-present)

Dissertation Committees

Committees in Progress: William Buss (chair), Nancy Bitner (chair), Joe Mullikan, Tom Ryan, David Johnson

Completed Dissertations: James McKay, Jeffrey McHugh, Janeen Friedman, Tamara La Prad, Jon Devereueawax, Deborah Kepple-Mamros, Kathy Oleson Tracey, Amanda Carson, John Price, Michaela Fray, Brandi Anderson-Maier, Mike Ruff, Chris Lewis, Tiffany Springer

Grants

2021 Barr, D., Montalvo, G., Witten, B. *Great River Teacher Corps: Addressing the Illinois Rural School Teacher Shortage*. Tracy Family Foundation Formal Grant, \$60,000.

Professional Affiliations

American Educational Research Association
National Rural Education Association
Mid-West Educational Research Association
Illinois Principal's Association

LICENSES HELD

Illinois Pre- K Through 12 Superintendent License
Illinois Pre-K Through 12 Principal License
Illinois 5-8 Teaching License, Mathematics
Illinois 9-12 Teaching License, Mathematics
Illinois 9-12 Teaching License Social Science/History
North Carolina K-12 Superintendent License

North Carolina K-12 Principal License
North Carolina 6-9 Teaching License, Mathematics
North Carolina 9-12 Teaching License, Mathematics
North Carolina 9-12 Teaching License, Social Studies