

BENEDICT L. ADAMS, Ph.D.

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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN, Fall 2016

Ph.D. Urban Education Studies and Teacher Education

Research Interests: Elementary Teacher Education and Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Teacher Preparation and Diversity, Culturally Responsive Assessment and Evaluation Practices, Urban Education Studies and International Migration, Critical Ethnography and Case Study Designs, Curriculum and Instruction, and Elementary and Secondary Social Science Methods.

Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN, December, 2012

Master of Science in Education

Suffield University, Twin Falls, ID, August, 2005

Bachelor of Arts in Education

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Education, Missouri Western State University, St. Joseph, MO, Fall, 2019-Present

Assistant Professor of Education, The College of St. Scholastica, Duluth, MN, Fall, 2017-Spring, 2019

- Taught Graduate EDU 6530: Promoting Critical Thinking in the Classroom (online)
- Taught Graduate EDU 6580: Culturally Inclusive Communities and Schools (online)
- Taught Graduate EDU 6525: Introduction to Research, leading to writing Literature Review (online)
- Taught Graduate EDU 6560: Research Based Capstone Project, leading to writing the Research Proposal (online)
- Taught Graduate EDU 6550: Culturally Responsive Instruction (online)

Associate Instructor: Indiana University School of Education (IUPUI), Indianapolis, Indiana, Fall, 2013- Spring, 2017

- Developed the curricular framework, modules, and co-taught Middle School STEM Methods class of Woodrow Wilson Scholars and Transition to Teaching Candidates (EDU-509).
- Taught EDU E 555: Human Diversity and Learning. (Graduate level).

- Taught and lead EDU M 301: Field Experience (Graduates and undergraduates)
- Taught EDU M320: Curriculum and Elementary Multicultural Education
- Developed and taught the undergraduate fundamental course called: Examining Self as Teacher (EDU-F 200)
- Developed the curricular framework and co-taught Secondary School Science Methods Course for Transition to Teaching Students and Woodrow Wilson Scholars (EDU-S 505).

Practicum: Practical Instruction and Research, IU School of Education at IUPUI, Indianapolis, Indiana, Aug, 12- December, 12

- Conducting practical internship instructions with Elementary and Secondary Undergraduates of Teacher Education in a Diversity and Learning Course (EDU-M322).
- Observed the classroom with active participation for my qualitative research project entitled: Preparing pre-service teachers to understand the values and concepts of diversity in their classroom practice.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Adams, B. (2019, May 15-18). The four seasons approach to ethnographic methodology. Presented at the 15th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry ICQI) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Peer reviewed.
- Adams, B. (2018, May 7). How Prepared are we as Culturally Inclusive Educators? Annual Presentation to Duluth Public School Teachers, Administrators and Staff. Duluth, MN.
- Adams, B. (2018, May 16-19). The Far reaching Impact of Transformative Curriculum: A Narrative Critical Ethnographic Case Study. Research Presentation at the Fourteenth International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. Peer reviewed.
- Adams, B. (2018, Feb, 26-28). The Far reaching Impact of Transformative Curriculum: A Qualitative Case Study. Research Presentation at Conference on Academic Research in Education (CARE) at Las Vegas, Nevada. Peer reviewed.
- Adams, B. (2017, May, 17-20). Toward Relevant Immigrant Pedagogy: Teacher and student interactions in an urban environment: A Qualitative Case Study. Research Presentation at the 13th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry at the University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign. Peer reviewed.
- Adams, B. (2017, January, 30-31). Toward Relevant Immigrant Pedagogy: Teacher and student interactions in an urban environment. Poster session Presentation at the American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS) at Las Vegas, Nevada. Peer reviewed.
- Adams, B. (2014, September, 20). Policies for Culturally Responsive Assessment and Evaluation.

Round Table Session presented at the Center for Culturally Responsive Evaluation and Assessment Conference at the College of Education at Urbana, Chicago, Illinois. Peer reviewed.

- Adams, B., & Portillo, W. (2014, May 22). Immigration, citizenship, language, and power. Poster Presented at Critical Race Studies in Education 8th Annual Conference at Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN. Peer reviewed.

SCHOLARY RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS

- Adams, B. (2018). Toward relevant immigrant pedagogy: Teacher and student interaction in an urban classroom. *Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences*, 5(3), 119-135. Peer reviewed.
- Adams, B. (2018). Meeting the needs of students-at-risk especially English Language Learners and immigrants in an urban classroom. In D. Conrad & S. Blackman (Eds.). *Responding to Learner Diversity and Learning Difficulties*. Charlotte, NC: Information Age. Book Chapter- Peer reviewed.
- Adams, B. (2017). Student Achievement Outcomes of Immigrants and English Language Learners in an Urban Classroom: A Case Study of Great Strides and Hope. *Perspectives on Urban Education*, 14 (1), 1-6. <https://eric.ed.gov/?id=EJ1159993>.Peer reviewed.
- Adams, B. (2016). *Toward Relevant Pedagogy: Teacher and Student interaction in an urban classroom*. Doctoral Dissertation, ProQuest. <http://hdl.handle.net/1805/11270> .Peer reviewed.
- Adams, B. (Book in progress). A Sociocultural Hand Book for Teaching and Reaching Students At-Risk including English Language Learners {ELLs} and Immigrants: Pedagogy, Pedagogical Knowledge, and Pedagogical Content Knowledge for Successful Teaching in Urban and Multicultural Classrooms.
- Adams, B. (in progress).). The far reaching impact of transformative curriculum: A Critical ethnographic case study. *Journal of Educational Studies*.
- Adams, B., & Morton, C. (in progress). Policies for Culturally Responsive Assessment and Evaluation. *Journal of Practical Assessment, Research & Evaluation*.
- Adams, B., Berghoff, B., & Medina, M. (in progress). Developing pre-service teachers' commitment to social justice in an urban education program. *Journal of School Connections*.
- Adams, B. (in progress). Academic performance of second language students at an urban high school. A qualitative case study. *Journal of Educational Studies*.
- Adams, B. (in progress). Culturally Relevant Pedagogy versus Relevant Immigrant Pedagogy as the expansive instructional model for effective urban teacher preparation programs. *Multicultural Perspectives*.

CONFERENCE ATTENDANCES

- Adams, B. (2017). National Association for Multicultural Education (NAME), at Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Adams, B. (2017). American Association of Behavioral and Social Sciences (AABSS) and 29th Annual Ethnographic and Qualitative Research Conference (EQRC) in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Adams, B. (2016). Hoosier Association of Science Teachers (HASTI), Annual Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Adams, B. (2015). The Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Doctoral Scholars Program, Arlington, Virginia.
- Adams, B. (2014). The Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, Doctoral Scholars Program, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Adams, B. (2014). The American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE) 66th annual conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.
- Adams, B. (2013). The University Council For Educational Administration (UCEA) 16 annual research conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.

MASTER THESIS COLLEGE ADVISING AND MENTORING

- Alissa Vasek Carlson graduated May 2019 and her research title is “Is project-based learning effective at increasing student engagement and content knowledge for students living in poverty?”
- Matthew Runck graduated May 2019 and his research title is “The effects of substantive schooling for multilingual students and its entranced position in schools”.
- Devin McNeill graduated Dec. 2018 and her research title is “Data Driven Instruction and Differentiation”.
- Allison Yackle graduated Dec. 2018 and her research title is “Does Implementing Trauma-Informed Practice in the Classroom Decrease Negative Behavior?”
- Kristin Polo graduated Dec. 2018 and her research title is “Instant Communication and Parent Involvement by utilizing the Class Dojo tool”.
- Chelsey Mersbergen graduated Dec. 2018 and her research title is “Computer Mediated Communication Tools and Foreign Language Anxiety”.
- Scott Barkett graduated Dec. 2018 and his research title is “Exploring the Effect of More Rigorous text on Standard Level Students’ Perceptions of Social Studies Knowledge and Ability”.

- Christy Voltz graduated Dec. 2018 and her research title is “Digital Citizenship”.
- Helena Ripley graduated Dec. 2018 and her research title is “Middle School Language Arts Curriculum Development”.
- Alyse Lafontaine graduated Dec. 2018 and her research title is “Increasing parent engagement to support student success”.
- Tashanna Martinneto graduated May, 2018 and her research title is “Technology in the Classroom”.
- Lindsay Pacey, graduated May, 2018 and her research title is “Active Learning in Human Anatomy”.

SERVICE

- Curriculum Writing Project: Built a course on Urban Education and Best Instructional Methods for Culturally and Linguistically diverse students (Pedagogical knowledge and pedagogical content knowledge).
- Mentoring Minority students: Worked alongside the Principal advisor in mentoring Bilingual Students, minority students, and students of color at the College level.
- Duluth Public School Culturally Inclusive Training Team: Volunteered to provide workshops for Public School Teachers, Administrators and Staff.
- Peer Reviewed Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences: Became Editorial Board Member and Reviewer of the Journal of Behavioral and Social Sciences.

OTHER WORKING EXPERIENCES

Supervisor of Student Teachers, Indiana University School of Education at IUPUI Fall, 2013-Spring, 2015

- Supervised student teachers doing Service and Learning Field experiences in both Urban K- 12 Schools and Suburban Schools.
- Responsible for coordinating placement of students’ field experience during course teaching.
- Observed and consulted students on their classroom engagement, participation with students, and instruction.

Testing Evaluator, Kelly Services-Dploit, Indianapolis, Indiana Nov, 2005- Aug. 2017

- Assessed and scored k-12 National Student tests in writing, reading, social studies, science, and mathematics.
- Evaluated and assigned k-12 scores to Indiana Standard Assessment Testing Project (ISTEP).

Special Education Assistant & Literacy Coach, Indianapolis Public Schools, IN, Fall, 2009-Spring, 2011.

- Facilitated the development of elementary vision about literacy that is site based and linked with district and state goals.
- Regularly assisted falling behind students and conducted assessment for a group of elementary and middle school students according to the state standards.
- Performed clerical classroom maintenance and instructional duties as assigned by the lead teacher.
- Worked with small groups of students to reinforce the learning material and skills introduced and outlined by the lead teacher.
- Maintained a safe learning environment while reinforcing learning.
- Participated in workshops and in service training to update job related skills.

Literacy Coach, Park Tudor School, Indianapolis, Indiana

Fall, 06-Spring, 07

- Prepared lessons and taught second graders in language arts, mathematics, and mathematics skills.
- Regularly assisted with homework and conducted assessment for a group of elementary students according to the state standards.
- Led several supplementary literacy curriculum groups to increase reading levels of the students.
- Facilitated development of second grade vision about literacy that is site based and linked to district goals.

High School Science Teacher and Principal, Forest Hill, Botswana, Fall, 02-Spring, 04

- Prepared and taught Human and Social Biology lessons according to the state curricular standards.
- Solely managed a class of 80 students including recording grades, lesson planning, conducting individual progress meetings and overall classroom management.
- Conducted school level administrative duties working as director and executive director to include curriculum and instruction, special education, technology, and school and state program areas.

- Conducted regular monthly workshops on professional development and action planning to teachers and members of staff.
- Directed, guided, advised and lead the school toward the goal of increasing student performance for all student groups and the elimination of student achievement inequities.

High School Social Studies Teacher, Kanye, Botswana

Fall, 00-Spring, 02

- Recorded and evaluated students' progress by developing individualized lessons for students and meeting with their parents to help them reach their potential.
- Taught European history including the rise of Benito Mussolini of Italy up to the unrest in the Balkans area which led to the killing of the Serbian prince Archduke Ferdinand which triggered the World War 1.
- Taught Global History including World War 1 and each stage of the war including international involvement, the beginning of the League of Nations which eventually transitioned to the United Nations.
- Solely taught social studies and managed a diverse class of 50 students.

AWARDS

- Indiana Association of College Teachers' Association, 2014: Outstanding Future Educator Award.
- Nominated by Indiana University School of Education in the Doctors Scholars Program in the Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, through Southern Region Education Board (SREB) Oct, 2014
- Inducted to Golden Key International Honor Society for exceptional outstanding academic achievement through Indiana University Oct, 2011
- Nominated by Golden Key International Scholars Program to attend the 2012 International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP) for exemplary academic performance.
- Nominated by Golden Key International Society Scholarship Program to attend an international Laurette Program in China for exceptional academic excellence, Spring, 2013
- Nominated by the Associate Dean of Indiana University as the top recruited student for the Urban Education Studies Ph.D. Program in the Graduate School-Education Spring, 2013
- Nominated by Indiana University School of Education Student Body and honored as an Outstanding Teacher Educator/Instructor Nov, 2014
- Inducted into the Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, SREB Doctoral Scholars Program, 2016

RESEARCH GRANT AWARDS

- The College of St. Scholastica Graduate School of Education Presentation, Travel grant, \$ 1,400, Summer, 2018
- St. Scholastica School of Education Presentation Travel grant, \$ 1,000, Spring, 2017
- Urban Education Studies and Teacher Education Presentation, Travel grant, \$1,500, Fall, 2015
- Urban Education Studies Conference Presentation, Travel grant \$ 1,500, Fall, 2014

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME), 2012- Present
- Golden Key International Society, 2011-Present
- Indiana Coalition for Public Education, 2014-Present
- American Association of Colleges For Teacher Education (AACTE), 2014- Present
- Hoosier Association of Science Teachers, 2015-Present
- SREB Doctoral Scholars Graduate, 2016