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EDUCATION

BA International Studies, September 2007, Oregon State University Cascades Campus,
Bend OR

Graduation Honor: Magna Cum Laude

BA Liberal Studies, June 2007, Oregon State University Cascades Campus, Bend, OR

Focus: Humanities, Culture and Politics of the Americas

Graduation Honor: Magna Cum Laude

In Progress:

MS in Education in Information Technology, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR
Expected graduation: 2017

LANGUAGES AND CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

Bilingual/Bicultural English/Spanish & American/Mexican.

Programa Amistad, 1999-2000, yearlong under graduate exchange to the Universidad de
Guanajuato, Mexico.

English Teacher, 2000-2001 Employed at both Academia Falcon and Ingles Individual,
Guanajuato, Guanajuato, Mexico.

AWARDS

2015 Exceptional Emerging Leader in Early Childhood, Exchange Press.

2007 WIC Culture of Writing Award, Oregon State University.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITY

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), 2004-Present

NAEYC Affiliate Advisory Council 2015-Present

NAEYC National Governing Board Nominating Committee, Term 2014-2016

Early Childhood Systems Committee, 2015-Present

Executive Committee of Affiliate Council Region 10 Rep, Term 2014-2015

Oregon Representative to the National Affiliate Council, Term 2013-2015

NAEYC Phase III National Dialogue Communications Work Group, 2013-2014

National Dialogue Sub-Committee Member 2014-Present

Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children (OAEYC)

OregonAEYC President, Term 2016-2018

OregonAEYC President Elect, 2015

OregonAEYC State Governing Board Member, 2008-Present,

Public Policy Representative, 2010, 2012-2014

Central Oregon Chapter of OAEYC (COC-OAEYC)

Conference Chair 2008-2012

President and Co-President 2005-2012

Women's Resource Center of Central Oregon

Board President 2012

Board Member 2011-2012

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Co-Director, Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System
Project Co-Director, Oregon's Central Coordination of CCR&R
Coordinator, Center on Early Learning

Center on Early Learning, The Research Institute, Western Oregon University
Monmouth, OR, 2012-Present

Past titles:

Project Coordinator, Oregon's QRIS

Project Specialist, Center on Early Learning

Selected duties and accomplishments:

Serve as project Co-Director for Oregon's QRIS, a \$3+ million statewide initiative

Maintain communication and collaboration with Early Learning Division (ELD)
and other state partners

Meeting facilitation, internal and external partner meetings

Meet deadlines, ensure that other team members are meeting deadlines

Coordination of multiple full day training opportunities for state partners

Lead the development, implementation and dissemination of QRIS processes,
procedures and products

Represent TRI at state and national meetings and conferences

Ensure that the products, processes and presentations produced by QRIS and
other Center on Early Learning (CEL) staff are high quality, relevant and meeting
deadlines

Oversee the work of a team of 10+ project staff

Provide Technical Assistance (TA) to Child Care Resource and Referral's including
web based meetings and trainings, face to face training, intensive TA and ongoing
email and phone support

Provide ongoing support for Head Start programs in QRIS and the Head Start
Collaboration Office at Oregon Department of Education (ODE)

Grant writing

Design and implement a model of Universal, Targeted and Intensive TA to project
participants

Oversee Spanish translation work and ensure cultural relevance of processes and
materials

Latino Outreach Coordinator

Relationship Based Visitation Program Coordinator

MountainStar Family Relief Nursery Bend, OR, 2005-2012

Selected duties and accomplishments:

Developed and maintained the Latino Outreach Program

Wrote grant, implemented and coordinated "Juntas Podemos," program to prevent
depression in immigrant women

Project management of contract with the Deschutes County Children and Families
Commission and developed a Foster Parent Mentor Program

Project management of Relationship Based Visitation program with DHS child welfare
Supervised 5 staff
Represented agency at various local and regional meetings
Lead Foster Care Summit Planning Committee
Planned and facilitated culturally relevant parent nights
Served as agency's diversity coordinator
Supervised interventionist teachers using reflective supervision
Identified and served families at risk for child abuse and neglect through strength based crisis intervention, therapeutic preschool classes, home visiting, parenting support and collaboration with other community resources and agencies
Support and maintain caseload of 50-100 monolingual immigrant families
Lead therapeutic preschool and respite classrooms with children 6 weeks - 5 years old
Trained new staff including individual and group professional development
Maintained confidential family files and inputted information in statewide database
Assisted in NAEYC accreditation
Parent Coach for families with children in foster care

Bilingual Parent Educator

Central Oregon Family Resource Center, Bend OR 2005-2012

Selected duties and accomplishments:

Multiple contracts for 10 and 14 week parenting education
Taught mandated parenting class to DHS and court ordered parents
Successfully engaged immigrant families in multiple 10 week parenting classes

Child Care Resources Bilingual Specialist

COCAAN, Now NeighborImpact, Redmond, OR 2003-2005

Selected duties and accomplishments:

Assisted Spanish speaking providers working to become licensed and/or improve quality and professional development through TA, planning and facilitating workshops and on site coaching
Assessed parents child care needs and utilized NACCRA database to provide families with a list of providers matching their requests
Assembled NACCRA Quality Assurance portfolios for client services,
Designed, wrote and translated quarterly newsletter for early childhood professionals
Prepared reports for statewide network, maintained database
Attended Network meetings
Facilitated new provider Orientation classes with CCD staff
Mentored child care providers in Spanish and English
Statewide Mentor, 2005-06 and 2008-09

SELECTED WRITTEN PROPOSALS

Lopez Melton, R., and Skillings, C. (7/2010) Juntas Podemos: Depression Prevention in Immigrant Mothers, Office of Women's Health, Funded.

Lopez Melton, R., and Rusk, T. (5/2012) Building a Foster Parent Mentor Program in Deschutes County, Family Preservation and Support Initiative, Funded.

Lopez Melton, R., Bleakney-Huebsch, D., and Udell, T., (7/2015), Facilitation of Mississippi's QRIS Revision Process, Mississippi Department of Education, Not Funded.

Tanski, K., Rusk, T., Skillings, C., and Lopez Melton, R. (3/2011) Relationship Based Visitation, Department of Human Services, Funded.

Taylor, E., Udell, T., and Lopez Melton, R., et al. (3/2013) Child Care Resource and Referral Services, SDA 3 Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties, Not funded.

Taylor, E. Udell, T., Gritz, M., and Lopez Melton, R., et al. (3/2013) Central Coordination of Child Care Resource and Referral Services, Funded.

SELECTED INVITED PRESENTATIONS

Lopez Melton, R. Keynote Address. *Ya viene el sistema de calificación y mejoramiento de calidad de Oregon*. Latino Early Educator Summit, Lane Community College, May 2013.

Deardorf, P., Irwin, M., Woods, D., and Lopez Melton, R. (2016) Keynote address. *Oregon's Early Learning Workforce: What's the data telling us?* OregonAEYC Professional Development Institute, Eugene, OR.

Lopez Melton, R. (2015) Keynote address. *Eyes on the I: exploring improvements in Oregon's QRIS*. OAEYC Professional Development Institute, Eugene, OR.

Lopez Melton, R., Aldrich, P., & Udell, T. (2014). *The portfolio approach: A cost effective measure for evaluating program standards*. QRIS National Meeting, Denver, CO.

Lopez Melton, R. (2015) Panel Member. *XYZ Generation Panel*. National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference and Expo, Dallas, TX.

SELECTED NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Lopez Melton, R., Kurtz, D., Ott, S. and Wesley, L., (2016) Featured Presentation. *Elevating Quality: Exploring Retrospective Approaches to QRIS and Head Start Integration*. National Head Start Association Annual Conference and Expo, Nashville, TN.

Lopez Melton, R. (2015) *Reinventing the I in QRIS: How Oregon has learned to use ratings, messaging, monitoring and feedback to encourage Continuous Quality Improvement in Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System*. National Association For the Education of Young Children Annual Conference and Expo, Orlando FL.

Bleakney-Huebsch, D. M., Lopez Melton, R., & Udell, T. (2015). *Articulation of national standards with Oregon's QRIS: Balancing intent and integrity*. National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development. New Orleans, LA.

Lopez Melton, R., Bleakney-Huebsch, D. M., Aldrich, P., & Udell, T. (2014). *Balancing intent and integrity: Results from Oregon's field-tested articulation of national standards and Oregon's quality rating and improvement system*. National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference and Expo. Dallas, TX.

Aldrich, P., Lopez Melton, R., & Udell, T. (2014). *The portfolio approach: A cost effective measure for evaluating program standards*. National Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development. Minneapolis, MN.

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PROFESSIONAL EVENT AND CONFERENCE COORDINATION

Project Coordinator

2014 Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System: Statewide Rollout 3-Day Training, Monmouth, OR

Planning Committee Chair

2012 Central Oregon Foster Parent Summit, Bend, OR

2012 Women's Resource Center Fundraiser, WRCCO Brew Review, Bend, OR

2012 COC-OAEYC Spring Conference, COCC, Bend, OR

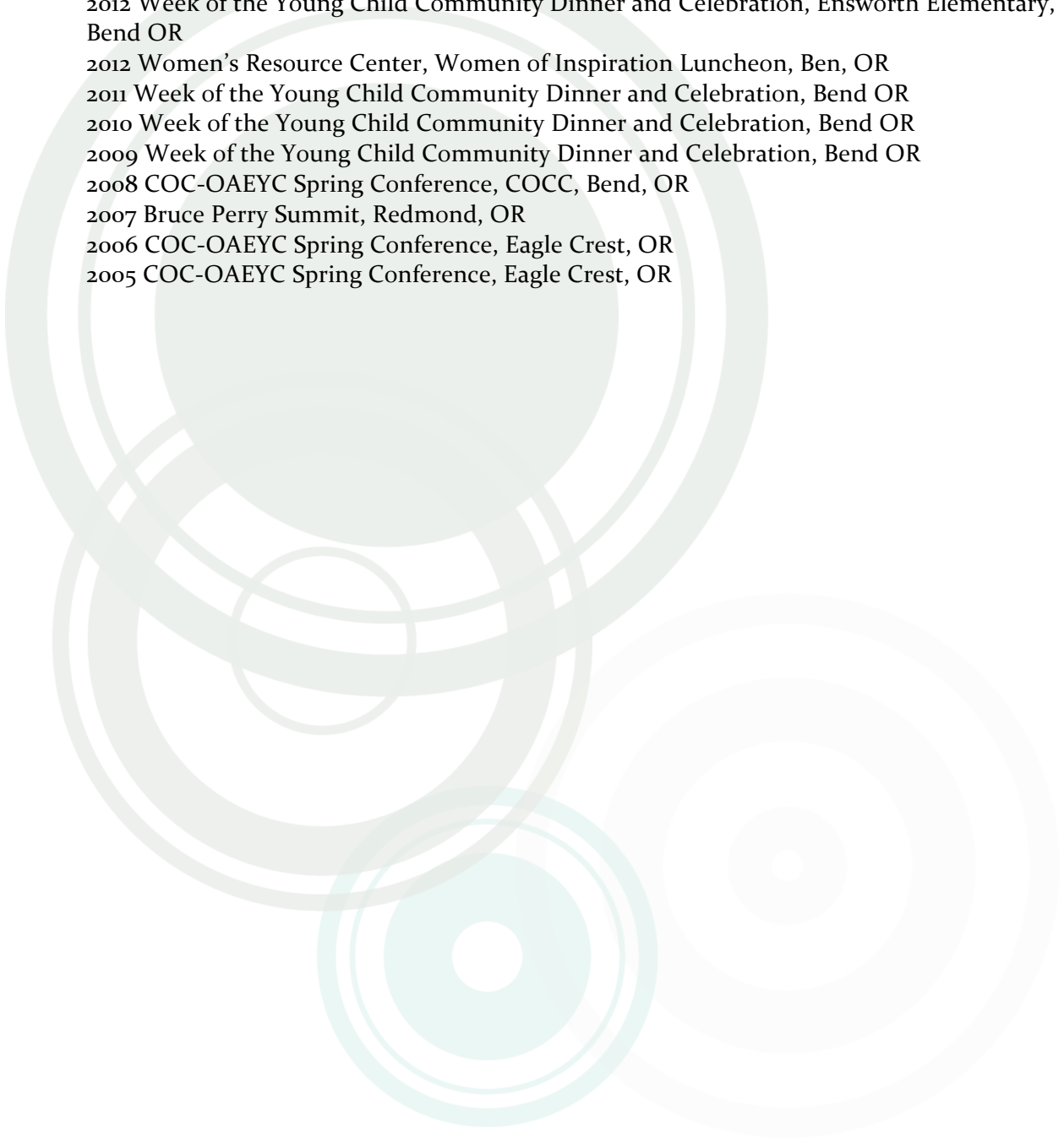
2011 COC-OAEYC Spring Conference, COCC, Bend, OR

2010 COC-OAEYC Spring Conference, COCC, Bend, OR

2009 COC-OAEYC Spring Conference Planning Committee COCC, Bend, OR

Planning Committee Member

2013 Oregon's Quality Rating and Improvement System: Field Test Rollout 3-Day Training, Monmouth, OR



2014 Early Childhood Inclusion Summer Institute, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR
2014 Learn, Grow, Thrive Early Learning Conference, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR
2013 Learn, Grow, Thrive Conference, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR
2013 QRIS Field Test Rollout 3-day training, Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR
2012 Week of the Young Child Community Dinner and Celebration, Ensworth Elementary, Bend OR
2012 Women's Resource Center, Women of Inspiration Luncheon, Ben, OR
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2008 COC-OAEYC Spring Conference, COCC, Bend, OR
2007 Bruce Perry Summit, Redmond, OR
2006 COC-OAEYC Spring Conference, Eagle Crest, OR
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