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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

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

Woods, D., and Lopez Melton, R. (2016) Keynote address. *Oregon's Early Learning Workforce: What's the data telling us?* OregonAEYC Annual Conference, Clackamas, OR.

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. and Amirault, C. (2017) *Intentionally Revising a QRIS Using Guiding Principles*. NAEYC Professional Learning Institute, San Francisco, CA.

Lopez Melton, R. (2017) *System building through crosswalking and articulation: Incorporating accreditation and Head Start in QRIS*. NAEYC Professional Learning Institute, San Francisco, CA.

Simmons, G., Kofron, K., Washington, R., Stearns, S., Lopez Melton, R. and Kingrey, B. (2017) Invited presentation. *Understanding the board staff relationship, the key to nonprofit success*. . NAEYC Professional Learning Institute, San Francisco, CA.

Catlett, C., Lopez Melton, R., Omeara, T., and Rogers, K. (2017) *Full Participation: Building Equitable State Systems for Culturally, Linguistically and Individually Diverse Children and their Families*. 2017 QRIS National Meeting. Dallas, TX.

Winegardner, N., Lopez Melton, R., and Ochoa, N., *The Translation Engine ate my QRIS Document: Creating Linguistically Accessible Systems as a Strategy for Equity*. 2017 QRIS National Meeting. Dallas, TX.

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.

#### OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Licensed Zumba Instructor 2014-Present

Teaching at:

Western Oregon University Health and Wellness Center  
Studio Fuego Fitness Studio

#### 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

2011 Week of the Young Child Community Dinner and Celebration, Bend OR

2010 Week of the Young Child Community Dinner and Celebration, Bend OR

2009 Week of the Young Child Community Dinner and Celebration, Bend OR

2008 COC-OAEYC Spring Conference, COCC, Bend, OR

2007 Bruce Perry Summit, Redmond, OR

2006 COC-OAEYC Spring Conference, Eagle Crest, OR

2005 COC-OAEYC Spring Conference, Eagle Crest, OR