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**Katie M. Dodge**

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## **EDUCATION**

**Certificate of Special Education Administration -Supervisor and Director (2015- Present Anticipated Completion Full Supervisor Approval-2017/Anticipated Completion of Full Director Approval-2018),** Grand Valley State University, College of Education.

**Teacher Leadership Initiative (TLI) (2013-2014),** online through the NEA and CTQ.

**Ph. D. in Higher Education (July, 2012),** University of Toledo, College of Education

**Major:** Higher Education. **Minor:** Human Resources

**Research Interests:** Students with disabilities, accommodations/modifications in education, diversity in education, phenomenological research, mixed method research, elementary education, self-efficacy, learning disabilities, reading disabilities, special education, teacher education and evaluation, Underrepresented populations in education

**Dissertation Title:** Examining the Lived Experience of Students with Reading Comprehension Learning Disabilities and the Perceived Value of the Accommodations Received

**Committee Members:** Ron Opp (Chair), University of Toledo; Penny Poplin Gosetti, University of Toledo; Cynthia Beekley, University of Toledo; Richard Welsch, University of Toledo

**M. Ed. (July, 2005) in Special Education.** Madonna University, College of Education. **Area of Specialization:** Learning Disabilities. Michigan Teacher Certification- Learning Disabilities (SM) K-12. **Thesis Title:** Different Models to Determine Learning Disabilities Eligibility. Summa Cum laude.

**B. A. (July, 2002) in English/Speech.** Madonna University, College of Arts and Humanities/College of Education. Michigan Teacher Certification-Elementary K-5 all subjects (K-8 All Subjects Self Contained Classroom) Language Arts (BX) 6-8. Summa Cum laude.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

**Concordia University, Portland, OR**

**Assistant Adjunct Professor**

2014-present

I teach graduate education students seeking a Master's degree in special education. The course that I teach focuses on the foundations and fundamentals of special education.

**Madonna University, Livonia, MI**

2013-present

***Assistant Adjunct Professor***

I teach undergraduate education students the introductory course for education. Additionally, I work with these students on professionalism, resume building, and goal setting.

***Livonia Public Schools, Livonia, MI***

***Educator***

2001-present

Educate elementary aged students in all academic areas. Teach social skills, hygiene, human growth, and other daily living skills. Educate students from all academic backgrounds: special education (cross-categorical), gifted and talented, and general education. Conduct professional development regarding: Reading Workshop, Essential Elements, Paraprofessional training, Medicaid billing, Functional Behavior Assessments, Behavior Intervention Plan, Snap and Read, Bookshare, Writing Measureable Goals, American Sign Language, and Sexuality Education. Facilitate a district wide committee to develop and Assistive Technology Evaluation process. Collaborate with district employees to develop an plan for Focus Area 1 of the District School Improvement Plan.

## ***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS***

Association on Higher Education and Disabilities (AHEAD)

International Thespian Society

Kappa Gamma Pi

Kappa Delta Pi

Lions Club

Madonna Alumni Advisory Council

Michigan Institute for Educational Management

## ***TEACHING EXPERIENCES***

### **UNIVERSITY**

**Madonna University**

2013-present

***Assistant Adjunct Professor***

EDU 2000: Introduction to Professional Education Experiences

**Concordia University**

2014-2015

***Assistant Adjunct Professor***

EDSP 510: Introduction to Special Education

## **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

### **Livonia Public Schools**

2013-present

#### ***Special Education Elementary Teacher Consultant***

I service all of the elementary schools as the special education teacher consultant for the elementary educators. I work collaboratively with staff members to create behavior plans, conduct Functional Behavior Assessments, collect data, plan for students, and conduct IEPT meetings. Additionally, I service our elementary homebound students and have a caseload of hearing impaired and physically impaired students that I personally work with. I am a member of the DSIT for Focus Area 1. I provided professional development for staff regarding Snap and Read, Bookshare, Medicaid Billing, Paraprofessional roles and responsibilities, and Essential Elements. I organize and conduct all PAC meetings for Livonia Public Schools.

### **Johnson Upper Elementary**

2012-2013

Taught 5/6 grades all subjects in a cross-categorical special education classroom. Served as the Interim Team Leader. One of the coordinators for MEAP testing at this building. Specialized in behavior plans, classroom management, visually structured teaching, and acted as the human growth advisor for the Center program. Active member of the Wayne County RESA committee on the Common Core State Standards.

### **Riley Upper Elementary**

2009-2012

Taught 5/6 grades all subjects in a cross-categorical special education classroom. Specialized in Boystown Social Skills Curriculum, differentiation, and accommodations. Spearheaded efforts to earn the school the title of "Michigan Green School." Member of the Positive Behavioral Support committee.

### **Cooper Upper Elementary**

2008-2009

Taught sixth grade students all subjects. Active member of the Courageous Conversations about Race committee. Involved in the district committee on Word Study.

### **Webster Elementary**

2007-2008

Taught 3 /4 grade gifted and talented students all subjects at a magnet school. Students participated in a wide variety of hands-on learning opportunities. Incorporated the Friends of the Rouge program in my classroom to teach students how to physically and chemically monitor water quality.

### **Cooper Upper Elementary**

2006-2007

Taught sixth grade all subjects. Organized sixth grade camp for students. Students participated in the AWIM program through SAE and won the gold medal.

### **Hoover Elementary**

2005-2006

Taught sixth grade specializing in reading, writing, and social studies. Hosted an International Dinner for 90 families. Active member of the School Improvement Team.

**Coolidge Elementary**

2004-2005

Taught third grade all subject areas. Conducted a school wide Hurricane Katrina Relief Drive.

**Hoover Elementary**

2003-2004

Taught second grade students all subject areas. Served on the district Tier 4 committee for reading workshop.

**Substitute Teacher**

2001-2003

Taught grades K-12 in all subject areas including: physical education, music, art, and foreign language.

**WORKSHOPS*****Sciensational Workshops for Kids, INC., Troy, MI***

Taught science workshops to K-8 grade students during a summer program. Students learned about the following topics: robotics, magnetic levitation, model airplanes, chemistry, and electronics.

***American Sign Language, Livonia, MI***

Taught beginner level classes to students ranging from K-6. Students learned basic signs, the alphabet, and numbers.

**CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

- 2014/2015/2016 Wayne RESA Forms Training: Wayne, MI (15 hours)
- 2013 Wayne RESA Learning Disabilities: Wayne, MI (6 hours)
- 2012 Steven Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People": Livonia, MI (30 hours)
- 2012 Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (CPI) Refresher: Livonia, MI (8 hours)
- 2012 MIEM 2012 Educator Evaluations: Integrating Student Growth Data Conference: Lansing, MI (8 hours)
- 2012 AHEAD National Conference: New Orleans, LA (5 hours)
- 2011 Non-Violent Crisis Intervention (CPI): Livonia, MI (20 hours)
- 2011 AHEAD National Conference: Seattle, WA (24 hours)
- 2010 Michigan Green School Conference: Wayne, MI (6 hours)
- 2009 Boystown Social Skills Training: Livonia, MI (8 hours)
- 2008 Courageous Conversations about Race Training: Livonia, MI (6 hours)
- 2008 Differentiation Conference: Livonia, MI (6 hours)

**RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP****National Report Reviewer**

National Academy of Engineering and National Research Council. (2009). *Engineering in K-12 Education: Understanding the Status and Improving the Prospects*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.

## **Professional Conference Presentations**

### ***National***

**Dodge, Katie M.** (July, 2012). Examining the Lived Experience of Students with Reading Comprehension Learning Disabilities and the Perceived Value of the Accommodations Received. *Association on Higher Education and Disabilities (AHEAD) Conference*, New Orleans, LA.

### ***Local***

**Dodge, Katie M. and Kieft, Jadie** (August, 2014). Teaching the Essential Elements. *Wayne RESA Conference, Lincoln Park, MI.*

## ***PROFESSIONAL SERVICE***

### ***Livonia Public Schools***

Common Core State Standards Committee  
Sexuality Education Coordinator for the 5/6 Center Program  
Research Committee  
School Improvement Committee  
Teacher Resource Committee  
NCA Team  
Enthusiasm Committee  
Technology Committee  
Positive Behavioral Support Committee  
Behavior Committee  
Sixth Grade Camp Planning Committee  
Literacy Leader Committee (Tier 4)  
Word Study Committee  
Functional Behavior Assessment Committee

### ***Local School/Community Service***

*Seedlings Braille Books, Board Member* 2014-present  
Coordinate fundraisers, monitor fund distribution and stocks, participate in outreach programs, maintaining annual budget, and help determine compensation for employees.

*Madonna University, Livonia, MI,: Madonna Alumni Advisory Council* 2007-present  
Review scholarship applications, coordinate fundraisers, organize networking events, participate in alumni gatherings, and mentor undergraduate students.

*Friends of the Rouge, Dearborn, MI: Water Quality Monitoring* 2007-2013  
Conduct water quality testing with students after I have adequately trained them.

*Parlour Theatre, Northville, MI,: Performance Theatre* 2004-Present  
Perform plays at local nursing homes and independent living facilities.

## **AWARDS**

**Nominated as Livonia Public Schools Elementary Teacher of the Year (2009, 2010).** I did not win the award but was deeply honored that a former student took the time to nominate me.

**Recipient of the Lloyd Reuss Award for Teaching Excellence in Math and Science (2007).** My teaching partner and I received this award through the A World in Motion (AWIM) program which is sponsored by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE). I became a trained Master Teacher for this program.

**Nominated as WOMC 100.3 Teacher of the Year (2003).** A former student nominated me for this award. A beautiful letter was read on the air detailing why he felt that I should win.