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Ph.D.	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, College Park, MD. Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood Education	2000
M.Ed.	UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, College Park, MD. Curriculum and Instruction, Early Childhood Education	1995
B.A.	EMORY UNIVERSITY, Atlanta, GA. Anthropology	1984

Academic Appointments

University of Washington, Seattle, Washington (UW)

Teaching Professor and Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Programs	<i>2021 - present</i>
Associate Teaching Professor and Director of Undergraduate Programs	<i>2020 - 2021</i>
Senior Lecturer and Director of Undergraduate Programs	<i>2018 - 2020</i>
Senior Lecturer and Director of Early Learning Programs	<i>2015 - 2018</i>

University of Mississippi, Oxford, Mississippi (U of M)

Clinical Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Early Childhood Initiatives	<i>2013 - 2015</i>
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Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi (MSU) Early Childhood Institute

Executive Director/Interim Director	<i>2011 - 2013</i>
Coordinator of Training	<i>2010 - 2011</i>
QRIS Monitor/Evaluator, Regional Coordinator	<i>2007 - 2009</i>
Curriculum Consultant	<i>2006 - 2008</i>
Project Coordinator	<i>2005 - 2006</i>
NAEYC Accreditation Consultant/Instructor/Student Teaching Supervisor	<i>2001 - 2003</i>

University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee (Memphis)

Visiting Professor, Early Childhood Education	<i>2009 - 2010</i>
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University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland (U Md)

Instructor/Academic Advisor, Early Childhood Education	<i>1996 - 1997</i>
Research Assistant/Teaching Assistant, Greta Fein, PhD	<i>1993 - 1996</i>

University and Community Service

University

UW University Committee on Curriculum Administration (chair)	2023 - present
UW Oversight Group, Arts & Science Consultants	2024 - 2025
UW Distinguished Teaching Awards Selection Committee	2023 - 2024
UW Working Group on Teaching and Learning Quality (co-chair)	2022 - 2024
UW Senate Chair's Cabinet	2022 - 2023
UW Senate Executive Committee	2022 - 2023
UW Faculty Council on Teaching and Learning (chair, 2022 - present)	2019 - 2023
UW Curriculum Committee	2019 - 2023
UW Faculty Senate Advisory Committee	2020
UW Associate Vice Provost Search Committee	2019
UW Faculty Council on Academic Standards	2016 - 2019
U of M and Slavery Working Group	2013 - 2015
MSU EMBRACE Mississippi's Children	2006

College

UW COE Dean Team	2022 - present
UW COE Academic Progress and Innovation Committee (ex officio)	2021- present
UW COE Faculty Search Committee Chair	2021 - 2023
UW COE Faculty Council	2021 - present
UW COE Faculty Promotion Committee Chair	2021 - 2022
UW COE Leadership Team	2018 - present
UW COE Faculty Development and Support Committee	2018 - 2019
UW COE Reorganization Committee	2015 - 2017

State and Local

WA Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Council, Executive Board Secretary	2017 - 2020
MS Tupelo Public Schools Steering Committee	2004 - 2005
MS Tupelo Public Schools Rezoning Task Force	1998 - 2004
MS Tupelo Public Schools Parent Council Chair/Vice-Chair	2002 - 2004
MS Lawndale Elementary School Long Range Advisory Committee	2002 - 2003
MS Lawndale Elementary School PTO President	2001 - 2002
MS Association for Excellence in Education Large Grants Committee	2001 - 2003
MS Thomas Street Elementary School Long Range Advisory Committee	1998 - 2001

Teaching

University

Child Development I	U of M
Creative Activities in the Early Childhood Classroom	U of M
Creative Thinking and Expression in Early Childhood	UW
Differentiated Instruction	U of M
Early Childhood Curriculum	UW
Early Literacy Instruction I and II	U of M
Education Studies Capstone	UW
Elementary Senior Practicum	MSU
Equity, Diversity, and Social Justice in Practice	UW
Independent Community-Based Learning	UW
Introduction to Early Childhood Education	U Md
Introduction to Education	UW
Language and Literacy Development in Young Children	U of M
Literacy Connections in the Elementary School	Memphis
Planning and Facilitating Math and Science Learning and Development	Memphis
Planning and Facilitating Early Childhood Social Learning and Development	Memphis
Professional Development Seminar	MSU
Program and Curriculum Development in Early Childhood Education	Memphis
Early Childhood and Family Studies Senior Capstone	UW
Service Learning and Research I	UW
Social Studies in the Early Childhood Classroom	U Md
Teaching in Undergraduate Programs	UW

Preschool

Preschool Assistant Teacher/Lead Teacher <i>National Museum of American History, Washington, D.C.</i>	1990 - 1993
Preschool Teacher <i>Witham Junior Collegiate Academy, Chesapeake, Virginia</i>	1989 - 1990

Publications**Curricula**

- Darling, L.D.** (2012). *Science Starters: Activities to jumpstart science investigation in the preschool classroom*. Mississippi State, MS: Mississippi State University Early Childhood Institute.
- Darling, L.D.** (2008). *Using the Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines: A complete curriculum for four-year-olds*. Mississippi State, MS: Mississippi State University Early Childhood Institute.
- Darling, L.D.** (2007). *Using the Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines: A complete curriculum for three-year-olds*. Mississippi State, MS: Mississippi State University Early Childhood Institute.

Book Chapters

Darling, L.D., & Grace, C. (2014). Using observational assessments in conducting research with young children. In O. Saracho, (Ed.), *Handbook of Research Methods in Early Childhood Education, V. 2*. Charlotte: Information Age Publishing, Inc.

Fein, G.G., **Darling, L.D.**, & Groth, L.A. (2002). Replica toys, stories, and a functional theory of mind. In R. Mitchell, (Ed.). *Pretending and Imagination in Animals and Children*. West Nyack, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Groth, L.A., & **Darling, L.D.** (2001). Playing “inside” stories. In A. Goncu & E.L. Klein (Eds.), *Children in Play, Story, and School*. New York: Guilford Publications, Inc.

Journal Articles

Grace, C., Todd, L., & **Darling, L.** (2006). Embracing the children of Katrina. *Young Children*, 61, No. 6, 88 – 93.

Fein, G.G., & **Darling, L.D.** (1996). Gender in children’s stories. *International Journal of Early Childhood Education*, 1, 37 – 57.

Presentations

Packard, M., Ayodeji, R., Bronsema, T., Campbell, J., & **Dietrich, L.** (2021, March). Centering students’ voices in advancing equitable online learning. Poster presented at Association of American Colleges and Universities Virtual Conference on Diversity, Equity, and Student Success.

Dietrich, L. (2015, April). Gender differences in the fictional narratives of young children. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, Illinois.

Darling, L.D. (2014, November). STEM in the pre-K classroom: Best practices to support emerging content knowledge in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through play. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Dallas, Texas.

Darling, L.D. (2014, June). The challenge of raising standards while supporting best practices for young children. Presentation at A Child's World Conference, University of Aberystwyth, Aberystwyth, Wales.

Darling, L.D., Grace, C., Freeman, M., Tooke, M. (2013, November). The Tallahatchie Early Learning Alliance: A county-wide approach to improving the social, emotional, and academic outcomes for children from birth through 3rd grade. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Washington, D.C.

Darling, L.D. (2013, April). The Tallahatchie Early Learning Initiative: A comprehensive approach to student success. Presentation at the Annual National Conference on Rural Education Research, Omaha, Nebraska.

Darling, L.D. (2012, November). Creating appropriate Common Core State Standards for prekindergarten classrooms. Presentation at the Annual National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.

Darling, L.D. (2010, February). Keeping your cool in preschool: Reducing stress in the classroom. Presentation at the Delta State University A to Z Conference. Cleveland, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2009, February). Practical tips for improving your ECERS-R Scores. Presentation at the Delta State University A to Z Conference.

Darling, L.D. (2008, November). Using your state early learning guidelines: How to create a curriculum which incorporates state competencies and developmentally appropriate practice. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Dallas, Texas.

Darling, L.D. (2001, April). Young children's social representations of gender in fictional narratives. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Seattle, Washington.

Klein, E.L., Murphy, K.L., and **Darling, L.D.** (1998, April). Teacher education in the era of developmentally appropriate practice: Influences on preservice teachers' beliefs about early childhood education. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, California.

Darling, L.D. (1997, April). Representations of gender in young children's stories. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Washington, D.C.

Invited Talks

Dietrich, L. (2016, February). Systematic racism and classism: Barriers for families before their

children reach elementary school. Presentation at the Forces of Change Mini-Conference; Recognizing Racial Barriers to Education, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, Washington.

Darling, L.D. (2014, November). The Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines, standards, and best practices. Keynote Presentation at the Excel by Five Early Childhood Conference, Oxford, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2014, July). Supporting brain development through STEAM in the early childhood classroom. Keynote presentation at the Mississippi Department of Human Services Blast Off! Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2014, July). Daily STEAM! Presentation at the Mississippi Department of Human Services Blast Off! Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2013, July). Creating appropriate Common Core Standards for preschool. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Federation of Teachers, Washington, D.C.

Darling, L.D. (2012, October). Developmentally Appropriate Practice and the Early Learning Standards. Presentation at the Annual Mississippi Early Childhood Association Conference, Jackson, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2012, October). Resources in early childhood education. Presentation at the Annual Excel by 5 Summit, Jackson, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2012, September). Supporting brain development. Presentation at the Annual CREATE Foundation Early Childhood Conference, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2012, July). Brain development: A class act. Presentation at the Early Childhood Institute Blast Off Conference, Tupelo Mississippi; Greenville, Mississippi; Jackson, Mississippi; Biloxi, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2012, April). Early learning standards in prekindergarten. Presentation at the Annual Mississippi Head Start Conference, Jackson, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2012, March). Common Core Standards for the preK classroom. Presentation at the Annual PREPS/MAPE Conference, Jackson, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2012, February). Catch them early: The significance of high-quality early childhood programs. Presentation at the Annual CREATE Dropout Summit, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2009, April). Using the Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines: A Complete

Curriculum for 4-year-olds. Presentation at the North Mississippi Child Care Conference, Tupelo, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2008, August). Introduction to the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale, Revised. Presentation at the Annual Washington County Head Start Conference, Greenville, Mississippi.

Darling, L.D. (2008, October). Using the Mississippi Early Learning Guidelines: Complete Curricula for Three- and Four-Year-Olds. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Early Childhood Association, Jackson.

Honors and Awards

Marian B. Hamilton Award, Southern Early Childhood Association, 2014
Kappa Delta Pi, International Honors Society in Education

Professional Memberships

Association of American University Professors
Association of American Colleges and Universities
National Association for the Education of Young Children
National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators
Washington Association for the Education of Young Children