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I am a passionate early childhood educator, an advocate for young children and their families, a creative thinker, a scholar, and a maker.

I have been a Professor of Early Childhood Education and Development, at the University of Alaska Anchorage since January 2003. I came with 17 years of early childhood teaching experience from infant/toddler/preschool classrooms, public Pre-K, and primary grades.

My research areas have been in early literacy development, collaborative practices between families and schools including culturally responsive pedagogies, emergent curriculum development, documentation, authentic assessment, and social constructivist learning theories inspired by Reggio Emilia practices. I am currently working on projects related to documentation and making learning visible and integrating culturally relevant early literacy practices into the classroom. I was just selected as the editor for the [NAEYC Spotlight on Observation and Assessment](#) (expected summer 2024 as a member benefit).

In my free time, I love to read (novels), go hiking, crochet, play cribbage, walk my dogs, make stuff (jewelry, blankets, games, learn native crafts, sew things, etc.), and spend time with my family.

