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Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

2026	California Education Specialist Mild Moderate Credential	Cal Poly Humboldt
2025	Online Teaching Academy	Cal Poly Humboldt
2021	EdD, Educational Leadership	California State University, Fresno
	Dissertation Title:	What should be in a coursework replacement for the RICA?
2020	Online Teaching Certificate	University of California, San Diego
2001	California Single Subject Teaching Credential	Humboldt State University
2001	Certificate of Clearance	Humboldt State University
2001	Mandated Reporter	Humboldt State University
2000	M.S., Mass Communication	San José State University
1998	B.S., Journalism, Psychology Minor	California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024	Liberal Studies Elementary Education Program Lead	Cal Poly Humboldt
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2023	Research Associate	Cal Poly Humboldt
2022	Literacy Design Team	California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
2021	Teacher Performance Assessment Director	Cal Poly Humboldt (formerly Humboldt State University)
2021	Weekly Speaker Series Coordinator Teachers, Eduleaders, Advocates, and Scholars	Cal Poly Humboldt
2020	Literacy Instructor	Cal Poly Humboldt

PUBLICATIONS

2026	In review. Conley, A. Influence on Preservice Teachers' Attitudes About Non-traditional Grading. <i>Education Renaissance</i> .
2023	Growth-based Grading for Future Educators. Grading for Growth.
2023	Conley, A. Community of Practice, Community of Support: IHE Teacher Preparation Using a Servingness Professional Development Model for Creating Community. <i>Education Renaissance</i> .
2021	Conley, A. Imagining the Future of Literacy Instruction in California. <i>California English</i> , 27(1), 6–9. https://www.cateweb.org/journals/september-2021/
2017	Conley, A. K. <i>Teachers, Mindset, Motivation, and Mastery: Research Translated to K–12 Practice</i> . Rowman & Littlefield.
2014	Conley, A. K. <i>Nurturing Intrinsic Motivation and Growth Mindset in Writing</i> . Edutopia; George Lucas Educational Foundation.
2014	Conley, A. K. <i>How to Change the World: Service PBL in the Common Core Literacy Classroom</i> . Edutopia; George Lucas Educational Foundation.

GRANTS & AWARDS

2026	Excellence in Teaching - Lecturer	Cal Poly Humboldt	
2025	Literacy Plus	US Department of Education	\$9.9

million

2022	Cal Poly Humboldt Dyslexia Grant	California Commission on Teacher Credentialing	\$21,000
2022	Faculty Grant Award	Cal Poly Humboldt Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association	\$800
2016	Institute for Teaching Grant	California Teachers Association	\$17,000

INVITED PRESENTATIONS & WORKSHOPS

2026	From Preparation to Practice: Strengthening Educator Readiness to Support Students with Disabilities	MTSS Global Summit, San Francisco, CA
2025	A Network of Support for CalTPA	CalTPA, Sacramento, CA
2024	Dyslexia, Multilingualism, and Equity	Culturally Responsive Teaching and the Brain Conference, Humboldt County Office of Education, Eureka, CA
2021	Everyone is a Literacy Teacher	Cuesta College, San Luis Obispo, CA
2020	The RICA Exam	Enseñamos en el Valle Central, Fresno, CA
2020	Keep Calm and Earn Your EdD	Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership. CSU Fresno, Fresno, CA
2017	Keynote: Intrinsic Motivation and Literacy	Fall Literacy Conference. Redwood Writing Project. Arcata, CA

2017	Intrinsic Motivation for Literacy	Academy of the Redwoods. Eureka, CA
2013	Rhetorical Reading and Writing with Middle Schoolers	Humboldt Middle School Consortium

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	Nontraditional Grading to Focus on Feedback and Equity	California Council on Teacher Education, 2024
2024	Literacy Profile in the New Literacy TPA	Meredith Fellows Implementation Conference, 2024
2023	Dyslexia Screenings and Interventions	Humboldt County Office of Education and Redwood Writing Project, November 1, 2023.
2023	Using Independent Reading as Mentor Texts	Humboldt County Office of Education and Redwood Writing Project, November 1, 2023.
2023	Building Identity and Community through Local Language Practice	Conference for the California Association for Bilingual Education, March 22-25, 2023.
2022	Growing Writers, not Grading Writers	Conference on English Leadership, November 20-22, 2022
2022	Community of Practice, Community of Support: Teacher preparation using a professional development model for creating community	California Council on Teacher Education, October 20-22, 2022
2021	Imagining the Future of Literacy Instruction in California Teacher Preparation	California Council on Teacher Education, October 2021

2021	What Should Be in a Coursework Replacement to the RICA?	Educational Leadership Symposium, Online April 2021
2021	Creating the future of California's teacher preparation of literacy instruction together after RICA	American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, Online April 2021
2019	Literacy and Philosophical Inquiry	Literacy Conference Redwood Writing Project, December 2019
2018	Coaching ERWC for Intrinsic Motivation	Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum Leadership Conference, June 2018
2017	Blogs and choice: Using technology to promote intrinsic motivation	California Association of Teachers of English, February 2017
2016	Service-learning and student empowerment	California Teachers Association Teacher Innovation Expo, April 2016
2015	Connecting students to their purpose, positivity, and passion	Fresno Area Conference of English Teachers Yosemite Conference, November 2015
2015	Service-learning programs to improve student outcomes	California Teachers Association Good Teaching Conference, March 2015
2015	Conferences and portfolios in the high school classroom	Accepted for presentation at the Redwood Writing Project Conference, February 2015
2015	Service-learning and intrinsic motivation for literacy	California Teachers Association Teacher Innovation Expo, February 2015

2014 Nurturing intrinsic motivation in literacy

Humboldt State Literacy
Conference, January 2014

CAMPUS TALKS

2023 Dysgraphia Overview

Dyslexia Awareness Week,
Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata,
CA

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Dyslexia Awareness Week,
Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata,
CA

2022 Multilingualism as an asset

Campus Dialogue on Race,
Cal Poly Humboldt, Arcata,
CA

2022 Service learning and applied learning

Teaching Talk Series, Cal
Poly Humboldt, Arcata, CA

2020 RICA Preparation

Cal Poly Humboldt and
Humboldt County Office of
Education, Arcata, CA

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

Foundational Literacy (undergraduate level Spring 2023-present)

Teaching Literacy in the K-8 Classroom (graduate level Fall 2019-present)

Content Area Literacy (graduate level Fall 2020-2022)

Teaching Literacy in the Special Education Classroom (graduate level Fall
2020-present)

Reading Practicum (graduate level Fall 2020-present)

Liberal Studies Elementary Education Clinical Practice (undergraduate Spring 2020)

Teacher Performance Assessment Support (graduate level Fall 2021-present)

Introduction to Secondary Education (undergraduate level Spring 2022)

FRESNO STATE

Foundational Literacy (graduate level Spring 2022)

Inquiry & Puzzles of Practice in Education (graduate level Spring 2022)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2024	Future Teacher Attitudes About Non-Traditional Grading Before and After Experiencing Non-Traditional Grading Practices as a Learner	Cal Poly Humboldt
2022	Network Improvement Communities of Literacy Leaders as Literacy Change Agents	Humboldt County Office of Education
2022	Translanguaging Native Languages in Middle School • Mixed methods study of effect on engagement of learning home and cultural languages at school	Trinity Valley Elementary School
2020-2021	Racial Equity Listening Campaign, PI • Design data collection and analysis plan for annual evaluation of racial equity	Fortuna Union High School Teachers Association
2019	Program Evaluation of SFJazz Middle School Jazz Program • Investigate demographics and geographic proximity of schools served for statistical analyses of arts opportunity for Title 1 schools	Dr. Mount Allen (PI), Dr. Don Hunt, Reagan Dozier, and Dr. Gus Leonard
2019	Exclusionary Discipline Practices and School Leadership • Design surveys and interview protocols to analyze EDP data from high school administrators in two counties to see how leadership styles correlate to EDP	Dr. Hank Gutierrez and Dr. MyKou Chang

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2025	Literacy Accreditation Review for California Teaching Commission
2023	Inclusive Teaching Excellence Learning Community
2021-2022	Scoring and Writing Rationales for Expository Reading and Writing Course

2022	Manuscript review for Issues in Teacher Education
2022	Review of “Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities Needed to Teach English Language Arts/Literacy and English Language Development” Before the February 10, 2022 CTCC meeting
2021-present	AERA Literacy-Sig Digital Encyclopedia Project
2017	Manuscript review for California English
2017	Curriculum writing for 6th Expository Reading and Writing

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2026	Introduction to Dyslexia certificate
2026	Dyslexia and the Brain certificate
2026	Screening and Assessment for Dyslexia certificate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR K-12 TEACHERS

2024-present	Literacy Consultant	Freshwater Elementary, Kneeland Elementary, Peninsula Union Elementary
2023	Organizer for Building Literacy Foundations Symposium	Humboldt County Office of Education and Redwood Writing Project
2022	Organizer of Humboldt Literacy Conference	Redwood Writing Project
2022-present	Literacy initiative organizer and school literacy coach	Humboldt County Office of Education
2014-2023	Facilitator for professional development	California State University, Expository Reading and Writing Curriculum
2021	Organized educational technology	Fortuna Union High School

conference

District

K-12 TEACHING

2020-2021	Educational Technology Instructional Coach	Fortuna Union High School District
2007-2020	English Teacher	Fortuna High School
2001-2007	English, Social Studies, Geometry, Choir Teacher	Hayfork High School

ADULT EDUCATION

2007-present	Literacy Coach	Humboldt Literacy Project
2000-2001	Adult Education Teacher	Fortuna Adult School

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2023	Ungrading Faculty Learning Community	Center for Teaching and Learning
2023	Coordinating Ungrading Book Group	Center for Teaching and Learning
2022	Scholarship Committee	School of Education
2022	Writing Equity in Action Workshop	Center for Engaged Writing
2022	Braiding Sweetgrass Learning Group	Native American Studies Department

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

2018-2021	Advisor	Fortuna Library Youth Advisory
2017-2024	President	Friends of the Fortuna Library

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

CTA- Aspiring Educators, Advisor since 2025.
CCTE (California Council on Teacher Education), member since 2021.
AERA (American Educational Research Association), member since 2020.
NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English), member since 2012.
NWP (National Writing Project), member since 2012.

REFERENCES

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