

# Sabbatical Report

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I am grateful for the opportunity to spend time on the professional pursuits described below. The majority of these projects would not have been completed without the time afforded me by the sabbatical leave.

## Collaboration with University Elementary at La Fiesta in Cotati

- I collaborated with Ryan Kurada, first grade teacher at University Elementary. I assisted and documented the implementation of a project on sound that Ryan developed to help his students meet the Next Generation Science Standards. I also created a video that will be shown on the School of Education website to inspire teachers to incorporate more integrated and project-based curriculum into their own classrooms. In addition to promoting project-based learning and promoting the collaboration between University Elementary and the SSU School of Education, this project helped me to gain documentation skills that will help me to create more engaging learning materials for students in my university courses.
- I worked with Ryan Kurada and Charlotte Straub (principal) on a plan for future collaboration between the SSU School of Education and University Elementary as University Elementary implements a school-wide approach to project-based learning. As a result of this planning, I will coordinate with other faculty to provide professional development and coaching throughout the 2017-18 school year.

## Proposal for a New First Year Learning Community

- I developed and shepherded through campus governance a proposal for a First Year Learning Community in the School of Education: EDEC 160A/B Social Justice in Adolescence and Childhood. I will teach the first section of this year-long course in Fall 2017 and Spring 2018.

## University Service

- I presented at Digital Critical session in Faculty Center, April 28, 2017
- I was “on call” for questions from faculty member serving as department chair in my place
- I served as name reader at School of Education Graduation Ceremony, May 21, 2017

## Community Service

- I participated in the Child Care Planning Council “Building the Future” Community Meeting, April 26, 2017
- I continued to fulfill my duties as a First 5 Sonoma County Commissioner
  - Monthly commission meetings

- Monthly Quality Counts meetings
- Review of mini-grant applications, Feb 2017
- Consultant on school readiness report and presentation, April 2017

### Professional Development (Webinars)

- *Professionalizing Early Childhood Education – Distinguishing and Engaging the Field in the Next Era* by Stacy Goffin. GoToWebinarID#850-194-739 (5/3/2017)
- *The Achievement Gap, A Social Justice Imperative: The Role of the ECE Leader* (NAEYC Webinar #1144068) (5/23/2017)
- *CSU: Preventing Discrimination and Harassment for Non-supervisors* (5/31/2017)
- *CSU: Eliminate Campus Sexual Misconduct* (4/12/2017)
- *Our Economic Future: Teaching Real Choices*, Richard Wolff lecture, Green Music Center (1/27/2017)

### Professional Development (Books)

- *Small Teaching: Everyday Lessons from the Science of Learning* by James Lang
- *The Hundred Languages of Children: The Reggio Emilia Experience in Transformation* by Carolyn Edwards, Lella Gandini, and George Forman
- *Visible Learners: Promoting Reggio-Inspired Approaches in All Schools* by Mara Krechevsky and Ben Mardell
- *Emergent Curriculum in the Primary Classroom: Interpreting the Reggio Emilia Approach in Schools* by Carol Anne Wien
- *Readings for Diversity and Social Justice* by Maurianne Adams, Warren Blumenfeld, Carmelita Castañeda, Heather Hackman, Madeline Peters, and Ximena Zúñiga
- *America's Founding and the Struggle Over Economic Inequality* by Clement Fatovic
- *Thinking for Yourself: Developing Critical Thinking Skills through Reading and Writing* by Marlys Mayfield
- *30 Days to Better Thinking and Better Living Through Critical Thinking* by Linda Elder and Richard Paul
- *Foundations for Critical Thinking* by Trudy Bers, Marc Chun, et al.
- *Teaching for Critical Thinking: Tools and Techniques to Help Students Question their Assumptions* by Stephen D. Brookfield
- *On Course: Strategies for Creating Success in College and in Life* by Skip Downing
- Twenty-two young adult novels and fifty children's picture books in preparation for teaching EDEC 160A/B
- *What the Best College Students Do* by Ken Bain
- *Engaging the Online Learner: Activities and Resources for Creative Instruction* by Rita-Marie Conrad and J. Ana Donaldson
- *Courageous Leadership in Early Childhood Education: Taking a Stand for Social Justice* by Susi Long, Mariana Souto-Manning, and Vivian Maria Vasquez