

CURRICULUM VITAE

HANNAH MILLS MECHLER, Ph.D.

Education

Ph.D. 2016 Early Child Development and Education- Texas Woman's University
M.S. 2011 Child Development- Texas Woman's University
B.A. 2009 Psychology- The University of Texas at Dallas

Current Employment

Adjunct Instructor at The University of North Texas at Dallas
Teacher Education Department
June 2015- Present

Substitute Teacher
Grapevine- Colleyville, Texas ISD
January 2015- Present

Adjunct Instructor at Tarrant County College
Child Development Department
August 2013- Present

Graduate Assistant/Teaching Assistant at Texas Woman's University
Family Sciences Department- Child Development/Education
August 2010-Present

TEACHING

Courses Taught at Texas Woman's University

Child in the Family and Community (FS 1603)- Fall 2016
The Development of Infants and Toddler (FS 2503)- Spring 2016
Creative Arts and Literature for Young Children (FS 3563)- Fall 2015
Early Childhood Development (FS 2513)- Fall 2015
Concept Development (FS 3403)- Summer 2015
Wellness of the Young Child (FS 2523)- Summer 2015 (Online Class)
Concept Development (FS 3403)- Spring 2015
Early Childhood Development (FS 2513)- Fall 2014 (Online Class)
Concept Development (FS 3403)- Fall 2014
Early Childhood Development (FS 2513)- Summer 2014 (Online Class)
Wellness of the Young Child (FS 2523)- Summer 2014 (Online Class)
Creative Arts and Literature for Young Children (FS 3563)- Fall 2013 and Spring 2014
Concept Development (FS 3403)- Fall 2013 and Spring 2014
Program Planning (FS 4503)- Summer 2013 (Online Class)
Early Childhood Development (FS 2513)- Summer 2013 (Online Class)

Concept Development in Early Childhood Programs (FS 3403.1 and FS 3403.2)- Spring 2013
Early Childhood Development (FS 2513)- Fall 2012
Program Planning (FS 4503)- Fall 2012
Early Childhood Development (FS 2513)- Summer 2012 ([Online Class](#))
Childhood and Adolescence (FS 3513)- Spring 2012
Child in Family and Community (FS 1603)- Spring 2012
Concept Development (FS 3403)- Spring 2012
Human Development (FS 1513)- Fall 2011
Infant and Toddler Development (FS 2503)- Fall 2011
Early Childhood Development (FS 2513)- Summer 2011 ([Online Class](#))
Care and Education of Children: A Global Perspective (FS 3523)- Spring 2011
Infant and Toddler Development (FS 2503)- Fall 2010

Courses Taught at Tarrant County Community College

Math and Science in Early Childhood (CDEC 1358)- Fall 2016
Child Development Associate (CDA)- Fall 2016 ([Online Class](#))
Wellness of the Young Child (TECA 1318)- Summer 2016 ([Online Class](#))
Math and Science in Early Childhood (CDEC 2307)- Spring 2016 ([Online Class](#))
Creative Arts for Early Childhood (CDEC 1358)- Spring 2016
Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood (CDEC 1323)- Spring 2016
Math and Science in Early Childhood (CDEC 2307)- Fall 2015 ([Online Class](#))
Creative Arts for Early Childhood (CDEC 1358)- Fall 2015
Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood (CDEC 1323)- Spring 2015
Math and Science in Early Childhood (CDEC 2307)- Spring 2015 ([Online Class](#))
Creative Arts for Early Childhood (CDEC 1358)- Spring 2015
Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood (CDEC 1323)- Fall 2014
Math and Science in Early Childhood (CDEC 2307)- Fall 2014 ([Online Class](#))
Creative Arts for Early Childhood (CDEC 1358)- Fall 2014
Creative Arts for Early Childhood (CDEC 1358)- Spring 2014
Infant and Toddler Development (CDEC 1321)- Spring 2014
Math and Science in Early Childhood (CDEC 2307)- Spring 2014
Creative Arts for Early Childhood (CDEC 1358)- Fall 2013

Courses Taught at the University of North Texas at Dallas

Human Development (DFST 1013)- Fall 2016 ([Online Class](#))
Human Development (DFST 1013)- Fall 2016 (Face to Face Class)
Human Development for Educators (EDCI 5017D. 020)- Summer 2016 ([Online Class](#))
Human Development (DFST 1013)- Summer 2016 ([Online Class](#))
Human Development (DFST 1013)- Spring 2016 (In Class and Online)
Human Development for Educators (EDCI 5017D. 020)- Summer 2015 ([Online Class](#))
Introduction to Early Childhood (EDEC 3613D)- Summer 2015

Teaching Experience Working with Children

Substitute Teacher (Grapevine- Colleyville, Texas ISD)
January 2015- Present

Bob Jones Nature Center- Educator in the 3-11 year old summer camp program
June 2014-August 2014
Southlake, Texas

Children's Advocacy Center
July 2011-July 2012
Client Assistance/Child Care Activity Volunteer
Lewisville, Texas

Keller Camp Community Storehouse
July 2011 and July 2012
Volunteer for the Elementary-School Aged Summer Reading Program
Westlake, Texas

Merryhill Preschool
February 2010-July 2010
Preschool Teacher
Keller, Texas

SCHOLARSHIP/CREATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS

Referred Publications or Other Creative Achievement

Mills Mechler, H. (2016). Promoting critical thinking in early childhood classrooms. (in progress).

Mills Mechler, H. (2015). Applying math and science concepts in preschool classrooms. *Texas Child Care Quarterly* (Fall 2015 issue).

Mills Mechler, H. (2014). Let's go for a hike: The role of nature with fostering preschoolers' development. *Texas Child Care Quarterly* (Winter 2014 issue).

Mills, H. (2014). The importance of creative arts within early childhood classrooms. *Texas Child Care Quarterly* (Summer 2014 issue).

Mills, H. (2013). Developmentally appropriate practices in infant and toddler classrooms.

Texas Child Care Quarterly (Winter 2013 issue).

Qutub, S., & Mills, H. (2013). Dramatic play: A need in every childhood classroom.

Early Years: Journal of the Texas Association for the Education of Young Children,
34(3), 24-27.

Mills, H. (2013). Bullying and the early childhood classroom. *Texas Child Care Quarterly* (Spring 2013 issue).

Mills, H. & McCarroll, E. (2012). Emotion regulation in early childhood. *Texas Child Care Quarterly*, 36(1), 5-8.

Mills, H., & McCarroll, E.M. (2012). Ramifications associated with child abuse.

Advances in Applied Sociology, 2(4), 274-279. doi: 10.4236/aasoci.2012.24036

Recipient of the *Graduate Council Award for Exceptional, Original Scholarship* (2014)

Virginia Chandler Dykes Leadership Award (2012)

Magna Cum Laude- The University of Texas at Dallas (2009)

Major Honors- The University of Texas at Dallas (2009)

Golden Key International Honour Society (2009)

Member- Golden Key International Honour Society (2009- Present)
UT Dallas Chapter
Richardson, Texas

Member- National Association for the Education of Young Children (2011- Present)
TWU New Graduate Scholarship- Master's Coursework (2010-2011)

Forensic Psychology Intern (2008-2009)
Dr. Kelly Goodness and Associates
Keller, Texas

National Scholars Honor Society Member (2008)

Journal Titles of Manuscripts I've Reviewed:

British Journal of Education, Society, and Behavioural Science (2016).

Advances in Applied Sociology (2015).

British Journal of Education, Society, and Behavioural Science (2013).

Non-Referred Publications or Other Creative Achievements

Mills, H. (2012). [Review of the book *Playing for keeps: Life and learning on a public school playground*, by D. Meier, B. Engel, and B. Taylor].

Presentations at Professional Meetings

Mills Mechler, H. (2016, April). *Inspiring Critical Thinking in Early Childhood Classrooms*. Presentation at the Texas Association for Family Child Care Conference, Garland, TX.

Mills Mechler, H. (2016, February). *The ABC's of Integrating Critical Thinking*. Presentation at the 2nd Annual Critical Thinking Conference at Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, TX.

Mills Mechler, H. (2015, April). *Fostering Nurturing Environments Inside and Outside Preschool Classrooms*. Presentation will be held at the Texas Association for Family Child Care Conference, Garland, TX.

Mills, H. (2014, November). *The Integration of Developmentally Appropriate Activities and Practices Within Preschool Classrooms and Their Roles with Promoting Preschoolers' Social and Emotional Development*. Presentation at the NAEYC's (National Association for the Education of Young Children) 2014 Annual Conference, Dallas, TX.

Mills, H. (2014, March). *Social Constructivist Approach to Teaching and Learning*. Presentation at the Tarrant County College Northeast Campus Scholastic Summit, Hurst, TX.

- Mills, H. (2014, April). *Children's Cognitive Development through the Trajectory of Time*. Presentation at the Texas Association for Family Child Care Conference, Garland, TX.
- Mills, H. (2014, April). *Intergenerational Dynamics: Adults' Attachments During Childhood and their Current Parenting Behaviors*. Presentation accepted for the Texas Council on Family Relations Conference, Fort Worth, TX.
- Mills, H. (2013, August). *Applying the TEKS in Child Development*. Presentation at the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association of Texas, Dallas, TX.
- Mills, H. (2013, March). *Assessing for Comprehension While Assessing Various Teaching Strategies*. Presentation at Texas Woman's University at the 47th Annual Rose Spicola Forum in Reading, Denton, TX.
- Mills, H. (2013, April). *Exploring Parental Thoughts and Behaviors of Parents of Hospitalized Children* Poster presented at the Texas Woman's University Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium, Denton, TX.
- Mills, H. (2013, April). *Promoting Infant and Toddler Development Through Important Maturational Stages* presentation at Denton Area Association's Education for Young Children's Annual Spring Conference, Denton, TX.
- McCarroll, E.M., & Mills, H.C. (2013, April). *Exploring Parental Thoughts and Behaviors of Parents of Hospitalized Children*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Child Development Conference, Seattle, WA.
- Mills, H. (2013, April). *Fostering Social and Emotional Development in childhood: Tips for Teachers*. Presented at the Texas Association for Family Child Care Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Mills, H. (2013, April). *Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood*. Presented at the Texas Association for Family Child Care Conference, Fort Worth, TX.

Mills, H. (2013, April). *The Significance of Parenting: In the United States and Internationally*. Presented at the 20th Annual International Conference on Parent Education and Parenting, Denton, TX.

Mills, H. (2012, April). *Blocks of Education Within the Preschool Classroom*. Presented at the Texas Association for Family Child Care Conference, Dallas, TX.

McCarroll, E.M., & Mills, H.C. (2012, April). *Perceptions of Playmates Based upon Disabilities and Chronic Illnesses*. Poster presented at the Texas Woman's University Student Creative Arts and Research Symposium, Denton, TX.

McCarroll, E.M., & Mills, H.C. (2012, March). *Perceptions of Playmates Based Upon Disabilities and Chronic Illnesses*. Poster presented at the Society for Research in Human Development Biennial Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Mills, H. (2011, April). *Fostering Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum*. Presentation given at the Texas Association for Family Child Care, Dallas, TX.

Mills, H. (2011, August). *Teacher Training: Classroom Environments and Planning Center Activities*. Presentation given at the Gallian Child Development Center, Denton, TX.

Mills, H. (2010, August). *Student Research Presentation: Graduate Seminar Day at Texas Woman's University*. Denton, TX.

Research Experience

(Dissertation Research) *Investigating the Relationships Between Meta-Emotion*

Approaches, Parental Stress, Outside Support, and Education Levels

(July 2013- April 2016) A principal investigator in a qualitative research study entitled

Investigating Parenting Styles and Stress Levels Among Single and Dual Parents

(April 2012- April 2013) Assisted Dr. Elizabeth McCarroll with a quantitative research

entitled *Parenting Thoughts about their Chronically/Acutely Ill Children.*

(June 2010- July 2011) Assisted Dr. Karen Petty with a qualitative approach research

study, entitled *An Exploration of the Emotional Hardiness and Family Climate*

After Separation from Parents

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Service within Academia

Served as a member in the Texas Woman's University Core Assessment Rating Academy

(Present)

Denton, Texas

Served as a student mentor for the Tarrant County College Chancellor's Emerging Leaders Program (2014- Present)

Fort Worth, Texas

Served as an advisor/mentor for undergraduate students completing honors projects at Texas Woman's University (2013- Present)

Denton, Texas

Graduate Student Representative on the 2013-2014 Curriculum Committee at Texas Woman's University

Denton, Texas

Service to the Community

Keller Camp Community Storehouse (August 2013)

Volunteer- Warm Tummies/Growing Minds Program

Fort Worth, Texas

Children's Advocacy Center (July 2011-July 2012)
Client Assistance/Child Care Activity Volunteer
Lewisville, Texas

Keller Camp Community Storehouse (July 2011 and July 2012)
Volunteer for the Elementary-School Aged Summer Reading Program
Westlake, Texas

Buckner International Children's Orphanage (June 2012-January 2013)
Dallas, Texas