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**EDUCATION**

June 2018 California State University, San Bernardino

Department of Psychology

 **M.A. Child Development**

June 2016 California State University, San Bernardino

Department of Psychology

**B.A. Psychology**

June 2014 Riverside Community College District

 Transfer

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2018-Present ***Adjunct Lecturer****,* California State University, San Bernardino

* CD/PSYC 2240 - Intro to Child Development
* CD 3306 - Early Childhood Special Education
* CD/PSYC 3324 - Developmental Psychobiology
* CD/PSYC 3384 - Social Emotional Development
* CD/PSYC 3303 - Parenting and Family Relations
* CD/PSYC 3305 - Language Development
* CD/PSYC 3320 - Psychology of Middle Childhood
* CD/PSYC 3328 - Psychology of Adolescent Development
* CD/PSYC 3350 - Development of Exceptional Children
* CD/PSYC 3358 - Cognitive Development
* PSYC 1115 - Personal and Social Adjustment
* PSYC 2201 - Developmental Psychology

Fall 2018-Present ***Adjunct Instructor****,* Crafton Hills College

* CD 105 - Child Growth and Development
* CD 182 - Diversity and Young Children
* CD 211 - Observation and Assessment in Middle Childhood
* CD 212 - Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood Education

Fall 2017-Spring 2018 ***Teaching Associate****,* California State University, San Bernardino

* PSYC 115 - Personal and Social Adjustment

Fall 2017-Spring 2018 ***Instructional Student Assistant****,* CSUSB

* HD 270 - Infant Toddler Development
* HD 280 - Early Childhood Development
* HD 400 - Early Childhood Assessment
* HD 575 - Externship in Child Development

**RELATED EXPERIENCE**

December 2020-Present ***Program Coordinator***, Science of Parenting

December 2017-Present ***Parent Educator,*** Science of Parenting

 Institute for Child Development and Family Relations, CSUSB

* Participate in hiring and training of parent educators. Supervise parent educators in management of community funded parenting classes. Moderate Google classroom environments for online curriculum delivery, communicate directly with parents, communicate with and provide documentation to school district personnel and related organizations for program scheduling and funding.
* Co-created updated curriculum for parent education course, Parenting Young Children (0-5 years) with Dr. Laura Kamptner. Wrote/edited session manuals and PPTs, designed course and paperwork.
* Emphasis on: attachment; early brain development; developmental milestones; supporting young children’s cognitive, language, social, and emotional development; positive child guidance; the importance of play; talking with and reading to very young children; and managing parent stress.

Fall 2017-Spring 2018 ***Parent Educator,*** CSUSB Children’s Programs

 California State University, San Bernardino

* Create and present weekly workshops on a variety of child development and parenting topics (attachment, positive child guidance, developmentally appropriate practice) for campus community members. Host Saturday parent-child play events.
* Organize and facilitate campus focus groups to assess needs and interests of student parents.

October 2016-September 2017 ***Parent Education Specialist,*** CCAMPIS, CSUSB

* Created and presented traditional and online workshops weekly on various child development and parenting topics (attachment, positive child guidance, developmentally appropriate practice) to increase parenting efficacy for student parents; hosted Saturday parent-child play events.
* Met one-on-one with student parents to discuss individualized topics or parenting challenges
* Moderated CCAMPIS Blackboard discussion page; tracked parent completion of workshops and online discussion hours.
* Assisted in grant application process and generation of annual report.

2010-2017 ***Guest Lecturer****,* Department of Human Genetics

 University of California, Irvine

* Speak annually during genetics course for first year medical students
* Provide information on Duchenne and Becker Muscular dystrophy; including diagnostic criteria, standards of care, current and upcoming treatments, the real life implications of diagnoses for patients and their families, and the proactive ways that care can be managed for patients.

Fall 2016 ***Supplemental Instruction Leader****,* Undergraduate Studies

 California State University, San Bernardino

* PSYC 100 - Intro Psychology

August 2015 ***Laboratory Assistant****,* Department of Biology

 California State University, San Bernardino

* BIO 223 - Human Physiology and Anatomy II

April 2005-May 2007 ***Head Teacher****,* Super Kids Learning Center, Ridgeland, MS

* Young Toddler (12-18m) classroom with 1:9 ratio

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Ramkissoon, R. *Supporting resiliency in families with disabled preschoolers*. Victor Valley College Child Development Conference, Victorville, CA, February 2023

Furlong, P., Denger, B., Ramkissoon, R. Ridolphi, A., Schwartz, J., Vanderwelle, K. *Parent Panel: Things I’d like my doctor to know*. Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy Annual Conference, Scottsdale, AZ, June 2022.

Ramkissoon, R., Wilcox-Herzog, A., Claffey, H. *Building a village: Developing a student parent support program*. National Student Parent Success Symposium, Portland, OR, June 2018.

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Ramkissoon, R. *Kindergarten Readiness: A Developmental Perspective*. Hosted webinar for Kids Speaking Spanish Immersion Preschools. November 2023

Ramkissoon, R. *Importance of Parenting and Parent Education*. Hosted webinar for College of the Desert Future Educators Club. November 2022

Ramkissoon, R. *Back-to-School Transition*. Hosted webinar for Kids Speaking Spanish Immersion Preschools. August 2022

Ramkissoon, R. *Parent Education as a Career*. Recorded guest lecture to be used each semester in CD 2200 - Child Development as a Major. August 2022

Ramkissoon, R. *Importance of Play*. Hosted webinar for Kids Speaking Spanish Immersion Preschools. March 2022

Ramkissoon, R. [Discipline Strategies that Work](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=283MbxOdkNA). Hosted webinar for Institute for Child Development and Family Relations at CSUSB. May 2020

Ramkissoon, R. [Helpful Tips for Families During the Coronavirus Shutdown](https://youtu.be/9FMOqII9gEU). Hosted Webinar for Institute for Child Development and Family Relations at CSUSB. May 2020

Ramkissoon, R. *Discipline Strategies that Work*. Invited presentation for Karnig Infant Toddler Success Club. September 2019.

Ramkissoon, R. *What’s Most Important in Parenting?* Invited presentation for Karnig Infant Toddler Success Club. August 2019.

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

* 2023 CSUSB Child Development Department Outstanding Lecturer
* June 2016 Graduated Cum Laude, California State University, San Bernardino
* 2015-2016 Bernard Osher Scholarship
* 2015 Member Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
* Fall 2014, Summer 2015, Winter 2016, Spring 2016 CSUSB Dean’s List
* Spring 2008 RCCD Dean’s List
* 2000, 2001, 2002 California Governor’s Scholar Scholarship

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2008-Present ***Parent Advocate and Fundraiser,*** Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy

* ***CONNECT Co-Coordinator for Southern CA region.*** Support local families online and at in person events. Moderate Facebook group, provide resources, offer support for families dealing with Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy.
* Organized, managed fundraising, and ran with Team Carter Blaze as part of the ‘Run for Our Sons’/’Race to End Duchenne’ program at RunDisney Half Marathon Weekend event in 2008, 2009, 2017, and 2024.
* Participated in Coach to Cure MD program from 2010-2014 attending Azusa Pacific University’s football games and practices to raise funds and awareness.

2011-2013 ***Parent Advocate and Fundraiser,*** CureDuchenne

* Organized three community Mt. Rubidoux hikes as part of the ‘Climb to CureDuchenne’ program in partnership with Altura Credit Union.
* Organized and planned all logistics for events and company fundraisers at Altura Credit Union (bake sales, raffles, company-wide lunches. and T-shirts)

2005-2008 ***Parent Advocate and Fundraiser,*** March of Dimes

* WalkAmerica Family Team Committee Member 2006, 2007
* Spoke on behalf of the March of Dimes to businesses as they began their corporate WalkAmerica fundraising to inform them about the mission and history of March of Dimes as well as share personal journey.
* Organized and managed fundraising for Team Carter Blaze at WalkAmerica events from 2005-2008

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

NAEYC

Zero-to-Three

CFA

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**REFERENCES**

Dr. Laura Kamptner

Professor Emeritus, Child Development & Psychology

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