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**EDUCATION**

<u>Date Received</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>
6/1984	Ph.D.	State University of New York at Buffalo	Educational Research and Evaluation Emphasis: Early Childhood Education
12/1981	M.Ed.	State University of New York at Buffalo	Early Childhood Education
12/1978	BA	State University of New York College at Buffalo	Developmental Psychology

*Certifications*

New York and Missouri	Life Time Teaching Licenses
Coaching Certification	Coach Training Alliance International Coach Federation Affiliated Certification: October 2010
Educational Administration/ Principal Certification	St. Louis University, St. Louis MO Graduation: Spring 2000
Coaching Certification	Center for Cognitive Coaching Certification: Spring 1999

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Position</u>
2021-Present	Clinical Associate Professor Early Childhood Education School of Education and Human Development University of Colorado Denver
2018-Present	Co-Director Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program (BECLP) Buell Foundation funded graduate certificate program
2017-2021	Clinical Assistant Professor Early Childhood Education School of Education and Human Development University of Colorado Denver
2013-2017	Senior Instructor Early Childhood Education/Teacher Education School of Education and Human Development University of Colorado Denver
2013-2016	Site Professor Montview Elementary School, Aurora Public Schools School of Education and Human Development University of Colorado Denver
2012-2013	Learning Communities and Curriculum Coordinator Robert E. Loup Jewish Community Center Early Childhood Center Denver, CO
2009-2012	Community Professional Development Coach Rose Community Foundation JECEI grant Denver-Boulder, CO
1987-2012	Adjunct Faculty Metro State University of Denver, CO Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, IL Webster University in St. Louis MO
2010-2015	Seminar Facilitator Colorado Agency for Jewish Education

Denver/Boulder, CO

- 2006-2008  
Project Coordinator  
ARCHS-funded professional development project  
Stella Maris Child Center, St. Louis city urban early  
childhood program
- 2005-2008  
Leadership Academy Co-Facilitator  
15 St. Louis county school districts early childhood  
leaders
- 2000-2008  
Director  
Clayton School Districts' Early Childhood and Parent  
Education Program, The Family Center  
St. Louis, MO
- 1999-present  
School Leadership Coach  
Local and national schools and early learning centers
- 1993-2000  
Early Childhood Education Coordinator  
Parent Educator  
Clayton School District's Family Center ECE Program  
St. Louis, MO
- 1988-1993  
Editor-in-Chief  
*Growing Times*: Child Development Publication  
Clayton School District's Family Center  
St. Louis, MO
- 1985-1989  
Assistant Professor  
University of Missouri-St. Louis  
Early Childhood Education
- 1983-1985  
Graduate Assistant and Assistant Director  
Early Childhood Research Center  
State University of New York at Buffalo  
Buffalo, NY
- 1979-1983  
Preschool and Infant-Toddler Teacher  
United Cerebral Palsy Association of Western NY  
Early Childhood Research Center  
Buffalo, NY

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 Allen, W., **Ryan, L.** and Vlasin, R. (Submitted June 2021). Learning design principles: creating inclusive and equitable leadership within cohort and community contexts. *Journal of Dialogic Pedagogy*.
- 2004 Corcoran, H. and **Geismar-Ryan, L.** (2004). Re-launching NAREA's presence online. *Innovations in Early Education: The International Reggio Exchange*, 10 (4), 17-19.
- 2003 **Geismar-Ryan, L.** (2003). Preface for Zvia Dova's article, When pedagogy and design intertwine: The story behind the NAREA logo. *Innovations in Early Education: The International Reggio Exchange*, 10 (2), pages 16-19.
- 2000 Fyfe, B., **Geismar-Ryan, L.**, & Strange, J. (2000). The potential of collaborative inquiry. *Innovations in Early Education: The International Reggio Exchange*, 7 (4), 6-10.
- 1998 Katz, C., McCadden, P., & **Geismar-Ryan, L.** (1998). The crab story. *Innovations in Early Education: The International Reggio Exchange*, 6 (1), 8-12.
- 1998 Breig-Allen, C., Hill, J., **Geismar-Ryan, L.**, & Cadwell, L. B. (1998). The language of lines. *Young Children*, 53 (4), 64-66.
- 1986 **Geismar-Ryan, L.** (1986). Infant social activity: The discovery of peer play. *Childhood Education*, 63 (1). 24-29.
- 1983 Cataldo, C., & **Geismar, L.** (1983). Preschoolers' views of parenting and the family *Journal of Research & Development in Education*, 16(4), 8-14.

## PEER REVIEWED BOOKS & BOOK CHAPTERS

- 2015 Cadwell, L., **Ryan, L.** and Schwall, C. L'Atelier: A System of Physical and Conceptual Spaces (p. 111-134). In Gandini, L., Hill, L., Cadwell, L. and Schwall, C. (2015). *In the Spirit of the Studio: Learning from the Atelier of Reggio Emilia, Second Edition*. NY: Teachers College Press
- 2014 Cadwell, L. and **Ryan, L.** (2014). An Appreciative Learning Partnership. Dole, D., Godwin, L, and Moehle, M. (2014).

*Exceeding Expectations: An Anthology of Appreciative Inquiry Stories in Education from Around the World.* Taos Institute

- 2004 Cadwell, L.B. **Geismar-Ryan, L.**, & Schwall, C. (2004). The atelier: A system of physical and conceptual spaces. In Gandini, L., Hill, L., Cadwell, L., & Schwall, C. *In the Spirit of the Studio*. NY: Teachers College Press.
- 2001 Beck, C., DuPont, L., **Geismar-Ryan, L.**, Henke, L., Pierce, K., Von Hatten, C. (2001). Who owns the story? Ethical issues in the conduct of practitioner research. In Zeni, J. (2001). *Ethical Issues in Practitioner Research*. NY: Teacher's College Press

## **GRANTS FUNDED**

### *External*

- 2021 Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program  
Awarded June 2021 \$ 479,000
- 2021 Spencer Foundation Partner Grant with Portland State University,  
Boulder Journey School, Reggio Children Foundation  
Submitted December 15, 2021 \$ 450,000
- 2020 Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program  
Awarded June 2020 Award \$ 464,000
- 2019 Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program  
Awarded June 2019 Award \$460,000
- 2018 Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program: assumed leadership in  
May 2018 for grant written by Diana Schaack in January 2018  
and awarded April 2018 Award \$448,483
- 2018 Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program 10 Year Celebration  
Award \$25,000
- 2018 Daniels Fund Boundless Opportunity Scholarship Grant written  
with Sandy Mondragon Award \$45,000
- 2016 Buell Early Childhood Leaders Network Grant written with  
MA student Jenna Augustine Award \$2,500

- 2016 Share Civic [Northeast Denver Neighborhood] Grant written with MA student Jenna Augustine Award \$1,500
- 2015 Daniels Fund Boundless Opportunity Grant Scholarship Grant written with Barbara Seidel Award \$50,000
- 2014 Daniels Fund Teacher Preparation Grant written with Clayton Early Learning Award \$25,000

### **NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS, EXHIBITIONS, PERFORMANCES**

- 2021 Allen, W. & **Ryan, L.** (2021). A learning journey through a heart-centered book: A review of Wilson, P.A. (2019). *The Heart of Community Engagement: Practitioner Stories from across the Globe. Journal of Awareness Based Systems Change*, 1(2), 95-100.
- 2021 Maher, A. & **Ryan, L.** (2021). Recognizing school as a place of learning for all: From infancy through graduate school. *Exchange* (Nov/Dec 2021), 34-37.
- 2021 **Ryan, L.** & Vlasin, R. (2021). Scholarship of teaching and learning [Electronic mailing list message from Monday Morning Message]. University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO.
- 2019 **Ryan, L.** (2019). Finding passion in community-engaged leading and learning [Electronic mailing list message from Monday Morning Message]. University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO.
- 2018 Rudman, N. & **Ryan, L.** (2018). Gratitude for Collaborative Learning. [Electronic mailing list message from Monday Morning Message]. University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO.
- 2018 Augustine, J. & **Ryan, L.** (2018). The Value of Mindfulness and Movement in an Urban Environment. *Exchange*, March/April 2018, 72-75.
- 2018 **Ryan, L.** (March 30). Community Engaged Learning. [Electronic mailing list message from Monday Morning Message]. University of Colorado Denver, Denver, CO.
- 2017 **Ryan, L.** & Kantor, R. (2017). Knowing Yourself, Prioritizing Relationships, and Embracing Communities. *Exchange*, November/December 2017, 87-89.

- 2017 Augustine, J. & **Ryan, L.** (2017). *Yoga for the Youngest Webinar*, Early Childhood Investigations.
- 2016 Augustine, J. & **Ryan, L.** (2016). *Yoga for the Youngest*. Webinar produced by Early Childhood Investigations.
- 2016 Patti, P., Rudman, N., Cisneros, C., and **Ryan, L.** (2016). *La Construcción de Nuestro Mundo (Constructing our World)*. Self-published learning story.
- 2016 Perry, B. & **Ryan, L.** (2016). *La Exploración de Las Partes Sueltas en el GrowHaus (Exploring Loose Parts at the GrowHaus)*. Self-published learning story.
- 2016 **Ryan, L.** & McClure, L. (2016). *Las Expresiones en el Jardín (Expressions in the Garden)*. Self-published learning story.
- 2016 Augustine, J. & **Ryan, L.** (2016). *Disfrutando de la Comida Juntos en el GrowHaus (Enjoying Food Together at the GrowHaus)*. Self-published learning story.
- 2016 Blog post <http://buellecleadersnetwork.org/menu/news>
- 2016 Augustine, J. & **Ryan, L.** (2016). *Yoga for the Youngest*. Webinar produced by Early Childhood Investigations.

## PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS AT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES

- 2021 **Ryan, L.**, Allen, W. & Vlasin, R. (April 2021). *A Study of the Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program's Learning Design Principles: Creating Inclusive and Equitable Leadership within Cohort and Community Contexts*. McCormick Center for Early Childhood Leadership, Leadership Connections National Conference.
- 2021 **Ryan, L.**, Allen, W. & Vlasin, R. (March 2021). *A Study of the Buell Early Childhood Leadership Program's Learning Design Principles: Creating Inclusive and Equitable Leadership within Cohort and Community Contexts*. Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference.
- 2019 **Ryan, L.**, Allen, Wendy, Vlasin, R. and Dalton, J. (March 2019) *Co-constructing Leadership: Embracing the Equitable and Sustainable Future of Early Childhood*. Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference. Denver, CO.

- 2019 Rudman, N. & **Ryan, L.** (2019, February). ECE STEM Conference, Pasadena, CA.
- 2018 Augustine, J., Cisneros, C., Rudman, N. and Ryan, L. (2018, October). Children's Right to the Natural World: Action Research Within Diverse Communities. ECE STEM Symposium. Boulder, CO.
- 2018 Augustine, J. and **Ryan, L.** (2018, June). *Nurturing Community Partnerships through Playful Discovery in the Natural World: BEEs in the Garden @ The GrowHaus*. Annual Meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children Professional Learning Institute, Austin, TX.
- 2018 **Ryan, L.** and Augustine. (2018, March) *Nurturing Community and Culture Through Playful Discovery in the Natural World: Making Children's Learning Visible*. Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference, Denver, CO.
- 2017 **Ryan, L.**, DeVries, K., Bernoteit, S., Main, C., Scritchlow, J., Sutherland, K., Gillanders, C. Making the pathway real: Resolving issues of competencies, articulation, and assessment. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, San Francisco, CA
- 2016 **Ryan, L.** and Augustine, J. (2016, March). *Building Connections with Nature: Gardening with Young Children and Families*. Rocky Mountain Early Childhood Conference, Denver, CO.

#### **NON PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS AT MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES**

- 2021 (May) **Ryan, L.** (May 2021). Cultivating Human Potential. Colorado Coaching Consortium's Quarterly Professional Development sessions.
- 2020 (Oct) **Ryan, L.** (October 2020). *Coaching the Questions*. Keynote Opening Address to Colorado Coaching Consortium's Annual Conference.
- 2019 (Aug) **Ryan, L.** & Kantor, R. (August 2019). *Beginning the year with identity and community in mind*. The Zone for Inclusive Learning, Denver CO.

- 2019 (June) **Ryan, L.** and Kantor, R. (June 2019). Closing remarks at Boulder Journey School Summer Conference.
- 2017 (Oct) Ryan, L. (October 2017). *Children's Guide to The GrowHaus: BEEs in the Garden*. Day of Learning. CU Denver's School of Education and Human Development and Boulder Journey School.
- 2017 (Feb) **Ryan, L.** et. al (March 2017). *Improving Education in Elementary Education: A Case for PreK-3 Continuum in Colorado*. Education Policy Networking Series panel presentation. School of Education and School of Public Affairs, University of Colorado Denver.
- 2017 (Feb) **Ryan, L.** (February 2016). *Loose parts as a way to coach EC professionals*. Community Partnership for Child Development Colorado Springs, CO.
- 2016 (Aug) **Ryan, L.** (August 2016). *Loose parts as a way to engage learners*. Jefferson County Head Start Opening Day Professional Development. Lakewood, CO.
- 2016 (Aug) **Ryan, L.** and Augustine, J. (August 2016). *BEEs at GrowHaus: Six Big Ideas to Nurture Community and Connection*. Clayton Early Learning Professional Development Day. Denver, CO. Clayton Early Learning Pre-service Week, Denver CO
- 2013-2014 Clayton Early Learning Pre-Service and Winter Professional Development sessions, Denver CO

## PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Member	2019-present	International Society for the Study of Teaching and Learning
Member Founding Guiding Board Member	2000-present	North American Reggio Emilia Alliance
Member	1990-present	National Association for the Education of Young Children
Member	2010-present	Colorado Coaching Consortium, Denver CO
President	1990-1992	St. Louis AEYC chapter

Student Rep.

1974-1976

ECEC of Western NY

### **COURSES TAUGHT AT UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO DENVER**

<u>Course and Number</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Department</u>
ECED 6320: A Colorado Interpretation of the Reggio Approach	Graduate	Early Childhood Education
ECED 5800 Special Topics: Colorado Interpretations of the Reggio Approach	Graduate	Early Childhood Education
ECED 5330: Transformational Leadership	Graduate	Early Childhood Education
ECED 5300: Leading Learning Organizations	Graduate	Early Childhood Education
ECED 5300: Pedagogical Leadership	Graduate	Early Childhood Education
ECED 5310: Professional Development	Graduate	Early Childhood Education
ECED 5800: Strategic Leadership	Graduate	Early Childhood Education
ECED 5320: Community-Based Action Research	Graduate	Early Childhood Education
EDUC 5651: Foundations of Leadership	Graduate	Administrative Leadership and Policy Studies
UEDU 49/5931, 49/5932 49/5933 Elementary Education Internships I, II, and III	Undergraduate/ Graduate	Teacher Education
ECED 4931, 4932, 4933 Early Childhood Education Internships I, II and III	Undergraduate	Early Childhood Education

ECED 4200: Assessment for Early Childhood	Undergraduate	Early Childhood Education
ECED 4010: Inquiry and the Disciplines	Undergraduate	Early Childhood Education
EDHD 2930: Primary Literacy Early Field Experience Seminar	Undergraduate	Teacher Education
ECED 2930: Infant-Toddler Early Field Experience Seminar	Undergraduate	Teacher Education
ECED 2001: ECE as a Profession Lab	Undergraduate	Early Childhood Education
ECED 2000: ECE as a Profession	Undergraduate	Early Childhood Education
<b>GUEST LECTURE</b> ECED 2000: ECE as a Profession (two online class sessions)	Undergraduate	Early Childhood Education

**SERVICE**

*UNIVERSITY-WIDE*

Membership	Date(s)	Project	Institution/Organization
Member	2019-2020	Selection Committee for University Leadership and Service Award	University of Colorado Denver
Member	Jan 2017-May 2017	Community College Action Team	University of Colorado Denver
Group Leader	2015	Under-Graduate Symposium	University of Colorado Denver

*SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT*

Membership	Date(s)	Project	Institution/Organization
Member	2020-present	Digital Teaching and Learning Committee	SEHD
Chair	2019-2020	Student Committee	SEHD
Chair	Spring 2020-Present	Ed.D. Doctoral Research Project Committee (Cristal Cisneros)	SEHD
Chair	Fall 2018-May 2019	Ed.D. Doctoral Research Project Committee (N. Rudman)	SEHD
Member	Spring 2019-Present	Ed.D. Doctoral Research Project Committee (N. Ortiz)	SEHD
Chair	Spring 2018	ECE Clinical Faculty Search Committee (Chaired and completed three faculty searches)	SEHD
Member	Fall 2017-Spring 2018	Ed.D. Doctoral Research Project Committee (Sarah Weaver)	SEHD
Member	2017-present	Student Committee	SEHD

Award Recipient	2017	Service Award	SEHD
Lead	2017-present	Study tour to Reggio Emilia	SEHD
Member	2016-present	Program Leaders	SEHD
Lead	2017-present	ECE Program Area Lead	SEHD
Member	2016-2017	Diversity Committee	SEHD
Chair	2015-2016	Diversity Committee	SEHD
Member	2014-2015	Diversity Committee	SEHD
Lead	2015-2018	Teacher Education Leadership Team (TELT)	SEHD
Member	2014-2018	TELT	
Chair	2014	Buell Early Leadership Program Co-Director Search Committee	SEHD
Member	2014	ASPIRE Alternative Licensure Instructor Search Committee	SEHD
Lead	2013	Exhibition of <i>The Scientist in Every Child</i> and four sessions of Hawkins workshops offered through Continuing and Professional Education	
Lead	2013-14	Community Engagement for the	

Maymester 2014 study tour to the  
schools of Reggio Emilia Italy

*COMMUNITY*

Membership	Date(s)	Project	Institution/Organization
Member	2021-present	Ph.D. Board Reggio Child Studies	University of Reggio-Modena & Foundation Reggio Children
Member	2020-present	Participating Founder	Foundation Reggio Children
Coach	2019-2021 Present	Zone for Inclusive Learning	Collaborative Project: Sewall Child Development, Mile High Early Learning, Denver Public Schools, CU Denver, University of Denver
Reviewer	12/19	Article Reviewer	Teaching, Learning Inquiry Journal
Steering Committee Member	2019- Present	Early Childhood Colorado Partnership	Civic Canopy
Member	2014- Present	Early Childhood Colorado Partnership	Civic Canopy
Member	2017- present	Early Childhood Higher Education Partnership	Two-year and four-year IHEs
Member	2016- 2017	Workforce Taskforce, CO	Colorado Department of Education, Colorado

		Early Learning Professional Development System Plan Revision	Department of Health and Human Services, and Early Milestones Colorado Partnership
Member	2016-Present	Exchange Research in Action Advisory Team	Dimensions Educational Research Foundation, Lincoln, NE
Member	2016-2018	Two-Year/Four-Year Institutions of Higher Education Partnership	Colorado Department of Education
Chair	2016-2018	ECC Advisory Committee	Arapahoe Community College Early Childhood Department
Member	2013-Present	ECC Advisory Committee	Arapahoe Community College Early Childhood Department
Member	2014	Early Childhood Competencies Task Force	Colorado Department of Education, Early Learning Challenge Grant
Member	2013-2016	Buell Early Childhood Leadership Network Advisory	Clayton Early Learning and Buell Foundation