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# **Curriculum Vita**

Education		
2020	Ph.D. Special Education Advisor: James Basham, Ph.D. University of Kansas Lawrence, KS	
2013	M.A.E. Special Education Advisor: Peter Kelly, Ph.D. Truman State University Kirksville, MO	
2012	B.S. Communication Disorders Advisor: Janet Gooch, Ph.D. Truman State University Kirksville, MO	
2009	A.A. Teaching Advisor: Jenni Croy North Central Missouri College Trenton, MO	

# **Scholarly Experiences**

2017-2020	OSEP Fellowship at the University of Kansas Project to Develop Responsive, Innovative, and Visionary Educators (KU-DRIVE) U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, CFDA 84.325D.
2016-2017	University Graduate Fellowship, University of Kansas This University Graduate Fellowship award supports the University's strategic plan to "Prepare doctoral students as innovators and leaders who are ready to meet the demands of the academy and our global society." The award includes a \$16,000 stipend, full tuition coverage, and related fringe benefits for one academic year.

**Professional Experience** 

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Fall 2020-present	Assistant Professor of Special Education Louisiana State University Shreveport One University Place Shreveport, LA 71115
Summer 2022	Guest Lecturer on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Upward Bound: North Central Missouri College (NCMC) Trenton, MO
Summer 2020	Special Education Curriculum Development Team Louisiana State University Shreveport One University Place Shreveport, LA 71115
2019-2020	Research Assistant on the Higher Ed Space Design Kit Gould Evans 4200 Pennsylvania Ave Kansas City, MO 64111
Fall 2019	Guest Lecture on Supporting Learning and Behavior for Dr. James Basham's SPED 507 Advanced Practices for Children with Disabilities Middle/Secondary General Education University of Kansas Lawrence, KS
Summer 2019	Introduction to Universal Design for Learning Professional Development Sunflower Elementary School USD 497 Lawrence, KS
Spring 2019	Guest Lecturer on Universal Design for Learning Implementation at the University Level for the GTA Teaching Development Group University of Kansas Lawrence, KS
Spring 2019	Graduate Research Assistant on the Teen Career Pathway Phase II Research Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) University of Kansas Lawrence, KS
Spring 2019	Research Position with the National Center on Learning Disabilities (NCLD) on Evidence Based Strategies for 21st Century Learning in their Sponsored Charter Schools Nationwide Funded by the Walton Foundation
Fall 2018	Guest Lecturer for International Students from China; Topic: Universal Design for Learning's Multiple Means of Action and Expression

	University of Kansas Lawrence, KS
2018-2019	Implementation of Universal Design for Learning Team Sunflower Elementary School Lawrence Public Schools USD 497
Summer 2018	Research Internship with CAST Developing, Evaluating, and Validating a Scoring Rubric for the UDL Associate Credentialing Program's Portfolio Submissions
Spring 2018	Internship with CAST & UDL-IRN Harvesting and Developing Resources for the Learning Designed ( <a href="www.learningdesigned.org">www.learningdesigned.org</a> )
Spring 2018	Graduate Teaching Assistant in SPED 507 Advanced Practices for Children with Disabilities Middle/Secondary General Education Classroom—Independent Study University of Kansas Lawrence, KS
Fall 2017	Graduate Teaching Assistant in SPED 507 Advanced Practices for Children with Disabilities Middle/Secondary General Education Classroom LEC University of Kansas Lawrence, KS
Spring 2017	Graduate Teaching Assistant in SPED 841 Advanced Methods & Assessment: Learning Strategy & Content Mastery for Struggling Learners & Students with High-Incidence Disabilities University of Kansas Lawrence, KS
2015-2016	Teacher of Students with Emotional and/or Behavioral Disorders West Middle School Kansas City, KS
2014-2015	Teacher of Students with Mild/Moderate Disabilities (K-8) Genesis Promise Academy Kansas City, MO
2013-2014	Teacher, Special Education English Language Arts & Homebound Bowling Green High School Bowling Green, MO
2013-2014	Homebound Teacher of Students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders Kirksville Middle School

#### Kirksville, MO

### Honors, Awards, & Distinctions

2022	NWLA's Young Professionals Initiative (YPI) 40 Under Forty Shreveport, LA
2022	Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Women's Basketball/Track & Field Richmond R-XVI High School Richmond, MO
2017	Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee Women's Basketball North Central Missouri College Trenton, MO

### Presentations, Proceedings, & Publications

- Williams, C. H. (2022, June) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: How to be the Bridge. North Central Missouri College Upward Bound. Trenton, MO
- Williams, C. H. (2022, March) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Higher Education. North Central Missouri College Alumni Panel. Trenton, MO
- Williams, C. H. (2021, October 7) Use of Technologies for Pre-Service Teachers and Recipe for Peach Dump Cake. Center for Innovation, Design, and Digital Learning (CIDDL) Cizzle Virtual Professional Development (link: <a href="https://ciddl.org/cooking-and-learning-with-cassandra-williams/">https://ciddl.org/cooking-and-learning-with-cassandra-williams/</a>)
- Evans, C., Burrell T., Chavis, K., Farrow, J., Williams, D., Williams, C. H., Cooper, L., Langford, J., Pierre, L. (2021). *Teacher preparation enrollment trends: A review of national statewide data*.
- Jackson, H., Basham, J. D., Thomas, K., **Hunt, C. L.** (2020). Designing STEAM learning environments. In Thomas (Ed.), *Challenges and Opportunities for Transforming from STEM to STEAM Education*. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.
- Basham, J. D., Marino, M. T., **Hunt, C. L.**, Han, K. (2020). Considering STEM for learners with disabilities and other diverse needs. In C. Johnson (Ed.), *Handbook on Research in STEM Education*.
- Hunt, C. L., (2019, April 16). Design Thinking and Universal Design for Learning as a way to Combat Unwanted Behavior in the Classroom [Blog Post]. Retrieved from https://udl-irn.org/implementation/design-thinking-and-universal-design-for-learning-as-a -way-to-combat-unwanted-behavior-in-the-classroom/

- Basham, J. D., Diacon, H., **Hunt, C. L.,** Wheeler, C., Johnson, O., Zhang, L. (March 2019). View from the field: Reflection on early school-wide implementation of UDL. Paper presentation at the annual meeting of the Universal Design for Learning-Implementation Research Network. Orlando, FL.
- Hunt, C. L., Zhang, L., Lowrey, K. A. (March 2019). Validation of the UDL associate credential. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Universal Design for Learning-Implementation Research Network. Orlando, FL.
- Hunt, C. L. (April 2018). Universal design for learning and academic interventions for students with emotional and behavioral disorders. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Universal Design for Learning-Implementation Research Network. Orlando, FL.
- Hunt, C. L. (February 2018). Ignite Session: Brief Stories of Inspiration from the Special Education Community. Presentation at the annual Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavioral Disorders. Kansas City, MO.
- Hunt, C. L. (February 2018). Middle schools that work: Work experience programs for middle school students with emotional and behavioral disorders. Paper presented at the annual Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavioral Disorders. Kansas City, MO.
- Hunt, C. L. (March 2017). Universal design for learning and academic interventions for students with emotional and behavioral disorders. Poster presentation at the annual meeting of the Universal Design for Learning-Implementation Research Network. Orlando, FL.
- Hunt, C. L. (2017). Universal design for learning and academic interventions for students with emotional and behavioral disorders. In J.E. Gardner, D. Hardin (Eds.), *UDL-IRN 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit Proceedings*. Poster presented at the Universal Design for Learning-Implementation Research Network: Learning Designed for Everyone (pp. 36-40). Orlando, FL: UDL-IRN
- Hunt, C. L. (February 2017). Middle schools that work: Work experience programs for middle school students with emotional and behavioral disorders. Paper presented at the annual Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavioral Disorders. Kansas City, MO.
- Hunt, C. L. (February 2014). The effects of check-in/check-out targeted intervention on struggling middle school students. Paper presented at the annual Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavioral Disorders. Kansas City, MO.

## Manuscripts & Presentations Under Development or Review

- Williams, C. H. (presentation in progress) Coping Through Chaos: Teaching Coping Skills in Undergrad Teacher Prep. Council for Exceptional Children (CEC). Louisville, KY.
- Williams, C. H. (manuscript in progress) Coping Through Chaos: Teaching Coping Skills in Undergrad Teacher Prep.
- Zhang, L., Jackson, H., Yang, S., Carter, R. A., & Williams, C. H. (Manuscript under review).

Codesigning learning environments guided by the framework of universal design for learning: A case study.

Lowrey, K. A., Carter, R., Williams, D., Zhang, L., & Williams, C. H. (Manuscript under review). How legislation impacts change: A comparison of two measures on states inclusion of UDL.

Evans, C., Burrell T., Chavis, K., Farrow, J., Williams, D., Williams, C. H., Cooper, L., Langford, J., Pierre, L. (Manuscript under review). Teacher preparation enrollment trends: A review of national statewide data.

**Professional Memberships & Service** 

Professional Men	ndersnips & Service
Fall 2022	Faculty Senate Executive Committee Member
Spring 2022	Search Committee for Administrative 2 Position
Fall 2021	Louisiana State NAACP Education Committee
Fall 2021	Chair of the Education Committee Bossier City/Parish NAACP
Fall 2021-present	Member of the Bossier City/Parish NAACP
Fall 2021	Faculty Senator for School of Education
Spring 2021	Numerous speaking engagements across 10 parishes for the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary of Education (BESE) District 4 Candidacy
Spring 2021	Search Committee Co-Chair for the Special Education Professor Position
Spring 2021	Goodwill Boys & Girls Club Easter Basket Handouts
Spring 2021	Room to Read with Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
Spring 2021	MLK Day of Service with Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc.
Fall 2020-Present	Chair of Secondary SACSCOC at LSUS
Fall 2020	Search Committee Member for the Assessment Coordinator Position
Fall 2020-Present	Co-Chair Secondary Advisory Committee
Fall 2020-Present	CAST & UDL-IRN Diversity and Inclusion Leadership Team
Spring 2020	UDL-IRN Summit 2020 Social Events Coordinator (canceled)

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Spring 2020	UDL-IRN Summit 2020 Planning Committee (canceled)
Fall 2019-Present	American Educational Research Association
Spring 2019	UDL-IRN Summit 2019 Graduate Student Social Coordinator
Spring 2019	UDL-IRN Summit 2019 Volunteer Worker
Spring 2019	UDL-IRN Summit 2019 Social Events Coordinator
2017-Present	Universal Design for Learning Implementation and Research Network (UDL-IRN) Planning Committee
2017-Present	Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders (MSLBD) Planning Committee
2017-Present	Rethinking Behavior magazine column editor for the Midwest Symposium for Leadership in Behavior Disorders
2016-2020	KU Professionals for Inclusion & Social Justice (ISJ; Formerly KUPD)