

# Early Education and Child Development

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## Chair's Message

Myae Han

Early Education and Child Development (EECD) SIG members,

I hope your new academic year has been a smooth transition. COVID-19 pandemic has brought us on a journey of challenge and perseverance for the past months. But the pandemic didn't stop the early childhood community and our SIG to support early childhood scholars, administrators and teachers serving children and families. Despite the pandemic challenge, we have many achievements to celebrate during this year. Let me highlight some of these achievements.

We hosted the 2021 virtual EECD SIG business meeting successfully during the AERA annual conference in April. We had about 100 people join our business meeting via Zoom. We launched our first mentoring session for the members on a different career track during the business meeting. I would like to acknowledge our board members who hosted these sessions below.

- Graduate Student/Postdoc mentoring session was led by Melissa Sherfinski (Chair-Elect), Kate McCormick (Program chair), and Jill Claxton (graduate student representative)
- Pre-Tenure mentoring session was guided by Kate Delaney (Program co-chair) and Sohyun Meacham (Newsletter editor)
- Post-Tenure mentoring session was facilitated by X. Christine Wang (Website manager and new Senior-member at large) and Nancy File (past chair)
- Teaching/Researching during COVID 19 discussion session was facilitated by Alison Hooper (Junior-member at large) and Tomoko Wakabayashi (Senior-member at large)

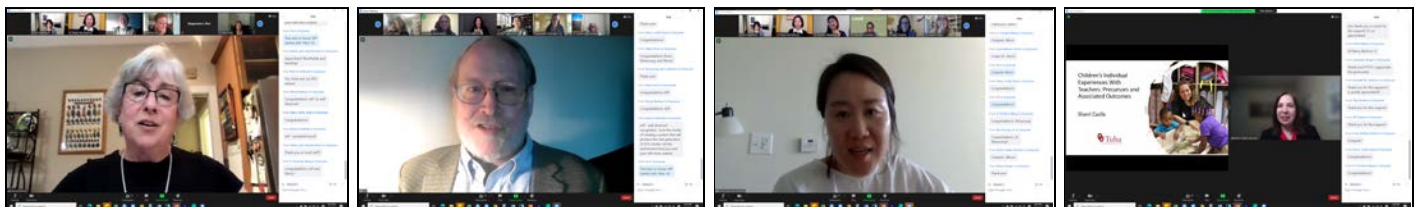
Some of these mentoring sessions continued during the summer, especially, a post-tenure mentoring group has formed a writing group. We plan to continue these mentoring sessions next year. Stay tuned!

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Our EECD SIG has many talented scholars worthy of recognition. We celebrated their achievements and contributions with our SIG annual awards.

- We honored two scholars for distinguished contributions to the EECD award: Nancy Barbour (2020 recipient) and Jeffrey Trawick-Smith (2021 recipient). The committee was led by Marty Lash.
- Early career research award was given to Alison Hooper and Shinyoung Jeon selected by the committee led by Tomoko Wakabayashi.
- Outstanding dissertation award went to Sherri Castle selected by the committee led by Alison Hooper.
- Graduate student travel grants were given to five graduate students selected by the committee led by Daniel Castner. They are Jill Claxton, Annette Pic, Emily Spivey, Hanna Wickstrom, Jameelah Wright.



In addition to our regular annual awards, we were able to provide emergency COVID relief funds to additional graduate students and early career scholars. This process was led by Melissa Sherfinski, Chair-Elect. The graduate student recipients were: Susana Beltran at Pepperdine University, Wei Dai at SUNY at Buffalo, Cecily Davis at University of Pittsburgh, Heather Gerker at University of Cincinnati, Paul Kienlen at University of Texas at San Antonio, Xin Li at Western Michigan University, Hyelin Park at UW-Madison, Ji Hye Park at Boston College. Additionally, six early career scholars received Covid relief funds: Felicia Black at San Diego State University, Kathryn Chapman at University of Kentucky, La Tricia Clark at Eduvation, Nneka Ibekwe-Okafor at Boston University, Jillian Lauer at NYU, Xuan Li at University of Houston.

Congratulations to all the award recipients and many thanks to the committees served on these awards. I would like to express my hearty gratitude to our board members who led these tasks.

On May 6, 2021, our SIG hosted the first webinar titled ‘*Anti-bias education in early childhood.*’ Two presenters, Stephanie Curenton-Jolly and Tonia Durden, shared their knowledge and experience and responded to previously collected questions from our EECD members. We had 129 attendees during the webinar. We would like to continue the

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webinar in the future. Thanks to those of you who joined the webinar. If you have any other topics of your interest for future webinar, please feel free to share it with me.

We have newly elected EECD SIG board members: X. Christine Wang (Senior member-at-large, & website manager), Bethany Wilinski (transitioned from listserv manager to Junior member-at-large), and Mila Costa (Graduate student representative). We also have newly appointed board members: Sophia Han (Program co-chair), Amber Brown (listserv manager). Welcome on board!

I would also like to thank our secretary/treasurer, Jennifer Baumgartner for taking care of our membership and financial account, and Sohyun Meacham, newsletter editor, for creating a beautiful newsletter. Big thanks to our program chairs, Kate McCormick, Kate Delaney, Sophia Han, who have been working very hard with the 2022 proposal review process during the summer and fall.

My heartfelt thanks to the board members who finished their term successfully and exited the board: Michelle Bauml (served 3 years as a program co-chair), Stephanie Curenton (Senior member-at-large), Daniel Castner (Junior-member-at-large), Jill Claxton (graduate student representative). Many thanks to your dedication and commitment for the EECD SIG past years. We will miss you all!

Looking into the future, please find information on election nomination and the 2022 awards information in this newsletter. We have five open positions for the board next year: Chair-Elect, Secretary/treasurer, Senior member-at-large, Junior member-at-large, graduate student representative. Please nominate yourself or colleagues to serve on our board. Serving on the board is a great way to network with colleagues in the academic community. Take advantage of our awards such as early research career awards, outstanding dissertation awards, and graduate student travel awards.

Lastly, I wish you all a safe and rewarding year ahead. Please monitor your safety first.

As a proud member of EECD SIG, please encourage your colleagues and students to join our SIG and be a part of this extraordinary community.

Myae Han,

Chair of EE/CD SIG

## 2022 AERA Annual Meeting



The 2022 AERA Annual meeting will take place in San Diego, CA, April 22-25, 2022.

The theme is 'Cultivating Equitable Education Systems for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.'

We look forward to seeing you in San Diego, America's Finest city, next year. Stay Healthy!

## Nomination Call for 2022 EE/CD SIG Board Members

The Early Education and Child Development (EE/CD) SIG #32 is now accepting nominations for the following board leadership positions.

### **Chair-Elect (2-year term)**

The Chair-elect shall be responsible for assisting the Chair during their 2 year term. Other specific responsibilities include: organizing the SIG reception at the annual business meeting (with the Secretary/Treasurer), overseeing the nominations process, and planning the business meeting. In the event that the Chair is not available to chair the annual business meeting, the Chair-elect shall convene the meeting. There shall be an automatic succession of the following offices, from Chair-elect to Chair, in that order such that the person elected as Chair-elect shall automatically assume the office of Chair following the completion of one term (two years) as Chair-elect.

### **Secretary/Treasurer (2-year term)**

The Secretary/Treasurer shall be responsible for managing and reporting on the financial accounts of the SIG and the safe keeping of all financial documents of the SIG.

### **Senior Member-at-Large (2-year term)**

One senior member-at-large shall serve as a member of the nominations committee, and one senior member-at-large shall be responsible for managing the Early Career Awards (soliciting nominations, creating a committee, deciding winners). Designation of these duties will be determined by the SIG Executive Committee.

### **Junior Member-at-Large (2-year term)**

One junior member-at-large shall be responsible for managing the Dissertation Awards (soliciting nominations, creating a committee, deciding winners), and one junior member-at-large shall be responsible for managing the Travel Awards (soliciting nominations, creating a committee, deciding winners). Designation of these duties will be determined by the SIG Executive Committee.

**Graduate Student Representative (1-year term)** The Graduate Student Representative shall be responsible for attending to special project (s) at the discretion of the Chair. Other specific responsibilities include graduate recruitment to and involvement in the SIG.

Nominees must be current members of AERA and the Early Education and Child Development SIG. If you're nominating someone else, please be sure to communicate with the nominee and get their agreement and biographical statement prior to filling out the nomination form. In order to nominate yourself or someone else, you must provide the following information using this [nomination form](#):

- The full name of each candidate;
- The institutional affiliation of each candidate;
- The email address of each candidate;
- A biographical statement for each candidate, which can be up to 200 words.

The deadline for submitting your nomination has been extended to **October 8, 2021**.

If you have any questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Tomoko Wakabayashi at [twakabayashi@oakland.edu](mailto:twakabayashi@oakland.edu).

## Seeking Nominations for the 2022 Early Career Award

The EE/CD SIG is soliciting nominations for our *Early Career Award*. All nominations and required materials should be submitted to X. Christine Wang ([wangxc@gmail.com](mailto:wangxc@gmail.com)) by **November 1, 2021, 11:59pm EST**.

The committee urges all EE/CD SIG members to consider nominating a deserving early career scholar. The award recipient will be notified in February 2022 and recognized at the EE/CD SIG Business Meeting at the AERA meeting. Please see the description and nomination guidelines below.

Early Career Award is made annually to an individual with an early and promising record as a researcher and scholar in the early childhood field, as evidenced through competitive publications and other scholarly activity suggesting a vital research agenda. Recipients of this award receive a \$500 monetary prize and are invited to present a brief synopsis of their research and interests at the SIG business meeting.

### Eligibility Criteria

1. Viable candidates for the EE/CD Early Research Career Award are no more than 10 years out from receiving their doctorate and have not received tenure.
2. Nominators must be members of the EE/CD SIG.
3. Nominees from previous years who did not receive the award are encouraged to apply if they still meet the eligibility criteria above.

### Application Materials

1. A letter of nomination from a member of the EE/CD SIG, with sufficient justification of the nominee's qualifications.
2. A letter of support from a second scholar in the field, who can speak to the nominee's qualifications as well. The second letter does not have to come from a member of the EE/CD SIG.
3. A copy of the nominee's most recent Curriculum Vitae, including complete bibliographic information and present employment status.
4. Copies of 2 or more publications representative of the nominee's scholarly contributions to the early childhood/child development field thus far.

Please upload all required materials as Word or PDF and submit via email to X. Christine Wang ([wangxc@gmail.com](mailto:wangxc@gmail.com)) with the subject "AERA EE/CD SIG Early Career Award" by **November 1, 2021, 11:59pm EST**.

For inquiries, please contact X. Christine Wang ([wangxc@gmail.com](mailto:wangxc@gmail.com)).



## 2022 Graduate Student Travel Grants

The EE/CD SIG is pleased to once again offer a competitive funding opportunity for graduate student members of the SIG who plan to attend the 2022 Annual Meeting. We plan to provide multiple awards to help fund student travel to AERA. Grants will be awarded to students presenting at the conference, with preference given to first-time AERA presenters.

To qualify for the grant, students should provide the following information in a single email with attachments:

- Proof of membership in the EE/CD SIG
- A statement of your plans to attend AERA this year and how this will enhance your professional development
- A copy of the letter of acceptance from AERA
- A one-page letter of nomination from a faculty member of the EE/CD SIG who knows your work

The deadline for submission is **November 15, 2021**.

Please submit all questions and nominators for the Graduate Student Travel Awards to Alison Hooper ([alhooper2@ua.edu](mailto:alhooper2@ua.edu)).

## Seeking Applications for the 2022 Outstanding Dissertation Award

Annually, the EE/CD SIG awards the Outstanding Dissertation Award for a recent dissertation of exceptional merit. The recipient will receive a plaque from the SIG and a monetary gift at the EE/CD SIG Business meeting. The recipient also receives an automatic invitation to present the dissertation work as part of the EE/CD Business Meeting. The EE/CD SIG is soliciting nominations for our Dissertation Award. **All nominations and required materials should be submitted to [this nomination form](#) by November 1, 2021.** Contact Dissertation Award Committee Chair Bethany Wilinski ([bethanyw@msu.edu](mailto:bethanyw@msu.edu)) with any questions about the award or nomination process.

The criteria for this award are:

- 1) A completed and defended dissertation accepted by the Graduate School of the nominee's university within two years of the deadline for submission.
- 2) A study that investigates a topic related to the development of children between birth and age 8, including studies focused on families, teachers and others who care for and educate young children;
- 3) A nominating professor who is a current member of AERA.

To be considered for the award, please complete [this nomination form](#) and upload the materials listed below. Please include the nominee's name in the file name for all materials.

- **One letter of faculty endorsement** from a member of the student's dissertation committee who is an AERA member, attesting that the dissertation was completed by the student during the time period specified and that the faculty member nominating or endorsing the nomination served on the dissertation committee. Please also include the oral defense date. This letter should include a brief clarification of the purposes, scope, and quality of the student's dissertation research, as well as an explanation of how the dissertation contributes to the field of early childhood, child development, or early education. **This letter can be uploaded to the google form or sent directly to Bethany Wilinski ([bethanyw@msu.edu](mailto:bethanyw@msu.edu)) with the subject line "EECD Dissertation Award." All other materials *must* be uploaded to the google form.**
- **A single Word document or PDF that contains:**
  - **Title page for the dissertation** (including university/college, name of the professor chairing the dissertation committee and a complete list of committee members). In addition, please add to the title page complete contact information (postal and e-mail) of either the student or the nominator that can be used for all correspondence regarding the award.
  - **Table of Contents** from the dissertation.
  - **1-2 page summary** (abstract) of the study to be published in the SIG newsletter should the award be given to the recipient.
  - **Scholarly summary of the dissertation**, written by the nominee. This summary should adhere to the APA manual's (7th ed.) guidelines for manuscript preparation and should be approximately 15-20 pages (double spaced). The summary should provide an overview of the dissertation study, including: objectives/purpose; perspectives/theoretical framework; methods/mode of inquiry; data sources and analyses; results/discussion; and conclusion and educational/scientific importance of study. The summary will be evaluated by a panel of scholars in the field and former dissertation winners. **Please note that *all* nominees are required to submit a summary, regardless of dissertation format (e.g. traditional dissertation or three article dissertation).**

### Eligibility Criteria:

- 1) Dissertation topic should be congruent with the award purposes as described above.
- 2) The dissertation was completed within the past two academic years (2019-2020 or 2020-2021).
- 3) Nominees are encouraged to become a member of the EE/CD SIG if not already members. However, membership is not required.
- 4) Self-nominations will be accepted.

Submit all required materials as Word or PDF documents through the nomination form

(<https://forms.gle/Nf3i6kp4qiS9DgUW8>) no later than November 1, 2021. Please direct any questions to Dissertation Award Committee Chair Bethany Wilinski ([bethanyw@msu.edu](mailto:bethanyw@msu.edu)).

## 2021 Budget and Membership Report

### Jennifer Baumgartner



### MEMBERSHIP

Membership Categories	April 2017 (San Antonio)	April 2018 (New York)	April 2019 (Toronto)	2020 (No Conference)	2021 (Virtual)	2021 September
Current	408	413	378	413	373	437
New	87	89	86	93	92	127
Lapsed (All)*	358	340	372	368	354	326
Lapsed/still in AERA <sup>+</sup>	76	58	74	109	93	

\*The “Lapsed (All)” row reflects numbers reported by AERA and represents all lapsed members who let their SIG membership lapse in the previous 2 years (so, for the 2021 year, those who let their SIG membership expire 12/31/2019 and 12/31/2020). This includes people who are no longer in AERA.

+The “Lapsed/Still in AERA” row reflects people who have an active AERA membership but are no longer part of our SIG.

### BUDGET

Category	Description	2021 (est.)	2020	2019	2018
Starting balance (January)		\$14,013.79	\$10,016.52	\$7,713.92	\$9,785.73
Income	Membership dues	\$5760.00 (est.)	\$5760.00	\$7,290.00	\$6,780.00
	Sponsorships		\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>				\$7,590.00	\$6,780.00
Expenses	Awards	(\$1930.00)	(\$1,000.00)	(\$2,000.00)	(\$2,500.00)
	Plaques/Certificates (+shipping)	(\$155.00)	(\$171.24)	(\$135.00)	(\$135.00)
	COVID Emergency Travel Awards	(\$1630.00)			
	Conference reception			(\$2,441.00)	(\$4,988.36)
	Board meeting			(\$511.40)	(\$928.45)
	Meeting expenses				
	AERA Management Fee	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)	(\$300.00)
	Web hosting/management		(\$291.49)		
	Reimbursements				
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			(\$2,120.88)	(\$5,387.40)
Estimated remaining balance		<b>\$11,198.79</b>			
Ending balance (December)			<b>\$14,013.79</b>	<b>\$10,016.52</b>	<b>\$7,713.92</b>

## EE/CD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2021-2022

### ELECTED MEMBERS



**Myae Han**  
**Chair**  
(2020-2022)  
Professor,  
University of Delaware



**Melissa Sherfinski**  
**Chair Elect**  
(2020-2022)  
Associate Professor,  
West Virginia University



**Marty Lash**  
**Past Chair**  
(2020-2022)  
Professor,  
Kent State University



**Jennifer Baumgartner**  
**Secretary / Treasurer**  
(2020-2022)  
Associate Professor,  
Louisiana State University



**Tomoko Wakabayashi**  
**Senior Member-at-Large**  
(2020-2022)  
Associate Professor,  
Oakland University



**X. Christine Wang**  
**Senior Member-at-Large**  
(2021-2023)  
**Website Manager**  
Professor, SUNY Buffalo



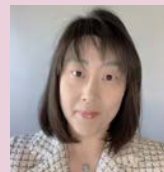
**Alison Hooper**  
**Junior Member-at-Large**  
(2020-2022)  
Assistant Professor,  
University of Alabama



**Bethany Wilinski**  
**Junior Member-at-Large**  
(2021-2023)  
Assistant Professor,  
Michigan State University



**Mila Costa**  
**Graduate Student Representative**  
  
Indiana University



**Sohyun Meacham**  
**Newsletter Editor**  
(2020-2023)  
Associate Professor,  
University of Northern Iowa

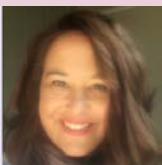
### APPOINTED MEMBERS



**Kate Delaney**  
**Program Co-Chair**  
(2020-2022)  
Associate Professor,  
University of Toledo



**Sophia Han**  
**Program Co-Chair**  
(2021-2023)  
Associate Professor,  
University of South Florida



**Kate McCormick**  
**Program Co-Chair**  
(2021-2023)  
Assistant Professor,  
SUNY at Cortland



**Amber Brown**  
**Communications & Listserv**  
(2021-2022)  
Associate Professor,  
University of Houston-Clear Lake