

## SUSAN JANE WHITTAKER, Ed.D

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<b>EDUCATION</b>	Doctor of Education (EdD): Curriculum and Instruction <i>Aurora University, Aurora, Illinois</i>	2013
	Master of Education Leadership <i>Aurora University, Aurora, Illinois</i>	2004
	Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT): Early Childhood with Special Education <i>National Louis University, Wheaton, Illinois</i>	1998
	Bachelor of Arts (BA): English <i>Brock University, Ontario, Canada</i>	1985

<b>CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Illinois State Administrative Certificate	2004
	New York State School Building Leader Certificate	2012
	Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) – Arabic and Business English	2014

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<b>TEACHING</b>	<b>ASSISTANT PROFESSOR</b> Niagara University – College of Education	Aug. 2022 - present
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**Spring 2023**  
EDU 450 Early Childhood Philosophy and Practice (23 students)  
EDU 610 ICW4 Incl Exploration Activ B-4 ICA (25 students)  
EDU 610 ICW4X Incl Exploration Activ B-4 ICA (24 students)  
EDU 488A Student Teacher Elementary Special Education (6 students)

**Fall 2022**  
EDU 561 Lang/Lit Development for Diverse Young Learners - ICA (21 students)  
EDU 561 ICW3X Lang/Lit Development for Diverse Young Learners – ICA (19 students)  
EDU 795 Inclusive Field Placement – Initial Certification ICA (5 students)  
EDU 610 Incl Exploration Activ B-4 ICA (20 students)

<b>ADJUNCT FACULTY</b> Niagara University – Department of Educational Leadership	Aug. 2018 - Aug. 2022
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**Summer 2022**  
EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (7 students)

**Fall 2021**  
EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (12 students)

**Summer 2021**  
EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (9 students)

**Spring 2021** EDU 645 Curriculum Planning, Design and Implementation (17 students)

**Fall 2020** EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (13 students)  
EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (16 students)

**Summer 2020** EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (7 students)

**Spring 2020** EDU 645 Curriculum Planning, Design and Implementation (15 students)

**Fall 2019** EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (14 students)  
EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (18 students)

**Summer 2019** EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (13 students)

**Fall 2018** EDU 644 Instructional Supervision (13 students)

**KINDERGARTEN TEACHER**

Community Unit School District #200, Wheaton, IL

Aug. 2005 - Aug. 2013

**EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER**

Self-Contained and Integrated Special Education  
Community Unit School District #200, Wheaton, IL

Jan. 1998 - Aug. 2005

Twice nominated by parents:

Kohlberg Teacher of the Year Award in Early Childhood

2000 and 2001

**EDUCATIONAL  
ADMINISTRATION**

**PRINCIPAL**

The Summit Center, Summit Academy

Jan. 2017 – Aug. 2022

**EDUCATIONAL COORDINATOR**

The Summit Center, Summit Academy

June 2016 – Jan. 2017

**MANAGER, AUTISM PROVISION**

Arbour Vale School, Slough, UK

Oct. 2014 – May 2016

**OWNER – CONSULTANT AND TRAINER**

Jolly Reading Consulting

June, 2011 – present

**BUSINESS  
EMPLOYMENT**

**ACCOUNTANT**

Nike Securities Trust, Lisle, IL  
The Domain Group, Carol Stream, IL  
Meloche Communications, Toronto, Ontario  
The Toronto Symphony, Toronto, Ontario

1985 – 1995

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<b>SCHOLARSHIP</b>	<p>Presenter at the Center of Autism and Related Disabilities 17th Annual Autism Conference <i>Literacy Skill Development: Creating a Balanced Literacy Program that Supports Children with ASD</i></p> <p>Presenter at the Center of Autism and Related Disabilities Regional Autism Conference <i>Literacy Skill Development: Creating a Balanced Literacy Program that Supports Children with ASD</i></p> <p>Co-presenter at the Reading League 2nd Annual Conference <i>Less Finnish, More British: Picking the Best for the US</i></p> <p>Presenter - Annual Dissertation Conference, Aurora University,</p>	<p>April 2018</p> <p>November 2018</p> <p>October 2018</p> <p>October 2012</p>
<b>PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<p>NAEYC National Association for the Education of Young Children NYAEYC New York Association for the Education of Young Children New York State Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators (NYSACECTE)</p>	
<b>SERVICE</b>	<p><b>UNIVERSITY</b></p> <p>Niagara University Active Shooter Drill</p> <p>Niagara University Open House</p> <p>Education and Scholarship Workshop: Best Practices for Designing an Inclusive Curriculum</p> <p><b>COLLEGE</b></p> <p>Chair – Search Committee Early Childhood Professor – Tenure Position</p> <p>Adjunct Development Committee</p> <p><b>DISCIPLINE</b></p> <p>Summit Academy Research Committee Member</p> <p>Summit Academy Literacy Domain Sub-committee Member</p> <p>Discovery Kids/Summit Academy Collaboration Committee Member</p> <p><b>COMMUNITY</b></p> <p>Discovery Kids Board of Directors Board President</p>	<p>October 2022</p> <p>October 2022</p> <p>February 2023</p> <p>Nov. 2022 - present</p> <p>Sept. 2022 – present</p> <p>Sept. 2022 - present</p> <p>Sept. 2022 - present</p> <p>Sept. 2022 – present</p> <p>Sept. 2019 – present</p>