

# Amber Rhodes Peacock

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## Education

Ph.D., Instructional Leadership (Curriculum Development), Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia. December 2015.

Dissertation: *Exploring Stakeholders' Perceptions of the Evaluation of Early Fieldwork Experiences in an Undergraduate Teacher Preparation Program*

M.Ed., Special Education, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia. May 1995.

M.S., Human Development and Family Studies, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. May 1993.

Thesis: *Adaptation of Foreign Missionaries' Children Following Reentry to the United States for College*

B.A., Psychology/Substance Abuse Studies, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas. August 1991.

## Experience

**Visiting Instructor. Fall 2013 to present**

**Director of Fieldwork. Fall 2009-Spring 2015**

**Adjunct Instructor. Fall 2009-Spring 2013**

**Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Virginia**

- Wrote full proposal and developed coursework to add a Special Education (K-12, General Curriculum) licensure track to the current education program at Randolph-Macon College. The proposed program was approved by the Accreditation Board for Teacher Education Licensure (ABTEL) Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) in November 2013 and implemented at Randolph-Macon College in 2014.

### **New courses developed and taught for the Special Education Program:**

EDUC 234 Issues in Special Education

EDUC 235 Characteristics of Exceptional Learners

EDUC 236 Characteristics of Exceptional Learners Fieldwork

EDUC 357 Principles and Methods in Special Education

EDUC 425 Student Teaching for Special Educators

EDUC 426 Observation for Special Educators

### **Additional courses taught:**

EDUC 233 Survey of Exceptional Children

EDUC 346 Senior Seminar

EDUC 355 Principles and Methods of Secondary Education

EDUC 425 Observation for Secondary Student Teaching

EDUC 426 Secondary Student Teaching

GNED 100 Study Skills

- Developed mutually beneficial partnerships with area schools including establishing new partnerships with Caroline County Public Schools (2014) and Spotsylvania County Schools (2015) for fieldwork placements.
- Coordinated and administrated the placement of all Randolph-Macon College students' educational fieldwork assignments in partnering schools in coordination with school board offices and building administrators (approximately 60 fieldwork placements per semester).
- Developed and presented professionalism seminar to all education classes, every semester prior to students' beginning fieldwork placements.
- Trained newly hired Education Specialist to assume fieldwork administration duties.
- Developed Professional Growth portfolio system for department to efficiently collect artifacts for upcoming Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) visit.
- Supervised and mentored preservice teachers in their teaching practices, including lesson plan design, classroom management, instructional strategies, assessment, and reflective pedagogy.
- Collaborated with colleagues on two successful grant projects including *Development and Implementation of STEM Curriculum at the Science Museum of Virginia* (\$151,195 budget) and *Randolph-Macon Clinical Faculty Training* in partnership with Hanover County Public Schools (\$7490 budget).

### ***Special Education Teacher, 1995-1998***

#### ***Nathanael Greene Elementary School, Greene County, Virginia***

- Taught a multi-grade classroom for students with behavioral disabilities, emotional disabilities, learning disabilities, intellectual disabilities and developmental delays.
- Developed new school-wide behavior intervention plan that effectively reduced student visits to the principal and out-of-school suspensions.
- Served as the school's behavioral intervention specialist on the Child Study Committee.
- Supervised three instructional assistants.
- Provided instruction in a continuum of special education placements including self-contained, resource and homebound settings.
- Collaborated with general education teachers to facilitate successful inclusive placements.
- Advised general education teachers regarding effective behavior management strategies.
- Golden Apple award for teaching excellence, June, 1997.

### ***Graduate Assistant, 1994-1995***

#### ***James Madison University, Harrisonburg, Virginia***

- Assisted classroom teacher and staff at DeJarnette Center, a psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents.

### ***Academic Advisor, 1991-1993***

#### ***Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas***

- Recruited and advised students for Department of Human Development and Family Studies.
- Assisted students with degree planning and career counseling.

## **Higher Education Service Experience**

### ***CAEP Committee, 2014 to present***

#### ***Randolph-Macon College***

- Serve as evidence specialist.
- Created online summary of evidence to facilitate communications with CAEP and VDOE (<https://rmceducation.wordpress.com/>).

### ***Teacher Preparation Committee, 2013 to present***

#### ***Randolph-Macon College***

### ***Technology Advisory Committee, 2015 to present***

#### ***Randolph-Macon College***

### ***Special Education Advisory Committee, 2015 to present***

#### ***Hanover County Public Schools***

### ***Service Learning Fellow, 2014-2015***

#### ***Randolph-Macon College***

- Developed new service-learning components in partnership with Hanover Academy in Ashland, Virginia implemented in Fall 2015 as part of EDUC 234: Issues in Special Education and EDUC 357: Principles and Methods in Special Education.
- Researched opportunities to transition current education fieldwork program from an apprentice model to a service learning model.

### ***Education Alumni Board Member, 2013-present***

#### ***Randolph-Macon College***

### ***Clinical Faculty Training, 2012***

#### ***Virginia Commonwealth University***

## **Teaching License/Certification**

### ***Virginia Postgraduate Professional Teaching License,***

#### ***Emotional Disturbance, K-12***

Educational technology standards and child abuse prevention requirement have been met.

Current through June 30, 2017

License Number PGP-511167

## **Presentations**

Peacock, A.R., (2015, August). *Strengthening our core*. Rural Point Elementary. Mechanicsville, VA.

Peacock, A.R. (2015, June). *Teaching: A Marathon and a Sprint*. Washington & Henry Masonic Lodge Teacher-of-the-Year Award Ceremony. Mechanicsville, VA.

Peacock, A.R., (2015, April). *Collaborating with stakeholders to improve early field experiences in teacher preparation*. Virginia Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE-VA) and Virginia Association of Teacher Educators (VATE). Salem, VA.

Peacock, A.R., (2014, January). *Critiquing education using the feelings, facts, and action protocol*. Presented to EDUC 202: Critiquing Public Education. Randolph-Macon College, January 8, 2014.

Peacock, A.R., (2013, March). *Does the form work? A preservice teacher's and mentoring teacher's interpretation of evaluation*. Metropolitan Educational Research Consortium (MERC). Richmond, VA.

Peacock, A.R., (2013, February). *Developing a reflective pedagogy: Assess, engage, inquire, observe, utilize*. Presented to EDUC 355: Principles and Methods in Secondary Education. Randolph-Macon College, February 12, 2013.

## **Publications**

Peacock, A.R., (2012). You get what you pay for. *ParentLife*, 19(4), 24.

Peacock, A.R., (2012). Solving the allowance dilemma. *ParentLife*, 19(1), 44.

Peacock, A.R., (2011). Parenting perks guaranteed to make you smile. *ParentLife*, 18(3), 24.

Peacock, A.R., (2011). Save, stretch, & splurge. *ParentLife*, 18(1), 10.

Peacock, A.R., (2011). Safe swimming: Water safety basics. *ParentLife*, 17(12), 42.

Peacock, A.R., (2011). The right fit: Picking a preschool. *ParentLife*, 17(8), 12-13.

Peacock, A.R., (2010). Good money cents: Four money lessons for your preschooler. *ParentLife*, 17(6), 12-13.

Peacock, A.R., (2010). Groups gone wrong: Dealing with grade-school cliques. *ParentLife*, 17(3), 14-15.

Peacock, A.R., (2010). Moving up to the middle: Transitioning to middle school. *ParentLife*, 17(2), 16-17.

- Peacock, A.R., (2010). Toilet-training trends: Answers to your toilet-training questions. *ParentLife*, 16(11), 10-11.
- Peacock, A.R., (2010). Money matters: The four basics of money management. *ParentLife*, 16(9), 14-15.
- Peacock, A.R., (2010). Dating in. *ParentLife*, 16(8), 32.
- Peacock, A.R., (2009). Where will baby go? *ParentLife*, 16(3), 8-9.
- Peacock, A.R., (2009). A to-do list for baby: Enjoying the developmental milestones during baby's first year. *ParentLife*, (16)1, 8-9.
- Peacock, A.R., (2009). Please pass the patience. *HomeLife*, 63(8), 12-14.
- Peacock, A.R., (2009). Sleep solutions: Solve top nighttime issues. *ParentLife*, 15(11), 12-14.
- Peacock, A.R. (2009). Growing body and brain: Celebrate each of your child's developmental milestones. *ParentLife*, 15(8), 10-11.
- Peacock, A.R. (2008). When less is more: Downsize stuff and upsize time together. *ParentLife*, 15(3), 12-13.
- Peacock, A.R. (2008). Rx: A prescription for meeting children's healthcare needs at church. *Special Education Today*, 13(4), 22-23.
- Peacock, A.R. (2007). Sleep matters: What you need to know about sleep problems in individuals with developmental disabilities. *Special Education Today*, 13(2), 32-33.
- Peacock, A.R. (2007). Gran's greatest gift. *Mature Living*, 31(12), 46-47.
- Peacock, A.R. (2007). What every child needs (and how to meet those needs at church). *Special Education Today*, 12(4), 12-13.
- Peacock, A.R. (2006). Dynamic discipline: 10 secrets of positive parenting. *Special Education Today*, 12(2), 14-15.
- Peacock, A.R. (2006). Trick or treat: Motivators that get kids to do what you want. *Special Education Today*, 12(1), 20-21.
- Peacock, A.R. (2006). As easy as ABC: Tips for working with preschoolers who have special needs. *Special Education Today*, 11(3), 18-19.

## **Teaching-Related Service Experience**

### ***Discipleship Class Teacher, 2015 to present***

#### ***Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia***

- Teach weekly class for college students and young adults.
- Write new objective-based curriculum.
- Adapt published curriculum to meet participants' needs.

### ***BYKOTA Class Teacher, 2000-2015***

#### ***Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia***

- Teach weekly class for adult learners.
- Wrote new objective-based curriculum and adapted published curriculum to meet participants' needs.

### ***Middle School Girls Deeper Groups Teacher, 2012-2013***

#### ***Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia***

- Hosted and taught weekly class for middle school girls.
- Wrote new objective-based curriculum.

### ***Family Life Educator, July 2008***

#### ***Bloemfontein, South Africa***

- Taught AIDS prevention and relationship skills in three high schools to approximately 700 secondary students.

### ***Odyssey of the Mind Coach, 2006-08***

#### ***Pole Green Elementary School, Mechanicsville, Virginia***

- Coached one Primary and two Division I teams.

### ***Vacation Bible School Director, 2005-08***

#### ***Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia***

- Wrote new curriculum and adapted published curriculum to meet participants' needs.
- Recruited and trained leaders.
- Administrated program from initial planning to evaluation.

### ***Relationship, Marriage and Parenting Teacher, 1998 to present***

#### ***Broadus Memorial Baptist Church, Mechanicsville, Virginia***

- Teach topical seminars and series to strengthen marriages and equip parents.
- Wrote new curriculum and adapted published curriculum to meet participants' needs.