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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL.

- 2004 Ph.D., Education
1999 M.Ed., Curriculum and Instruction
1993 B.A. (with distinction), Teaching (Spanish, 6-12 certification)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2004 - Present Assistant Professor, Department of Curriculum and Instruction at University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Develop and teach graduate courses in teacher leadership; teach doctoral courses on research on teaching and learning to teach; mentor doctoral students; advise M.Ed. students; collaborate with the school district; and direct the Initiative on National Board Certification including the Center for Teaching Excellence Program on Teacher Leadership through National Board Certification.
- 2008 – Present Associate Editor, *Journal of Teacher Education*. Serve as part of the incoming editorial team for the journal from 2008-2013.
- 2006 – Present Consultant, National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Develop and conduct workshops regionally for National Board Certification candidates.
- 2003 – 2008 Appointed Member, National Commission on the Assessment of the Teacher Educator Standards/Subcommittee Chair (2004-2007). Designed and facilitated the first national Teacher Educator Standards Cohort (TESC), which comprised teacher educators developing their professional, electronic portfolios. Conducted the research on the work of the cohort and served on the writing team that utilized the research outcomes to revise and update the Standards for Teacher Educators. Served as lead editor for book disseminating the work of the Commission and its mission.
- 2003 – 2004 Visiting Specialist in Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Coordinated Electronic Mentoring Expansion Initiative, served as the liaison to

partnering/ expansion institutions, supervised the development of the *E-Mentor Illinois* website, and managed grant budget.

- 2001 – 2004 Research Assistant, “Math English Technology Educational Resources.” Renee T. Clift and Bridget Arvold, principal investigators. A partner in the Illinois Professional Learners’ Partnership. Project was a Teacher Quality Enhancement grant funded primarily by the Department of Education.
- 2000 – 2004 Electronic Mentoring Coordinator, Novice Teacher Support Project at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Developed and implemented electronic mentoring program, facilitated participatory design process, organized professional development for mentors, and conducted research to inform program development.
- 1999 – 2000 University Coordinator, Novice Teacher Support Project at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Coordinated professional development activities for new teachers, conducted internal project evaluations, planned two statewide conferences on induction and mentoring, collaborated with webmaster to develop project website, and worked within a cross-institutional partnership.
- 1999 – 2001 Assistant to the Associate Editor, *Teaching and Teacher Education*. Tracked manuscripts through the peer review process and communicated with reviewers.
- 1998 – 1999 Instructor, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, IL. Taught foreign language methods course and supervised student teachers.
- 1998 – 1999 University Supervisor, Foreign Language Teacher Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Supervised student teachers.
- 1993 – 1998 Teacher, Rantoul Township High School, Rantoul, IL. Taught high school Spanish. Served as Student Council Advisor and as a Cooperating Teacher for practicum and student teachers.

TEACHING

University Courses

- 2004 - present
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| CIG 704* | Reflection on Teaching |
| CIG 705* | Teacher as Action Researcher |
| CIG 716* | Readings and Conference: National Board Certification |
| CIG 717* | Seminar: National Board Certification |
| CIG 763 | Doctoral Course: Research on Learning to Teach |
| CIG 780 | Doctoral Course: Research on Teaching and Schooling |
| CIS 705 | Secondary School Curriculum |
| CIE 703 | Elementary School Curriculum (taught in tandem with CIS 705) |
| ICS 308 | General Secondary Methods |
- * Newly developed courses

Mentoring

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Doctoral Committee Chair

Bower, L.A. (2008). *Finding the Other in Mother: Queering Social Scripts for Mothers and Teachers in K-12 Schools*. University of Nevada Las Vegas. (co-chair with Helen Harper).

Committee Chair, Doctoral Students in Progress

Cheryl Sanguenza (ABD)
Robert Madden (second year)
Emily Ball (first year)

Committee member

Witt, S. (2008). *Instructional Simulations and the Concept of Shared Cognition*. University of Nevada Las Vegas.

Lori Fulton
Char Moffit
Ilaria Peltier

Outreach

2006 - present Center for Teaching Excellence Program, Teacher Leadership for National Board Certification. Developed, implemented, and revised 18-hour program for Center for Teaching Excellence program.

2005 - present Professional Development Workshops. Developed and implemented the following workshops as part of the Initiative on National Board Certification:

- National Board Certification as Professional Development (2-day PDE)
- Introductory Seminar on National Board Certification (6-hour)
- Recruitment and Awareness: National Board Certification (1.5-hour)
- National Board Support Provider Cadre Trainings (varied)
- Series of Structured Workshops (3 hour each)
 - Getting Started: Organizing, Planning, and Time Management
 - A Closer Look at Portfolio Four
 - Planning for Videotaping: Considering Knowledge of Students and Diversity, Equity, and Fairness
 - Writing: Description, Analysis and Reflection
 - Architecture of Accomplished Teaching
 - Examining Evidence of Standards/Big Ideas in Science
 - Preparation for Assessment Center

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RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Interests

Communities as contexts for teaching and learning
Forms of teacher leadership
Teacher educator identity
The role of technology in learning to teach

Publications

- Klecka, C.L., Odell, S.J., Houston, W. R., & McBee, R. (Eds.). (in press). *Visions for Teacher Educators*. Rowman and Littlefield Education.
- Klecka, C.L. (in press). Standard three: Scholarship. In C.L. Klecka, S.J. Odell, W.R. Houston, & R. H. McBee (Eds.) *Visions for Teacher Educators* (pp. 79-83). Rowman and Littlefield Education.
- Lin, E., & Klecka, C.L. (in press). The teacher educator standards as a foundation for professional self-study. In C.L. Klecka, S.J. Odell, W.R. Houston, & R. H. McBee (Eds.) *Visions for Teacher Educators* (pp. 275-298). Rowman and Littlefield Education.
- Bower, L. A., & Klecka, C.L. (in press). Lesbian mothers' bids for normalcy in their children's schools. *The Education Forum*.
- Klecka, C.L., Donovan, L., Venditti, K., & Short, B. (2008). Who is a teacher educator? Enactment of teacher educator identity through electronic portfolio development. *Action in Teacher Education*, 29(4), 83-91.
- Klecka, C.L., Donovan, L., & Fisher, R. (2007). In their shoes: Teacher educators' reframing portfolio development from the students' perspective. *Journal of Computing in Teacher Education*, 24(1), 31-36.
- Short, B., Donovan, L., Klecka, C., & Venditti, K. (2007). Teacher educator portfolios: The how, the what, and the why. *Proceedings of the Society for Information Technology and Teacher Education International Conference*, 1892-1897.
- Klecka, C.L., Clift, R.T., & Cheng, Y. (2005). Are electronic conferences a solution in search of an urban problem? *Urban Education*, 40(4), 412-429.
- Klecka, C.L., Clift, R.T., & Cheng, Y. (2004). Exploring the potential of electronic mentoring. *Action in Teacher Education*, 26(3), 2-9.
- Klecka, C.L., Clift, R.T., Brady, P. Arvold, B., & Quinlan, J. (2004). Cross-institutional partnerships: The role of evaluation. In S.D. Lenski & W.L. Black (Eds.), *Transforming Teacher Education Through Partnerships*. (pp. 403-418). Lewston, NY: The Edwin Mellon Press.
- Klecka, C. L., Clift, R.T., & Thomas, A.T. (2002). Proceed with Caution: Introducing electronic conferencing in teacher education. *Critical Issues in Teacher Education*, 9, 28-36.
- Publications Under Review/In Preparation**
- Bower, L.A., & Klecka, C.L. (under revision). (Re)considering Normal: Queering Social Norms for Parents and Teachers. *Teaching Education*.
- Klecka, C.L., Bower, L.A., & Silva, S. (under review). From isolation to collaboration: Rethinking the pre-service field experience from a community perspective. *Teacher Education and Practice*.
- Bower, L.A., & Klecka, C.L. (in preparation). Discourse models of teaching: Understanding the interplay between online and face-to-face contexts in learning to teach. *Journal of Technology and Teacher Education*. (To be submitted January 2009)

Klecka, C.L., & Herron, C. (in preparation). Building professional learning communities around National Board Certification: A district-wide initiative. To be submitted to *Kappa Delta Pi Record*.

Klecka, C.L. (submitted). Beyond chat: Analysis of online conversations among new and experienced teachers in an electronic mentoring environment. Book chapter to be published in J. Wang, S.J. Odell, & R.T. Clift (Eds.) *Past, present, and future research on teacher induction: An anthology for researchers, policy makers, and practitioners*.

Klecka, C.L., & Herron, C. (in preparation). *Balancing Support and Challenge: Framing Support for the National Board Certification Process*. (book proposal submitted to Corwin Press)

Refereed National Presentations

Klecka, C.L., & Bower, L.A. (April, 2009). *Discourse models of teaching: Understanding the interplay between online and face-to-face contexts in learning to teach*. Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.

Bower, L.A., & Klecka, C.L. (April, 2009). *No offense: Unveiling social norms that impede social justice for families with LGBT parents*. Paper to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.

Klecka, C.L., Bower, L.A., & Silva, S. (February, 2009). *Growing Career Educators: Fostering reflective communities to enhance pre-service teacher education*. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, TX.

Herron, C., & Klecka, C.L. (February, 2009). *Take One!®: Creating a Foundation for Learning Communities*. To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, TX.

Klecka, C.L., Bower, L. & Silva, S. (March, 2008). *From isolation to collaboration: Rethinking the student teaching experience from a community perspective*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.

Klecka, C.L., & Herron, C. (February, 2008). *Cross-institutional initiative on National Board Certification: An internal evaluation*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, New Orleans, LA.

Klecka, C.L., Kern, J., & Silva, S. (February, 2008). *Growing career educators: Engaging in action research to improve teacher education and student learning*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, New Orleans, LA.

| Klecka, C.L., & Herron, C. (July, 2007). *Cross-institutional collaboration: Providing multiple pathways to support for National Board Candidates*. Presented at the 2007 Conference of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Washington, D.C.

Klecka, C.L., & Bower, L. (April, 2007). *Computer networking to support teacher education: Establishing a research agenda through critical discourse analysis*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL

- Short, B., Donovan, L., Klecka, C.L., & Venditti, K. (March, 2007). *Teacher educator e-portfolios. The how, the what and the why*. Paper presented at the Society for Technology and Teacher Education International Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Klecka, C.L., & Herron, C. (February, 2007). *Mentoring toward positive professional growth: Constructing the meaning of mentoring National Board Candidates*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, San Diego, CA.
- Hartley, K., Strudler, N., Donovan, L., & Klecka, C.L. (February, 2007). *Assessing teachers' preparation to integrate technology in the classroom*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, San Diego, CA.
- Klecka, C.L., Venditti, K., Short, B., & Donovan, L. (August, 2006) *Electronic portfolio performance of teacher educator identity*. Presentation at the 2006 Summer Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Philadelphia, PA.
- Klecka, C.L., Donovan, L., Fisher, R. & Sackman, R. (February, 2006). *Teacher Educator Standards Cohort (TESC): A window into teacher educator electronic portfolio development*. Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Atlanta, GA.
- Klecka, C.L., Clift, R.T., Hunt, J., Giroux, D., Peterson, K., Baumgart, E., Beyda-Lori, S., & Giacobbe, A. (February, 2006). *Electronic mentoring: Multiple perspectives on online experiences to support teacher education*. Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Atlanta, GA.
- Klecka, C.L. (April, 2005). *Beyond chat: Online conversations among new and experienced teachers in an e-mentoring environment*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Montreal, Canada.
- Cheng, Y., Clift, R.T., & Klecka, C.L. (April, 2005). *E-mentoring expansion initiative: An internal evaluation*. Roundtable presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Montreal, Canada.
- Klecka, C.L., Clift, R.T., Hunt, J., Giroux, D., Peterson, K., Baumgart, E., Beyda-Lori, S., & Giacobbe, A. (February, 2005). *Electronic mentoring expansion initiative: Experiences from multiple perspectives*. Symposium at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Chicago, IL.
- Clift, R.T., Klecka, C.L., Cheng, Y., & Chadwick, S. (April, 2004). *The Novice Teacher Support Project: Issues in using internal evaluation as a catalyst for reform*. Presentation to the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.
- Klecka, C.L., & Clift, R.T. (February, 2004). *Novice Teacher Support Project electronic mentoring: Current research and implications for expansion*. Presentation to the Association of Teacher Educators, Dallas, TX.
- Klecka, C.L., Clift, R.T., & Thomas, A.S. (August, 2003). *Issues and tensions in developing online mentoring to support new teachers*. Presentation to the Association of Teacher Educators, Santa Fe, NM.
- Klecka, C.L. (April, 2003). *Trust, safety and confidence: Building the foundation for interaction in an online community of practice*. In C. Carter-Ching (Chair), *Analyses of Online*

Communities of Learners, Symposium conducted at the meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL.

Klecka, C.L., & Clift, R.T. (February, 2003). *Issues and tensions in developing online mentoring to support new teachers*. Presentation to the Association of Teacher Educators, Jacksonville, FL.

Johnson, N.L., Clift, R.T., & Klecka, C.L. (August, 2002). *Teacher retention and the Novice Teacher Support Project*. Presentation to the Association of Teacher Educators, Williamsburg, VA.

Klecka, C.L. & Clift, R.T. (February, 2002). *Expectations and realities of developing electronic mentoring for novice teachers*. Presentation to the Association of Teacher Educators, Denver, CO.

Invited Presentations

Klecka, C.L., & Herron, C. (March, 2008). *Recruiting, retaining, and assisting teachers in high need schools*. Featured panel presentation at the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Invitational Higher Education Conference. (Panelist)

Herron, C., & Klecka, C.L. (November, 2007). *National Board Certification: Where we've been and where we're going*. Invited keynote at the Clark County School District National Board Certified Teachers Recognition Dinner.

Klecka, C.L., Fisher, R., Allen, R., Clift, R.T., & Sowder, M. (February, 2007). *A vision for teacher educators*. Featured panel presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, San Diego, CA. (Organizer)

Klecka, C.L. (February, 2006). *Toward a new teacher learning agenda*. Research Session at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Atlanta, GA. (Discussant)

Klecka, C.L. (February, 2005). *Utilizing technology in mentoring novice teachers*. Invited Presentation given at the Teacher Induction SIG meeting at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Chicago, IL.

Klecka, C.L., & Herron, C. (November, 2005). *Research minute on National Board Certification*. Presentation to the Las Vegas Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

Klecka, C.L. (February, 2005) *Technology and teacher education*. Research Session at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Chicago, IL. (Discussant)

Klecka, C.L., McIntyre, D.J., Cheng, Y., Stegemoller, J., & Mora, R. (February, 2005). *Opportunities for graduate students: Creating paths to success in teacher education*. Featured panel presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Chicago, IL.

Fisher, R., Arisman, S., Dorton, S., Harris, M., Houston, R., Klecka, C., Odell, S., McIntyre, D.J., & Williams, B. (February, 2005). *Promoting quality and professionalism for teacher educators through standards and assessment*. Featured Panel at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Teacher Educators, Chicago, IL.

GRANTS, AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

- Spring 2009 University Travel Award. Awarded \$1000.
- Fall 2008 Recognition for an Inspiring Achievement by UNLV Foundation.
- 2008-2009 Education Excellence Grant for the UNLV/CCSD Initiative on National Board Certification. Proposed to State Farm Mutual Company. Awarded \$20, 000.
- Spring 2008 University Travel Award. Awarded \$1000.
- 2007-2008 Education Excellence Grant for the UNLV/CCSD Initiative on National Board Certification. Proposed to State Farm Mutual Company. Awarded \$30, 000.
- 2006-2007 Education Excellence Grant for the UNLV/CCSD Initiative on National Board Certification. Proposed to State Farm Mutual Company. Awarded \$10, 000.
- Spring 2006 University Travel Award. Awarded \$1000.
- 2006 & 2007 Nominee, Distinguished New Faculty Member, UNLV College of Education,
- 2006-present Association of Teacher Educators Leadership Academy. Nominated to participate, which is an honor given to those who have been identified as potential leaders in the organization and in teacher education.
- Spring 2006 UNLV/CCSD Initiative on National Board Certification. Article in *UNLV Magazine*.
- 2005 AERA New Faculty Seminar. Selected to participate in Division K seminar in conjunction with annual meeting.
- Spring 2005 University Travel Award. Awarded \$1000.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

UNLV

- 2008-present Professional Development School Advisory Council, *College*
- 2008-present Teaching Quality Committee, *Department*
- 2004-present Graduate Studies Committee, *Department*
- 2004-present Pedagogy Committee, *Department*
- 2007-2008 Quality Scholarship Committee, *Department*
- 2006-2008 Chair's Advisory Committee, *Department*
- 2007-2008 Curriculum and Instruction Search Committee, *Department*
- 2005-2007 Teacher Education Doctoral Committee, *Department*
- 2006-2007 Social Studies Elementary Education Search Committee, *Department*
- 2006-2007 Secondary Education Search Committee, *Department*
- 2005-2006 Doctoral Studies Committee, *Department*
- 2004-2005 Collaboration Committee, *College*
- 2004-2005 Secondary Education Committee, *Department*
- 2004-2005 Educational Technology Search Committee, *Department*

National

- 2009 Appointed Member, National Task Force on Teacher Educator Standards

- 2005-present Reviewer, *The Teacher Educator*, *Association for Teacher Educators Yearbook*, *Teaching and Teacher Education*
- 2005-present Reviewer, Annual Meeting proposals for American Educational Research Association
- 2003-2008 Appointed Member, National Commission on the Assessment of Teacher Educator Standards
- Lead Editor, *Visions for Teacher Educators*.
 - Sub-Committee Chair, Teacher Educator Standards Cohort (TESC), 2004-2008
 - Co-Principal Investigator, 2005-2008
 - Member, Writing Team for the revision of the Standards for Teacher Educators, 2004-2008
- 2006-2007 Member, Association of Teacher Educators National Annual Meeting Planning Committee
- Planned featured panels and sessions for 2007 annual meeting
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- 2005-2006 Discussant, Association of Teacher Educators Research Sessions
- 2004-2005 Member, Association of Teacher Educators National Annual Meeting Planning Committee
- 2004-2005 Member, Association of Teacher Educators Yearbook Advisory Council
- 2004-2007 Reviewer, Association of Teacher Educators annual meeting presentation proposals
- 2002-2004 Secretary, Illinois Association of Teacher Educators
- 2002 Reviewer, Annual meeting proposals for Illinois Association of Teacher Educators
- 2000-2002 Illinois Association of Teacher Educators Doctoral Student Representative

Community

- 2004-present Initiative on National Board Certification in collaboration with Clark County School District <http://nbpts.education.unlv.edu>

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