

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Doctor of Philosophy—February 2012

Concentration: Pedagogical Kinesiology

Advisor: Dr. Kim Graber

Dissertation: An Examination of Bullying Within Middle School Physical Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Master of Science—December 2011

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Bachelor of Science—January 2000

Publications

Linker, J. M., Valley, J. A., **O'Connor, J. A.**, & Daum, D. N. (2018). Physical education gym class heroes, try-hards, and all-stars: An analysis of Facebook comments. *The Physical Educator*, 75, 414-437.

Graber, K. C., Chodzko-Zajko, W., **O'Connor, J. A.**, & Linker, J. M. (2017). Developing leadership skills and a commitment to civic engagement during an undergraduate community-based service learning class. *Kinesiology Review*, 6, 4, 317-322.

O'Connor, J. A., & Graber, K. C. (2014). Sixth grade physical education: An acculturation of bullying and fear. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 85, 398-408.

Graber, K. C., Woods, A. M., & **O'Connor, J. A.** (2012). Impact of wellness legislation on comprehensive school health programs. *Journal of Teaching in Physical Education*, 31, 163-181.

Graber, K. C., Templin, T. J., Haag, R., & **O'Connor, J. A.** (2011). Careers in physical education, sport instruction, coaching, sports officiating, and sport psychology. In S. Hoffman (Ed.), *American Kinesiology Association Guide to Careers in Sport, Fitness, & Exercise*. Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.

Grants

A retrospective examination of LGBTQ students' perceptions of physical education, Faculty/Student Collaboration Grants Program, Principal Investigator (2014-2015), \$880.

An examination of the impact of wellness legislation on school physical education, Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (Jump Rope for Heart Program), Investigator (2009-2011), \$3,000.

Abstracts and Conference Proceedings

O'Connor, J. A., & Kieffer, J. (2016). A retrospective examination of LGBTQ students' perceptions of physical education. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 87*, A123-A124.

O'Connor, J. A., & Graber, K. C. (2014). Perceived barriers to maintaining a safe physical education environment. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 85*, A151.

O'Connor, J. A., McCullick, J., Pitsch, J., Rothbauer, K., & Sirek, B. (2014). Physical education teacher education candidates' perceptions of bullying within high school physical education. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 85*, A151-A152.

O'Connor, J. A., & Graber, K. C. (2013). Students' perceived support in relation to bullying in physical education. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 84*, A52.

Graber, K. C., Woods, A. M., & **O'Connor, J. A.** (2012). Impact of teacher education programs on comprehensive school wellness. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 83*, A44-A45.

O'Connor, J. A., & Graber, K. C. (2012). A qualitative exploration of bullying within middle school physical education. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 83*, A56-A57.

O'Connor, J. A., Graber, K. C., & Woods, A. M. (2011). Influence of legislative policy on school physical education environment. *Book of Abstracts, AIESEP International Conference, University of Limerick, Ireland, 82.*

Woods, A. M., Graber, K. C., Daum, D., Valley, J. A., & **O'Connor, J. A.** (2011). Elementary school children's physical activity patterns and influencers during recess. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 82*, A55-A56.

Graber, K. C., Woods, A. M., & **O'Connor, J.** (2010). Impact of national wellness legislation on the physical education environment. *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport, 81*, A50.

O'Connor, J. (2009). Physical Activity Today [Review of the article *Past-year sports participation, current physical activity, and fitness in urban adolescent girls*]. *Journal of Physical Activity and Health.*

Invited Presentations

O'Connor, J. A. (2015, March). *Bullying in physical education: The role of intentionality as teacher educators*. Invited keynote address at the Curriculum and Instruction Honor Award Luncheon, annual meeting of the SHAPE America National Convention, Seattle, WA.

O'Connor, J. A. (2014, April). *An exploration of bullying in physical education: What do we know and what do we need to find out?* Paper presented at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention, St. Louis, MO.

Other Presentations (Not listed under Abstracts)

Jones, E., Eberline, A. L., **O'Connor, J. A.**, Valley, J. A., Simon, M., & O'Neil, K. (2023). *Examining the lived experience of PETE students of color*. Paper presented at the annual SHAPE America convention, Seattle, WA.

Valley, J. A., Jones, E., **O'Connor, J. A.**, Eberline, A. L., O'Neil, K., & Simon, M. (2022). *PETE enrollment and retention: How students of color are encouraged and supported*. Paper presented at the annual IAHPERD convention, Tinley Park, IL.

Jones, E., Eberline, A. L., **O'Connor, J. A.**, Valley, J. A., Simon, M., & O'Neil, K. (2022). *Examining social capital in college and physical education career selection*. Paper presented at the annual SHAPE America convention, New Orleans, LA.

Valley, J. A., & **O'Connor, J. A.** (2017, March). *Practical assessment strategies in adventure-based learning*. Paper presented at the annual SHAPE America convention, Boston, MA.

O'Connor, J. A., Valley, J. A., Oh, Y., & Lane, K. (2016, April). *Integrating adventure-based learning across the curriculum*. Paper presented at the annual SHAPE America convention, Minneapolis, MN.

Johnson, M. J., & **O'Connor, J. A.** (2015, March). *Bullying in the inclusive physical education environment*. Paper presented at the annual SHAPE America convention, Seattle, WA.

O'Connor, J. A. (2012, October). *Student and teacher perceptions of bullying in physical education*. Paper presented at the annual Wisconsin Health and Physical Education convention, Waukesha, WI.

Graber, K. C., **O'Connor, J. A.**, Mercer, J., & Oh, J. (2012, October). *Role of teacher education in legislative mandates*. Paper presented at the Physical Education Teacher Education conference, Las Vegas, NV.

Linker, J., Woods, A. M., **O'Connor, J. A.**, Valley, J. A., & Daum, D. (2011, March). *A slap to your Facebook: Student voice in physical education*. Paper presented at the annual American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention, San Diego, CA.

O'Connor, J. A. (2010, November). *An examination of bullying prevalence within middle school physical education*. Paper presented at the annual Illinois Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention, St. Charles, IL.

Woods, A. M., & **O'Connor, J. A.** (2010, November). *Communication in educational settings: Developing a professional electronic persona*. Paper presented at the annual Illinois Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention, St. Charles, IL.

O'Connor, J. A. (2010, March). *Bullying within the context of physical education*. Paper presented at the Research in Progress symposium, West Lafayette, IN.

O'Connor, J. A. & Graber, K. C. (2009, November). *Impact of national wellness legislation on students' school environment*. Paper presented at the annual Illinois Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention, St. Charles, IL.

Graber, K. C., Chodzko-Zajko, W., & **O'Connor, J. A.** (2009, October). *Developing undergraduate student leadership skills in a capstone community-based learning class*. Presentation at the Provost's Initiative on Teaching Advancement Colloquium, Champaign, IL.

Graber, K. C., Woods, A. M., & **O'Connor, J. A.** (2009, March). *Impact of national wellness legislation on the physical education environment*. Paper presented at the CHAD Health and Wellness Initiative Symposium, Champaign, IL.

O'Connor, J. A. & Graber, K. C. (2008, November). *Analyzing the impact of community-based learning on the acquisition of knowledge in a research methods course*. Paper presented at the annual Illinois Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance convention, St. Charles, IL.

Professional Experience

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Associate

August 2019 – 2023

- Kinesiology 210: Applied Medical Terminology for the Allied Health Professional
- Kinesiology 260: Teaching Activities I
- Kinesiology 261: Teaching Activities II
- Kinesiology 362: Curriculum in Grades 7-12
- Kinesiology 494: Research on Teaching in Physical Education
- Kinesiology 560: Research on Teacher Education
- Education Practice 438: Educational Practice in Special Fields
- Educational Practice 442: Educational Practice in Secondary Education

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

Assistant Professor

August 2011 – 2017

Associate Professor

August 2017 – 2018

- Kinesiology 290: Introduction to Physical Education
- Kinesiology 301: Planning, Implementation, and Assessment: Adventure Education
- Kinesiology 302: Planning, Implementation, and Assessment: Rhythms and Dance
- Kinesiology 303: Planning, Implementation, and Assessment: Fitness Concepts
- Kinesiology 305: Planning, Implementation, and Assessment: Net Games
- Kinesiology 327: Movement Education for Elementary Grades
- Kinesiology 328: Elementary Physical Education Lab
- Kinesiology 496: Capstone – Teaching Physical Education

Physical Education Teacher Education Program Director

January 2013 – 2018

- Supervised student teachers at the elementary and secondary levels
- Facilitated teacher candidate interviews
- Streamlined the physical education teacher education curriculum

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Teaching Assistant

August 2007 – May 2011

- Kinesiology 109A1: Introduction to Volleyball
- Kinesiology 109C1: Introduction to Basketball
- Kinesiology 268L: Children’s Movement Laboratory
- Kinesiology 363: Instructional Strategies in Physical Education
- Kinesiology 364: Experiences in the Common School
- Kinesiology 465: Qualitative Research Methods
- Applied Health Sciences 399: Civic Engagement in Wellness

Professional Service

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Committee Member

- IAHPERD Higher Education Committee (2022 – Present)
- Dissertation Committee for Jeongkyu Kim (2022)
- Search Committee for KCH APE Faculty (2022 – 2023)
- Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity Committee (2020 – Present)
- Search Committee for College of Ed Visiting Specialist (2020)
- Educational Policy Committee (2019 – 2020)
- Physical Education Teacher Education Program Committee (2019 – Present)

Faculty Advisor

- Masters and PhD Candidates
- Teaching in the Professoriate (2020)
- Physical Education Club at UIUC (2019 – 2020)

University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire

Committee Chair

- Department Curriculum and Assessment Committee (2014 – 2016)

Committee Co-Chair

- Search and Screen Committee for Department Chair and Assistant Professor Position (2014)

Committee Secretary

- Department Personnel Committee (2017)

Committee Member

- Faculty Senate (2015 – 2016)
- Faculty Personnel Committee (2015 – 2016)
- Inclusive Excellence Council (2015 – 2017)
- Internal Review Committee for Education Studies (2014)
- CoEHS Academic Curriculum Council (2013 – 2014)
- Search and Screen Committee for Associate Dean Position (2013)
- Search and Screen Committee for Human Performance Position (2012 – 2013)
- Teacher Education Strategic Planning Council (2012 – 2015)
- Field Experiences (2011 – 2018)

Faculty Advisor

- Students for Health, Adventure and Physical Education (SHAPE) Club (2013 – 2016)

SHAPE America / Research Council

Panelist

- Graduate student forum (2015)

European Physical Education Review

Guest Reviewer

- Manuscript submitted for publication (2014)

Journal of Teaching in Physical Education

Guest Reviewer

- Manuscript submitted for publication (2013)

American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance

Reviewer

- Abstracts for national convention (2012 – 2013)

Awards

Metzler-Freedman Exemplary Paper Award
Journal of Teaching in Physical Education
2013

Graduate Student Award (finalist)

AAHPERD Research Consortium
2012

Young Scholar Award
AIESEP
2011

Laura J. Huelster Award
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2011

Certificate in Foundations of Teaching from the Center for Teaching Excellence
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2010

Chancellor's List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent (with special distinction)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2007 – 2010

Student-Mentor Award
IAHPERD
2008 – 2010

Professional Memberships

Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) America

Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (IAHPERD)