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## CAREER PROFILE AND DISTINCTIONS

Literacy advocate and university administrator and instructor with expertise in the fields of teacher preparation, special education, and augmentative and alternative communication. Subject matter and training expert with a passion for helping educators and families implement assistive technologies both in the classroom and at home.

- Associate Dean – Currently oversee daily operations for the College of Education.
- Dissertation Chair – Currently mentor student research in the EdD doctoral program.
- Program Chair – Oversee the graduate educational leadership program and undergraduate early childhood education and special education programs.
- Assistant Professor – Currently design and teach university courses in a renowned teacher education program and principal licensure program. Courses taught are designed for undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students intending to enter the field of education in the public school system.
- Faculty Mentor – Responsible for training and mentoring new faculty regarding online and hyflex course delivery.
- Online Course Designer – Serve as a principal course developer and IT liaison for faculty.
- Kappa Delta Pi – Serve as a founding counselor to launch a Kappa Delta Pi chapter at the University of the Southwest.
- Supervise Adjunct – Oversee adjunct faculty's course development and instructional practices.
- ARD Advocate – Serve as an advocate in students' initial admission, review, and dismissal meetings.
- Angelman Syndrome Foundation Research Symposium and Family Conference Presenter – Invited to join a plenary panel to discuss AAC support for dyspraxia as well as present on emergent literacy activities for Angelman syndrome individuals.
- Pitt-Hopkins Syndrome Conference 2016 Keynote Speaker – By foundation request, presented seminal theories on the subjects of low-tech AAC and literacy instruction.
- Workshop Subject Matter Expert – Provide multi-modal communication and comprehensive literacy training to families of individuals with Angelman syndrome.
- Arc Greater Mid Cities Presenter – Invited to routinely discuss literacy initiatives at organized community events.

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## AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Dissertation Chair • Backwards Design • Educational Leadership • Program Design • Curriculum Development • Faculty Mentor • Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) • Aided Language Input • Universal Design for Learning • Pragmatic Organization Dynamic Display (PODD) • Comprehensive Literacy Instruction for Significant Disabilities • Supporting Sensory Processing Disorder • Recognizing Dyspraxia & Apraxia • Fostering Intrinsic Motivation

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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHWEST, Hobbs, New Mexico • 2014 – Current

### **Associate Dean – College of Education**

Responsible for the oversight of daily operations, curriculum, and staffing for the College of Education.

**Program chair in the Master of Science – Educational Leadership Program**

Responsible for the oversight of the curriculum and instructors for the educational leadership, principal licensure program.

**Program chair in the Bachelor of Science – Early Childhood Education and Special Education Programs**

Responsible for the oversight of the curriculum and instructors for early childhood education and special education programs.

**Assistant Professor in the Bachelor of Science – Early Childhood Education, Elementary, Secondary, and Special Education Programs**

Responsible for the content and delivery of core courses in the BSE – educator preparation programs.

**Assistant Professor in the Master of Science – Teaching and Learning, Educational Leadership, Special Education, and Educational Diagnostician Programs**

Responsible for the content and delivery of core courses in the MSE – Teaching and Learning, Educational Leadership, Special Education, and Educational Diagnostician programs.

**Assistant Professor in the Doctor of Education Program –**

Responsible for the content and delivery of core courses in the EdD program.

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**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**LOVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS - PRESCHOOL**, Lovington, New Mexico • 2008-2010  
**Instructional Assistant**

**LOVINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS – AUTISM CENTER**, Lovington, New Mexico • 2010-2012  
**Instructional Assistant**

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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.)** – Conferred August, 2020

Major in *Transformative Leadership*

**University of New England** – (*NECHE*)

**Master of Arts in Special Education (MA SpEd)** – Conferred June, 2014

Major in *Special Education*

**University of Texas** – Permian Basin Region (*CAEP*)

**Bachelor of Science (BS)** – Conferred June, 2011

Major in *Child Development*

**Walden University** (*NCATE*)

**Associate of Applied Science (AAS)** – Conferred July, 2009

Major in *Early Childhood Development*

**Kaplan University**

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## PUBLICATIONS

**Keisha Tipton.** (2020). *Curriculum Developers' Experiences Adopting Assistive Technology In An Educator Preparation Program*. Dissertation

**Blake Deatherage.** (2021). *Absenteeism Resulting from the Role of a Primary Caregiver*. Dissertation Committee Member

**Darice Balizan.** (2022). *Principal Professional Development and School Turnaround in New Mexico School Districts: A Phenomenological Study*. Dissertation Chair

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## PRESENTATIONS & ESSAYS

**Keisha Tipton.** "AS Families on the AAC Journey – Plenary Panel." 2017 Angelman Syndrome Foundation Research Symposium and Family Conference, Phoenix, AZ, (2017).

**Keisha Tipton.** "Make and Take: Conversation Books." 2017 Angelman Syndrome Foundation Research Symposium and Family Conference, Phoenix, AZ, (2017).

**Keisha Tipton.** "A Parent's Journey into AAC." 2016 Pitt-Hopkins Research Foundation Scientific Symposium and Family Conference, Dallas-Fort Worth, TX, (2016).

**Keisha Tipton.** "Reading and Writing A-Z – The Rylee Way." 2016 Pitt-Hopkins Research Foundation Scientific Symposium and Family Conference, Dallas-Fort Worth, TX, (2016).

**Keisha Tipton.** "Literacy at Home." ARC Greater Mid Cities, Dallas-Fort Worth, TX, (2015).

**Keisha Tipton.** "Writing Activities at Home." ARC Greater Mid Cities, Dallas-Fort Worth, TX, (2016).

**Keisha Tipton.** *Time is Patience*. Uniquely-Speaking, (2011). <http://uniquely-speaking.blogspot.com/2017/>

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## TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

**TEACCH Training** - Professional development training for the implementation of TEACCH strategies for individuals with autism.

**PECS Training** - Professional development training for the implementation of Picture Exchange Communication System for individuals with complex communication needs.

**FAST Educational Summit** - Workshop regarding the communication needs and overall education for individuals with Angelman syndrome.

**AAC Communication Workshop** - Workshop for supporting individuals with complex communication needs access to a comprehensive Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) system.