# Vanessa Ann Jensen Curriculum Vita

Associate Professor Counseling and Human Services Dept.

5 Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Doctoral Level BCBA-D # 1-04-

## Academic and Employment Record:

Degrees:

Ed.D. (2004) Indiana University of Pennsylvania

M.S. (1998) University of Scranton B.S. (1996) University of Scranton

Certifications:

Elementary School Counseling (Pennsylvania)

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Special Education N2 (Pennsylvania)

Middle Level Mathematics-® (Pennsylvania)

Middle Level English 79 (Pennsylvania)

English 712 (Pennsylvania)

**Current Educational Status:** 

Granderate/SoftucionanitoTheology

Pursuing Master of Arts Degree (30 credits required)

	Education: 2008-Current	Graduate Studies in Theology (pursuing Master of Arts) University of Scranton
	2004-2005	Special Education Certification Coursework University of Scranton
	2003-2004	Applied Behavior Analysis Certification Coursework (Postctoral) Pennsylvania State University
2003-	1998-2004	Professional Studies in Education, Curriculum & Instruction Indiana University of Pennsylvania
	<b>299</b> 6-1998	Graduate Studies in E

## Member, Curriculum Committee, PDE Program Revisions, 29082009

Member, Education Curriculum Committee, PDE Program Revisions, Special Education Subcommittee, 2008009

Member, Institutional Review Board (IRB), January 20006rent

Courses Taught:

The University of Scranton

INTD 100P Freshman Seminar

EADM 526 Principles and Practices of Supervision

ECUI 521 Field Experience I
ECUI 526 Field Experience II
EDUC 120 Applied Statistics

EDUC 121 Foundations of Education

EDUC 142/341 Education of the Exceptional Child

EDUC 222 Educational Psychology

EDUC 244 Planning Effective Elementary Education

EDUC 245 Interdisciplinary Assessment

EDUC 267 Learning Disabilities

EDUC 313/ESEC 501 General Methods and Planning

EDUC 317L Designing Curriculum for Low Incidence Disabilities Lab

CHS 322 Cognitive Disabilities

EDUC 366 Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities

EDUC 367 Designing Curriculum for Low Incidence Disabilities
EDUC 368 Designing Curriculum / Secondary Special Educati

EDUC 370 Inclusionary Classroom Practices for Secondary Teachers
EDUC 385H Inclusion in the Elementary Classroom – Honors Tutorial

EDUC 385H Including Students with Autism

EDUC 385H Learning Disabilities Behavioral Strategies

EDUC 386H Applied Behavior Analyis and Occupational Therapy for Autism

EDUC 386H Social Competency & Inclusion – Honors Tutorial Inclusionary Practices in Biology – Honors Tutorial Inclusion and the Exceptional Child – Honors Tutorial

EDUC 387H Inclusionary Practices - Honors Tutorial

EDUC 488H Integrating Middle School Mathematics and Physical Education

EDUC 488H Motivation in Education

EDUC 488H Senior Project – Honors Tutorial EDUC 488H Honors Project I – Honors Tutorial

EDUC 489H Integrating Middle School Mathematics and Physical Education II

EDUC 489H Motivation in Education

EDUC 489 H Honors Project II

EFND 506 Educational Research and Statistics – SEOL anchompus

ESPC 506 Education of the Exceptional Child

ECUI 508 Improving Instruction

EFND 511 Educational Tests & Measurements

ESPC 511 Learning Disabilities

EFND 516 Advanced Educational Psychology – SEOL EFND 521 Advanced Foundations of Education – READER

ECUI 521 Field Experience I – READER

ESPC 526 Secondary Transition and dational Services

**ESPC 536** 

ESPC 552 Special Education Internship: Instruction

ESPC 553 Special Educatio Internship: Classroom Management Special Education Internship: Professional Growth

## College Misericordia

PSYC 275 Child & Adolescent Psychology

PSYC 290 Psychopathology

PSYC 381 Special Topics: Autism and Therapeutic Interventions

## Indiana Univerity of Pennsylvania

EDUC 242 PreStudent Teaching

ELED 257 Pedagogy I

ELED 425 Sensition (Psychi (Ps

2002-2004 Autism Program Director, Behavior Specialist Wyoming Valley Health Care System

2001-2002 Autism Program Dire

- Member, CAEP EPP Annual Report Commette 0132014
   Chair, TEAC Internal Audit Committee for the Education Department, 2012-

ESPC 541	(041)	Emotional / Behavioral DisabilitiesREADER
EDUC 489H	(001)	Inquiry Instruction II– Honors Tutorial
EDUC 386H	(002)	Social Comptency & Inclusion – Honors Tutorial
EDUC 488H	(001)	Inquiry Instruction– Honors Tutorial
EDUC 385H	(003)	Inclusion in the Elementary Classroom – Honors Tutorial
EDUC 366	(001)	Emotional/Behavioral Disabilities – READER
EDUC 386H	(001)	Inclusionary Pratices in Biology – Honors Tutorial
EFND 521	(041)	Advanced Foundations of Education – READER
ESPC 541	(042)	Emotional Behavioral Disability READER
ESPC 541	(042)	Emotional Behavioral Disability – READER

### Service to Community:

Trainer, Behavior Analysts, Autism Behavioral Services, Inc.

Mentor, Phillip Prall, Behavior Analyst sitting for Board Certification in Behavior Analysis, September 200&urrent

Mentor, Desiree Bindus, Behavior Analyst sitting for Board Certification in Behavidysina September 2008 urrent

Mentor, Douglas Loescher, Behavior Analyst sitting for Board Certification in Behavior Analysis, November 200& Gurrent

Parent Teachers Association Member, Pittston Area School District, Fall 2006 nt

Mentor, Stacy Burnel Behavior Analyst sitting for Board Certification in Behavior Analysis, 2006-2007

Mentor, Kyle Lee Sherman, Teacher sitting for Board Certification in Behavior Analysis, 220054-Religious Education Teacher, Saint Rocco's Parish 1988 – 2003

#### Scholarly Interests:

The Gaskin Settlement

Autism and Curricular Adaptations

Autism and Reading Comprehension

Hyperlexia

**Encoding Processes in Children** 

International Coursework in Special Education

International Access to Teacher Trainin c- 5 c- 5- /P <</MCID 25 >> BDC -14.81 -8.36 -1.1583-11

- Research Grant: Exceptional Livese Paring international teachers for inclusive and special education with Dr. Tim Hobbs\$15,510.00 Awarded by the Edward R. Leahy, Jr. Research Program in the Summer of 2007.
- Research Grant: Reading is Fun, Kappa Delta Pi, International Honor Soci**etyciation** -\$200.00 approved on 011-5-07. EAGER KIDS: Educating and Applying Guided Entertaining Reading for Kids / Expanding the Guided Reading Experience from the Reading lab to the Home Setting
- Kappa Delta Pi Teacher of the Y. r opt ppt n2 o ppTw 2.83 0 Td (5.79 EMC / Td (0 Td [(0Tj EMC

- Wiley, D. & Silla, V. (March 2009). Accommodations for lears in the science classroom. *National Science Teacher's Association Conference*. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Burba, B. & Silla, V. (November 21, 2008). Using visual supports to decrease functional exclusion physical education for students with autismansylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Wiley, D. & Silla-Zaleski, V., & Montgomery, K. (October 31, 2008). The reflective electronic portfolio as an exitneasure: Is it worth the effort? *The Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators Conference*, Grantville, Pennsylvania.
- Silla, V. & Hobbs, T. (June 4, 2008). Preparing international educators for inclusive teaching: E learning for teachers of children with disabilities *The 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Learning*. University of Illinois, Chicago, USA.
- Hobbs, T. & Silla, V. (June 3, 2008). Collaborating with families from Mexico: Recommendations for teachers of childen with disabilities in the United States. *The International Conference on Learning*. University of Illinois, Chicago, USA.
- Silla, V. & Vesloski, M. (April 11, 2008). Motivating Children with Autism in Peer Play: Applying the Principle of Pavlovain Conditioning to Community Based Play Groups. Application for paper to be presented at the meeting of The Association for the Severely Handicapped, Worcester, Massachusetts.
- Wiley, D. & Silla, V. (March 2128, 2008). *Measuring the Relationship betwen Electronic Portfolios and Student Teaching Competencies*. American Educational Researchers Association (AERA) Annual Conference, New York, New York.
- Bauman, D., Stufft, D., & SillaZaleski, V. (November 6, 2007). Superintendents' perceptions of the Gaskin settement. *Pennsylvania Council for Exceptional Children Conference*, Grantville, Pennsylvania.
- Bauman, D., Silla, V., & Stufft, D. (2007, November). *Principals' Perceptions of the Gaskin Settlement* v1 (s)-5 (s)-1 (s Td ()Tj EMC /P5.8(nt)-2 (T)ID 18 >>BDC -3 -1.15 Td ()Tj EMC Gor ESettlement

- Yan, W. & Silla, V. (2000, Apt). *Identifying School and Family Factors Fostering Math Achievement in Minority Students.* Paper presented at the meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Yan, W. & Silla, V. (2000, April). *The Status of Postseondary Persistence and Attainment in Rural Pennsylvania.* Paper presented at the meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Yan, W. & Silla, V. (2000, April). *Parental Involvement in Successful African American High School Students*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Educational Research Associatio New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Yan, W. & Silla, V. (1999, October) A School-to-Work Performance Data Collection System. Paper presented at the meeting of thet Nonal Association of Partners in Education (NAPE), Arlington, Virginia.
- Yan, W. & Silla, V. (1999, June). A Schoob-Work Performance Data Collection System: Assessing Teachers' and Students' Perceptions and Practice in Career Awareness, Career Exploration, and Career Development. Paper presented at the meeting of the Conference on Integrated Learning: The School to Career Connection, State College, Pennsylvania.
- Silla, V. & White, I. (1998, November). *The Journey of a Hero: Theory into Practice*Paper presented at the meeting of the American School Counselors Association (ASCA), State College, Pennsylvania.
- Buchanan, J., Guilfoyle, L., & Silla, V. (1995, May). *Cued and Noncued Recall in Firsthd Fourth-Grade Children with Taxonomic Superordinate and Action Cues.* Paper presented at the meeting of the American Psychological Association (APA), Boston, Massachusetts.
- Buchanan, J., Guilfoyle, L., & Silla, V. (1994, October). *Cued and Noncued Recall in Finstd*Fourth-Grade Children wit Taxonomic Superordinate and Action Cues. Paper presented at the meeting of the University of Scranton Annual Psychology Conference, Scranton, PA, 1995.

#### Posters Presented:

- Bauman, D. & Silla, V. (2007, April). Hear *Our Voices: Voices of Mexican Mother* coster presented at the meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children, Louisville, Kentucky.
- Silla, V., Stufft, D. & Bauman, D. (October 25, 2006). Principals' perceptions of the Gaskin settlement. *Pennsylvania Association of Colleges and Teacher Educators Conferece*, Grantville, Pennsylvania.
- Silla, V. (2007, October). Aligning Therapeutic Staff Support Training with the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) Task List. Poster presented at the meetingheef 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Northeastern U.S. ConferencedisABILITY, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

- Silla, V. (2007, May). *Hierarchy of Behavioral Interventions* Workshop presented at the meeting of Autism Behavioral Services, Inc., West Pittston, Pennsylvania.
- Silla, V. (2007, May). Assessment Strategies for Children with Challenging Behaviors Workshop presented at the meeting of Autism Behavioral Services, Inc., West Pittston, Pennsylvania.
- Silla, V. (2007, March) *Introduction to Behavior Reduction*. Workshop presented at theeting of Autism Behavioral Services, Inc., West Pittston, Pennsylvania.
- Silla, V. (2007, March). *Interpretation of Graphs*

Participant, Active Student Responding, PATTAN, Harrisburg, Pagember 205.

Participant, The Behavior Instruction Connection, PATTAN, Harrisburg, PA, November 2005.

Participant, Summer Autism Institute, State College, PA, August 2005

Participant, Summer Autism Institute, State College, PA, August 2004

Participant, Association for Behavior Analysts, Boston, MA, May 2004

Participant, Teaching Verbal Behavior, Thomas Caffrey, Harrisburg, PA, January 2004.

Participant, Teaching Verbal Behavior, Thomas Caffrey, Harrisburg, PA, November 2003.

Participant, Summer Autismstitute, State College, PA, August 2003

Participant, Angel of Autism Conference, Supporting Autism Families Everywhere (SAFE), Wilkes-Barre, PA, April 2003.

Participant, Angel of Autism Conference, Supporting Autism Families Everywhere (SAFE), Wilkes Barre, PA, April 2002.

Participant, Summer Autism Institute, State College, PA, August 2002.

Participant, Summer Autism Institute, State College, PA, August 2001.

Participant, Summer Autism Institute, State College, PA, August 2000.

Co-Presenter, American Edutional Research Association (AERA), New Orleans, LA, April 2000.

Participant, Autism 2000 Conference, Human Services Consultants Management, Inc., Wilkes-Barre, PA, April 2000.

Participant, National Association of Educational Progress (NAEP) Database, U

Department of Education, Office of Educational Research and Improvement, National

Center for Education Statistics, Washing1bo-1 (hi)-2 ([1)-2 (e)4 (r)3, Aenbls5o 27.3 (Ei)-2 (