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Education

2017	Ph.D.	<i>Utah State University - Curriculum & Instruction</i> Emphasis: Experiential Learning, Cultural Studies and Social Studies Education
2002	M.Ed.	<i>University of Maine – Educational Leadership</i> Emphasis: Outdoor Education Training and Development
1995		<i>National Outdoor Leadership School, Lander, Wyoming</i> Graduate of North Cascades mountaineering course
1993	B.S.	<i>Towson University - Social Sciences/Secondary Education</i> Emphasis: Anthropology

Employment Experience

2017-present	Assistant Professor , Teacher Education Department, Weber State University, Ogden, UT
2013-2017	Director Maria Montessori Academy – public charter school serving grades early childhood through Junior High North Ogden, UT
2013-2017	Graduate Teaching Assistant , School of Teacher Education and Leadership, Utah State University, Logan, UT
2010-2013	Adjunct Faculty , Department of Education, Weber State University, Ogden, UT
2008–2010	External Consultant – Teaching and Learning Initiatives, SERC-State Education Resource Center, Middletown, CT
2005-2010	Adjunct Faculty , Sacred Heart University, Department of Education, Fairfield, CT
2004-2010	Student Activity Grants Coordinator , Adult Education Middletown, CT
2002-2008	Social Studies Teacher , Guilford High School, Guilford, CT
1999–2001	Instructor , University of Maine at Presque Isle, Department of Outdoor Education and Leadership, Presque Isle, ME

1999–2001	Director of Outdoor Programs International , University of Maine at Presque Isle, Presque Isle, ME
1999-2004	Lead Instructor , Hurricane Island Outward Bound School, Newry, ME
1999-2002	Lead Instructor , Thompson Island Outward Bound School, Boston, MA
1994-1997	Social Studies Teacher , Springbrook High School, Silver Spring, MD
1993-1994	Experiential Educator , Genesee Outdoor Learning Center, Parkton, MD

Research and Scholarly Activities

Research Themes

- Exploring and implementing the use of experiential education methodology to build social justice agency in preservice social studies teachers
- Analyzing outdoor education curriculum for instances of social justice agency acquisition and development

Journal Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Speicher, S., & Clark, J. S. (2014). Active Content Acquisition: Utilizing Low Ropes Course Initiatives to Teach Social Studies Concepts. *Oregon Journal of the Social Studies*, 48.

Journal Articles (in preparation)

Speicher, S. & Clark, J. S. (in preparation). Content Analysis of Gender Equity in Outdoor Education Curriculum.

Speicher, S. & Clark, J. S. (in preparation). Social Studies Developing Social Justice – Cultivating Preservice Teachers Experientially.

Speicher, S. (in preparation). Empowering Women on a Challenge Course: Building Agency with Social Studies Content.

Conference Proceedings

Speicher, S. (2018). Building Community Using Experiential Education with Elementary Preservice Teachers in A Social Studies Methodology Course. Proceedings of the 2018 Global Conference of Education Research. Las Vegas, NV.

Speicher, S. (2014). Social Studies Developing Social Justice – Cultivating Preservice Teachers Experientially. Proceedings of the 2014 International Association of Experiential Education Conference, Chattanooga, TN.

Book Review

Clark, J. S. & Speicher, S. (2014) *The Memory Hole*. *Teachers College Record*.
<http://www.tcrecord.org/Content.asp?ContentID=17789>.

Newsletters

Speicher, S. (1998). A New Voice And Energy. *Mid-Atlantic Currents: Newsletter of the*

Mid-Atlantic Region of the Association for Experiential Education, page 3.

Speicher, S. (2001) The Northeast Regional Conference 2001. *The Nor'easter Newsletter of the Northeast Region of the Association For Experiential Education, Vol.8, No.1, page 7.*

Speicher, S. (2001) Back To Basics, Summary and Notes From the Incoming Chair. *The Nor'easter: Newsletter of the Northeast Region of the Association For Experiential Education, Vol.8, No.1, pages 1--2.*

Speicher, S. (2001) Notes From The Chair. *The Nor'easter: Newsletter of the Northeast Region of the Association For Experiential Education, Vol.8, No.2, page 1.*

Grants

2008 – 2010 **Co-Investigator**, *21st Century Workforce Preparation and the Transition to Postsecondary Education*, Middletown Adult Education, Department of Workforce Services Grant - State of CT
Amount: \$100,000

Presentations

Speicher S. (April, 2018). Building Community Using Experiential Education with Elementary Preservice Teachers in A Social Studies Methodology Course. GLOCER, Las Vegas, NV.

Speicher, S. (February, 2017). Enhancing Social Justice in the Classroom Experientially. Montessori Education Programs International Conference, Kiawah Island, SC

Speicher, S. (February, 2016). Classroom Alive! Montessori Education Programs International Conference, Kiawah Island, SC.

Speicher, S. (October, 2015). Sacred Spaces. ActivatEE talk at the Association for Experiential Education Conference, Portland, OR.

Speicher, S. (October, 2014). Social Studies Developing Social Justice – Cultivating Preservice Teachers Experientially. Poster at the International Association for Experiential Education Conference, Chattanooga, TN.

Clark, J. S., Camicia, S. P., Lee, H., **Speicher, S.**, Di Stefano, M., & Zhu, J. (April, 2014). Content analysis of Theory and Research and Social Education and The Social Studies. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association, Philadelphia, PA.

Clark, J. S., Camicia, S. P., Lee, H., **Speicher, S.**, Di Stefano, M., & Zhu, J. (November, 2013). Content analysis of Theory and Research and Social Education and The Social Studies. Presentation at the College and University Faculty Assembly (CUFA) of the National Council for the Social Studies, St. Louis, Mo.

Speicher, S. (October, 2013). Making It Real – Lesson Planning for the Experiential Classroom. Presentation at the International Association for Experiential Education Conference, Denver, CO.

Speicher, S. (November, 2012). Classroom Alive! Presentation at the International Association

- for Experiential Education Conference. Madison, WI.
- Speicher, S. (February, 2012). Classroom Alive! Presentation at the Future Educators of America Conference, Baltimore, MD.
- Speicher, S. (July, 2011). Classroom Alive! Presentation at the Utah Future Educators of America Conference, Ogden, UT.
- Speicher, S. (January, 2011). Putting the Pieces Together – Building and Leading an Effective Team. Presentation at the Weber State Student Leadership Conference, Ogden. UT.
- Speicher, S. (April, 2010). An Interactive Curriculum Experience: Career Awareness in the ELL and CDP Program. Presentation at the Connecticut Adult Education Conference, Old Saybrook, CT.
- Speicher, S. (January, 2007). Putting the Pieces Together – Building and Leading and Effective Teams. Presentation at the Student Leadership Conference –Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT.
- Speicher, S. (April, 2002). Climbing to New Heights: An Interdisciplinary Approach to a University Mountaineering Experience. Presentation at the International Association of Experiential Education, St. Paul, MN.
- Speicher, S. (March, 2001). Expanding the Four Walls: Experimenting with Games and Initiatives. Presentation at the Maine Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Conference, Portland, ME.
- Speicher, S. (January, 2000). Women in Outdoor Leadership. Presentation at the Maine State Student Leadership Conference. Orono, ME.
- Speicher, S. (January, 2000). Ice Breakers and Team Building Activities for Group Leaders: Get Ready to Laugh and Learn. Presentation at the Maine State Leadership Conference, Orono, ME.
- Speicher, S. (April, 1998). Rock Climbing Self-Rescue Seminar. Presentation at the Association for Experiential Education Mid-Atlantic Conference. Frostburg, MD.

Teaching and Field Advising

Utah State University (Undergraduate)

ELED 4050	Elementary Social Studies Methods (face to face and Online)
SCED 3300/4300	Social Studies Clinical
SCED 3500	Teaching Social Studies Methods - Secondary
SCED 5500	Student Teaching Seminar

Weber State University (Undergraduate)

EDUC 3100	Instructional Planning and Assessment
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EDUC 3210	Practicum
EDUC 3280	Social Studies Methods for Elementary Education
EDUC 4840	Student Teacher Advisement
MED 6050	Curriculum Design and Assessment
MED 6020	Diversity in Education
REC 3840	Therapeutic and Social Recreation
REC 4550	Outdoor Education Theory and Methodology
UNIV 1105	Foundations of College Success
WGS 1500	Introduction to Women and Gender Studies

Sacred Heart University (Masters Graduate Program)

ED 523	Multicultural Education
ED 550	History of Education in the United States

University of Maine at Presque Isle (Undergraduate)

REC 234	Outdoor Pursuits I
REC 235	Outdoor Pursuits II
REC 122	Leadership Training in Recreation
REC 232	Recreational Activities and Planning

K-12

Guilford High School	AP Human Geography, World Humanities
Springbrook High School	Government, U.S. History, Cultural and Physical Anthropology, Civil and Criminal Law (ELL), Current Issues

Selected Awards, Honors, and Recognition

2016	Nomination for Administrator of the Year, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools
2012	Honorable Mention for Master Teacher of the Year Weber State University, Ogden, Utah
2007	Honored by <i>Who's Who Among America's Teachers</i>
2006	Honored by <i>Who's Who of American Women</i> Honored by <i>Outstanding American Teachers</i>
2004	Honored by <i>Who's Who Among America's Teachers</i>

2003	Teacher of the Year, Guilford High School, Guilford, CT
2001	Nomination for Outstanding Teacher of the Year University of Maine at Presque Isle, Maine
2000	Outstanding Teacher of the Year University of Maine at Presque Isle, Presque Isle, Maine
1993	Honorable Mention for Outstanding Woman of the Year Towson University, Towson, Maryland

Leadership

2017-present	Treasurer , Weber State Charter Academy, Weber State University
2017-present	Chair , Green Team-Teacher Education Department, Weber State University
2001-2003	Northeast Region Chair , Association for Experiential Education
2000-2001	Northeast Conference Convener , Association for Experiential Education
1999 – 2001	Northeast Regional Representative , Association for Experiential Education

Consulting

2018 – present	Charter School Director Mentor , Utah State Charter School Board
2004 – 2010	BEST – Beginning Educator Support and Training Program Mentor , Connecticut State Department of Education
2001	MSAD #24 – Taught physical education teachers how to build and utilize a repertoire of experiential activities to maximize learning with students while maintaining an energizing environment for their profession.
2000-2006	Teamworks International – (engagements included: Deutsche Bank Securities, The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, World Bank/IFC, New York City Public Schools)
2000	Eastern Maine Healthcare – Outdoor adventure to promote positive communication and connections between team members.
2000	MSAD #29 –Educators from a variety of levels and disciplines in seminars focusing on teambuilding,

leadership, group dynamics, communication/information exchange, action plans, problem solving, decision-making and change management and its application to the traditional classroom.

1998-2006 **Edgework Consulting** (engagements included: MIT-Sloan Business School, Boston University, MIT Leadership Center, Consigli, and Boston College)

Boards and Committees

2017-present **Co- Chair**, Storytelling Festival Board, Weber State University

2017-present **Board Member**, LEAP Academy

2017-present **Board Member**, Ogden Nature Center

2015 –2017 **Member**, Student Teacher Advisory Committee, Utah State University

2011-2017 **Chair**, Middle School Committee, Maria Montessori Academy

2013-2017 **Chair**, Accreditation Committee, Maria Montessori Academy

2002–2007 **Member**, Curriculum Committee, Guilford High School,

2002–2003 **Member**, School Climate Committee, Guilford High School

1999-2001 **Member**, Marketing Committee, University of Maine at Presque Isle

1999-2001 **Advisory Board Member**, The Aroostook Medical Center Women’s Advisory Board, Presque Isle, Maine

1999-2001 **Board Member**, International Appalachian Trail

Service

2018 **Accreditation Team Member**, AdvancED, Early Light Academy

2017 **Youth Volunteer**, GOAL Foundation, Ogden, Utah

2016 **Workshop Reviewer**, 2016 International Conference for Experiential Education

2016 **Accreditation Team Member**, AdvancED, Weber High School

2015 **Accreditation Team Member**, AdvancED, Ben Lomond High

School

- 2015 **Accreditation Team Member**, AdvancED, Ogden High School
- 2014 **Workshop Reviewer**, 2014 International Conference for
Experiential Education
- 2011-2013 **Board Member**, Maria Montessori Academy Charter School
- 2011 **Invited Facilitator**, College and Career Planning, Ogden High
School, Ogden, UT
- 2010 **Guest Lecturer**, Environmental Education, Maria
Montessori Academy, North Ogden, UT
- 2003 **Guest Lecturer**, Healthy Lifestyles, American Cancer
Society, Shelton, CT
- 2001 **Invited Facilitator**, Teambuilding, Van Buren Middle
School, Van Buren, ME
- 2000 **Invited Facilitator**, Teambuilding, Girl Scouts of America,
Presque Isle, ME
- 2000 **Invited Facilitator**, Teambuilding, Big Brothers/Big Sisters,
Presque Isle, ME
- 1999-2001 **Volunteer Educator**, CPR/First Aid, American Red Cross,
Presque Isle, ME
- 1999-2001 **Volunteer Ski Patrol**, National Ski Patrol, Big Rock Mountain,
Mars Hill, ME

Professional Affiliations

American Educational Research Association - (Division B, Division K, Research in Social Studies Education Special Interest Group (SIG), Peace Education SIG, Research on Women and Education SIG

Association for Experiential Education

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