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**Education**

**Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction (*specialization in Special Education*)**

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (2010)

**Graduate Certificate in Education Statistics and Research**

University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (2007-2009)

**Masters in Commerce, Human Resource Management**

Banaras Hindu University, India (2001-2003)

**Foundation course Special Education, BHOJ, India**

(July - Dec 2003)

**Bachelors in Commerce, Human Resource Management**

Banaras Hindu University, India (1998 – 2001)

**Professional Experience**

**Assistant Professor of Special Education, Saint Louis University**

(Aug, 2010 – Present)

**Courses taught**

- EDSP 6060 Media and Disability
- EDSP 6500 Advanced Seminar: Autism Spectrum Disorder
- EDSP 6210 Comparative Special Education
- EDI 5600 Models of Teaching
- EDSP 462 Intro to Mild/Moderate Disabilities Secondary methods
- EDSP 431 Education and Psychology of Exceptional Individual
- EDSP 425 Classroom Organization and Management (Mild, Sec, Sped)
- EDSP 531-CY Education and Psychology of Exceptional Individual
- EDSP 560-CY Seminar in Special Education
- EDSP 448 Teaching Methods Inclusive classroom (Mild, Sec)
- EDSP 370 Intro to Disabilities Studies
- EDI 462 Cultural Diversity in the Classroom

- EDF 424 Human Growth and Development
- EDSP 3600 Special Education Process

**Director & Founder – Kashi School, Varanasi India.**

(2017 – present)

School provides education to underprivileged children living on the outskirts of Varanasi City.

**Chief Executive Officer & Co-Founder, Kashi Initiative for Global Citizenship & Education**

(2015 – present)

Co-founded Kashi Initiative to provide education to children in need throughout the world. Kashi Initiative fulfills each child’s promise of being a mindful, responsible, and justice-oriented global citizen. (Kashiinitiative.org)

**Director, International Programs – School of Education, Saint Louis University**

(July 2015 – June 2018)

Responsibilities include collaborating and establishing relationships with International Universities and recruiting international students.

**Director, Hope & Joy Society for the Underprivileged, Varanasi, India**

(2004 – July 2013)

Founded and started the society to provide education to underprivileged children in the city of Varanasi, India. The society has 250 children, 14 teachers, and 3 staff members. Key duties included supervising and overseeing the smooth running and functioning of the organization.

**Adjunct Instructor, Department of Curriculum & Instruction University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (Aug, 2009 – July, 2010).**

**Courses taught**

- CIED 4513 Teaching Children with Mild Disabilities
- CIED 4523 Teaching Children with Severe Disabilities

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Curriculum & Instruction University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (Aug, 2008 – July, 2010).**

**Courses taught**

- CIED 3023 Survey of Exceptionalities
- CIED 4513 Teaching Children with Mild Disabilities

**Graduate Assistant, Center for Students with Disabilities, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (August 2005 – August 2008)**

Worked as an Accommodation Counselor & Text Conversion Specialist. Provided accommodation counseling to students with disabilities and collaborated with students and faculty to ensure smooth implementation of accommodations for students with disabilities. Converted text to Braille, Mp3, and other alternative formats for students and conducted orientation sessions for students and parents

**Special Educator, Divya Jyoti Disablement Development Society Varanasi, India (2003 – 2004)**

Taught students with disabilities aged 9 - 21 years. Collaborated with parents to create disability awareness in the community and with other organizations for the uplift of the disability community

**Community Volunteer. Varanasi, India (2002 – 2004)**

Taught unprivileged children ages 5- 12 years and collaborated with parents to ensure educational progress of children. Collaborated with public schools to ensure educational progress of underprivileged children attending schools.

**Publications**

**Refereed**

Murdick, N., Fricke, V., Hauwadhanasuk, T., & **Chaturvedi, A.** (2017). The brain and autism: What does brain research tell teachers? *Journal of the Division on Autism and Developmental Disabilities*. 4 (1), 123-141.

**Chaturvedi, A.**, Murdick, N. L., & Gartin, B. C. (2014). Obsessive Compulsive Disorder: What an educator needs to know. *Journal of Physical Disabilities: Education and Related Services*, 33(2), 53-66.

**Chaturvedi, A.**, Gartin, B. C., & Murdick, N. L. (2011). Tourette Syndrome: Classroom implications. *Journal of Physical Disabilities: Education and Related Services*, 30(1), 53-66.

**Review (Non-Refereed)**

**Chaturvedi, A.** (2008). "Review of Transition planning for students with disabilities: What educators and service providers can do." *Focus on Autism and Other Developmental Disabilities* 23, 7-8.

## **Conference Proceedings**

**Chaturvedi, A., & Murdick, N. L.** (2015). "Am I Losing My Mind? Teachers Response to Mindfulness Practice," Proceedings of the 14th Biennial Conference of the International Association of Special Education.

## **Grants**

Effects of Mindfulness Training on Social, Emotional and Academic Behaviors of Students with ADHD. Presidents Research Fund, Saint Louis University (September, 2014). Funded \$19,382

A Case for Spirituality and Creativity in the Era of Fourth Industrial Revolution. Big Ideas, Saint Louis University (April, 2018). Funded \$3000

Implementing Training and Coaching Model that Builds Teachers' Spiritual Intelligence. Grant submitted to Grand Challenges – Gates Foundation (May, 2018). Amount Applied for \$75,656

Effects of Mindfulness Training on Students with ADHD at the Postsecondary Level. Beaumont Faculty Development Fund (February, 2014). Saint Louis University. Not Funded. \$5000

## **Presentations**

### **Refereed**

**Chaturvedi, A., Larson, K., & Murdick, N.** (2018, January). *Science of Mindful Breathing: Implications for Individuals with ASD and Developmental Disabilities*. Accepted Peer reviewed paper presented at the 19th International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disability and Developmental Disabilities, Clearwater, FL.

**Chaturvedi, A.** (2017). Effects of Mindfulness Training on Mental Health of Students with Developmental Disabilities. International Conference, Division for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Clearwater Beach, Florida. January, 2017

**Chaturvedi, A. & Murdick, N.** (2017). Prevention of Lead Related Disabilities. Poster Presented at International Conference, Division for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Clearwater Beach, Florida. January, 2017

Murdick, N., **Chaturvedi, A.**, Fricke, V., Hauwadhanasuk, T. (2017). What Does Brain Research Tell us about Autism. International Conference, Division for Autism and Developmental Disabilities. Clearwater Beach, Florida. January, 2017

Murdick, N., **Chaturvedi, A.**, & Hauwadhanasuk, T.(2017).What Does Brain Research Tell Teachers about Autism: International Conference, Council for Exceptional Children, Boston. April 2017

Nicholos, J & **Chaturvedi, A** (2017). Mindfulness Pedagogy and Teacher Education that Leads to Democratic Outcome.Association for Teacher Education Conference. Tampa, Florida. Feburary, 2017.

Nicholos, J & **Chaturvedi, A.**(2017). Imagining a citizen: Education policy, citizenship, and the civic mission of Indian Schools.American Education and Research Association. San Antonio, Texas.April-May, 2017.

**Chaturvedi, A.** & Larson, K (2016). Effects of Mindfulness Training on Teacher Burnout: Paper Presented at TECBD, Division of CEC. Phenoix, Arizona.October, 2016.

**Chaturvedi, A.**(2016).Effects of Mindfulness Training on the Social, Emotional and Behavioral Outcomes of Students with ADHD . Paper Presented at Future of Education, International Conference, Florence. Italy, June, 2016

**Chaturvedi, A.** & Murdick, N. (2016). Mindfulness Training for Students with Disabilities. Poster Presented at DADD, Division of CEC. Florida, January, 2016

**Chaturvedi, A.**, & Murdick, N. L. (2015). Varanasi General Education Teachers Efficacy Beliefs about Students with Special Needs," University of Lower Silesia, Poland, Poland. (June 24, 2015).

**Chaturvedi, A.**, & Murdick, N. L. (2015). Am I Losing My Mind? Teachers Response to Mindfulness Practice. International Association for Special Education, University of Lower Silesia, Poland.

**Chaturvedi, A.**, & Murdick, N. L. (2015). Mindfulness Based Intervention for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, and Developmental Disabilities, CEC-DADD Clearwater, Florida.

Gartin, B. C., Murdick, N. L., **Chaturvedi, A.** " Neimann- Pick Disease.(2012, January). "Presentation at the 13th International CEC-DADD Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disabilities, and Developmental Disabilities. Miami, Florida.

Gartin, B. C., Murdick, N. L., **Chaturvedi, A.** ( 2012, April). "Impact of Rosa's Law on Federal Legislation". Presentation at the Council for Exceptional Children Convention & Expo. Denver, Colorado.

Gartin, B. C., Murdick, N. L., **Chaturvedi, A.**, & Rhomberg, T. (2011, April). *"Handwriting instruction for students with mild disabilities: Often neglected or forgotten."* Council for Exceptional Children International Conference, National Harbor, MD.

Gartin, B. C., Murdick, N. L., **Chaturvedi, A.**, & Stutzman, J. (2010, March ). *Supporting students with Tourette syndrome*. Poster Presentation at the Council for Exceptional Children Conference, International Convention and Expo in Nashville, TN.

**Chaturvedi, A.**, Gartin, B. C., Murdick, N. L., & Stutzman, J. (2010, January ). *Invisible disabilities and Section 504 accommodations at the postsecondary level*. Poster presentation at the 12th International Conference on Autism, Intellectual Disabilities and Other Developmental Disabilities in Maui, HI.

Gartin, B. C., Murdick, N. L., **Chaturvedi, A.**, & Stutzman, J. (2009, April). *Hidden Disabilities and Section 504 accommodations at the postsecondary level*. Poster presentation at Council for Exceptional Children International Conference and Expo, Seattle, WA.

**Chaturvedi, A.** (2008). *Linking students with disabilities to accommodations and services*. Poster presentation at 10th International Conference on Cognitive Disabilities/Mental Retardation, Autism, and Other Developmental Disabilities: San Diego, CA

Gartin, B. C., **Chaturvedi, A.**, & Murdick, N. L. (2008, November). *Children with cancer: School related issues*. AR- Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference. Hot Springs, AR: Lecture.

**Chaturvedi, A.** (2007). *Sexuality among Individuals with Disabilities*. Poster presentation at 9th International Conference on Cognitive Disabilities/Mental Retardation, Autism, & Other Developmental Disabilities, Kona, Hawaii

### **Non-Refereed**

**Chaturvedi, A.** (2006). *Synectics*. Arkansas Association of Teacher Educator, Conway, AR

### **Invited Lectures**

Role of Mindfulness in Education. Lecture at the University of Lower Silesia, Wroclaw. Poland, June, 2016

Education in 21st Century. Invited lecture at Department of Social Work, Banaras Hindu University. India

### **Workshops**

Co-presented : Inclusion for All Children: Invited workshop for Educators for Social Justice. Saint Louis. February, 2016.

Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Development: Invited workshop for Nurse Educators, Krishna Nursing College. Lucknow, India. May, 2015.

## **Professional Service**

### **Editorial Board Member**

Journal of Global Education and Research

### **Journal Reviewer**

- The International Journal for Special Needs Education
- Educational Forum - Polish Educational Journal
- Men-Disability-Society - Polish Journal.
- Health Education Journal
- Western Journal of Black Studies

### **Conference Proposals Reviewer**

Council for Exceptional Children conference proposal reviewer (July 2011 – 2017)

Proposal Peer reviewer - President's Research Award. Saint Louis University. July, 2012.

### **Committee Membership**

Disability Services Committee, Saint Louis University (2016 - 2017)

Teacher Candidate Dispositions Assessment Committee, School of Education (2018)

Student Review and Retention Committee, School of Education (2018 – Present)

Diversity Committee Member. Division for Autism and Developmental Disabilities, Council for Exceptional Children (2107)

Admission Committee Member. School of Education (2106 –2018)

Academic Affairs Committee Member. School of Education (2015 – 2018)

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Member. School of Education (2014- Present)

Graduate Curriculum Committee Member. School of Education (2016- Present)

## **Professional Organizations**

- Council for Exceptional Children
- Division for Developmental Disabilities, Council for Exceptional Children
- The Division of International Special Education and Services, Council for Exceptional Children

## **Research Interest**

- Mental Health Literacy in Schools
- Technology and Mental Health
- Spirituality and Mental Health
- Students with Emotional and Behavioral Challenges
- Sensory Issues and Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Global Education