

## **Ada Parra**

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### **EDUCATION**

Master of Arts, Bilingual/Multicultural Education, December 1998  
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education, May 1993  
University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ

Associate of Arts, Liberal Arts, May 1991  
Cochise College, Douglas, AZ

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Arizona Teacher Certification K-8  
Bilingual/ESL Endorsement K-12  
Early Childhood Endorsement K-3

### **QUALIFICATION SUMMARY**

- Experience with pre-service teachers in elementary teacher education teaching face to face, ITV, and online courses. Areas of teaching competence include elementary, early childhood education, and language and culture courses.
- Fourteen years of successful elementary school teaching experience. Kindergarten.

### **UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Career Track Assistant Professor- Teacher Education, University of Arizona South, 2007-present

Undergraduate Courses – Reading, Language Arts, Social Studies, Math & Science Methods Courses, Early Childhood Education Courses, Introduction to Education, Children’s Literature, Creative Arts in Context, Methods of Teaching English to English Language Learners

University Mentor- University of Arizona South, 2007-2008. Supervise K-8 student teachers.

Adjunct Instructor – University of Arizona, South, January-December 2006. Undergraduate Courses- Methods of Teaching English Language Learners and Language Arts Methods

### **ELEMENTARY TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

K-2 Lead Teacher/Kindergarten, Omega Alpha Academy, Douglas, AZ, July 2001-May 2007

K-2 Lead Teacher/K-1, Center for Academic Success, Douglas, AZ, July 2000-May 2001

Kindergarten Teacher, Douglas Unified School District, Douglas, AZ, August 1993-May 2000.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Dialogue Journals Revisited: Elementary Students and Pre-service Teachers as Writing Partners, Global Summit on Childhood, Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI), San Jose, Costa Rica, April 1, 2016.
- SMILE Cochise County Teacher Conference. Touch Lives, Inspire, Become a Teacher. Sierra Vista, AZ. January 2015
- Grand Conversations in the Classroom, National Reading Recovery and Classroom Literacy Conference, Columbus, OH, February 2009
- Job Skills Workshop on Interviewing Techniques. Teacher Education Student Teaching Seminar. Sierra Vista, AZ. Spring 2009-2015
- Touch Lives, Inspire, Become a Teacher. Douglas Unified School District. November 2013

## **CONFERENCES/WORKSHOPS**

- Cochise County Education Roundtable. Sierra Vista, AZ. November 2017 and 2018
- PBS Learning Media Educator Workshop. Sierra Vista, AZ. October 29, 2018.
- Arizona Geographic Alliance. Feb. 8, 2018
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual UA Inclusive Excellence Symposium, Tucson, AZ. March 30, 2018.
- Early Childhood Education First Things First Community Town Hall. Sierra Vista, AZ. August 31, 2017
- National Council of Teachers of English Summer Institute: Global Literacies, Global Conversations: Celebrating our Connections. Tucson, AZ. July 20-22, 2017.
- Arizona Reading Council and Arizona Reading Association Workshop: The Secret Sauce of Teaching Writing. Tucson, AZ. February 11, 2017
- SMILE Cochise County Teacher Conference. Sierra Vista, AZ. January 27, 2017
- Global Summit on Childhood, Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI), San Jose, Costa Rica, April 1, 2016.
- Association of Teacher Educators Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ. February 15, 2015.
- SMILE Cochise County Teacher Conference. Touch Lives, Inspire, Become a Teacher. Sierra Vista, AZ. January 2015
- AETA- Arizona English Teachers Association Conference, Arizona State University. September 27, 2014.
- Economics is Elementary Workshop for K-5 Teachers of Social Studies, University of Arizona Office of Economic Education and the Thomas Brown Foundation. Sierra Vista. Spring 2014.
- National Science Teachers Association Conference. Phoenix, AZ. December 6-8, 2012
- Arizona State Standards (Common Core ELA) Workshop. November 3 & 17, 2012
- Arizona State Standards Common Core Mathematics Workshop. July 24 & 25, 2012
- Teaching Mathematics to English Language Learners Workshop. February 2012.
- Picture-Perfect Science Workshop. January 2011
- IDEAL Technology Workshop. February 2010
- Podcasting Workshop. April 2009.
- World of Words Annual Conference on Literature and Literacy. March 2008
- Funds of Knowledge Seminar, March 2008
- Grant Writing Seminar. April 2008
- Higher Education Forum Facilitator, September 20, 2008
- Math and Science Curriculum Alignment, May 2008

- International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Conference. November 2007
- Early Childhood Education Articulation Task Force October 2007

### **UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES SERVICE**

- Personnel Committee Chair. Fall 2017- Spring 2018
- Personnel Committee Member. Fall 2010-Spring 2012 and Fall 2013-Spring 2017
- Curriculum Committee 2011-2013
- Outstanding Student Award Committee. Spring 2018 and 2010
- Outstanding UA South Faculty Award Committee. Spring 2017
- Ad Hoc Committee- Co-Chair UA South Student Success Showcase. April 24, 2015.
- Search Committee Teacher Education Clinical Practice Coordinator. Spring 2015.
- Search Committee. Teacher Education Clinical Assistant Professor. Spring 2014
- Search Committee. Teacher Education Clinical Practice Coordinator. Fall 2014
- Search Committee. Academic Joint Advisor, December 2013
- Search Committee. Teacher Education Coordinator, June 2013
- Search Committee. Student Academic Specialist March 2012
- VIP Task Team: Customer Service Initiate Committee, December 2012-August 2013
- Chair of Outstanding Senior Nomination Ad-hoc Committee Spring 2009
- Douglas Planning and Recruitment Committee Member. 2009-2010
- Outstanding Elementary Education Student Award Committee, 2010
- Education Unidos Scholarship Committee member. August 2014- present. Organize events to raise funds for scholarships for Douglas/Bisbee students.
- Outstanding Senior Nomination Ad-hoc Committee. Spring 2008

### **DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

- Co-Program Director, Spanish and Latin American Studies, August 2014-May 2019. Oversight of Spanish/Latin American Studies program, updated program courses, assigned and scheduled faculty teaching, oversight of program adjuncts, established and maintained relationships with advisors, faculty, students, and staff.
- Faculty Advisor, Gamma Beta Phi Society, Fall 2009 – Spring 2017
- Co-Program Director, Language and Culture Education Courses, September 2013-Spring 2016. Oversight of LCEV program, updated program courses, assigned and scheduled faculty teaching, oversight of program adjuncts, established and maintained relationships with advisors, faculty, students, and staff.

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND OUTREACH**

- Berean Academy School Board Member. August 2018- Present
- Cochise Education Foundation Board of Directors. Member. January 2014-Present
- Cochise Education Foundation Board of Directors. Vice President. Spring 2017-Fall 2108
- Local Site Research Assistant for the National Writing Project College and Career Ready Writers Program Study. August 2013-May 2015

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- Douglas Education Partnership Council. Spring 2018- present.
- Step-up with Douglas, Healthy Communities Initiatives Committee. Fall 2018- present
- Just Change Community Group, August 2013-present
- Sarah Marley Elementary School volunteer 3<sup>rd</sup> grade writing lessons. Fall 2015-Fall 2016
- Math and Science Experience Presentations. Cochise College. Sierra Vista, AZ. Spring 2010-2014
- Title V Summer Science Camp Facilitator, June 2008
- Science Summer Camp Coordinator, Summer 2009-2012
- Colonel Johnston Elementary School volunteer. Grand conversations. October – November 2008.
- Elementary School Science Fair Judge. Spring 2008 and 2009
- Girl Scout Troop Leader, Douglas, AZ. 2007-2009

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

National Council of Teachers of English  
International Board on Books for Young People  
International Reading Association  
Arizona Reading Association  
Cochise County Area Reading Council  
National Science Teachers Association  
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics  
United States Board on Books for Young People (USBBY)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

McGee, I. E. & Parra, A. (2015). Students take the lead: A glimpse at grand conversations in a second grade classroom. *Association for Childhood Education International*.

## **AWARDS**

University of Arizona South Dean's Award for Excellence in Teaching. May 2009