

Kara K. Woodley, Ed.D.

Curriculum Vita

Education

Texas A&M University, 2023

Ed.D. - Curriculum and Instruction

University of Texas at Austin, 2005

M.Ed. - Multicultural Special Education - Learning Disabilities and Behavior Disorders

Sam Houston State University, 2003

Bachelor of Music Education Piano and Instrumental Music

Research Interests

Special education, urban education, high-incidence disability areas, teacher preparation, online higher education

University/College Teaching Experience

University of Wisconsin - Superior, Assistant Professor of Special Education (tenure-track)

Fall 2024 – current

University of Wisconsin - Superior, Teaching Assistant Professor of Special Education

Blinn College, College Success Instructor

August 2022 - August 2023

EDUC 1300: Teach first year college students study skills, test-taking skills, financial literacy, and time-management skills

Publications and Presentations

Woodley, K. (2025, April 10). *Defining equity in special education teaching practices: A SoTL inquiry*.

[Poster presentation]. The Joys of Teaching and Learning: Scholarly Reflective Practice, Madison, WI.

Zbacnik, A., & **Woodley, K.** (2025, Jan. 16) *Journeys in open educational resources*. [Conference presentation]. Enhancement Day, Opening Week 2025, University of Wisconsin Superior.

Hettinger, V., **Woodley, K.**, Urbaniak, J. (2025, Jan. 16). *Open licensing for educators: Navigating and utilizing creative commons resources*. [Conference presentation]. Enhancement Day, Opening Week 2025, University of Wisconsin Superior.

Smith, J. & **Woodley, K.** (2024, November 6-8). *Critical intercultural competency and special education in urban education: Increasing student voice, visibility, and motivation through self-reflection*. [Conference presentation]. Proceedings of the 5th biennial International Conference on Urban Education, Cancun, Mexico. <https://www.theicue.org>

Woodley, K. (2024, November 6-8). *Disrupting the norm of disproportionality in special education: Becoming culturally and racially responsive educators*. [Conference presentation]. Proceedings of the 5th biennial International Conference on Urban Education, Cancun, Mexico. <https://www.theicue.org>

- Woodley, K** (2023, Oct. 14). *After the Ed.D. What comes next?* [Virtual presentation]. Career Exploration Conference for Doctoral Students. Texas A&M University.
- Woodley, K.** (2023). Exploration of Virtual Middle School Teacher Perception of ADHD and Culture. Doctoral dissertation, Texas A&M University. <https://hdl.handle.net/1969.1/199785>
- Woodley, K** (2023, Nov. 29). *ADHD and the K-12 classroom*. [Virtual presentation]. Educational Showcase, University of Wisconsin-Superior.
- Woodley, K.** (2023, April 13-16). *ADHD and the K-12 classroom: Building the middle school teacher's capacity*. [Roundtable presentation]. American Educational Research Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Coffey, C., Smith., J. & **Woodley, K.** (2022, Nov. 2-5) *Comparison of three Title I schools in urban intensive and urban emergent settings*. [Conference presentation]. Proceedings of the 4th biennial International Conference on Urban Education, Cancun, Mexico.
<https://www.theicue.org>
- Woodley, K.** (2022, Nov. 2-5). *Comparative analysis: Defining urban education, funding inequities, and solutions*. [Conference presentation]. Proceedings of the 4th biennial International Conference on Urban Education, Cancun, Mexico. <https://www.theicue.org>

Service

University Service

Academic Program Review Committee - 2024-2027

Department of Education Service at UW-Superior

Welcome Week – New Beginnings Luncheon, Spring 2025

Educator Preparation Program Committee Member, 2024- current

Welcome Week - New Beginnings Luncheon, Fall 2024

Welcome Week - New Beginnings Luncheon, Spring 2024

Scholarship Committee Member, Spring 2024

Welcome Week – New Beginnings Luncheon, Fall 2023

Graduate Advisor Search Committee, Fall 2023

Moderated TED 200 Final Project Panel, Fall 2023

Program Service, Department of Education at UW-Superior

Assisted with updating CEC standards and assessments for undergraduate SPED programming

Assisted with providing clarity on course descriptions for catalog copy of undergraduate and graduate SPED courses, Fall 2023

Professional Service

Board Member: Wisconsin Council for Exceptional Children Member at Large 2024-2025

AERA Division G Webmaster, Social Media Moderator 2024-2026

Peer Reviewer

AERA Disability Studies SIG

AERA Special and Inclusive Education SIG

AERA Urban Teaching and Learning SIG

Council for Exceptional Children

Chapter Reviewer - Developing Simulation Materials to Support Teacher Anti-racist & Anti-ableist Practice

During IEP Meetings: Supporting General Educator Collaborative Practice

Chapter Reviewer- It Takes a Village: Perspectives, Best Practices, and Solutions to Effectively Engage Parents and Families in Urban Schools

Awards/Grants/Fellowships

Faculty Development Grant Recipient, Spring 2025

WI SYS Grant Writing Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Superior, 2024

WI Department of Public Instruction Grant Recipient, University of Wisconsin-Superior, 2024

Superior Learning Experience Grant, University of Wisconsin-Superior, 2024

Jumpstart Scholarship, University of Wisconsin-Superior - Summer 2024

Open Educational Resource Creation Grant, University of Wisconsin-Superior, 2024

Wisconsin Teaching Fellow, Early Career Faculty University of Wisconsin-Superior, 24-25

Distinguished Honor Graduate, Texas A&M University, Summer 2023

Graduate Travel Award, AERA 2023

Scholarship

Completing OER through UW-Superior CLIC

Earned AI Explorer Badge through Auburn University, Summer 2025

Invited book proposal with publisher Palgrave-McMillian, 2025-2027

In Press - book chapter contributor with IGI Global, Spring 2026

Earned Creative Commons Certificate, Fall 2024

Open Textbook Review Project at UW Superior, Fall 2023

Professional Affiliations

Wisconsin Council for Exceptional Children

Council for Exceptional Children

National Association for Multicultural Education

American Educational Research Association

Urban Education Collaborative

International Conference on Urban Education

Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society