



SCCEC Conference Newsletter

FEBRUARY 15TH - 19TH, 2023

EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON, CHARLESTON

5055 INTERNATIONAL BLVD
NORTH CHARLESTON, SC 29418

Bookmark this Conference One-Pager for all your conference needs!

It will be updated regularly, so check back often!

Registration Link!

Hotel Link!

Call for Proposals!

Conference Registration Early Bird Registration Through Dec 15th Paper Registration Form Eventbrite Link for online Registration (credit card users) Representative Assembly The Representative Assembly is our governing body for SCCEC. Every Subdivision and Chapter is represented. Link to Register (with directions)	Hotel and Directions  5055 International Boulevard North Charleston, South Carolina 29418, USA Room link	Schedule of Events Thursday AM- Pre Conference Events (See Separate registration) Thursday at 6:00- On-site registration opens and President's Welcome Reception at 6:30 Friday- 7:00-6:30- Conference events Saturday- 8:00-12:50 Conference events Representative Assembly begins at 2:30 SCCEC 2022 Conference Agenda Coming Soon
Preconferences CASE Preconference- TED Preconference-Stronger Together: Collaboration between Universities (Two half-day sessions) SC Partnership for Inclusion-Connect the Dots: Play, Executive Function, Language, and Reading Outcomes Transition-	Vendors and Sponsorship Vendor Registration Non-Profit/ District Tables Silent Auction Information <small>View the silent auction link to submit to SCCEC Silent Auction web</small> Reminders about Silent Auction Silent Auction-Item Donation Form	Election of New Officers This year in the Representative Assembly we will be electing a new Vice President and a new Treasurer. Meet the Nominees for these offices!  Michael Snipes Nominee-VP  Olivia Enders Nominee-Treas
Especially for Students Poster session link Friday Events-- Special Student Reception and Speed Interviews Want to volunteer for a student rebate contact Jewatson@richland2.org	Questions and Contacts Jewatson@richland2.org - Jennifer Watson, Conference Chair or SCCECConference@gmail.com	Council for Exceptional Children Membership Information 

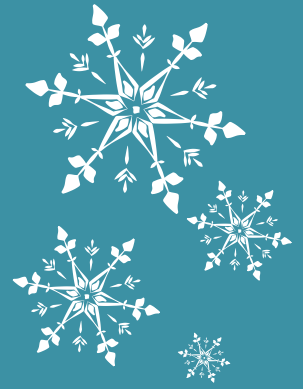
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Vice President - Michael Snipes



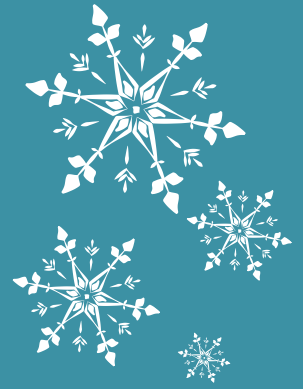
I began my career in special education in 2001 as a case worker for individuals with severe cognitive and behavior disabilities at Pine Grove School in Elgin, SC. In 2006 I moved with my wife, Kellie, to Houston, TX where I worked as a house supervisor for a residential treatment facility. In 2007 we returned to South Carolina where I accepted a position as an instructional assistant in Richland District Two while pursuing my master's degree in special education. In 2011, after receiving my educator license, I began teaching at EL Wright Middle School as a moderate disabilities teacher. I remained at ELW until 2020 when I returned to my home school, Rice Creek Elementary and taught there for two more years. This year I moved to Pontiac Elementary School where all three of my children attend the Montessori Magnet and continue to teach students with moderate cognitive disabilities. In 2019 I received my M.Ed. in Educational Administration from the University of South Carolina. Go Cocks!

In my professional capacity I have served as Department Chair at EL Wright for seven years. I have served on several committees at the State Department of Education, including the SCAlt pilot development committee, the SCAlt communication committee and the Educator Retention Committee. I was part of the ABLESC Secure Your Shot media campaign. I am a regular Professional Development presenter for Richland Two and have presented sessions at both the district and state level. In 2006, I accepted the position of Membership Chair on the Executive Board of the SC Council for Exceptional Children where I continue to serve.

I currently reside in Northeast Columbia with my wife, Kellie, and our three kids, Everett, August and Lilah. I have enjoyed serving the members of SCCEC for the past six years and watching as we grow as the state's foremost advocate for individuals with exceptionalities and those that serve them. I look forward to many more years with SCCEC and would love the opportunity to serve as your Vice President in the upcoming year.

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Treasurer - Olivia Enders



My name is Olivia Enders, and I am currently an Assistant Professor in Special Education at Coastal Carolina University in the department of Educational Studies. I received my PhD in 2022 from the University of Pittsburgh. My dissertation evaluated an intervention targeting behavioral fluency in algebra for students with disabilities. Prior to my PhD, I worked as a middle school learning support teacher in the Pittsburgh region. I also hold credentials as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). My research focuses broadly on improving teacher preparation - whether that be supporting the implementation of evidence-based practices in mathematics, or interrogating our disciplinary systems and mechanisms which perpetuate the inequitable exclusion of students with disabilities. I am passionate about strengthening the skills of both pre-service teacher candidates and teachers seeking additional training via graduate programs in South Carolina.

Other relevant experiences:

Representative (appointed), 2 years; First Inaugural Teaching Learning Leading Student Governance Committee (2020-2022). Appointed by Department Chair Sabina Vaught to organize students/create materials and disperse funds for students to improve graduate student outcomes.

Colloquium Chairperson (elected) - 2 years, University of Pittsburgh Council of Graduate Students in Education (2020-2022). Served by creating 3-4 colloquium talks or panels for graduate students; coordinated events, invited speakers, and organized speaker fees/refreshments/etc.

Graduate Student Representative of the Department of Teaching, Learning, & Leading (elected) - 1 year, University of Pittsburgh (2019-2020).

Graduate Student Representative on the Academic Programs Committees (elected), 2 years (2019-2021)



Silent Auction

SCCEC is seeking donations for the Silent Auction to be held at the Annual Conference in Charleston, SC, on February 17, 2023. Proceeds from the Silent Auction are used to support the Betty Brown Training Grant. We would like for all chapters and subdivisions to donate at least one item to the Silent Auction. Additionally, this year we are asking that some of our Special Education Directors consider donating an item for the Silent Auction as well. Also, if you know someone with a business that would like to donate an item for the auction, we will graciously accept it! Please bring your items to the registration table at the conference. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Constance Mays at maysconstance@gmail.com. We thank you in advance for your generous donations!



Policy Panel

Join us at the Policy Panel Saturday morning to hear about current education legislation and policy changes in South Carolina!

Panel Members (as of 12/21/22):

Dr. Jill Chrismus, Interim Director OSES

Kathy Maness, Executive Director PSTA

Sherry East, President SCEA

SC-TED Updates

- SC-TED President Matthew Collier attended the national CEC TED convention in Richmond, VA from November 8-11. At this conference, he represented the South Carolina subdivision of TED, aligned our plans and goals with the national TED agenda, and networked with other TED members from across the country.
- SC-TED agreed to host a presentation strand at the SC CEC conference in Charleston, SC, in February 2023 centered around the High-Leverage Practices associated with Collaboration.
- SC-TED volunteered to present a pre-conference workshop on Thursday, February 16 from 9:00 – 4:00. The first half (9:00 – 12:00) will be centered around understanding and implementing the new Early Childhood/Early Intervention CEC standards in university programs and will feature a talk by Dr. Deborah Rooks-Ellis, a question and answer session, and work time (all centered around the new standards). The second half of the day (1:00 – 4:00) will be research-focused and offer a forum to discuss and collaborate on research ideas and two workshops: one on external grant-writing and one on manuscript review and writing. More information and registration instructions will be sent out soon, so please save the date!
- SC-TED held an executive committee meeting on November 16. In this meeting, the committee discussed the upcoming CEC conference, our pre-conference, our strand, our annual budget, and other committee initiatives.
- SC-TED is seeking nominations for the Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer by December 15. If interested in any of these positions, contact the secretary of SC-TED, Rhonda Miller, at rmiller1@coastal.edu.
- The by-law committee plans to meet on December 8, 2022 to examine current by-laws to determine if any revisions or additions need to be made.
- The research committee is seeking information from SC-TED members regarding current research. If you are interested in having any of your research shared with membership, contact the secretary of SC-TED, Rhonda Miller, at rmiller1@coastal.edu.



SC-TED Preconference

Stronger Together – Collaborating Across Universities
February 16, 2023

Pre-conference schedule (You may choose to participate in either half day session (\$25) or the full day (\$45):

Morning: Working Together in Incorporating New EC Standards in Special Education Teacher Preparation Programs

Dr. Deborah Rooks- Ellis will lead this session with a focus around the new CEC EI/EC standards. She will present resources and strategies to assist programs preparing for accreditation using the new standards within the state's PK-12 classification in the state of South Carolina. These resources can also enhance our current programs and more effectively train our special educators in early childhood/early intervention. We encourage special education preparation providers to attend this session. It will include Dr. Rooks' Ellis's presentation, a Q & A session, and dedicated workgroup time.

- Speaker - Deborah L. Rooks-Ellis: EC/EI Standards Implementation Resources
- Workgroup Time for Implementation of EC/EI Standards Within Programs

11:30-1:00 Lunch on your own

Afternoon: Collaboration in Research Workshop

In this session, participants will share research interests and ideas, finding others with which they may wish to collaborate. Participants may also participate in workgroups focused on finding external grants, and engaging in manuscript writing. This sounds like an amazing session for new and/or untenured faculty!

- Speed Dating Research Talks
- External Grant Resources Research Workgroup
- Manuscript Review/Writing Time Workgroup

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/onAomYNCxpVsiUfC9>

SC Partnership for Inclusion

Preconference

Play, Talk, Read!
February 16, 2023

When was the last time you played? When was the last time you played at a conference? Come find out why play is important, as well as its connection to language, executive function, and academic outcomes!

Developmentally appropriate play is a singular opportunity to promote the social-emotional, cognitive, language, and self-regulation skills that build executive function and a prosocial brain that is ready for academic learning (American Academy of Pediatrics, 2018). However, research studies such as the LENA project, reveal that the impact of the pandemic on play and conversational exchanges has been significant. Children who were one year of age at the start of the pandemic have demonstrated a three standard deviation drop in verbal development (2022). The impact of which being that when children do not grow up in language rich environments with frequent conversational turns, brain maturation is critically and negatively impacted including the foundational development necessary for social emotional skills, executive function skills, and academic skills regardless of socio-economic status (Deoni, 2022). This session will focus on how play, language, and executive function are the foundation for academic success and how to facilitate development in these areas in your schools. Immediate ideas and strategies that you can implement tomorrow will be shared!

Link to register: [Register now for Play, Talk, Read!](#)

Cost: FREE! 😊



Important Dates!

Executive Board Meetings
March 25, 11:00 a.m.

Newsletter Submissions
February 23
April 1

RA Reports and Representative Names Due
January 27

CEC Conference
February 15 - 19 2023

Representative Assembly
February 18



2022-2023 Officers

President - Dr. Jamia Thomas-Richmond

President-Elect - Dr. Jennifer Watson

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Past-President - Mrs. Constance Mays

Recording Secretary - Dr. Matt Collier

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