

Cynthia Prasow – Curriculum Vitae

Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary

Personal Information

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Education

M.Ed., University of Calgary, 1992
B.Ed., University of Alberta, 1972

Work Experience

2013 – Present Director, Student Experiences, Undergraduate Programs, Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary
2018 – 2019 On Research and Study Leave special research project
2013 – 2016 Director, Partner Research Schools, Werklund School of Education, University of Calgary
2013 – 2013 Interim Associate Dean, Undergraduate Programs, Faculty of Education, University of Calgary
2007 – 2013 Director, Field Experiences, Division of Teacher Preparation, Faculty of Education
Contracted with the Calgary Board of Education to prepare and conduct (with Marie Innes) Math Workshops at several Professional Day meetings

Awards

2019 Order of the University of Calgary Award
2018 The City of Calgary Education Award
2016 The Shem Tov 2016 Award, Calgary Jewish Federation
2014 Early Childhood Education Provincial Achievement Award, ATA
2011 U Make a Difference Award, University of Calgary

2007 Teacher Excellence Award, University of Calgary
2000 Nominated for Y.W.C.A. Women of Distinction Award
1997 Provincial Early Childhood Education Council Service Award

Professional Qualifications

Alberta Education Permanent Professional Teaching Certificate
Alberta Education Early Childhood Services Diploma
Triple P Parenting Certificate

Professional Memberships

Early Childhood Education Council
National Association for the Education of Young Children
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development

Conference Presentations

2022 Co-presented virtually with 13 students from Undergraduate Programs in Education to the Palliser Teachers' Convention

2021 Co-presented virtually with 13 students from Undergraduate Programs in Education to the Palliser Teachers' Convention

2017 Presented at the annual Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching Conference in Nanaimo, BC: Teacher to Teacher: Sharing the Wisdom, a presentation on preliminary research from retired teachers regarding support for new teachers.

2016 Presented at the College of Alberta School Superintendents/Alberta Education Annual Learning Conference in Edmonton, Alberta: "Partner Research Schools Initiative and STEM Education in the Werklund School of Education".

2015 Presented at the annual Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching Conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan: Supporting pre-service teachers to further their professional development through action research in the classroom

2014 Co-presented with Dr. Jennifer Lock at the "Celebrating Collaborative Research Conference 2014" in Calgary, Alberta on "Partner Research School's Initiative" sponsored by Rocky View Schools.

Professional Service

2022 Co-presented virtually with 13 students from Undergraduate Programs in Education to the Palliser Teachers' Convention

2021 Co-presented virtually with 13 students from Undergraduate Programs in Education to the Palliser Teachers' Convention

2020 Co-ordinated Student Experiences WestCAST 2020 for students to present at the conference at University of British Columbia

2019 Co-ordinator Student Experiences WestCAST 2019 to plan WestCAST 2019 hosted by the Werklund School of Education

2017 – 2019 Co-editor of the Early Childhood Education Journal of the Alberta Teachers' Association with Dr. Miwa Takeuchi

2016 Co-Chaired Partner Research Schools Conference
University of Calgary

2012 Chaired the "Western Canadian Association of Student Teaching" conference held at the University of Calgary, Faculty of Education.

University Service

2020 – Present Member, Werklund Academic Guidelines Committee

2014 – Present Member, Early Learning Collaborative Group, Calgary Regional Consortium

2013 – Present Chair, Scholarship Committee, Undergraduate Programs Education

2013 – Present Faculty Liaison to the Early Childhood Education Provincial Committee of the Alberta Teachers' Association

1988 – Present Faculty Advisor, Early Childhood Education Council Werklund School of Education

2006 - Present Member of the Administrative Team

Community Service

2021 Reviewed A Telus Original “Jungle Gym Series” for producer Laura O’Grady.

2020 – Present Member Child Care Now (CCNAB) Committee

2020 - Present Member Public Interest Alberta Child Care and Early Learning Task Force

2019 – Present Member of the Holocaust Education Committee, Calgary Jewish Community Council

2017 - Present Chair, Jewish Day School Education Committee

2016 Appointed to co-teach a group of 14 teens about the Holocaust and Human Rights and chaperone them to 'The Asper Museum of Tolerance' in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Member of Education Advisory Committee, One World Child Resource Centre

Research

Brandon, J., Couvier, C. and Prasow, C." Inhabiting a Welcoming Landscape: A First Year Teacher's Voyage of Discovery" (2006)

Paul, J. Prasow, C. and Smits, H. (2004) " Conversations With First Year Teachers: Exploring the Meaning of Readiness for Teaching". (unpublished).

Prasow, C. (2001). "Engaging Children's Learning Through Centres in a Kindergarten Program".

Prasow, C. (1992) "What constitutes the transition of role from volunteer to student Teacher?" Unpublished Master's Paper, Calgary, Alberta: The University of Calgary.

Publications

Bailey, D. & Prasow, C. (2018) "Teacher to Teacher: Sharing the Wisdom" Alberta Retired Teachers' Magazine, Alberta Teachers' Association.

Prasow, C. (2015) "What are Partner Research Schools?" "Issues, Events & Ideas", Early Childhood Education Council Newsletter, Alberta Teachers' Association.

Flight Alberta Early Learning and Care Framework "Play Participation Possibilities" (2014). Makovich, L. Hewes, J., Llett, P., & Thomas, N. Acknowledged in the book as contributing as Academic Faculty from the University of Calgary.

Early Learning Early Grades Research , Galileo Network, 2012 September, This annotated bibliography is on the Galileo Website and consists of summaries of articles and reports on early childhood education with a particular focus on play and early learning for both Educators and Parents. The of the annotated bibliography is on three categories: Play and Pedagogy, Types of Play and What is Play. , Jane Hewes, Anna Kirova, Cynthia Prasow, <http://galileo.org/>

Naqvi, R. and Prasow, C. (2008) "Precarious Positionings – Crossing into the Mainstream Dominant Culture: Voices of First and Second Generation Immigrants" in Early Childhood Education, Volume 38, Number 1, The Alberta Teachers' Association, pp 10 – 14.

Brandon, J., Prasow, C. and Couvier, S. (2008) "Inhabiting a Welcoming New Landscape: A First Year Teacher's Voyage of Discovery" Journal of Educational Thought, 42, 261-76.

Prasow, C. "Engaging Children's Learning Through Centres in a Kindergarten Program". Early Childhood Education 35. no 1 (2002): 33 – 37.

Crown in Right of Alberta (2001). Kindergarten Guide to Implementation "Partners in Learning". Alberta Education.

Prasow, C. The Transition of Role from Volunteer to Student Teacher to Teacher. In Applying Research to the Classroom, vol 11, number 1, winter 1993.

Calgary Board of Education (1983) Enhancing Mathematical Experiences: A Resource Guide.

Calgary Board of Education (1982) Welcome to Early Childhood Services.

Professional Development

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| 2021 | Attended the Early Childhood Education Council conference virtually |
| 2018 | Attended Early Childhood Education Council conference, Edmonton |
| 2017 | Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development - Pre-Conference Institute - Leading for Effective Differentiation: Growing the Teachers Who Grow the Kids Anaheim, California,

Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching Conference
Nanaimo, BC, |
| 2016 | Attended Early Childhood Education Council conference, Edmonton |

College of Alberta School Superintendents/Alberta Education Annual Learning Conference Edmonton, Alberta

Partner Research Schools Conference University of Calgary

2015 Attended Early Childhood Education Council conference, Kananaskis

Attended the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Conference in Los Angeles, California,

Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching Conference
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

2014 Attended Early Childhood Education Council conference, Edmonton

2013 Attended Early Childhood Education Council conference, Kananaskis

2012 Attended Early Childhood Education Council conference, Edmonton

Research Colloquium: "The Promise and Peril: The Impact of Technology on Children, Schools and Communities, Edmonton

Western Canadian Association for Student Teaching Conference
Calgary

2011 Attended Early Childhood Education Council conference, Kananaskis

Interviews and Media Relations

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Interview Edmonton Journal. Alberta Education research aims to track learning loss during COVID-19, March 11, 2021.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Order of the University of Calgary. *Convocation Ceremonies June 4, 2019*. Convocation Booklet: Media Relations University of Calgary, June 4, 2019.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Early Childhood Literacy. *770 CHQR*. Calgary Today: Angela Kokott, May 14, 2019. This interview discussed the changes in literature from 50 years ago to today and do children of today still hear the classic stories or only the ones that are more recently published. In the interview I also discussed Canadian Children's Literature as very important works to be read by or to children.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Combining two classes in the same grade in a team teaching environment. *CBC News*. Jennifer Lee, April 12, 2019. This phone interview was based on a concern at a particular school in Calgary involving parents, two teachers job sharing, and senior administration in the school and the greater school board. The issue was concern for students in a double classroom with two teachers. Parents concern was the children are suffering from anxiety due to the large number of children in the shared space and the parents are pulling their children from the school. The interviewer wanted my opinion on team teaching in a double classroom and the impact it would have on the children's learning.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Cynthia Prasow receives the Order of the University of Calgary. *Werklund School of Education Media Room*. Clayton MacGillivray, June 7, 2019.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Different methods used in Alberta to deal with the issue of classroom sizes, what possible effective methods have (and HAVE NOT) been attempted in Alberta, and what can Calgary schools do about this? *Star Metro in Calgary*. Andrew Jeffery, May 8, 2019.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Parents Allowing Children to Take Mental Health Days from School. *CBC Radio Halifax*. Moira Donovan, February 21, 2019. This taped interview with Moira Donovan focussed on the topic of parents allowing their children to take mental health days from school and what my perspective would be on this topic.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Tips for the first day of school. *Radio CBC*. Homestretch: Andrew Ng, August 31, 2018. This taped interview was aired on August 31, 2018 on the Homestretch Show on CBC. The topic was on "Last minute tips for the first day of school".

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Tips for preparing children to return to school. *106.7 Radio*. 106.7 RedFm Calgary: Amanjot Pannu, August 30, 2018. This 5 minute phone interview aired live on Thursday, August 30, 2018 with Amanjot Pannu centred on "tips to prepare children to return to school".

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Nine Tips for preparing children to return to school. *U Today*. Werklund School of Education Staff, August 20, 2018. This interview with staff from Werklund School of Education consisted of providing information for those involved with young children starting school. Ideas provided to start children on a positive course as they begin their formal schooling and set them up up for success.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Are all those back to school commercials stressing you out? *660 NEWS*. Morning News Anchor Audrey Whelan: Christie Macleod, August 22, 2018. This 10 minute radio interview was a discussion on tips for parents regarding their children starting school and it was aired on the hour about 8 times on Sunday, August 26, 2018. I unable to get a link to this conversation however attached is the email confirmation from 660 NEWS.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. "Whether it is a good idea to reward kids to get them to behave well" *CBC Radio*. Alberta@Noon: Heather Moriarty, June 18, 2018. [Attachment]
Author: 1This 30 minute interview with Judy Aldous from CBC show, Alberta@Noon

consisted of a discussion regarding insights into whether is it a good idea to reward kids to get them to behave well. This live show was aired on Monday, June 18, 2018.

Prasow, Cynthia Joy. Difference Between PlaySchool, PreSchool, Junior Kindergarten, Maontessori, Waldorf Schools. *Calgary Herald*. Elizabeth Chorney-Booth, February 22, 2018. Author: 1An interview with Elizabeth Chorney-Booth focused on the preschool choices available for parents and the considerations to keep in mind when choosing an educational program for their child. The interview was published in the Calgary Herald, and the title of the article was: "Nothing Beats a Simple Visit When Choosing a PreSchool".