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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Family and Consumer Sciences Education Emphasis: Human Development & Family Studies College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University Dissertation topic: Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers' Characteristics, Attitudes toward Poverty, and Learning Environment Climates	Aug. 2018 Lubbock, TX
Master of Education in Curriculum & Instruction in Accomplished Teaching College of Education, Valdosta State University	Dec. 2014 Valdosta, GA
Bachelor of Science in Family and Consumer Sciences Education College of Family and Consumer Sciences, University of Georgia	Dec. 2009 Athens, GA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Clinical Assistant Professor University of Georgia 78.75% teaching 21+ credit hours per year 11.25% clinical work to market, recruit for, and launch the BSEd in engineering and technology education 10% service Courses Taught: WFED 2450. Practicum in Workforce Education II. <i>Spring 2026, Spring 2025</i> Initial supervised field experience related to teaching individuals in programs of workforce education. WFED 3450. Practicum in Workforce Education II. <i>Spring 2026, Fall 2025, 2024.</i> Supervised field experience related to teaching individuals in programs of workforce education. WFED 5460. Student Teaching in Workforce Education. <i>Spring 2025.</i> Full-time supervised student teaching experience in an existing workforce education program. WFED 5470. Student Teaching Seminar in Workforce Education. <i>Spring 2026.</i> Offered concurrently with student teaching in Workforce Education, the seminar examines teaching, learning, and professional practice in field experiences. The course supports development as a reflective practitioner, preparation for first-year teaching, and the completion of teaching portfolios, the capstone assignment in the certification program. WFED 5550/7550E. Students with Special Needs in Programs of Workforce Education. <i>Spring 2026.</i> Learning characteristics of students with special needs, including those who are disabled, economically and academically disadvantaged. Implications for workforce education are considered and modifications of curriculum and instruction are identified. WFED 6100E. Principles and Practices of Career Education. <i>Summer 2026, Spring 2025</i> Career education in elementary, middle, and secondary schools; major theories of career development; use of standardized assessment, career information resources, and curriculum materials; special issues and trends influencing work and careers. WFED 7460E. Internship in Teaching Workforce Education. <i>Spring 2026, Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024.</i> Teaching internship in a workforce education program under the supervision of a classroom teacher and a faculty member in workforce education.	Aug. 2024-Present Athens, GA
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WFED 8040E. Theories of Situated Learning and Implications for Teaching. *Spring 2026.*

Analysis, translation, extrapolation, and synthesis of theories of situated learning. Focus on extracting elements of theory that guides the development of contextualized programs of instruction. Application of theory to contextualized instructional practice.

WFED 8060E. Administration and Supervision of Workforce Education Programs. *Spring 2025.*

Administration and supervision of organizations engaged in workforce education. Management theories of empowerment, team learning, collaboration, and implementation of systems for continuous organizational learning.

WFED 8320E. Global Innovation, Technology, and Careers. *Summer 2025.*

Explores theories of innovation, innovation types, technological trends, and associated emerging careers. Through problem-based learning challenges, students will develop an understanding of the design process and the integration of disciplines, such as science, technology, engineering, and mathematics often used to solve real-world problems and drive global innovation.

EBUS 4010/6010E. Business Communication. *Fall 2024.*

Theory and practice of thinking, reading, writing, speaking, and listening processes involved in business education.

EBUS 5760/7760E. Consumer Financial Planning. *Summer 2025.*

Consumer problems encountered during and after school years. How the economy functions, wise purchase decisions, managing money, evaluating sales and advertising practices, and guarding against unwise buying practices. Instructional approaches for teaching financial planning in workforce education.

Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

Aug. 2019-Present

Barrow County School District

Winder, GA

Completed all duties of a secondary school teacher including preparing lessons, developing and grading assessments, serving on advisory committee, attending professional development conferences

Served as Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Adviser

Mentored undergraduate FCS education students

Served as Nutrition and Food Science lead teacher for Georgia DOE (2023-present)

Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

Aug. 2018-May 2019

Oglethorpe County School District

Lexington, GA

Completed all duties of a secondary school teacher

Served as FCCLA Adviser

Graduate Part-Time Instructor and Teaching Assistant

Aug. 2015-May 2018

Texas Tech University

Lubbock, TX

Taught undergraduate-level courses each semester, recruited undergraduate and graduate students, supervised and mentored undergraduate student teachers, assisted with projects as needed, including research, curriculum, and administrative duties

Courses Taught:

FCSE 4325: U.S. Family Issues & Social Action, *Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018.*

Designed to help students critically examine private and public family and related community issues and appropriate social action in a democratic culture. (Writing Intensive)

FCSE 3303: Educational Processes in Family & Consumer Sciences Education, *Fall 2015, Spring 2016.*

Designed for nonmajors. Focus on the teaching-learning process in professional settings outside the traditional classroom.

FCSE3301: Foundations in Family & Consumer Sciences Education, *Fall 2015.*

Introduction to programs in secondary schools and other settings. (Writing Intensive)

FCSE 4012: Student Teaching in Family & Consumer Sciences Education (University Supervisor), *Fall 2016, Spring 2017.*

Supervised teaching in an approved secondary family and consumer sciences program. (Writing intensive)

PFP 3301: Introduction to Personal Finance, *Fall 2016*.

Introduction to personal finance, including goal setting, cash management, credit, insurance, taxes, housing, investment alternatives, and retirement plans. (Service-learning)

Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

Jan. 2013 – May 2015
Winder, GA

Barrow County School District

Completed all duties of a secondary school teacher

Co-chaired the Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) committee

Served as FCCLA Adviser, Yearbook Advisor, and Drama-Club Assistant to Director

Mentored new connections team members

Mentored undergraduate FCS students

Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher

Jan. 2010 – Dec. 2012
Athens, GA

Clarke County School District

Completed all duties of a secondary school teacher

Chaired the Positive Behavior Intervention Strategies (PBIS) committee

Served as Family, Career and Community Leaders of America Adviser

SELECT CERTIFICATIONS, MEMBERSHIPS, & AWARDS

GETEA Teacher Educator of the Year 2026

GATFACS Teacher Educator of the Year 2025

Julius Benton Award 2025

Outstanding Georgia FACS Professional 2024

FCCLA Adviser Mentor 2024

AAFCS National Teacher of the Year 2023

GAFCS State Teacher of the Year 2022

FCCLA Master Adviser 2022

Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors 2018-Present

Board Chair 2020-2021, 2024-2025

Secretary 2019-2020

Member 2014-2015

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 2007 – Present

Georgia Affiliate, Co-Treasurer 2024-Present

Georgia Affiliate, Nominating Committee 2021-2024

Georgia Affiliate, Chair Elect, Chair, & Past Chair 2018-2021

Texas Affiliate, Northwest District Chair 2017-2018

Georgia Affiliate, VP of Awards 2010 – 2015

Georgia Student Unit, President 2008 – 2009

University of Georgia Chapter, President 2008 – 2009

International Federation of Home Economics- US 2016 – 2021

Director of Young Professionals Network 2017-2021

J.T. and Margaret Talkington Graduate Fellow 2014-2018

Jewel L. Taylor Human Sciences Scholarship Recipient	2015-2016; 2017-2018
American Association of Career and Technical Education, FCS Division Fellow	2015
GAFCS Graduate Scholarship Recipient	2014
University of Georgia Outstanding FACS Graduate	2009
University of Georgia Outstanding Senior	2009

SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

Teacher Intern Supervisor.	Fall 2024 – Spring 2026
University of Georgia	
Supervised 9-10 teacher interns per semester.	
Reviewed and provided feedback for lesson plans and teaching notebooks.	
Observed and rated students at their field placement sites.	
Conducted monthly Zoom meetings to help interns develop teaching strategies and best practices.	
Student Teacher Supervisor.	Fall 2024 and 2025
University of Georgia	
Supervised 2 student teachers per semester.	
Reviewed and provided feedback for lesson plans and teaching notebooks.	
Observed and rated students at their field placement sites.	
Conducted monthly Zoom meetings to help students develop teaching strategies and best practices.	
Student Teacher Supervisor.	Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
Texas Tech University	
Supervised 1-3 student teachers per semester	
Reviewed and provided feedback for lesson plans	
Observed and rated students at their field placement sites	
Worked with cooperating teacher, student, and university coordinator to create a cohesive plan for each student	
Problem solved individual issues with students and cooperating teachers	

PUBLICATIONS

Re-Tooled FCS Body of Knowledge.	2025
Anderson, C. L., Saboe-Wounded Head, L. Alexander, K., Jones, E., Nickols, S., Pedersen, C. Randel, G. Shockey, S., Whitbeck, D., & Myers, L. <i>FCS Body of Knowledge</i> . American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.	
Exploring Life and Career.	2023
Tippett, D., Pedersen, C., & Dunn-Strohecker, M. (2023) <i>Exploring life and career: Introduction to social health (8th Edition)</i> . Goodheart-Wilcox.	
Teaching Low Income Students.	2020
Pedersen, C. (2020). Teaching low income students. In Alexander, K., & Holland, A. (2020). <i>Teaching family and consumer sciences in the 21st century (3rd Edition)</i> . The Curriculum Center for Family and Consumer Sciences.	

Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers' Characteristics , Attitudes Toward Poverty, and Learning Environment Climates.	2018
Pedersen, C. Family and consumer sciences teachers' characteristics, attitudes toward poverty, and learning environment climates. PhD diss, 2018.	
Smart Technology for Health and Well-Being.	2018
Pedersen, C., & Holland, A. (2018). Smart technology for health and well-being.” <i>Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences</i> , 110 (2), 55-56.	
Technology Resources for FCS Professionals to Learn Financial Literacy.	2016
Pedersen, C. (2016). Technology resources for FCS professionals to learn financial literacy. <i>Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences</i> , 108(2), 58-59.	

SELECT PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations:

- Pedersen, C. Georgia TSA Fall Leadership Conference. *Level Up: Become a Boss in the Classroom*. Jekyll Island, Georgia. (November, 2025).
- Anderson, C. L., Saboe-Wounded Head, L. Alexander, K., Jones, E., Nickols, S., Pedersen, C. Randel, G. Shockey, S., Whitbeck, D., & Myers, L. AAFCS Annual Conference General Session. *FCS Body of Knowledge*. Kansas City, MO. (June, 2025).
- Pedersen, C. Georgia FCCLA State Leadership Conference. *Say Yes to FCS*. Columbus, Georgia. (March, 2025).
- Pedersen, C. Georgia Technology Student Association Fall Leadership Conference. *Tomorrow's Engineering and Technology Educators*. Jekyll Island, Georgia. (November, 2024).
- Pedersen, C.. Texas Rural Leadership Conference, *Building the Power of People in Poverty: Personal Stories*. (February, 2018).
- Pedersen, C., & Holland, A. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Webinar, *FCS Teacher Bootcamp: Surviving (and Celebrating) the First Years of Teaching*. Online, (February, 2018).

Presentations:

- Pedersen, C. GATFACS Annual Conference. *Teaching Money and Opportunity*. Buford, GA. (January, 2026).
- Youngblood, D. J. & Pedersen, C. GATFACS Annual Conference. *Reigniting Purpose, Reimagining Impact: FCS Body of Knowledge 101*. Columbus, GA. (January, 2026).
- Pedersen, C. & Griffing, S. Page Future Georgia Educators Day. *Preparing Students for Life and Careers through Career and Technical Education*. Athens, GA. (March 2025).
- Pedersen, C. & Lewis-Slamkova, B. CTAE Resource Network Workshop, *Nutrition and Food Science Bootcamp*, Covington, GA. (November, 2023).
- Pedersen, C. & Lewis-Slamkova, B. CTAE Resource Network *New Teacher Orientation, Nutrition and Food Science New Teacher Orientation*, Macon, GA. (September, 2023).
- Pedersen, C. Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Conference, *Using the FCCLA Planning Process*, Buford, GA. (January 2023).
- Foley, A., & Pedersen, C. Georgia Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences Conference, *Digital Breakout Rooms*. Savannah, GA. (January 2019).

- Pedersen, C. Georgia FCCLA Fall Leadership Conference, *Say Yes to FCS*. Covington, GA. (November, 2018).
- Pedersen, C., Sobel, K., & Holland, A. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 109th Annual Conference and Expo, *Creating Work-Life Balance as a Young Professional*. Atlanta, GA. (June 2018).
- Holland, A., Pedersen, C., & Sobel, K. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 109th Annual Conference and Expo, *Surviving Your First Year of Teaching Part 3: Creating Healthy Relationships*. Atlanta, GA. (June 2018).
- Sobel, K., Holland, A., & Pedersen, C. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 109th Annual Conference and Expo, *The Communities We Serve: Re-engaging in Healthy School- Community Relationships*. Atlanta, GA. (June 2018).
- Pedersen, C. Hawaiian International Conference on Education. *A Proposed Model of Interactions between Teachers' Characteristics, Attitudes toward Poverty, and Learning Environment Climates*. Honolulu, HI. (January 2018).
- Pedersen, C., & Holland, A.. Family, Career and Community Leaders of American National Leadership Meeting, *Get the FACTS About Teaching FACS*. Nashville, TN. (July 2017).
- Holland, A., Pedersen, C., Storms, K., Suarez, V., & Berleth, N. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 108th Annual Conference and Expo, *Surviving Your First Year of Teaching Part 2: Managing Your Finances*. Dallas, TX. (June 2017).
- Suarez, V., Storms, K., Berleth, N., Pedersen, C. & Holland, A. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 108th Annual Conference and Expo, *Putting the Fun in Funding*. Dallas, TX. (June 2017).
- Pedersen, C. Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference. *The Role of Family and Consumer Sciences Professionals in Combatting Poverty*. Plano, Tx. (March 2017).
- Alexander, K., Holland, A., & Pedersen, C. FCS Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference. *Talks for Action and Advocacy Addressing Poverty*. Plano, Tx. (March 2017).
- Godfrey, R. & Pedersen, C. FCS Texas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Conference. *When Family and Consumer Sciences Professionals Connect, They Change the World*. Plano, Tx. (March 2017).
- Holland, A., & Pedersen, C., American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 107th Annual Conference and Expo, *Surviving Your First Year of Teaching*. Bellevue, WA. (June 2016).
- Pedersen, C., & Holland, A., American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 107th Annual Conference and Expo, *Healthy Apps to Motivate You!* Bellevue, WA. (June 2016).
- Pedersen, C. International Federation of Home Economics World Congress. *Say Yes to FCS: Recruiting & Retaining FCS Educators*. Daejeon, South Korea. (August 2016).
- Holland, A., & Pedersen, C. Family, Career and Community Leaders of American Cluster Meeting, *Get the FACTS About Teaching FACS*. Dallas, TX. (November 2015).
- Pedersen, C. & Espino, E. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 106th Annual Conference and Expo, *Strategies for Teaching Personal Finance to Technical Learners of All Ages*. Jacksonville, FL. (June 2015).
- Pedersen, C. & Miller, R. American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences 106th Annual Conference and Expo, *Children and Screen Time: A Necessary Evil?* Jacksonville, FL. (June 2015).

****REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.****