

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- expected*
May 2028 **George Mason University**, Fairfax, VA
Ph.D. Education
Specialization: Learning Technology Design Research
Secondary Emphasis: Neuro-Informed Instructional Design
Research Focus: AI-Driven Adaptive Learning Technologies for
Learner-Centered Design and Cognitive Support
- 2019 **Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA
M.Ed. Learning, Design, & Technology
Emphasis: Instructional Design and Emerging Technologies
- 2014 **Pennsylvania State University**, University Park, PA
M. Ed. Adult Education
Certificate, Educational Technology Integration
Certificate, Distance Education
Emphasis: Adult Education Needs of Student-Veterans
- 2000 **Fayetteville State University**, Fayetteville, NC
B. S. Education
Major: Elementary Education
Minor: History

RESEARCH INTEREST

Instructional Design, AI-Adaptive Learning Technologies, Cognitive Accessibility, and Neurodiversity

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICES

- 2025 **Representative**, Learning Technology Design Research (LTDR)
Specialization, George Mason University Doctoral Student Council
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

2025 **UAT Tester**, Student User Acceptance Testing (UAT), Patriot Connect
George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

2023 **UX Tester**, Neurodiversity Design System
Will Soward, [linkedin.com/in/willsoward](https://www.linkedin.com/in/willsoward)

RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

For Professor: **Margaret Weiss, Ph.D.**
2025 – Present Research for the Interdisciplinary Center for Research and Development in Teacher Education (RITE Center) at George Mason University to conduct a Scoping Review for the examination of AI and Teacher Preparation

2024 – 2025 Grant awarded by the Virginia Department of Education Training and Technical Assistant Center (TTAC) to George Mason University to study High-Leverage Practices in Teacher Education for the CEEDAR Center

PUBLICATIONS

Currently, no publications or speaking engagements

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2019 – 2023 **Program Director of Education**
Challenger Center, Washington, DC

2016 – 2018 **Director of Food Services & Hospitality**
First Baptist Church Southern Pines, Southern Pines, NC

2016 – 2017 **Councilwoman**
Village of Whispering Pines, Whispering Pines, NC

2015 – 2016 **Transition Assistance Counselor**
Serco, Fort Bragg, NC

2008 **Education Coordinator**
Cape Fear Botanical Garden, Fayetteville, NC

2006 – 2008 **Fifth Grade Teacher**
Vanstory Hills Elementary School, Fayetteville, NC,

2005 – 2006 **Management Analyst**
US Army Force Management Support Agency (USAFMSA),

Fort Leavenworth, KS

2002 – 2003

Curriculum and Instruction Specialist

STARBASE Alaska, Anchorage, AK

2000 – 2001

Fourth Grade Teacher

E.E. Miller Elementary School, Fayetteville, NC

1998 – 2000

Senior Military Intelligence Analyst and Instructor

US Army Reserve, Fort Bragg, NC

1993 – 1997

Schools Non-Commissioned Officer and Intelligence Analyst

US Army, Wiesbaden, Germany and Fort Bragg, NC

VOLUNTEERING

2021 – Present

Teacher, Adult Bible Study, First Baptist Church of Alexandria
Alexandria, VA

2010 – 2019

Teacher, Adult Bible Study, First Baptist Church of Southern Pines
Southern Pines, NC

2014 – 2016

Leader, Family Readiness Group, 8th PSYOP Battalion
Fort Bragg, NC

2014

Executive Chef & Instructor, Cooking Matters
Fayetteville, NC