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PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

Ph.D	Family and Child Ecology	1993	Michigan State University
M.S.W.	Social Work	1984	Wayne State University
B.S.	Child Development & Teaching	1979	Michigan State University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

<u>Western Michigan University</u> <i>Assistant/Associate/Full Professor</i> Department of Teaching, Learning and Leadership College of Education and Human Development	1994 - present
<u>Family Outreach Center</u> Family Counselor	2005-2009
<u>Hope College</u> <i>Instructor</i> Department of Sociology.	1994
<u>Western Michigan University</u> <i>Instructor</i> Department of Education and Professional Development College of Education.	1993
<u>Michigan State University</u> <i>Instructor</i> Department of Family and Child Ecology	1987 - 1993

College of Human Ecology

Holland Community Hospital 1991 - 1994
Program Coordinator
Positive Parenting Program.

Butterworth Hospital 1986 - 1990
Research Consultant
Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
Parenting Volunteer Program.

Michigan State University 1985 - 1987
Graduate Assistant
Research & Teaching

Lansing General Hospital 1983 - 1984
Social Work Intern.

Holy Rosary School 1981 - 1983
Elementary Teacher

Catholic Social Services 1980 - 1981
Social Work Intern.

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Elementary Teacher

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

REFERRED/REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Whitley, D., Fruehauf, C., Smith, A. & Lee, Y. (in press). Emotional Adjustments of Custodial Grandparents Living With COVID-19: A National Perspective. *Intergenerational Programming Quarterly*.

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Lumpkin, C., Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2006). Custodial grandparents and adolescents: A snapshot! Minneapolis, MN: *Family Information Services*, <http://familyinfoserv.com>.

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Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2005). Health care for grandparent-headed families.

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Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2005). Children in the care of custodial grandparents: Services for Head Start families. *Proceedings from the 7th National Head Start Research Conference*.

Grinwys, B., Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2004). Custodial grandparent families and health care: Steps for developing responsive health care systems. *Michigan Family Review*, 9, 37-44.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2004). Activities for grandchildren: Discovering local opportunities. Minneapolis, MN: *Family Information Services*.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2005). Trends in U.S. Families. Minneapolis, MN: *Family Information Services*. <http://familyinfoserv.com>.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2005). Navigating support systems: A road map for custodial grandparents. Minneapolis, MN: *Family Information Services*. <http://familyinfoserv.com>.

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Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2004). Understanding emotional issues in your grandchildren's lives. Minneapolis, MN: *Family Information Services*.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2003). Grandparent-headed families in the United States: Programming to meet unique needs. *Intergenerational Programming Quarterly*, 1(3), 35-47.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2003). Lessons learned from a custodial grandparent community support program. *Children and Schools*, 25(2), 87-95.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2003). Custodial grandparents and schools: Building successful partnerships. Minneapolis, MN: *Family Information Services*.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2003). Can we talk about family? Commentary. Family Involvement Network of Educators, Harvard Family Research Project. www.gs.harvard.edu/hfrp/projects/fine.resources/teaching-case/grandparent.html.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2003). Tips for success: Building support groups for custodial grandparent families. Minneapolis, MN: *Family Information Services*.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2003). Grandparent-headed families and Head Start: Developing effective services. Washington DC: National Head Start Research Conference, (ERIC Document Reproduction Service NO. ED 472127).

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2003). Building resiliency in children in the care of grandparents. Minneapolis, MN: *Family Information Services*.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2002). Profile of the custodial grandparent family. Minneapolis, MN: *Family Information Services*.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2002). Educating educators: Programming to support grandparent-headed families. *Contemporary Education*, 72, 47-51.

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Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (1996). Creating learning communities: The partnership and leadership seminar. *Proceedings from the Third Beatrice Paolucci Symposium: Visioning Human Ecology for the 21st Century*.

Smith, A. (1995). Effects of maternal employment during the first year of life on reading development in seven-year old children. *National Reading Conference Yearbook*, 44th edition. Chicago: National Reading Conference, 272-279.

Articles Under Review:

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Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2008). Preschool children and caregiving grandparents: Enhancing family strengths. In Hayslip, B. & Kaminski, T. (Eds.), Parenting the custodial grandchild: Implications for clinical practice. New York: Springer, pp. 237-250.

Smith, A. and Dannison, L. (1999). Recycled parents: Building collaborative partnerships to support custodial grandparents. In Lerner, R. and Chibucos, T. (Eds.), *Serving Children and Families Through Community-University Partnerships: Success Stories* (pp. 225-229). Norwell, MA: Kluwer Academic Press.

Smith, A. (1996). Refining parenting skills. *Second Time Around: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren*. Kalamazoo, MI: Western Michigan University Press.

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Books

Smith, A. and Dannison, L. (2025—in press). Grandparenting: Building your legacy. Bookbaby.

Smith, A. and Dannison, L. (2020). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Coping with Addiction. Bookbaby.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2018). Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: Expanding Your View. Amazon.

Curricular Resources

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Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2008). Second Time Around: A Guide for Continuation Groups. Kalamazoo, MI: Western Michigan University.

Smith, A., Dannison, L. & Vronko, B. (2007). A Guide to In-Home Services: Facilitator's Guide and Grandparent Binder. Kalamazoo, MI: Western Michigan University.

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Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2002). *Grand Ideas for Grand Kids*. Kalamazoo, MI: Western Michigan University Press.

Smith, A. (1994). *Positive Parenting Program: Curriculum Guide*. Holland, MI: Holland Community Hospital.

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Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (1998). *The Custodial Grandparent Family*. Western Michigan University Production.

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Smith, A. (1993). Effects of early maternal employment on the cognitive and socio-emotional development of seven-year old children. Michigan State University.

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Whitley, D., Fruehauf, C., Smith, A. & Lee, Y. (November 2023). Emotional Adjustments of Custodial Grandparents Living With COVID-19: A National Perspective. Gerontological Society of American 76th Annual Meeting, Tampa, FL.

Smith, A. (November 2021). Supporting Kinship Professionals During Covid-19: A Review of Effective Strategies. Gerontological Society of America 74th Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference

Smith, A. (November 2019). Building Networks of Professionals to Support Kinship Care Families. Gerontological Association of America 72nd Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.

Smith, A. (November 2018). Professionals Working with Kinship Families: Informational Gaps and Needs. Gerontological Association of America 71st Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Smith, A. (March 2018). Incorporating caregiving grandparents' preferences into alternative format service delivery models. Aging in America Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Smith, A. (November 2017). Reframing services for custodial grandparents: Effectiveness of diverse program options. XXII Annual Conference of the International Society for Human Ecology, Los Banos, Philippines.

Smith, A. (March, 2017). Programming for custodial grandparents: Effectiveness of non-traditional formats for providing services. Aging in America Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Smith, A. (November, 2016). Developing programs for caregiving grandparents: Assessing new approaches. Gerontological Association of America 69th Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Smith, A. (March, 2016). Services for custodial grandparents: New methods for meeting needs. Aging in America Annual Conference, Washington DC.

Smith, A. (November, 2015). Bridging the gap: Grandparent caregivers and service providers programmatic and educational needs. Gerontological Society of America 68th Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL.

Smith, A. (March, 2015). Professionals working with grandparents raising grandchildren: Informational priorities. Aging in America Conference, Chicago, IL.

Sisson, L. & Smith, A. (June, 2014). Nutrition education in early childhood settings. American Dietetic Association Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI.

Smith, A. (November, 2013). Developing services for grandfamilies: Enhancing strengths. Gerontological Society of America 66th Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Smith, A., Whitley, D. & Hayslip, B. (July, 2013). Professionals and researchers in kinship care: Defining needs and developing partnerships. Generations United 17th International Conference, Washington D.C.

Smith, A., Whitley, D. & McElroy, J. (April, 2013). Programming for kinship care families: Current and future trends. Child Welfare League of America Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

Smith, A. (March, 2012). Programs for grandparent-headed families: Building effective services. Aging in America Annual Conference, Washington D.C.

Whitley, D., Smith, A. & Goyer, A. (April, 2011). Programming in kinship care: An analysis of needs. Aging in America Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (November, 2010). Enhancing personal competency in grandparent caregivers: Lessons learned. Gerontological Society of America 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (November, 2010). Second time around: Strengths based programming for grandparent caregivers. Gerontological Society of America 63rd Annual Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

Bruss, M., Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (April, 2010). Obesity Prevention in Head Start Settings. CA Head Start Research Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Smith, A., Dannion, L. & Curtis, T. (2009, July). Findings from the Grandparent Resource Site Project. 15th Generations United International Conference, Washington D.C.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, July). The Grandparent Resource Site Project: Implementation and Assessment. 14th Generations United International Conference, Washington DC.

Smith, A., Dannison, L. & Contreras, J. (2006, November), Family diversity in preschool

settings: Regional perspectives. National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2005, September). Custodial grandparents and childcare: 13th Generations United International Conference, Washington D.C.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2004, June). Issues in kinship care: Implications for research, policy and practice. International Consortium for Intergenerational Programming, Victoria, British Columbia.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2004, June). Children in the care of custodial grandparents: Services for Head Start families. National Head Start Research Conference, Washington D.C.

Smith, A. & DeVries, L. (2003, November). Beyond flashcards and number facts: Developing a hands-on math curriculum using items kids love. National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2003, November). Holistic programming for kinship care families: Addressing critical needs. 65th Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Smith, A., Dannison, L. & Whitley, D. (October, 2003). Building effective programming for custodial grandparent families. 12th Generations United International Conference, Washington DC.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2003, March). Non-traditional families and early childhood educators--Strategies for success. Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Brondyk, S. (2002, November). Piaget and Montessori: Putting yesterday's theorists to work in today's early childhood classrooms. National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, New York, New York.

Smith, A., Dannison, L. & Holm, G. (2002, November). Non-traditional families: Programming to meet unique needs. 64th Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Houston, TX.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2002, June). Grandparent-headed families and Head Start: Developing effective services. Head Start's 6th National Research Conference, Washington DC.

Smith, A. & Brondyk, S. (2002, March). Piaget and Montessori: Together in today's early childhood settings. Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A., Troope, M. & Goyer A. (2001, October). Grandparents parenting young

children: Effective strategies for early childhood educators. National Association for the Education of Young Children, Anaheim, CA.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2001, October). I didn't think I needed one. Tips for effective custodial grandparent support groups. 11th Annual International Conference on Intergenerational Issues, Washington DC.

Smith, A. & Rawls, D. (2001, June). Kinship caregivers and the children they raise: Mental health issues and solutions. The National Mental Health Association Annual Conference, Washington DC.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2001, March). Just Grandma and me: Custodial grandparent families and Head Start. Michigan Head Start Training Conference, East Lansing, MI.

Smith, A., Dannison, L. & Bolig, E. (2000, November). Developing community partnerships to support the skipped generation family. 62nd Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Minneapolis, MN.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2000, October). The second time around family: Creating curriculum for children in kinship care. National Association for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2000, October). Second time around families: Cultivating community partnerships to sustain families and relationships. The 11th International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Smith, A., Bolig, E. & Dannison, L. (2000, July). The custodial grandparent family: A review of a pilot program for grandparents, grandchildren, and educators. Tri-state American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Ann Arbor, MI.

Smith, A., Dannison, L. & Bolig, E. (2000, April). When Grandma stands in for Mom or Dad: Creating curriculum for grandparent headed families. National Head Start 27th Annual Training Conference, Washington DC.

Bolig, E., Smith, A. & Love, P. (2000, April). Custodial grandparent families: A holistic service delivery model. National Head Start 27th Annual Training Conference, Washington DC.

Gerard, N., Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1999, November). Assessing information priorities: Diverse family needs in parent education. 61st Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Irvine, CA.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1998, November). Grandparents and daycare: Navigating the maze. National Association for the Education of Young Children, Toronto, Canada.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (1998, November).. Grandparents as parents: Optimizing the home-school environment. 60th Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Milwaukee, WI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1998, April). Grandparent-headed families: Strategies for educators. Association for Childhood Education International, Tampa, FL.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1997, November). When Grandma is Mom: Information and strategies for early childhood educators. National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA.

Dannison, L., Nieuwenhuis, A. & Smith, A. (1997, November). Second time around: Grandparents raising grandchildren. 59th Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations Pre-Conference Workshop, Arlington, VA.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (1997, October). Grandparents as parents: Ninth International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Bar Harbor, ME.

Vacha-Haase, T., Dannison, L., Smith, A. & Ness, C. (1997, August). Second time around: Grandparents raising grandchildren. Kinship Care National Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1997, June). Supporting grandparents who parent: Review of a pilot program. National Head Start Training Conference, Boston, MA.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1997, March). Grandparent-headed families: Strategies for Head Start teachers. Michigan Head Start Association Annual Conference, Midland, MI.

Dannison, L., Smith, A., Nieuwenhuis, A. & Dannison, C. (1996, November). Supporting grandparents as second parents: Review of a pilot program. 58th Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Kansas City, MO.

Gerard, N., Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1996, November). Assessing information needs of parents: Evolution of an instrument. 58th Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Kansas City, MO.

Gerard, N., Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (1996, June). Assessing information needs of parents: Evolution of an instrument. Head Start's Third National Research Conference, Washington DC.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (1996, March). Creating learning communities: The partnership and leadership seminar. Third Beatrice Paolucci Symposium, East Lansing, MI.

Boger, R. & Smith, A. (1996, March). Social support: A human ecological process for individual, family and community adaptation and growth. Third Beatrice Paolucci Symposium, East Lansing, MI.

Smith, A. (1995, December). Maternal employment during the first year of life: What early childhood educators need to know. National Association for the Education of Young

Children, Washington DC.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (1995, November). Cooperative learning strategies: A natural fit for parent educators. 57th Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, Portland, OR.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. & Gerard, N. (1995, October). Influence of partnership and leadership seminar: An ecological perspective. Sixth International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Tahoe City, CA.

Anderson, A. & Smith, A. (1995, May). Weaving with diverse strands: Building community in today's multi-cultural classrooms. Midwest Regional Association for the Education of Young Children, Fargo, ND.

Smith, A. & Anderson, A. (1995, May). Beyond Playdoh and Lincoln Logs: Construction play to enhance young children's development. Midwest Regional Association for the Education of Young Children, Fargo, ND.

Smith, A. & Anderson, A. (1995, March). Construction play and children's cognitive and social development: Let's go beyond blocks! Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (1994, December). Effects of early maternal employment on reading development in seven-year old children. National Reading Conference, San Diego, CA.

Boger, R. & Smith, A. (1994, April). Hospital based parent to parent support: An ecological Rx for families. Seventh International Congress of the Society for Human Ecology, East Lansing, MI.

Invited International Presentations

Smith, A. (2013, October). Placement in kinship care: A special focus on grandparents. Regionsenter for Barn og Unges Psykiske Health, Oslo, Norway.

Smith, A. (2013, October). The importance of play in young children's lives. Interdisciplinary Research Faculty Group, University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway.

Smith, A. (2013, October). Second time around: Strategies for building programs for caregiving grandparents. Northern Region Foster Care Society, Tromso, Norway.

Smith, A. (2013). American families: Influences, challenges and strengths. University of Tromso, Social Research Focal Group, Tromso, Norway.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2008, November). Working with families: Obesity prevention in the CNMI. Commonwealth of the Northern Marinas Islands Public School District, Saipan,

CNMI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2008, November). Families and education: Building supportive partnerships. Commonwealth of the Northern Marinas Islands Public School District, Saipan, CNMI.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2008, November). Project Familia Facilitators Training Conference. Saipan, CNMI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, March). Developing, implementing and evaluating kinship care programming. University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2007, March). Assessment instruments for kinship care family members. University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, March). Programming for children in kinship and foster care settings. University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2007, March). Demographic trends in families in the United States. University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, March). Second Time Around: Grandparents raising grandchildren. University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2006, March). Project Familia: Holistic programming for CNMI families. Commonwealth of the Northern Marinas Islands Public School District, Saipan, CNMI.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2006, March). Working effectively with parents of preschoolers. Commonwealth of the Northern Marinas Islands Public School District/Head Start Program, Saipan, CNMI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2004, November). Effective programming for kinship care family members: Implications for policy in the United States and Great Britain. Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2004, November). Intergenerational families and public policy in the United States. Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2004, November). Meeting the unique needs of grandparent caregivers in the United States and the United Kingdom. Keele University, Staffordshire, England.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2004, November). Current issues in family policy in the United States. Northumbria University, Newcastle, England.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2004, November). Structuring effective play experiences for children. Northumbria University, Newcastle, England.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2004, November). Grandparent caregivers in the United States. Northumbria University, Newcastle, England.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2004, November). Developing programming for intergenerational families. Newcastle Early Childhood Council, Newcastle, England.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2002, June). Kinship care in the United States. Latvian Foster Care Society, Riga, Latvia.

Smith, A. (1999, April). Custodial grandparents in American society. John Moores University, Liverpool, England.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1999, April). Grandparent-headed families: A profile. University College of Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.

Smith, A. (1999, April). Aging families in America: Trends and professional responses. University College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland.

Invited Presentations

Smith, A. (September 2024). Enhancing positive thinking and resiliency in kinship caregivers. Michigan Kinship Care Coalition Annual Conference, Virtual Presentation.

Smith, A. (September 2022). Kinship caregivers: Binding families together. Keynote Address, Michigan Kinship Care Coalition Annual Conference. Virtual Presentation.

Smith, A. (January/February 2022). Effective services for kinship family members. Michigan Kinship Care Coalition Professional Training. Virtual Presentation.

Smith, A. and Dannison, L. (September 2021). Serving kinship families using varied formats. South Carolina Department of Library Services. Virtual Presentation.

Smith, A. and Smith, H. (February 2021). Planning for the unexpected: Assisting kinship families. Idaho 10th Annual Relatives as Caregivers Conference. Virtual Presentation. Boise, ID.

Smith, A. (September 2020). Kinship care families in Michigan: Critical information for social workers. Grand Valley State University, Virtual Presentation, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. and Dannison, L. (July and August, 2020). Providing effective services to kinship families: Face-to face, hybrid and virtual options. Virtual Presentation, Ocala FL.

Smith, A. (April, 2020). Kinship care families: Developing and modifying programming

to meet unique needs of caregivers. Idaho Department of Social Services. Virtual Presentation, Boise, ID.

Smith, A. (April, 2019). Balancing work and family: Strategies and suggestions. Aquinas College Professional Alumni Association, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (September, 2018). Enhancing options: Programming to support kinship families' diverse needs. Northern Virginia Regional Kinship Care Group Fourth Annual Kinship Symposium: *Strengthening Child Welfare to Empower Kin Connections and Engage Male Relatives*. Alexandria, VA.

Smith, A. (May, 2018). Kinship care families: Relevant needs and unique strengths. *Idaho State Department of Social Services: Three City Speaking Tour*. Boise, Lewiston and Pocatello, ID.

Smith, A., Miller, W. & O'Brien, Angela (2018, January). The Sound Reading Framework. Kent County Literacy Summit, Grand Valley State University, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (2016, November). Enhancing resiliency in kinship care family members. The Brookdale Foundation Kinship Navigator Conference, Denver, CO.

Smith, A. and Dannison, L. (2016, November). Supporting grandparent caregivers in the local community. Northwestern Michigan Community College Fall Lecture Series, Traverse City, MI.

Smith, A. (2016, October). Kinship care family members: Assessing and supporting needs. Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Kalamazoo, MI.

Smith, A. (2014, January). Understanding mental health needs among children in intergenerational families. Network 180 Research Presentation, Kent County, MI.

Smith, A., Dannison, L. & Langosch, D. (2012, May). Best Practices Serving Kin-Caregiver Families: The Value of Collaborations and Partnerships. Brookdale Association: RAPP conference. New York, NY.

Dannison, L., Smith, A. & James, M. (2011, September). Resiliency in Kinship Care Families: Capitalizing on Family Strengths. Keynote Address at the Fourth Annual Michigan Kinship Care Conference and Grandfamily Reunion. Detroit, MI.

Smith, A. (2011, May). Supporting custodial grandparents in home-based programs. Michigan Home Based Family Services Association, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2011, April). Programming for kinship care families: Implementing and assessing services. Georgia State Department of Aging, Macon, GA.

Smith, A. (2010, October). Supporting families in times of stress. Kent County Parenting

Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2010, September). Understanding emotional issues in grandparent-headed family members. Michigan CASA Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2008, October). Supporting programming for kin families in rural communities. Michigan Kinship Care Association, Marquette, MI.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (2008, May). The Grandparent Resource Site Project. Michigan Kinship Care Network Annual Conference, East Lansing, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2008, March). Grandparent Resource Site: Tier Two Training. Mahube Community Resource Center, Detroit Lakes, MN.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2008, March). Grandparent Resource Site: Tier Two Training. University of DC Cooperative Extension, Washington DC.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2008, March). Grandparent Resource Site: Tier Two Training. Campora Family Resource Center, Winchester, TN.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2008, February). Grandparent Resource Site: Tier Two Training. Kids Central Inc., Ocala, FL.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2008, February). Grandparent Resource Site: Tier Two Training. Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians, Nice, CA.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, December). Grandparent Resource Site: Tier Two Training. Noble County Grandparent Raising Grandchildren Group Services, Kendallville, IN.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, November). Grandparent Resource Site: Tier Two Training. Michigan State University Cooperative Extension, Kalamazoo, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, October). Creating a Grandparent Resource Site: Training the Trainer Workshop. University of DC Cooperative Extension, Washington DC.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, October). Creating a Grandparent Resource Site: Training the Trainer Workshop. Campora Family Resource Center, Winchester, TN.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, May). Creating a Grandparent Resource Site: Training the Trainer Workshop. Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians, Nice, CA.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, April). Creating a Grandparent Resource Site: Training the Trainer Workshop. Coconino County Extension, Flagstaff, AZ.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, May) Creating a Grandparent Resource Site: Training the Trainer Workshop. Kids Central, Inc., Ocala, FL.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, April) Creating a Grandparent Resource Site: Training the Trainer Workshop. Mahube Community Council, Inc., Detroit Lakes, MN.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2007, April) Creating a Grandparent Resource Site: Training the Trainer Workshop. Kalamazoo County Cooperative Extension, Kalamazoo, MI.

Dannison, L. & Smith, A. (September, 2005). Intergenerational families and the law: Challenges for grandparent-headed families. Kent County Family Court, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (January, 2005). Effective programs for supporting young children. Genesis United Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (April, 2004). Assisting schools to meet unique needs of ESL family members. Forest Hills Public Schools, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (May, 2003). Common questions about parenting young children today. LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (January, 2003). Parenting practices in early childhood. The Children's Place Learning Center, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

Smith, A. (November, 2002). Literature for toddlers. The Children's Place Learning Center. Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2001-2002). Training facilitators to support the custodial grandparent family. West Michigan Area Agencies on Aging, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (2002, March). Grandparents raising grandchildren: Interactional strategies for teachers. Inter-Institutional Teacher Education Council of West Michigan, Grand Valley State University, Allendale, MI.

Smith, A. (2001, October). Grandparents, parents, and children: Divorce issues. First Annual Brian D. Nelson Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2001, September). Grandparent-headed families: A service delivery model. Kent County Health Department, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (2001, April). Helping kids learn time management skills. East Grand Rapids Public Schools In-service Presentation, East Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2000, November). Serving custodial grandparent families in Kent County: A planned service intervention. Dyer-Ives Foundation Annual Board of Directors Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (2000, April). Involvement groups for custodial grandparents: Benefits for you and your family. Cedar Springs Annual Community Night, Cedar Springs, MI.

Smith, A. (2000, February). Helping kids learn time-management skills. Skills for Healthy Families Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2000, January). Serving grandparent-headed families in Kent County: Assessing a pilot program. Spectrum Health Human Subjects Institutional Review: Board of Directors Bi-Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1999, November). Serving custodial grandparent families in Kent County: Review of a pilot program. The Frey Foundation, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (1999, February). The over-booked child. Skills for Healthy Families Annual Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (1998, November). Developmental ages and tasks: New information for early childhood educators. Forest Hills Community Schools staff in-service presentation, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Knepper, E. (1998, October). I could teach these kids if it weren't for their parents! Inter-Institutional Teacher Education Conference of West Michigan: Mentor Teacher Conference. Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (1998, May). Media influences on young children: Learning how and why to turn off the tube! LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church Annual Parenting Seminar, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (1997, October). When grandparents are parents: Strengths and challenges of grandparent-headed families. Second Time Around: Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Professional Conference, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (1997, October). Interacting with today's families: Helping intern teachers succeed in their interactions. Inter-Institutional Teacher Education Council of West Michigan, Hope College, Holland, MI.

Smith, A. (1997, May). Play and young children: Structuring home environments to meet children's developmental needs. LaGrave Avenue Christian Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (1997, March). Parents in the classroom--Strategies for involvement. Inter-Institutional Teacher Education Conference of West Michigan: Fire-Up Conference for Intern Teachers. Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1996, February). Development of a parent education instrument: An ongoing, collaborative process. College of Education Research Convocation, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

Smith, A. & Gerard, N. (1995, August). Building coalitions in today's workplace.

Partnership and Leadership seminar, Kalamazoo, MI.

Smith, A. (1995, February). Play and preschoolers: How does television affect this process? Ada Christian Preschool, Ada, MI.

Anderson, A. & Smith, A. (1994, October). Enhancing self-esteem in young children: A guide for early childhood educators. Western Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Kalamazoo, MI.

Smith, A. & Anderson, A. (1994, October). Play and young children's cognitive development. Western Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Kalamazoo, MI.

Smith, A. (1994, April). Early maternal employment: Effects related to cognitive and socio-emotional development in seven-year old children. Butterworth Hospital Neonatal Intensive Care Unit staff in-service, Grand Rapids, MI.

Smith, A. (1994, March). Maternal employment during the first year of life: Effects on school aged children. College of Education Research Convocation, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI.

Smith, A. (1993, December). Developmentally appropriate practice: What does it mean for early childhood educators? Bangor Public Schools staff in-service, Bangor, MI.

Honors and Awards

College of Education and Human Development Multi-Cultural Advocate Award for Global Engagement, April, 2018.

Hainke Institute Faculty Scholar Recipient, May, 2013

Fulbright Senior Specialist, 2003-2017

- Kinship Care Families: Issues, challenges and family strengths. Fulbright Senior Specialist Award, University of Tromso, Tromso, Norway. Awarded by the Fulbright Commission and the U.S. Department of State, \$4000 plus travel.
- Intergenerational families and public policy in the United States. Fulbright Senior Specialist Award, Universities of Oxford, Northumbria and Keele, United Kingdom. Awarded by the Fulbright Commission and the U.S. Department of State. \$4000 plus travel.

Fulbright Senior Specialist Grant Reviewer, 2007-2012.

Phi Beta Kappa

Paolucci Scholar, Michigan State University, 1984-85.

College of Human Ecology, Michigan State University. Doctoral Scholarship Recipient. 1984-1992. Full tuition scholarship.

School of Social Work, Wayne State University Dean's Scholarship Recipient. 1981-82 and 1983-84. Full tuition scholarship.

Funded Research Experience

Smith, A. (2016). Non-Traditional Formats for Providing Services to Custodial Grandparents: Pilot Project. WMU College of Education Research Grant/Toms Grant. \$14,500.

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2006-2009). Grandparent Resource Centers to Promote School Readiness. The W.K. Kellogg Foundation. (\$365,000).

Smith, A. & Harris, B. (2001-2005). Child Care Access Means Parents in School. The United States Department of Education. (\$293,262).

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2001). Developing Resources for Facilitators of Custodial Grandparent Support Groups, Area Agency on Aging of Kent County. (\$9,000).

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (2001). Increasing Skills for Supporting Custodial Grandparent Families in Family Service Professionals. The Grand Rapids Community Foundation. (\$10,000).

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1999). Kent County Custodial Grandparent Project. Spectrum, Frey, and Drake-Quinn Foundations, Grand Rapids, MI. (\$65,000).

Smith, A. & Dannison, L. (1999). Supporting Custodial Grandparent Families in Kent County. Dyer-Ives and Frey Foundations. (\$72,000).

Smith, A. (1997). Assessing Information Needs of Parents. FRACAS Grant, Western Michigan University (\$5,000)

Professional Competence

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor, Western Michigan University, 1994 - present

Graduate Level Courses:

- ED 5750 Administration of Child Development Center (graduate)
- ED 6060 Early Childhood Curriculum Workshop

- ED 6060 Math and Science Learning for Preschool & Kindergarten-aged students
- ED 6061 Infant and Toddler Development
- ED 6008 Seminar in Early Childhood
- ED 6090 Early Childhood Education in Perspective
- ED 6110 Informal Approaches to Studying Young Children
- ED 6140 Working with Diverse Families in Early Childhood Settings
- ED 6150 Play and Young Children's Learning
- ED 6160 Piaget for Teachers of Young Children
- ED 6700 School Climate and Discipline
- ED 6760 Teaching Thinking
- ED 6790 Capstone Research Project
- FCS 5110 Kinship Care Family Members: Strengths and Challenges
- FCS 5140 Economic Realities for Kinship Care Families
- FCS 6570 Developing Effective Programming for Kinship Care Family Members

Special Topics Graduate-level Seminars

- ED 5020 Kids and Mental Health: Issues for Educators
- ED 5020 Families in Hard Times: Classroom Effects
- ED 5020 Hot Topics for Today's Educators
- ED 5020 Hollywood and Families

Undergraduate Courses

- ED 5750 Administration of Child Development Centers (undergraduate)
- ED 410/470 The Intern Seminar
- ED 3690 ECE Classroom Organization and Management
- ED 3090 Assessment and Instruction in Early Childhood Inclusive Education
- ED 2002 Elementary Teaching Lab
- FCS 3150 Global Ecology of the Family
- FCS 3190 Administration of Child Development Centers
- FCS 4120 Family Policy

- Birth-Kindergarten Graduate Program Committee Member
 - Birth-Kindergarten Graduate Certificate Committee Chair
- Development of the Early Childhood Special Education Graduate Online Program
- Initiated Early Childhood Special Education Graduate Cohort Program, Eaton Rapids Area RESA
- Graduate Adviser for TLES graduate degree candidates: Approximately 50-60 active students per semester
- Doctoral Student Committees/Chairperson

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- Coordinator: Early Childhood Special Education Graduate Program
- Director: approximately 550 Capstone Research Projects between 2001 and present
- Director: 24 Independent Study Projects between 1994 and 2001
- Project Director: Child Care Access Means Children in School (CCAMPIS grant) Project, The Children's Place Learning Center, Western Michigan University (2001-2005)

Professional Service

Professional Organization Responsibilities

2022 – present	Gerald Dawkins Charter Academy, School Board Member. Grand Rapids, MI.
2022 – present:	Journal Reviewer: <u>Children and Youth Services Review</u> .
2015 – 2019:	Sound Reading Program. Grand Rapids Public Schools. Western Michigan University, Grand Valley State University and the John and Nancy Kennedy Foundation.
2013 – present:	Co-Executive Editor, <i>Grandfamilies: The Contemporary Journal of Policy, Research and Practice</i> . The National Research Center for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.
2011 - present:	Co-Director, National Research Center for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. Western Michigan University and Georgia State University.
2011 – present:	Journal Reviewer: <u>Family Relations</u> .
2009 – present:	Webchat Program Provider, The Brookdale Foundation, New York
2007 - 2012	Reviewer, Fulbright Foundation Senior Specialist Program, CIES
2006 - 2009	Project Familia Obesity Prevention Team Member, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marinas Islands
2006 - 2009	Consultant, Northern Marinas Islands Public School District, Saipan, CNMI
2006 - 2008	Co-Chair, International Planning Committee, Generations United 14th International Conference

2004-2007	Member, Conference Planning Committee, International Consortium on Intergenerational Programming
2003-2005	Member, Conference Planning Committee, Generations United 13th International Conference
1999-2003	Secretary, Michigan Council on Family Relations/Board Member, Board of Directors

Honor Society Memberships

Phi Beta Kappa

Phi Delta Kappa

Community Service

- Michigan Kinship Care Coalition: 2020 - Present
- Michigan Kinship Care Coalition: Program Sub-Committee 2020 – 2022
- Sound Reading Framework: Grand Rapids Public Schools/John and Nancy Kennedy Literacy Project, 2015 – 2019.
- Early Learning Neighborhood Collaborative Development Committee Member, 2014 – 2017.
- Michigan Department of Education Program Reviewer, 2010 - 2016
- Kent County 4H Youth Fair, Performing Arts Supervisor, 2008 to 2013.
- Bethany Christian Services Refugee Assistance Program, Volunteer, 1999 to 2007.
- Michigan Council on Family Relations, Board of Directors, 1997 to 2006.
- Programs Assisting Refugee Acculturation (PARA), Board of Directors, 2001-2003.
- Serving Custodial Grandparents in Kent County Project, Co-Director, 2000-2003.
- Kent County Custodial Grandparent Project Advisory Board, Co-Chairperson, 2000-2003.
- Forest Hills Public Schools, Early Childhood Administration Interview Team, 2002.

- Kent County Kinship Care Conference, Co-Director, 1998.
- Kent County Head Start Early Childhood Grant Writing Initiative Team Member, 1997-98.
- Kent County Kinship Care Task Force, Member, 1997-98.
- Ottawa County Early Childhood Task Force, 1994-96.

University Service

- ZN Graduate Program Committee, 2022 – present
- CEHD Dean's Advisory Committee: 2023 – present
- CEHD Awards Committee: 2019-2023
- Prior Learning Assessment Committee, 2021 – present
- TLES/Literacy Studies Committee, 2017- present
- TLES/Literacy Studies Merger Exploratory Committee, 2016-2017
- Task Force 21: Structure Sub-Committee Chairperson, 2012 – 2014.
- College of Education and Human Development: Technology Steering Committee, 2011-2012; FRACAS Grant Reviewer, 2008-2012.
- College of Education and Human Development Promotions Committee, 2014 – 2022 and 2007 - 2009, Chairperson, 2009
- Project Director, *Child Care Access Means Parents in School* (CCAMPIS grant) Toddler Child Care Program, Children's Place Learning Center, Western Michigan University, (2001-2005).
- Parent Education Coordinator, Children's Place Learning Center, Western Michigan University, (2001-2005).
- Western Michigan University Faculty Representative, Inter-Institutional Teacher Education Council (IITEC), 1997-1999.
- Chairperson, Inter-Institutional Teacher Education Council Mentor Teacher Conference, 1997-1999.

- University Cluster Site Coordinator, 1997-99.
- School University Partnership Team (SUPT), 1997-99.
- University Regional Education Committee, 1996-97.
- University Planning Committee, Sara Swikard Preschool, 1995-96.

Departmental Service

- Early Childhood Unit Chairperson, 2014-2021
- Search Committee: 2005 (chair), 2024, 2020, 2019, 2008-2009, 2006-07, 2005-06, 2004-05, 2003-04, 2002-03, 2001-02, 2000-01, 1999-2000, 1995-1996, 1994-1995.
 - Chairperson, Search Committee: 2024-2025; 2014, 2001-02.
- Graduate Studies Program Committee: 2006 – 2015.
- Graduate Studies Program Committee Chairperson: 2009 - 2011.
- Tenure and Promotion Committee: 2024-2025 (chair), 2022-2023; 2021-2022; 2020-2021, 2019-2020, 2018-2019, 2017-2018; 2016-2017; 2015-2016; 2014-2015; 2013-2014; 2012-2013; 2011-2012, 2010-2011, 2009-2010, 2008-2009, 2007-08, 2006-07 (co-chair), 2005-06, 2004-05, 2003-04, 2002-03, 2001-02, 2000-01, 1999-2000, 1995-96 (ex-officio), 1994-95 (ex-officio).
 - Chairperson, Tenure and Promotions committee: 2024-2025 and 2005-2006.
- Graduate Studies Committee: 1997-99
- Merit Committee: 1995-96, 1994-95.
- Graduate Writing Committee: 1995-96, 1994-95.
- Elections Committee: 1994-95.
- Linkages Committee: 1995-96.
- Early Childhood Unit Member: 1994 to present.
- Early Childhood Jump Start Writer and NCATE writer: 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.