

**VITA**  
**2019-2020**

**Susan N. Kushner Benson, Ph.D.**  
**Associate Professor, Partnership Lead**  
**Faculty Status: Graduate and Undergraduate Faculty**  
**Appointed: August, 1994**

1. Academic Degrees:

|       |                             |      |                          |
|-------|-----------------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Ph.D. | University of South Florida | 1995 | Measurement and Research |
| M.A.  | John Carroll University     | 1979 | Special Education        |
| B.S.  | Ohio University             | 1975 | Elementary Education     |

2. Professional Experience:

2018 - present Partnership Lead, the LeBron James Family Foundation & I PROMISE School

2000-present University of Akron, Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership, Associate Professor

2001 - 2004 University of Akron, Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership; Assistant Department Chair

1994-2000 University of Akron, Department of Educational Foundations and Leadership; Assistant Professor

1993-94 Department of Educational Measurement/Research; University of South Florida, Tampa, FL; Data Analysis Consultant; Computer Lab Assistant

1991-94 Department of Educational Measurement/Research; University of South Florida, Tampa, FL; Graduate Teaching Assistant

1991-93 Office of the Provost, University of South Florida; Tampa, FL; Doctoral Assistant for SACS Reaccreditation; SACS Steering Committee; SACS Data Committee

1990-91 Pinellas County Schools; Clearwater, FL; Classroom teacher

1985-90 Recreational Diving Systems; Royal Oak, MI; Director of Instruction; Associate Editor *The Diving Times*

1987-88 Oakland Community College; Detroit, MI; Associate Professor of Physical Education

1979-85 Berea City Schools; Berea, OH; Classroom teacher

1977-79 John Carroll University; Cleveland, OH; Graduate Teaching Assistant

21976-77 Department of Education; Sydney, NSW, Australia; Classroom teacher

3. Faculty and Administrative Load (Most recent full year)

Load responsibilities associated with Program Lead position does not include teaching.

**Other Assignments**

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| Doctoral Program Planning Committee          | Member   | 2020-   |
| I Promise School PD Committee                | Member   | 2019-   |
| NEXT Conference Steering Committee           | Member   | 2019-20 |
| I Promise School Leadership Team             | Member   | 2018-   |
| EFL Executive Committee                      | Member   | 2012-18 |
| EFL Promotions Committee                     | Member   | 2012-18 |
| EFL Curriculum & Assessment Committee        | Member   | 2017-18 |
| EFL EdD/MBA Degree Committee                 | Chair    | 2014-17 |
| COE CAEP Admission Committee                 | Member   | 2017-18 |
| COE CAEP Planning Committee                  | Member   | 2018    |
| COE Graduate Studies Committee               | Member   | 2015-18 |
| COE College Community Committee              | Member   | 2017-18 |
| COE CAEP Mission ad Hoc Committee            | Member   | 2016-17 |
| COE Personnel Committee                      | Member   | 2015-17 |
| SAVE Assessment Committee                    | Member   | 2016-17 |
| Institutional Review Board                   | Member   | 2013-18 |
| NTT Higher Ed Search Committee               | Chair    | 2015-16 |
| COE Independent School Committee             | Co-chair | 2015-16 |
| COE RTP Committee                            | Member   | 2015-16 |
| Faculty Senate Disabilities Committee        | Member   | 2014-16 |
| COE Diversity Committee                      | Member   | 2012-15 |
| EFL Faculty Council                          | Chair    | 2012-14 |
| EFL ad hoc Merit Committee                   | Member   | 2012-13 |
| COE ad hoc Restructuring Committee           | Member   | 2012-13 |
| University Diversity Committee               | Member   | 2014-15 |
| University DLRC                              | Member   | 2012-14 |
| University Rights & Responsibility Committee | Member   | 2012-14 |
| EFL Faculty Council                          | Chair    | 2011-12 |
| EFL Executive Committee                      | Member   | 2011-12 |
| EFL Promotions Committee                     | Member   | 2011-12 |

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| COE Diversity Committee                      | Member           | 2011-12                |
| University DLRC                              | Member           | 2011-12                |
| University Rights & Responsibility Committee | Member           | 2011-12                |
| EFL Faculty Council                          | Secretary        | 2010-11 (1/2 semester) |
| EFL Executive Committee                      | Member           | 2010-11                |
| ELF ad Hoc Merit Committee                   | Member           | 2010-11                |
| EFL RTP Committee                            | Member           | 2010-11                |
| EFL ad Hoc EdD Review Committee              | Member           | 2010-11                |
| COE Diversity Committee                      | Secretary        | 2010-11                |
| Faculty Rights & Responsibilities            | Member           | 2010-11                |
| EFL Faculty Council                          | Secretary        | 2009-10                |
| EFL IT Search Committee                      | Member           | 2009-10                |
| EFL Executive Committee                      | Member           | 2009-10                |
| COE Diversity Committee                      | Secretary        | 2009-10                |
| Provost's Advisory Committee                 | Member           | 2009-10                |
| EFL Faculty Council                          | Secretary        | 2008-09                |
| EFL Research Methods Search Committee        | Chair            | 2008-09                |
| EFL Executive Committee                      | Member           | 2008-09                |
| COE Technology Committee                     | Secretary        | 2008-09                |
| COE Student Teaching Committee               | Member           | 2008-09                |
| Provost's Advisory Committee                 | Member           | 2008-09                |
| EFL Research Methods Search Committee        | Chair            | 2007-08                |
| ELF Curriculum and Assessment Committee      | Chair            | 2007-08                |
| EFL Ed.D Admissions Committee                | Member           | 2007-08                |
| EFL RTP Committee                            | Member           | 2007- 08               |
| COE Technology Committee                     | Chair            | 2007-08                |
| COE Student Teaching Committee               | Member           | 2007-08                |
| COE Grievance Committee                      | Member           | 2007-08                |
| Harrington Assessment Committee              | Member           | 2007-08                |
| Provost's Advisory Committee                 | Member           | 2007-08                |
| EFL Research Methods Search Committee        | Chair            | 2006-07                |
| EFL IT Search Committee                      | Member           | 2006-07                |
| EFL Curriculum & Assessment Committee        | Chair            | 2006-07                |
| COE Technology Committee                     | Secretary        | 2006-07                |
| COE Student-Teaching Committee               | Member           | 2005-07                |
| COE Harrington Core Revision Committee       | Member           | 2004-06                |
| COE Harrington Innovation Team               | Secretary        | 2006-07                |
| EFL Hoc By-laws Committee                    | Member           | 2005-06                |
| EFL Curriculum & Assessment Committee        | Member           | 2005-06                |
| COE Appeals Committee                        | Member           | 2005-06                |
| COE Harrington Diversity Committee           | Member           | 2004-05                |
| Department Faculty                           | Secretary        | 2004-05                |
| Educational Administration Search            | Committee Member | 2004-05                |
| University Academic Planning                 | Committee Member | 2004-07                |
| Faculty Senate                               | Senator          | 2004-07                |

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| COE Diversity Committee                     | Member           | 2004-06   |
| E-Docs Doctoral Student                     | Group Advisor    | 2003-07   |
| COE RPT Committee                           | Member           | 2003-04   |
| COE Grievance Committee                     | Member           | 2003-04   |
| Family & Consumer Science                   | Invited Speaker  | 2004      |
| Graduate Council                            | Member           | 2003-04   |
| Ad hoc Program Review Committee             | Vice-Chair       | 2003-04   |
| Curriculum and Assessment Committee         | Chair            | 2003 - 04 |
| Ed.D. Admissions Committee                  | Chair            | 2003 - 04 |
| ELCC Curriculum Development Committee       | Member           | 2003 - 04 |
| Executive Committee                         | Member           | 2003 - 04 |
| Ed.D. Admissions Committee                  | Chair            | 2002- 03  |
| Psychology Foundations Search Committee     | Member           | 2002- 03  |
| Curriculum and Assessment Committee         | Co-Chair         | 2002 - 03 |
| COE RTP Committee                           | Member           | 2002-03   |
| TEA   | Member           | 2002-03   |
| COE Grievance Committee                     | Member           | 2002-03   |
| Graduate Council                            | Member           | 2002-03   |
| Student Policy Committee (Grad Council)     | Chair            | 2002-03   |
| Student Hearing Board                       | Member           | 2002-03   |
| Ed.D. Admissions Committee                  | Chair            | 2002-03   |
| Psychology Foundations Search Committee     | Member           | 2002-03   |
| Graduate Council                            | Member           | 2002-03   |
| Student Policy Committee (Grad Council)     | Chair            | 2002-03   |
| COE RTP Committee                           | Member           | 2002-03   |
| TEA   | Member           | 2002-03   |
| COE Grievance Committee                     | Member           | 2002-03   |
| Student Hearing Board                       | Member           | 2002-03   |
| Graduate Council                            | Member           | 2001-02   |
| Graduate Council Curriculum                 | Committee Member | 2001-02   |
| TEA Assessment Committee                    | Chair            | 2001-02   |
| Doctoral Student Admission Committee        | Chair            | 2001-02   |
| Curriculum and Assessment Committee         | Chair            | 2001-02   |
| Research Foundations Search Committee       | Chair            | 2001-02   |
| Graduate Studies Committee                  | Member           | 2001-02   |
| Graduate Studies Committee                  | Chair            | 2000-01   |
| Doctoral Admissions Committee               | Member           | 2000-01   |
| Educational Administration Search Committee | Member           | 2000-01   |
| ad Hoc Outcomes Assessment Committee        | Chair            | 2000-01   |
| RTP Committee                               | Member           | 2000-01   |
| Graduate Student Admissions                 | Committee Member | 1999-00   |
| Personnel Committee                         | Chair            | 1999-00   |
| Graduate Studies                            | Committee Member | 1999-00   |
| Faculty Meetings                            | Chair            | 1997-99   |
| Executive Committee                         | Member           | 1997-99   |

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| Education Foundations Search Committee      | Member           | 1998-99 |
| Graduate Council Curriculum Committee       | Chair            | 1998-99 |
| Graduate Council                            | Secretary        | 1998-99 |
| Graduate Studies Committee                  | Chair            | 1998-99 |
| ad hoc Dissertation/Thesis Review           | Committee Member | 1998-99 |
| Executive Committee                         | Member           | 1998-99 |
| Carnegie Teaching Academy Committee         | Member           | 1998-99 |
| ad hoc Assessment Committee                 | Member           | 1998-99 |
| Graduate Council Student Policy Committee   | Chair            | 1997-99 |
| Part-Time Faculty In-Service Invited        | Speaker          | 1996-97 |
| ad hoc Professional Development Committee   | Member           | 1996-97 |
| Graduate Council                            | Member           | 1996-99 |
| Department Chair Search Committee           | Chair            | 1996-97 |
| Personnel Committee                         | Chair            | 1996-98 |
| Curriculum Committee                        | Member           | 1994-97 |
| ad hoc By-Laws Committee                    | Co-chair         | 1995-97 |
| Departmental Program Review Committee       | Member           | 1995-97 |
| Professional Development Committee          | Member           | 1995-97 |
| New Faculty Mentorship Committee            | Co-chair         | 1995-96 |
| Part-Time Faculty Liaison                   | Liaison          | 1995-96 |
| Department Faculty Meetings                 | Secretary        | 1995-96 |
| Social Foundations Faculty Search Committee | Member           | 1994-95 |
| TEA ad hoc Assessment Committee             | Member           | 1994-97 |
| Planning and Priorities Committee           | Chair            | 1995-96 |
| Masters and Doctoral Exam                   | Proctor          | 1995-96 |
| University Program Review Committee         | Member           | 1995-96 |
| Master's Recruitment Information Session    | Participant      | 1994-95 |

4. Current Professional and Academic Association Memberships

Midwestern Educational Research Association  
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society  
American Academy of University Professors

5. Professional Assignments and Activities (non-teaching)

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|---|----------------|---------|
| Temple Israel Board of Trustees                         | Member         | 2020-   |
| Temple Israel Ritual Committee                          | Member         | 2019-   |
| Temple Israel Membership Committee                      | Member         | 2019-   |
| LeBron James Family Foundation Community Advisory Board |                | 2018-   |
| LeBron James Family Foundation IPS Committee Member     |                | 2016-17 |
| Our Lady of the Elms Panther Pride                      | President      | 2017-18 |
| Our Lady of the Elms Panther Pride                      | Vice-President | 2016-17 |
| OLE Board of Trustees Advancement Committee Member      |                | 2016-18 |
| Our Lady of the Elms Athletics Committee                | Member         | 2012-16 |
| Our Lady of the Elms Panther Pride                      | Member         | 2015-16 |

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| Our Lady of the Elms ad hoc USTA Grant     | Chair                | 2015-17      |
| Our Lady of the Elms                       | PTO President        | 2012-13      |
| Our Lady of the Elms                       | PTO Vice President   | 2011-12      |
| Hospice of the Western Reserve             | Volunteer            | 2011-012     |
| Doctoral Research Seminar                  | Invited Speaker      | 2011         |
| Midwestern Education Research Journal      | Co-Editor            | 2010-14      |
| Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio              | Consultant           | 2012         |
| Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio              | Leader               | 2006-2018    |
| Midwestern Journal of Educational Research | Editor               | 2010-2015    |
| Journal of Educational Research            | Consulting Editor    | 1999-current |
| International Journal of Science Ed        | Reviewer             | 2006-current |
| Science Education                          | Reviewer             | 2007-current |
| E-Docs                                     | Advisor              | 2004-2014    |
| Educational Research Exchange              | Discussant           | 2010-2011    |
| Our Lady of the Elms                       | Invited Speaker      | 2010         |
| Families with Children from China          | Invited Speaker      | 2010         |
| FCC (Greater Cleveland)                    | President            | 2006-09      |
| Lippman Community School ParentTeacherTeam | President            | 2007-09      |
| Westlake Chinese School Survey             | Consultant           | 2006-07      |
| Greenleaf Family Center Research           | Consultant           | 2006-07      |
| Rockynol Retirement Center                 | Volunteer            | 1999-04      |
| Battered Women's Shelter                   | Volunteer            | 2001-02      |
| English Language Institute                 | Volunteer            | 2001-02      |
| Cuyahoga Heights School District           | Invited Speaker      | 2000         |
| Wadsworth Publisher                        | Textbook Reviewer    | 2000         |
| SeniorNet Volunteer                        | Instructor           | 1999-01      |
| Summit Education Initiative Task Force     | Member               | 1998-99      |
| Institute for Creative Living              | Trustee              | 1998-99      |
| SMART Consortium                           | Psychometrician      | 1998         |
| American Educational Research Association  | Proposal Reviewer    | 1998         |
| Florida Journal of Educational Research    | Journal Reviewer     | 1998-99      |
| College of Education Alumni Awards         | Invited Presenter    | 1998         |
| College of Fine & Applied Arts USDA Grant  | Project Evaluator    | 1998         |
| American Red Cross                         | Volunteer            | 1998         |
| Longman Publisher                          | Textbook Reviewer    | 1997         |
| Florida Educational Research Association   | Invited Panel Member | 1997         |
| Aspire Learning Corporation                | Consultant           | 1997         |
| MWERA                                      | Proposal Reviewer    | 1997         |
| Akron City Schools Project                 | Evaluator            | 1996-97      |
| Stark State Technical College              | Consultant           | 1996         |
| Educational Testing Services GRE           | Item Writer          | 1996         |
| NCME                                       | Proposal Reviewer    | 1994         |
| Florida Educational Research Association   | Proposal Reviewer    | 1993         |
| FERA Annual Conference                     | Session Chair        | 1993         |

6. Peer Reviewed Publications

Kushner Benson, S. N. (In press). Review of the Greater Opportunities for Adult Learning Success (GOALS), submitted to *Buros Mental Measurement Yearbook*, Buros Center for Testing: Lincoln, NE.

Brown, D. K. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (Under review). Does time in team training matter? Evaluation of team level attitudes with interprofessional education. Manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Clinical Simulation in Nursing*.

Koskey, K. K. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2017). A review of literature and a model for scaffolding asynchronous student-student interaction in online discussion forums. In P. Vu, S. Fredrickson, & C. Moore (Eds.), *Handbook of Research on Innovative Pedagogies and Technologies for Online Learning in Higher Education* (pp. 263-278), IGI Global: Hershey, PA.

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2017). Review of Kindergarten Essential Skills Assessment (KESA). *Buros Mental Measurement Yearbook*, Buros Center for Testing: Lincoln, NE.

Bancroft, S., Johnson-Whitt, E., and Kushner Benson, S. N. (2016). Race and gender in McNair Scholars' science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) graduate experiences- A pilot survey. *Mid-Western Journal of Educational Research*, 28(1), 3-27.

Kushner Benson, S. N., Ward, C., & Liang, X. (2015). The essential role of pedagogical knowledge in *technology integration* for transformative teaching and learning. In C. Angeli & N. Valanides (Eds.). *Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge: Exploring, Developing, and Assessing TPACK*, Springer.

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2014). Review of COSA (Coping Skills Assessment). *Buros Mental Measurement Yearbook*, Buros Center for Testing: Lincoln, ME

Kushner Benson, S. N. & Ward, C. (2013). TPACK profiles: A case study of TPACK in higher education. *Journal of Educational Computing Research*, 48(2), 153-172.

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2013). A review of "Multi-dimensional Education: A Common Sense Approach to Data-Driven Thinking". *Journal of Educational Research*, 106(2), 170-171.

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2012). *The reviewer's guides to quantitative methods in the social sciences*. *Journal of Educational Research*, 105(2), 148-149.

Ward, C. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2010). Developing new schemas for online teaching and learning: TPACK. *Journal of Online Learning and Teaching*, (6)2, 482-490.

Xu, M., Kushner Benson, S. N., Mudrey Camino, R. R., & Steiner, R. P. (2010). The relationship between parental involvement, self-regulated learning, and reading achievement of fifth graders: A path analysis using the ECLS-K database. *Social Psychology of Education*, (13)2, 237-269

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2009). *Observation techniques: Structured to unstructured*. [Review of the

book Small-scale social survey methods.] *Journal of Educational Research*.  
DOI:10.1080/00220670903231284

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2009). *Small-scale social survey methods*. [Review of the book Small-scale social survey methods.] *Journal of Educational Research*, 102(5), 395–396.

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2009). ). *Developing a questionnaire, second edition*. [Review of the book Developing a questionnaire, second edition.] *Journal of Educational Research*, 102(5), 396–397.

Chima, C S, Deitz-Saher, C. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2008) Nutrition risk screening in acute care: A survey of practice. *Journal of American Dietetic Association*, 23(4), 417-423.

Mathers, B. G., Kushner Benson, S. N. & Newton, E. (2006). "The teacher said my story was excellent": Preservice teachers reflect on the "external" in writing. *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, (50)4, 280-297.

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2005). Before I became a mom. *Adoptive Families*, (38)3, 62.

Jurczyk, J. Kushner Benson, S. N. Savery, J. R. (2004) Measuring student perceptions in web-based courses: A standards-based approach. *Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration*, 7(4).

Thompson, S. J., Kushner Benson, S. N., Pachnowski, L. M., & Salzman, J. A. (2001). *Decision making in planning and teaching*. New York: Longman Publishers.

Kushner Benson, S. N. & Thompson, S. J. (2001). *Decision making in planning and teaching: Instructor manual*. New York: Longman Publishers.

Kushner, S. N., & Kruse, S. D. (2000). Using action research to facilitate school improvement. *Midwest Journal of Educational Research*, 13(2), 10-14.

Hall, S. R., & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2000). A profile of journal writing in first grade classrooms. *Ohio Reading Teacher*, 34(1), 16-25.

Kushner, S. N., Carey, L. M., & Kromrey, J. D. (1996). A portrait of school improvement efforts across Florida High Schools: A content analysis of 1993-94 Blueprint 2000 school improvement plans. *Florida Journal of Educational Research*, 36(1), 1-22.

Kushner, S.N., Carey, L.M., Carey, J.O., & Jensen, M.M. (1995). The voice of the school principal in a Quality Function Deployment Analysis of customer needs for meeting school improvement goals: An educology of educational leadership. *International Journal of Educology*, 9(1), 77-108.

Carey, L. M., Dedrick, R. F., Carey, J. O., & Kushner, S. N. (1994). Procedures for

designing course evaluation instruments: Masked personality model versus transparent achievement model. *Educational and Psychological Measurement*, 54, 134-145.

Kushner, S. N., Carey, L. M., Carey, J. O., & Jensen, M. M. (1993). A Quality Function Deployment Analysis of School Customers' Needs for Meeting the Goals of Blueprint 2000. *Florida Journal of Educational Research*, 33, 48-70.

## 7. Papers Presented

Kushner Benson, S. N. & Plaster, K. (2020). Fostering teacher identify through a partnership model: A panel discussion. Accepted for presentation at the NEXT Conference, March 13, 2020, Akron, OH.

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2020). A clinical model for urban teacher education: A unique partnership to foster teacher identify. Presented at the Ohio Consortium of Teacher Education Organizations Annual Conference, January 23-25, Columbus, OH.

Koskey, K. K. , Liang, X., Kushner Benson, S. N., Makki, N. & Maguth, B. (2018). *Balancing protection of confidentiality, truthfulness in evaluation, and maintaining collaborative relationships: A Discussion centered around four evaluation scenarios*. Presented at the American Evaluation Association Annual Conference. October 28 - November 3, 2018, Cleveland, OH.

Maguth, B., Koskey, K. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2016). I PROMISE Youth Mentorship Program. Presented at the International Mentoring Association 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference. April 13-15, 2016. Auburn, AL.

Koskey, K. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2016). Using Designed Interaction to Scaffold Student-Student Engagement. Paper presented at the NEXT conference, February 19, 2016. Akron, OH.

Kushner Benson, S. N. & Coyner, S. C. (2013). *Academic search committee practices: A preliminary examination of faculty beliefs and experiences*. Presented at Clute Institute International Academic Conference, Maui, HI.

Kushner Benson, S. N. & Spickard Prettyman, S. S. (2012). *Reviewers' session*. Workshop on writing quality reviews of manuscripts and how to become a reviewer for the *Mid-Western Educational Researcher*. Presented at the annual conference of the Mid-Western Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL.

Kushner Benson, S. N. & Ward, C. L. (2011). Using TPACK to develop an online course in classroom assessment: A participatory evaluation. Presented at the Eastern Educational Research Association Annual Conference, February 2012.

Kushner Benson, S. N., Koskey, K. Liang, X. Milam, J. Spickard Prettyman, S. & Ward, C. (2011). Creating an online learning community for doctoral students: Lesson learned from TPACK. Paper presented at the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Hawaiian International Conference on Education.

Kushner Benson, S. N. & Ward, C. (2010). An evaluation of the TPACK Model in online higher education: Preliminary results. Paper presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Hawaiian International Conference on Education.

Vuchak, K. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2010). Supporting special education teachers and the effects on student achievement. Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the Eastern Educational Research Association, February 2010.

Cripe, K. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2009). Teacher Efficacy and Pedagogical Content Knowledge: A Study of Pre-Service Science Teacher Candidates. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of Midwest Educational Research Association.

Xu, M.; Kushner Benson, S. N., Mudrey-Camino, R. Steiner, R. (2009) *The Relationship Between Parental Involvement, Self-Regulated Learning, and Reading Achievement of Fifth Graders: A Path Analysis Using the ECLS-K Database*. Paper presented at 7th Annual International Educational Research Conference; Honolulu, HI.

Kushner Benson, S. N. & Ward, C. (2009) *What makes for good online teaching and learning? A comparative analysis of stakeholder perceptions*. Paper presented at 7th Annual International Educational Research Conference; Honolulu, HI.

Donohew, B. L. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2008). Coaches as organizational leaders: An application of Bolman and Deal's Leadership Framework, Paper presented at the Midwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference: Columbus, OH, October, 2009

Kushner Benson, S. N. (2007). *Using bibliotherapy with adopted children: A content analysis of children's' adoption literature*. Paper presented at the 2007 Annual Conference of the Eastern Educational Research Conference, Sand Key, February, 2007

Mathers, B. G., Kushner Benson, S. N., & Newton, E. (2006). *"It's Always Too Much Like Work": Preservice Teachers Reflect on The Role of Effort in Writing*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the College Reading Association, Pittsburgh, October, 2006

Chiuye, G., Newton, E., Kushner Benson, S. N. (2006). *Language testing in Malawi: Procedures and profiles of item writers for English on MSCE Examinations*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the College Reading Association, Pittsburgh, October, 2006

Ferch, T. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2005). *Using professional standards to evaluate the quality of textbooks: A content analysis of Spanish textbooks*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Educational Research Association, February, Hilton Head.

Gribble Mathers, B. B & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2005). *"The teacher said my story was excellent": Preservice teachers explain their successes and failures in writing.* Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the College Reading Association, November, 2005, Savannah.

Spickard Prettyman, S. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2005). *The journey from student to scholar: Doctoral students= perspectives on research methods curriculum and the process of becoming a researcher.* Paper presented at American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, April, 2005, Montreal, Canada.

Hamburg, M. & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2003). *Developing a financial literacy curriculum for middle-level students: Using focus groups to identify student voice.* Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, April 2003, Chicago, IL.

Jurczyk, J., Kushner Benson, S. N., & Savery, J. R. (2003). *Teaching web-based research methods courses: Using the IHEP standards to evaluate student and instructor experiences.* Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, April 2003, Chicago, IL.

Kushner Benson, S. N., Aronson, E., Desmett, P., Sheehan, M., Showalter, J. (2002). *A process and product evaluation of multi-age education.* Paper presented at the Midwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference, October 2002, Columbus, OH.

Jurczyk, J., Kushner Benson, S. N., & Savery, J. R. (2002). *Using the Institute for Higher Education Policy's Benchmark's for Success to compare and evaluate student and instructor expectations about Internet-based distance education.* Paper presented at the Midwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference, October 2002, Columbus, OH.

Mathers, B. G., Pfundstein, T., & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2002). *Questioning in the distance learning classroom.* Paper presented at the Midwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference, October 2002, Columbus, OH.

Herrington, K. M., O'Connor, K., & Kushner Benson, S. N. (2002). *Program assessment of teacher education program graduates: An evaluation of focus group methodology.* Paper presented at the Midwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference, October 2002, Columbus, OH.

Johns, D. A., Kushner Benson, S. N., & Litzel, J. M. (2002). *Implementation of the Turning Points recommendations in Ohio middle schools.* Paper presented at the Midwest Educational Research Association Annual Conference, October 2002, Columbus, OH.

Kushner, S. N., Aaron, B. C., & Parshall, C. G. (1999, April). Using Web-based instruction to foster higher-order thinking and decision-making in an introductory research methods course. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada).

Aaron, B. C., Parshall, C. G., & Kushner, S. N. (1999, April). Supporting and assessing higher-order learning on the World Wide Web: Implementation and evaluation of a classroom discussion support system. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada).

Parshall, C. G., Aaron, B. C., & Kushner, S. N. (1998, July). The use of web page forms for interactive student assignments. Paper presented at the Simposio Sobre Tecnologías Educativas: Enseñanza para el Siglo XXI (Symposium on Educational Technology: Teaching for the 21st Century Teaching), Mérida, Venezuela.

Aaron, B. C., Parshall, C. G., & Kushner, S. N. (1998). A discussion support system for higher order learning and assessment of the World Wide Web. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Tampa.

Kushner, S. N. (1997). The instructional implications of distance education: A reflective self-study of distance education in practice. Invited Presentation. The Florida Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Orlando.

Parshall, C. G., Aaron, B., & Kushner, S. N. (1997). An HTTP-based support system for higher-order learning and assessment. Paper presented at the Florida Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Orlando.

Kushner, S. N. & Kruse, S. D. (1997). An evaluation of the process and product of site-based management: A school and university collaboration. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Chicago.

Kushner, S. N., Watson, M. D. & White, V. (1997). The development and evaluation of a World Wide Web site for use in an educational research methods course. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Conference, Chicago.

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