

# Leigh Kale D'Amico

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## EDUCATION

**Doctor of Education in Curriculum and Instruction, 2007**  
University of South Carolina-Columbia  
Dissertation: Impact of Accountability on K-2 Teaching Practices

**Master of Public Administration, 1999**  
University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Focus Areas: Education Policy and Administration

**Bachelor of Arts in English and Communication Studies, 1996**  
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

## EXPERIENCE

May 2006 to Present  
**Research Associate Professor** (July 2021-Present)  
**Research Assistant Professor** (July 2010 to June 2021)  
**Research Associate** (August 2007 to July 2010)  
**Research Assistant** (May to August 2006, November 2006 to May 2007)  
Research, Evaluation, and Measurement Center  
College of Education, University of South Carolina-Columbia

August 2004 to May 2007  
**Research Assistant**  
Curriculum Studies, College of Education  
University of South Carolina-Columbia

January 2006 to May 2007  
**Teaching Assistant**  
EDCS 823: Curriculum Inquiry (Spring 2007)  
EDRM 723: Classroom Assessment Methods (Summer 2006)  
UNIV 201: Fundamentals of Inquiry (Spring 2006)

October 1998 to November 2004  
**Senior Program Manager** (November 2002 to August 2004)  
**Program Manager** (March 1999 to November 2002)  
**Consultant** (October 1998 to March 1999, August to November 2004)  
Mecklenburg Partnership for Children (Smart Start), Charlotte, NC

- Coordinated strategic planning and policy analysis for the organization
- Oversaw early childhood education programming and activities
- Involved in the research, writing, administration, and evaluation of grants
- Assisted in the implementation of the NC *PreK/More at Four* initiative

## RESEARCH

Serve or served as principal or co-principal investigator/evaluator on projects totaling approximately **\$5.4 million** since July 1, 2010; Lead teams that include faculty, staff, and graduate students in the development of research instruments, analysis of data, and preparation and presentation of reports

### *External Funding*

2022-2027	Principal Evaluator, <i>University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teachers Initiative Phase 3</i> , National Science Foundation (\$71,520 evaluation budget)
2020-2023	Principal Investigator, <i>Countdown to Kindergarten Evaluation</i> , South Carolina First Steps via US Department of Health and Human Services (\$221,282)
2020-2023	Principal Investigator, <i>Preschool Development Grant: Needs Assessment (Activity 1) Renewal</i> , US Department of Health and Human Services (\$884,784)
2020-2022	Co-Principal Investigator with Tammiee Dickenson, <i>ABC Quality: Preschool and School-age Process Standards</i> , SC Department of Social Services (\$424,438)
2019-2024	Principal Evaluator, <i>Transition to Teaching Residency (UofSC-T3)</i> : Teacher Quality Partnership award, US Department of Education (\$600,000 evaluation budget)
2019-2020	Co-Principal Investigator with Tammiee Dickenson, <i>Preschool Development Grant: Planning</i> , US Department of Health and Human Services (\$162,666)
2017-2022	Principal Evaluator, <i>University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teachers Initiative Phase 2</i> , National Science Foundation (\$124,200 evaluation budget)
2017-2022	Principal Investigator, <i>South Carolina School Improvement Grants Evaluation</i> , SC Department of Education via US Department of Education (\$491,340)
2015-2020	Principal Investigator, <i>Community Block Grant (PreK) Program Evaluation</i> , South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (\$222,423)
2014-2021	Principal Investigator, <i>Literacy 2030</i> , South Carolina State Library (\$250,000)
2014-2021	Principal Evaluator, <i>Developing Master Teachers through the SC Science and Mathematics Initiative</i> , National Science Foundation (\$258,251 evaluation budget)
2013-2018	Principal Investigator, <i>South Carolina Educator Evaluation System Evaluation</i> . South Carolina Department of Education (\$325,812)
2015-2016	Principal Investigator, <i>South Carolina C.H.A.R.T.E.R. Evaluation</i> , South Carolina Department of Education via US Department of Education (\$84,634)
2014-2016	Co-Principal Investigator with W. Brown, C. DiStefano, and F. Greer, <i>Child Develop. Education Program</i> , SC Education Oversight Committee (\$153,115)
2014-2017	Principal Investigator, <i>Quality Counts Evaluation: Spartanburg County First Steps</i> , Mary Black Foundation (\$100,700)

2014-2016	Principal Investigator, <i>Keys to Interactive Parenting Scale Evaluation: St. Lawrence Place</i> , United Way of the Midlands (\$14,530)
2014-2015	Principal Investigator, <i>Richland Library Literacy 2030</i> , Central Carolina Community Foundation (\$15,000)
2014	Contributor, <i>Help Me Grow South Carolina Evaluation</i> , Greenville Hospital System (\$49,998)
2012-2018	Principal Investigator, <i>Learning Bridge (Here Comes Kindergarten and Project Summer Stride)</i> , Richland Library via United Way of the Midlands (\$186,470)
2012-2013	Principal Investigator, <i>Midlands Reading</i> , United Way of Midlands (\$15,000)
2011-2014	Principal Investigator, <i>Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools PK-8 Transition Project Evaluation</i> , Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, (\$122,390)
2011-2012	Co-Principal Investigator with William Brown, <i>Developing Community Indicators of School Readiness</i> , South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness (\$39,758)
2010-2016	Principal Evaluator, <i>Winthrop Initiative for STEM Educators</i> , National Science Foundation (\$80,868 evaluation budget)
2010-2015	Co-Principal Investigator with William Brown, <i>Paraprofessionals Preservice Improvement Grant</i> , US Department of Education (\$576,316)
2006-2009	Research Associate, <i>Professional Development in Classroom Assessment</i> , Institute of Education Sciences (\$311,262) not included in total above

#### *Internal Funding*

2019-2020	Co-Principal Investigator with Rhonda Jeffries, <i>The Teacher Leadership Training Institute</i> , College of Education, University of South Carolina (\$8,915)
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#### **Technical Reports**

West, H.S., **D'Amico, L.K.**, Crooks-Monastra, J., Gilreath, R. (2022, September) *South Carolina Transition to Teaching annual evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and the US Department of Education.

**D'Amico, L. K.** (2022, August). *Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Poverty annual evaluation report*. Prepared for Francis Marion University and the SC Education Oversight Committee.

Crooks-Monastra, J., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Fan, X. (2022, March). *University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teachers Initiative Phase 2: Year 5 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation.

- Fan, X., D'Amico, L. K., (2022, January). *South Carolina School Improvement Grant evaluation report*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education and US Department of Education.
- West, H. S., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Leverage, L., & Crooks-Monastra, J. (2021, September). *South Carolina Transition to Teaching annual evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and the US Department of Education.
- D'Amico, L. K.** (2021, August). *Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Poverty annual evaluation report*. Prepared for Francis Marion University and the SC Education Oversight Committee.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, & Johnson, L. (2021, August). *Winthrop University, ASPIRE Center of Excellence Year 1 evaluation report*. Prepared for Winthrop University and SC Commission on Higher Education.
- Fan, X. & **D'Amico, L. K.** (2021, July). *Child and Adult Care Food Program: Focus Groups and Interview Evaluation Report*. Prepared for the SC Department of Health and Environmental Control and SC Department of Social Services.
- D'Amico, L. K.** (2021, May). *Winthrop Initiative for STEM Educators Year 5 evaluation report*. Prepared for Winthrop University and National Science Foundation.
- Crooks-Monastra, J., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Fan, X. (2021, February). *University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teachers Initiative Phase 2: Year 4 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation.
- Fan, X. & **D'Amico, L. K.** (2021, January) *South Carolina School Improvement Grant evaluation report*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education and US Department of Education.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, West, H., & Fan, X. (2020, September). *University of South Carolina Transition to Teaching Year 1 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and US Department of Education.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, West, H., Hall, A., & Fan, X. (2020, July). *South Carolina Community Block Grants 2018-2019 evaluation report*. Prepared for South Carolina Education Oversight Committee.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Crooks-Monastra, J. Zhang, X., & Pompey, K. (2020, July). *Developing master teachers: University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teacher Leaders Program, Year 6 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Crooks-Monastra, J., Fan, X., & Zhang, X. (2020, February). *University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teachers Initiative Phase 2: Year 3 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, & Fan, X., (2020, January). *South Carolina School Improvement Grant evaluation report*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education and US Department of Education.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Linder, S., Fan, X., Pawloski, T., & White, K. (2019, November). *South Carolina needs assessment report: Preschool Development Grant*. Prepared for US Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Children and Families.

- D'Amico, L. K.,** Linder, S., Fan, X. (2019, September). *South Carolina Community Block Grants evaluation report*. Prepared for the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** Crooks-Monastra, J., & Fan, X. (2019, July). *Developing master teachers: University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teacher Leader Program, Year 5 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** Crooks-Monastra, J., & Fan, X. (2019, February). *University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teachers Initiative Phase 2: Year 2 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** Fan, X., Cain, J. M., & Grohn, H. B. (2019, January). *South Carolina School Improvement Grants cohorts 3 and 4: Year 2 evaluation report*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education and US Department of Education.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** Cain, J. M., Brown, W. H., & Linder, S. (2018, September). *Education Oversight Committee Community Block Grants: 2016-2017 cohort evaluation report*. Prepared for Education Oversight Committee.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** & Crooks-Monastra, J. (2018, July). *Developing master teachers: University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teacher Leader Program: Year 4 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation
- Cain, J. M., **D'Amico, L. K.,** Moon, A., & Fan, X. (2018, July). *The Learning Bridge: Project Summer Stride and Here Comes Kindergarten evaluation report*. Prepared for Richland Library and United Way of the Midlands.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** Fan, X., & Grohn, H. B. (2018, June). *South Carolina Educator Effectiveness: 2016-2018 Expanded ADEPT evaluation report*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education and Southern Regional Education Board.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** & Crooks-Monastra, J. (2018, February). *University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Initiative Phase 2: Year 1 preliminary evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** Cain, J. M., Fan, X., Grohn, H., & Martin, C. (2018, January). *South Carolina School Improvement Grants (SIG) cohorts 3 and 4: Year 1 evaluation report*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education and US Department of Education.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** Linder, S. M., Cain, J. M., Brown, W. H., Greer, F., & Moon, A. (2017, October). *Education Oversight Committee Community Block Grant evaluation report: 2015-2016 grant awards*. Prepared for the Education Oversight Committee.
- Research, Evaluation, and Measurement Center. (2017, September). *South Carolina Educator Effectiveness 2016-2017 results update*. Primary Authors: **Leigh Kale D'Amico** and Xumei Fan.
- D'Amico, L. K.,** & Crooks-Monastra, J. (2017, July). *Developing master teachers through the South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teacher Leaders Program: Year 3 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Cain, J. M., Moon, A., Fan, X., & Prince, G. (2017, June). *The Learning Bridge 2016-2017 evaluation report*. Prepared for Richland Library and United Way of the Midlands.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Moon, A. M., & Prince, G., (2016, December). *Project Summer Stride 2016 interim evaluation report*. Prepared for Richland Library and United Way of the Midlands.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Pompey, K., & Prince, G. (2016, September) *Winthrop Initiative for STEM Educators 2015-16 evaluation report*. Prepared for Winthrop University and National Science Foundation.

Ranade, N., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Prince, G., Moon, A., Fan, X., & Miller, K. M. (2016, July). *The Learning Bridge 2015-16 annual evaluation report*. Prepared for Richland Library and United Way of the Midlands.

Grohn, H. B., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Prince, G., Moon, A., & Fan, X., (2016, July). *South Carolina Creating High-Quality Academic Reform through Effective Resources (CHARTER) evaluation report (2010–2016)*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education and US Department of Education.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, & Pompey, K. (2016, July). *Developing master teachers through the South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teachers Leaders Program (SMTL) Year 2 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, & Pompey, K., (2016, July). *University of South Carolina Science and Mathematics Teachers Initiative Year 6 evaluation report*. Prepared for University of South Carolina and National Science Foundation.

Office of Program Evaluation, (2016, July). *Quality Counts star rating evaluation report*. Prepared for Mary Black Foundation. Primary Authors: **Leigh Kale D'Amico**, Sondra Gaines, and Kelvin Pompey

Office of Program Evaluation. (2016, June). *Keys to Interactive Parenting Scale (KIPS) analysis 2015-16*. Prepared for St. Lawrence Place and United Way of the Midlands. Primary Authors: Glenn Prince and **Leigh Kale D'Amico**

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Zhang, X., Prince, G., Fan, X., Moon, A., Miller, K. M., & Gaines, S. (2015, December). *Quality Counts Year 1 evaluation report*. Prepared for Mary Black Foundation.

Office of Program Evaluation. (2015, November). *Student Learning Objectives: Perceptions of policies and practices in South Carolina*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education. Primary Authors: **Leigh Kale D'Amico**, Melinda Eagle, Kassie Mae Miller.

Brown, W. H., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Miller, K. M., Greer, F., DiStefano, C., & Prince, G. (2015, July). *CIRCLE (Kindergarten Readiness Assessment) Evaluation*. Prepared for South Carolina Education Oversight Committee.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Miller, K. M., & Prince, G. (2014, December). *Richland Library Literacy 2030, Richland County*. Prepared for Richland Library and Central Carolina Community Foundation.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Rao, V., Knopf, H., & Googe, H. (2014, November). *Help Me Grow South Carolina: Year 1 evaluation report*. Prepared for Greenville Hospital System.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Miller, K. M., Dickenson, T., Prince, G., Blue, G., & Eagle, M. P. (2014, Fall). *South Carolina Department of Education educator evaluation pilot project: 2013-2014 annual report*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education and presented to South Carolina State Board.

**D'Amico, L. K.** (2014, September). *Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty: 2013-2014 research and evaluation report*. Prepared for Francis Marion University and South Carolina Education Oversight Committee.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Miller, K. M., & Dixon, J. (2013, December). *Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools PK-8 transition study: Year 2 evaluation report*. Prepared for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Miller, K. M., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Dixon, J. (2013, November). *Project Summer Stride program evaluation*. Prepared for Richland Library (projected funded by Institute of Museum and Library Sciences).

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Miller, K. M., & Dixon, J. (2013, August). *Midlands Reading Consortium 2012-2013 evaluation report*. Prepared for United Way of the Midlands.

Miller, K. M., & **D'Amico, L. K.** (2013, May). *Evaluation of science and mathematics teacher initiative*. Prepared for the University of South Carolina (projected funded by National Science Foundation).

Brown, W. H., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Miller, K. M. (2013, March). *Defining, understanding, assessing, and evaluating school readiness in South Carolina*. Prepared for South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness.

**D'Amico, L. K.** (2013, February). *Knox County TAP Year 2 evaluation report for Teacher Incentive Fund 3 Project*. Prepared for National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (project funded by U.S. Department of Education).

**D'Amico, L. K.** (2012, August). *Evaluation of Winthrop initiative for STEM educators*. Prepared for Winthrop University (project funded by the National Science Foundation).

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Dickenson, T., Miller, K. M., & Tison, J. (2012, August). *Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools PK-8 transition study: Year 1 evaluation report*. Prepared for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Hansen, A., & Miller, K. M. (2010, September). *South Carolina Writing Improvement Network 2008-2010 external evaluation*. Prepared for South Carolina Education Oversight Committee (SC Legislative Proviso 1A.39).

**D'Amico, L. K.**, Morgan, G., & Gilmore, J. (2010, May). *An Evaluation of Teacher Quality Research (TQR) investment, implementation, and long-term student achievement effects*. Prepared for South Carolina Department of Education (projected funded by Institute of Education Sciences).

**D'Amico, L. K.** (2009, September). *Five-year comprehensive evaluation of Center of Excellence in Collaborative Learning at the University of South Carolina Beaufort (2004-2009)*. Prepared for South Carolina Commission on Higher Education.

## **Publications**

- D'Amico, L. K.**, West, H. S., Baker, M. A., Roy, G. J., Curcio, R., Harbour, K. E., Thompson, S. L., Guest, J., Compton-Lilly, C., & Adgerson, A. J. (2022). Using improvement science to develop and implement a teacher residency program in rural school districts. *Theory & Practice in Rural Education*, 12(1), 83-104. <https://doi.org/10.3776/tpre.2022.v9n1p>
- Fan, X., Linder, S., **D'Amico, L. K.**, White, K. M., & Pawloski, T. (2021). Identifying the needs of prekindergarten children: A focus on health and wellbeing and family environment. *Early Childhood Education Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10643-021-01206-0>
- Becton, Y. J., Bogiages, C., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Lilly, T., Currin, C., Jeffries, R. B., & Tamim, S. (2020). An emerging framework for the EdD Activist. *Impacting Education: Journal on Transforming Professional Practice*, 5(2), 43-54
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Costner, K., Costner, B., Bell, C. M, Johnson, L., & Jeffries, R. B. (2020). STEM teaching and teacher retention in high-needs school districts. *School-University Partnerships*, 12(4), 24-35.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Brown, W. H., & Sides, K. (2016, October). *Early childhood developmental screenings in South Carolina: Common practices, opportunities, and challenges*. Issue Brief. Greenville, SC: Institute for Child Success.
- Goodlett, G. B., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Sides, K. (2014, March). *School readiness: Moving toward a shared definition, standardized assessment, and unifying language*. Issue Brief. Greenville, SC: Institute for Child Success.
- D'Amico, L. K.** (2007). *Impact of educational accountability on reported teaching practices among teachers in primary and elementary schools*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation. University of South Carolina.
- Schramm-Pate, S. L., Jeffries, R. B., & **D'Amico, L. K.** (2006). Reflecting on Mary H. Wright Elementary: Ideologies of high expectations in a "re-segregated" school. In D. Armstrong & B. McMahon (Eds.), *Inclusion in urban educational environments: Addressing issues of diversity, equity, and social justice*. Greenwich, CT: Information Age Publishing.

### Conference Presentations

- D'Amico, L. K.** (2022, October). *Improving children's transitions to prekindergarten and kindergarten*. South Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children. Columbia, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K.** & Fan, X. (2022, August). *Understanding opportunities and challenges in children's transition to 4K*. Palmetto PreK Jamboree. Virtual.
- Roy, G. J., West, H. S. & **D'Amico, L. K.** (2022, July). Engaging from within: *Implementing a rural Grow Your Own residency program*. US Department of Education Effective Educator Development Summit. Washington, DC.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, West, H. S., Baker, M., Roy, G. J., Fan, X., Adgerson, A. J., Compton-Lilly, C., Curcio, R., Harbour, K. E., Guest, J., & Thompson, S. L. (2022, April). *Advancing teacher recruitment and retention: Using improvement science to develop a residency program* [Roundtable presentation]. American Educational Research Association Conference, San Diego, CA.

- Dickenson, T., West, H. S., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Kovacks, C. A., Hinson, B., Hunter, B., Akos, D., Gilreath, R., & Leverage, L. (2022, April). *Content and response process validity evidence for a state-developed measure of preschool teaching quality* [Paper presentation]. American Educational Research Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Fan, X., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Linder, S. M., & Cain, J. M. (2022, April). *How do teen parents/caregivers view the needs of young children?* [Roundtable presentation]. American Educational Research Association Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Crooks-Monastra, J., Fan, X., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Costner, K. M., & Adgeron, A. (2022, March) *STEM teachers' experiences with COVID-19: How it shaped their teaching and career intentions*. South Carolina Educators for the Practical Use of Research Conference. virtual.
- Tamim, S., Currin, E. Becton, Y., Jeffries, R., **D'Amico, L. K.** (2021, October). Sharpening our tools: The evolution of an EdD Program within the CPED Framework [Conference session]. Carnegie Project for the Education Doctorate Convening, virtual.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, West, H. S., Baker, M., Curcio, R., Roy, G. J., Thompson, S. L., Adgeron, A. J., & Guest, J. (2021, April). Using improvement science to implement and evaluate a teacher residency program in rural school districts [Paper presentation]. American Educational Research Association Conference, Virtual
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Linder, S. M., & Fan, X. (2021, April). Understanding the landscape of early childhood through multiple stakeholders: A statewide examination of priorities [Paper presentation]. American Educational Research Association Conference, virtual.
- Fan, X., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Long, D. (2021, April). *Implementation and impact of School Improvement Grants in South Carolina* [Roundtable presentation]. American Educational Research Association Conference, Virtual.
- Jeffries, R. B., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Reed, H. (2021, March). *The Teacher Leadership in Algebra Training Institute: Lessons learned pre- and post-COVID* [Conference session]. National Association for Professional Development Schools Conference, virtual.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Fan, X., & Linder, S. (2020, October). *Conducting high-quality, multifaceted needs assessments to shape program development, implementation, and evaluation*. Virtual poster presentation at the American Evaluation Association Conference.
- Adgeron, A., Baker, M. B., Curcio, R., Guest, J., Roy, G., Thompson, S., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & West, H. (2020, October). *Rural teacher education within the context of virtual space*. Presented at the Professional Development Schools: Southern Regional Vision for Education Conference, virtual.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Ward, B., Creech, F., Folsom, W., Manoski, B., & Linder, S. (2019, November). *Using teacher/child interaction assessments to examine the success of professional development: The stories of four school district 4K initiatives*. Presented at National Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, Nashville, TN.

- Becton, Y., Bogiages, C., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Jeffries, R., & Lilly, T. (2019, October). *An emerging framework for the Ed.D. activist*. Opening session presentation at the Carnegie Project for the Education Doctorate Convening, Columbia, SC.
- Fan, X., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Toal-Mandanger, L. (2019, April). *Examining the Teaching Standards 4.0 observational rubric in teacher evaluation: Perceptions and scoring*. Paper presented at American Educational Research Association Conference, Toronto, Canada.
- Fan, X., **D'Amico, L.K.**, & Long, D. (2019, March). *Evaluating school improvement grants: Student outcomes, school climate, and teacher perceptions*. Paper presented at the South Carolina Educators for the Practical Use of Research Conference, Columbia, SC.
- Viviano, C., Smith, J., Caniglin, J., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Lamb, L. (2018, July). *Moving forward: Insights from Noyce internship programs*. Roundtable presented at the Noyce Summit: National Science Foundation, Washington, DC.
- Jeffries, R. B., Becton, Y., Bogiages, C., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Tamim, S. (2018, June). *Collaborative working groups: A networked assessment model*. Breakout session presented at the Carnegie Project for the Education Doctorate Convening, Tallahassee, FL.
- Fan, X., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Grohn, H. B. (2018, April). *Educator perceptions of student learning objectives in evaluating teacher effectiveness*. Poster presented at the American Educational Research Association, New York, NY.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, & Cain, J. M. (2017, November). *Developing, selecting, and refining instruments in a mixed methods, multilingual, multicultural evaluation context*. Paper presented at the American Evaluation Association, Washington, DC.
- Moon, A., Fan, X., Cain, J. M., & **D'Amico, L. K.** (2017, November). *Using multiple measures to evaluation program effectiveness: Implications across three standardized literacy assessments*. Paper presented at the American Evaluation Association, Washington, DC.
- Prince, G. M., & **D'Amico, L. K.** (2016, October). *Using reliable scales within mixed-method, utilization-focused evaluations*. Ignite session presentation at the American Evaluation Association Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Gaines, S., **D'Amico, L. K.**, Ranade, N., & Fan, X. (2016, February). *Evaluation of The Learning Bridge dual literacy program: Here Comes Kindergarten and Project Summer Stride*. Paper session at the South Carolina Educators for the Practical Use of Research Conference, Columbia, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Brown, W. H., Greer, F., DiStefano, C., & Miller, K. M. (2016, February). *Early childhood language and literacy assessment: Policies, perceptions, and practices*. Presented at South Carolina Educators for the Practical Use of Research Conference, Columbia, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Brown, W. H., & Sides, K. (2015, October). *Who's doing what: Understanding early childhood developmental screening*. Presented at Institute for Child Success Research Symposium, Greenville, SC.

- Willis, K., Barnett, J. H., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Kirby, P. C. (2015, April). *Leading by example: Impact evaluation of TAP system across Knox County Schools*. Roundtable presented at the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL.
- Kirby, P. C., Willis, K., Barnett, J. H., & **D'Amico, L. K.** (2015, April). *High needs, highfliers: The impact of teacher incentive funding across Louisiana*. Poster presented at the American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Miller, K. M., & Brown, W. H. (2014). *Infusing special education content in early childhood programs: A partnership between USC and 2-year institutions in South Carolina*. Presented at the South Carolina Educators for the Practical Use of Research Conference, Columbia, SC.
- Linder, S. M., Rembert, K., Simpson, A., Ramey, D., Brown, W. H., **D'Amico, L. K.**, & Miller, K. M. (2013, April). *Examining professional development for the early care workforce: A multiphase mixed-methods exploration*. Poster presented at the American Education Research Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, & Brown, W. H., (2013, July). *Infusing special education content in teacher preparation programs*. Presented at the Office of Special Education Programs/US Department of Education Conference, Washington, DC.
- Googe, H., Brown, W. H., & **D'Amico, L. K.** (2012, November). *Preparing early childhood educators by enhancing pre-service curriculum in early childhood special education*. Presented at National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, & James, E. (2011, November). *The role of evaluation in informing program functioning and public perspectives*. Panelist session presentation at American Evaluation Association Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, & Rao, V. (2011, November). *Collaborative evaluation to enhance undergraduate coursework and prepare future leaders*. Roundtable presented at American Evaluation Association Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Petrusis, R., Bolton-Gary, C. (2012, November). *Evaluating program impact in alignment with cultural expectations of success*. Poster presented at the American Evaluation Association Conference, Anaheim, CA.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Brown, W. H., Googe, H., & Rao, V. (2012, February). *Evaluating the impact of coursework on the preparation of early childhood teachers*. Presented at the South Carolina Educators for the Practical Use of Research Conference, Columbia, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Morgan, G., Pawloski, T., & McWayne, J. (2010, November). *Understanding student mastery of higher education curriculum standards*. Presented at the American Evaluation Association Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- D'Amico, L. K.**, Petrusis, R., Bolton-Gary, C. (2011, February). *Effectively understanding and communicating program impact in alignment with expectations of success*. Roundtable presented at the South Carolina Educators for the Practical Use of Research Conference, Columbia, SC.

**D'Amico, L. K.,** Pawloski, T., & McWayne, J. (2009, November). *Understanding the effectiveness of higher education coursework in preparing teachers for the profession*. Presented at the American Evaluation Association Conference, Orlando, FL.

**D'Amico, L. K.,** & Yap, C. C. (2009, June). *Examining the impact of training in effectively implementing a standardized professional development curriculum*. Poster presented at the Institute of Education Sciences Research Conference, Washington, DC.

Morgan, G., **D'Amico, L. K.,** & Hardee, S. (2009, April). *Improving teacher assessment knowledge and practices: Understanding the forces for and against educational change*. Presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference, San Diego, CA.

**D'Amico, L. K.,** & Schneider, C. (2008, November). *Longitudinal evaluation of a professional development program: Lessons learned*. Paper presented at the American Evaluation Association Conference, Denver, CO.

**D'Amico, L. K.** (2008, March). *Impact of educational accountability on K-2 teaching practices in primary and elementary schools*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference, New York, NY.

**D'Amico, L. K.,** & Peng, P. (2007, November). *Implications of arts programming characteristics on student achievement*. Presented at the American Evaluation Association Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Pearsall, T., Lewis, A., **D'Amico, L. K.,** Yap, C. C., & Dickenson, T. (2007, April). *Measuring fidelity of implementation of a coach-based professional development model*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Jeffries, R. B., **D'Amico, L. K.,** & Connolly, R. (2006, November). *Testing for test's sake: Examining diverse means for predicting student success in a doctoral program focused on diversity*. Presented at American Educational Studies Association Conference, Spokane, WA.

**D'Amico, L. K.** (2005, November). *An examination of the inclusion of appropriate and effective practices in the multiple domains of development for educators in P-12 learning environments*. Presented at American Educational Studies Association Conference, Charlottesville, VA.

### **Invited Presentations**

D'Amico, L. K., (2021, December 2-3). *Needs Assessment 2.0: 2020-2023*. South Carolina First Steps Early Childhood Summit. Virtual.

D'Amico, L. K. (2021, April 14). *Critical issues in early childhood education in a post-pandemic South Carolina* (panel discussion). South Carolina State University Annual Week of the Young Child Symposium, Virtual.

D'Amico, L. K. (2020, September 14). *South Carolina Community Block Grant Evaluation*. Presented to Academic Standards and Assessment Subcommittee of the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee, Columbia, SC.

- D'Amico, L. K. (2020, June 23). *South Carolina Preschool Development Grant needs assessment phase 1 and phase 2 (Activity 1)*. Presented to South Carolina Preschool Development Full Stakeholders Meeting. Virtual.
- D'Amico, L. K. (2020, June 3). *South Carolina Preschool Development Grant needs assessment findings, Phase 1*. Presented to the South Carolina BUILD Initiative Team. Virtual.
- D'Amico, L. K. (2020, April 20). *Teen literacy*. Presented for South Carolina State Library to staff members from South Carolina libraries. Virtual.
- D'Amico, L. K. (2019, October 14). *South Carolina Community Block Grant evaluation results*. Presented to the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee Full Committee Meeting, Columbia, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K. (2019, August 9). *South Carolina Preschool Development Grant needs assessment preliminary findings*. Presented to the South Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council, Columbia, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K. (2019, July 24). *Preschool Development Grant needs assessment process and emerging findings*. Presented to the Preschool Development Grant Full Stakeholder Meeting, Columbia, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K. (2019, February 26). *Needs assessment plan: Preschool Development Grant*. Presented to Preschool Development Grant Full Stakeholder Meeting, Columbia, SC.
- Linder, S. & D'Amico, L. K. (2018, October 8). *Community Block Grant evaluation results*. Presented to the South Carolina Education Oversight Committee Full Committee Meeting, Columbia, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K. & Cain, J. M. (2017, November 29). *Early childhood literacy*. Presented to South Carolina State Library Stakeholders, Florence, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K. & Cain, J. M. (2017, November 14). *Early childhood literacy*. Presented to South Carolina State Library Stakeholders, Spartanburg, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K. & Cain, J. M. (2017, October 27). *Early childhood literacy*. Presented to South Carolina State Library Stakeholders, Charleston, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K. & Cain, J. M. (2017, October 17). *Early childhood literacy*. Presented to South Carolina State Library Stakeholders, Lexington, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K., & Linder, S. (2017, October 9). *South Carolina Community Block Grants for Education Pilot Program*. Presented to Education Oversight Committee Full Committee Meeting, Columbia, SC.
- D'Amico, L. K. (2017, May 5). *Status of literacy in the Carolinas (Welcoming address)*. Reach Out and Read Carolinas Literacy Summit, Charlotte, NC.
- Greer, F., & D'Amico, L. K. (2016, June 13). *South Carolina beginning of year assessment results of prekindergarten and kindergarten students*. Presented to South Carolina Education Oversight Committee Full Committee Meeting, Columbia, SC.

D'Amico, L. K. (2015, December). *South Carolina Educator Evaluation: Fall 2013-Fall 2015*. Presented to Southern Regional Education Board staff members and South Carolina Department of Education. Columbia, SC

D'Amico, L. K. (2015, November). *South Carolina literacy statistics, goals, and promising practices*. Presented to South Carolina Association of Public Library Administrators. Columbia, SC.

D'Amico, L.K. (2015, May 30). *Brain development: What we know and what it means for practice*. Presented to Spartanburg County Child Care Directors (Quality Counts). Spartanburg, SC.

D'Amico, L.K. (2015, February 24). *Understanding and promoting early childhood interactions*. Panelist. Presented at What Matters Most Community Forum, Spartanburg, SC.

D'Amico, L. K. (2014, October 8). *South Carolina Educator Evaluation Pilot: Year 1*. Presented to the State Board of Education, Columbia, SC.

D'Amico, L. K. (2014, September 23). *B.R.A.I.N. development* (keynote presentation). Presented at What Matters Most Community Forum. Spartanburg, SC.

D'Amico, L. K. (2014, March 12). *South Carolina Educator Evaluation Pilot*. Presented to the State Board of Education, Columbia, SC.

D'Amico, L. K. & Brown, W. H. (2013, December). *Defining, understanding, assessing, and evaluating school readiness in South Carolina*. Presented to the SC Early Childhood Advisory Council.

Tingle, L., D'Amico, L. K., Dickenson, T. (2012, October). *PreK-8 program evaluation*. Presented to the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Leadership Team.

## TEACHING

2017-Present            **Instructor, University of South Carolina-Columbia**  
EDCS 823: Curriculum Inquiry (ongoing; Fall 2017-present)  
EDCS 899: Dissertation Preparation (ongoing; Fall 2017-present)

2017-Present            **Dissertation Chair, Curriculum Studies**

2022  
Jessica Austin  
Fletcher Bowden  
Tara Cunningham Cantey  
Amia Dixon  
Ella Fortin  
Malisa Johnson  
Joanne Martin  
Karen Martin  
Annabelle Merg  
Jennifer Norman  
Dylan Orot  
Lisa Peterson  
Frederico Rowe

	Rebekah Rowland Mujtahid Subagyo
2020	Brooke Rowe Aaron Shaw Michele Trevino
2019	Dina Crislip Kristin Davis Alison Espinosa Alexandra Jenkins Joseph Marangell Stacy Payne Martin <sup>1</sup> Deanna Westedt
2018	Barbara Cifaldi Kendra Cooper John Corral Megan DeWeese Dora Fletcher Christine Gray Dawn Lawson Anna Morrison Sarah Owen Danielle Sullivan Christopher Turpin

## SERVICE

### Service to the Profession

#### *Leadership, Boards, and Editorial Reviews*

- South Carolina Preschool Development Grant Leadership Team (2020-present)
- Advisory Board, Reach Out and Read of the Carolinas, Virginia, and District of Columbia (2017-present)
- Invited Participant, Institute of Museum and Library Sciences SC Community Catalyzing Group (2019)
- Early Childhood Committee, SC Council on Competitiveness (2015-2018)
- Advisor, UNC Charlotte Early Childhood Paraprofessional Project funded by USDE (2011-2017)
- Early Childhood Education Committee, Midlands Technical College (2013-2015)
- K-3 Formative Assessment State Team (South Carolina) BUILD Initiative (2012)
- Advisory Committee Member, Quality Benchmarks for Cultural Competence, National Association for the Education of Young Children (2009-2012)
- Board Member, SC Association for the Education of Young Children (2008-2009)
- Grant Proposal Reviewer (Invited)
  - U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs
    - Higher Education Teacher Preparation Grants, September 2018
    - Higher Education Teacher Preparation Grants, May 2013

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<sup>1</sup> award for dissertation by Consortium for Research on Education Assessment & Teaching Effectiveness

- Higher Education Teacher Preparation Grants, July 2011
- Conference Proposal Reviewer (American Evaluation Association, National Youth At-Risk Conference)
- Manuscript Reviewer
  - *International Journal for STEM Education*
  - *Urban Education*
  - *Evaluation and Program Planning*
  - *NHSA: Dialog*
  - *SAGE Publications*
  - *National Network for Educational Renewal Journal*

*Research and Evaluation Consultation*

***Center of Excellence to Prepare Teachers of Children of Poverty*** (2008-present)

Francis Marion University: Florence, SC

- Oversee a research agenda focused on effective teacher preparation
- Develop student assessments, surveys, and other instruments
- Assist with the collection and interpretation of data and the dissemination of results

***Winthrop University*** (2015-2021)

- Collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data on cohorts of participants
- Consult on program revisions and improvements to increase effective teachers

***University of Kansas*** (2014-2017)

- Consulted on SWIFT rubric validation study and became certified SWIFT rater
- Evaluated schools using SWIFT rubric in Maryland school districts

***South Carolina Department of Education*** (2011-2016)

- Evaluated the impact of South Carolina System for Teacher and Student Advancement

***National Institute for Excellence in Teaching*** (2011-2016)

- Evaluated the impact of Knox County (TN) System for Teacher and Student Advancement

***Institute for Child Success*** (2014-2015)

- Developed and analyzed survey about early childhood developmental screening in South Carolina

***South Carolina Education Oversight Committee*** (2014-2015)

- Served as consultant conceptual framework for Child Development Education Program (4K)

***Midlands Middle College*** (2010)

Lexington School District 1: Lexington, SC

- Conducted external evaluation as required by the U.S. Department of Education

***South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness*** (2008-2010)

- Provided consultation on the evaluation of early childhood strategies
- Worked to enhance data collection and analysis at the state and local levels

***National Association for the Education of Young Children*** (2009-2010)

- Consulted on the evaluation of the *Quality Benchmarks for Cultural Competence*

## Service to the University and College of Education

- UofSC National Fellowships & Scholars Prog.: Graduate Research Fellowship Committee (2016-present)
- UofSC Research Consortium on Children and Families (2013-present)
- UofSC Instruction and Teacher Education Professional Faculty Tenure and Promotion Committee (2022)
- UofSC Curriculum Studies, Program Steering Committee (2020-present)
- UofSC Curriculum Studies, Admissions Review Committee (2017-present)
- UofSC Curriculum Studies, Dissertation Handbook Committee (2020)
- UofSC Instruction and Teacher Education Professional Faculty Annual Review Committee (2020)
- UofSC Carnegie Project for the Education Doctorate Opening Session Convening Committee (2019)
- UofSC Curriculum Studies, Chapters 1-3 DIP Committee (2017-2018)
- UofSC Service on Dissertation Committees (Completed by Year or In Progress):

2022	M. Katie Brasch, Curriculum Studies Russell Clark, Curriculum Studies Amanda Dixon, Curriculum Studies Herbert Gray, Curriculum Studies Samuel Lackey, Curriculum Studies Dylan Muzny, Curriculum Studies Jennifer Ochwo, Curriculum Studies Stacy Phaxaysithideth, Curriculum Studies Scott Sutherland, Curriculum Studies
2021	Blake Alspach, Curriculum Studies Lisa Alves Curriculum Studies John Borman, Curriculum Studies Lisa Cobb, Curriculum Studies Paul Hammond IV, Curriculum Studies Shannon Holmes, Curriculum Studies John Kiser, Curriculum Studies Georgette Leslie Curriculum Studies Paulette Mizzell, Curriculum Studies Charles Reed, Curriculum Studies Katrina Rouse, Curriculum Studies Matthew Sterner-Neely Curriculum Studies Amy Waddell, Curriculum Studies Krystin Williams Curriculum Studies James Winfield, Curriculum Studies Anne Marie Yarborough, Curriculum Studies
2020	Nevermind Chigoba, Teaching and Learning (Chair, Yow) Xumei Fan, Education Research, (Chair, Seaman) Victoria Gelbert (Chair: Silvernail) Donna Grant (Chair: Jeffries) Jennifer Ledbetter (Chair: Currin) Elizabeth Ross (Chair: Silvernail) Kim Tiedemann (Chair: Haynes)

2019	<p>Bree Lauffner, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Kirylo)          Andrew Miller, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Bogiages)          Lorelei Ross, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Kirylo)          Holeness Samuels, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Tamim)          Jodi Zeis, Teaching and Learning (Chair: Lotter)</p>
2018	<p>Jonnell Atkins, Curriculum Studies (Chair, Kirylo)          Susan Burnett, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Lilly)          Krista Cornehl, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Tamim)          Lexie Feldman, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Bogiages)          Madeline Fletcher, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Compton-Lilly)          Anne Waters Hartwell, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Henry-Jenkins)          Anna Hasenkamp, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Tamim)          Heather Holmes, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Lilly)          Erika Patterson, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Tamim)          Scott Weimer, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Bogiages)          Windy Sizemore, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Bogiages)          Rebecca Spenser, Teaching and Learning (Chair: Yow)          Charles Treado, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Tamim)          Angela Vincent, Curriculum Studies (Chair: Bogiages)</p>

### **Service to the Community**

- Mentor, Master of Public Administration Program, UNC Charlotte (2020-present)
- Member, Charlotte Evaluator's Group (2016-present)
- Children's Theater of Charlotte, ENCORE Volunteer Group (2015-2018)
- North Star Literacy Tutor, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools (2016-2017)
- International Baccalaureate Panel, School Review at Cotswold Elementary (2018)
- International Baccalaureate Lesson Team, Cotswold Elementary (2015-2016)
- Mecklenburg Partnership for Children, Annual Review Committee (2012-2014)