

I received my Bachelors in Psychology at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado. After graduating with my BA in 2000, I began working full-time at a residential treatment facility in Scottsdale, AZ called The New Foundation. I served as a Behavioral Health Specialist for about seven months and was then promoted as the Assistant Education Coordinator. I served as a supervisor in the school treatment center for approximately four years, which was my first exposure to working in an educational setting; this experience really helped guide my career path in becoming a school psychologist. Simultaneously, while working at the treatment facility, I earned my Master's degree in School Counseling through the Northern Arizona University (NAU) Extended Campuses. Upon completion of my MA, I moved to Flagstaff to begin my doctoral studies in Educational Psychology with an emphasis in School Psychology. As a graduate assistant, I served as the Managing Editor (2006 to 2008) and as the Associate Editor (2009) of The Journal of the International Association of Special Education (JIASE). As a graduate student, attending the annual AASP conference was such a treasured experience. I graduated with my Ph.D. in May 2013, upon the completion of my dissertation with regards to English Language learners and reading. I have been a certified school psychologist since the 2010-2011 school year. I am a practicing school psychologist employed by Mesa Public Schools. My professional passions include teaching, advocacy, research and leadership. Through the NAU Extended Campuses, I have taught the Assessment of Exceptional Children course to undergraduate students who are in training to become teachers. The reason I am honored in serving as your AASP treasurer is because I greatly value our state organization for the high-quality professional development AASP provides and the networking opportunities that are available among our fellow psychologists. I firmly believe in on-going professional development and I believe our state organization is a great venue for students and practicing psychologists. I thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Executive Board as the AASP treasurer and I hope to see you at the annual conference this year. I appreciate the difference you make in the lives of our students.