



ANWARUL AMIRAH ZULKIFLI

Experienced early childhood educator, researcher, and advocate with a strong foundation in child development, trauma-informed care, and teacher training. International experience in education, research, community engagement and a certified teacher in Oklahoma. Dedicated to promoting inclusive learning environments and advocating for children and their families.

CONTACT

LinkedIn



SKILLS

- Effective communication & collaboration
- Child engagement & child-centered
- Relationship building & cultural sensitivity
- Community & family involvement
- Initiative-driven & adaptable learner

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- International Student Emergency Relief Scholarship 2023
- JRCOE Graduate Student Research and Travel Award 2023
- The Vice President for Research and Partnerships Award for Excellence in Transdisciplinary, Convergent Research (Student Researcher)
- Founding staff of Western Gateway Elementary School
- Guest instructor for undergraduate classes
- Honors with Distinction 2021
- Distinguished Service Graduate 2020
- Future Teacher Scholarship 2020
- Dr Joann McCarthy Student Teacher Scholarship 2020
- UCO Library Student Employee of the Semester Spring Semester 2020
- Emma Weaver Rodkey Endowed Graduate Scholarship Year 2019
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- Organizing Team for Earth Hour Malaysia 2015 & 2016
- Organizing Team for Sustainable and Responsible Consumption 2015
- Program Coordinator for Theater Club
- Researcher and organizer for Green Team
(environmental program and research team for children)

CERTIFICATIONS

- Sahabat Penggerak Madani AKM Wilayah Persekutuan
- Kursus Penataraan Kurrikulum Pra Sekolah 26 (**KP 26**)
- Selangor International Care Summit 2025
- Certified Oklahoma Early Childhood Teacher
- Trust-Based Relational Intervention (**TBRI**) Professional Training (2025)
- Interdisciplinary Training on Child Abuse and Neglect (**ITP**)
- 2024-2025 at OUHSC
- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (**CLASS**) **Observer Pre-K**
- Classroom Assessment Scoring System (**CLASS**) **Observer Toddler**
- **WIDA** Certification
- **CPR** Certification
- Diabetes Management in Schools
- Kindergarten ACCESS for ELLs: Administration and Scoring
- Kursus Asas Asuhan Kanak-Kanak (**KAAK**) Basic Child Care Course from the Ministry of Women, Family, and Community Development
- **Refresher Permata Negara** from the Ministry of Women, Family, and Community Development

LANGUAGES

English

Native or Bilingual

Malay

Native or Bilingual

EDUCATION

University of Oklahoma

Norman, OK

Ph.D.: Instructional Leadership and Academic Curriculum (ILAC)- Early Childhood Education
Status: Hiatus

University of Central Oklahoma

Edmond, OK

Bachelors & Masters:
Early Childhood Education
Status: Graduated May 2022

International Islamic University Malaysia

Gombak, Kuala Lumpur

Bachelors: Linguistics and Literature
Status: Graduated October 2012

Centre For Foundation Studies, IIUM

Petaling Jaya,
Selangor

Matriculation:
English Language and Literature
Status: Graduated January 2007

- Basics of Certification Knowledge: Forests for Life Training Series
- Workshop on Media Communications by FMM Institute
- Period of Purple Crying Training

WORK EXPERIENCES

Oklahoma Institute for Child Advocacy

Position: Intern

14 Oct 2024 – 15 May 2025

Conducted policy research, assisted in community outreach efforts, and supported advocacy campaigns aimed at improving child welfare and legislative outcomes for youth across the state.

Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics, University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, OU Children's Hospital

Position: Intern

19 Feb 2024 – 24 May 2024

Supported clinical teams by aiding in trauma-informed interventions, assisting with documentation, and contributing to a supportive environment for children, adolescents, and families affected by abuse, neglect, and trauma.

University of Oklahoma - Graduate Research Assistant

Norman, Oklahoma, USA

Position: Part-time

Aug 2023 – Aug 2024

Conducted research and assisted in academic projects related to early childhood education and instructional leadership.

University of Oklahoma - Graduate Research Assistant (Happy Teacher Project)

Norman, Oklahoma, USA

Position: Part-time

Aug 2022 – May 2023

Supported research initiatives aimed at enhancing teacher well-being and effectiveness in early childhood settings.

Western Gateway Elementary - First Grade/ Makerspace Teacher

Position: Full-time

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, USA

July 2021 – May 2022

Facilitated comprehensive early childhood education and hands-on learning experiences to students in fostering a nurturing and engaging learning environment.

Orvis Risner Elementary School

Position: Student Teacher

5 Aug 2020 – 7 May 2021

Instructed a diverse classroom of students, developed and implemented engaging lesson plans, and supported individualized learning needs while fostering a positive and inclusive educational environment.

UCO Max Chambers Library - Research and Learning Assistant

Edmond, Oklahoma, USA

Position: Part-time

Feb 2018 – May 2021

Assisted students and faculty with research inquiries and provided support in library services.

REFERENCES

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Urban Teacher Preparation Academy (UTPA) - Graduate Research Assistant

Edmond, Oklahoma, USA
Position: Part-time
Oct 2018 – May 2019
Engaged in research focused on teacher preparation and educational practices.

Chartwells Dining Services - Cashier

Edmond, Oklahoma, USA
Position: Part-time
Aug 2017 – Feb 2018
Managed transactions and provided customer service in a dining environment.

Barnes and Nobles UCO Bookstore - Temporary Bookseller

Edmond, Oklahoma, USA
Position: Part-time
Dec 2017 – Jan 2018
Assisted customers with book selections and managed inventory in a retail setting.

WWF-Malaysia - Program Officer, Market Transformation Initiative (MTI)

Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia
Position: Full-time
Aug 2015 – Oct 2016
Coordinated programs aimed at promoting sustainable practices and environmental awareness.

WWF-Malaysia - Communications Officer

Petaling Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia
Position: Full-time
Aug 2014 – Aug 2015
Developed and implemented communication strategies to promote environmental initiatives and engage stakeholders.

Lazada Malaysia - Quality Control & Assurance Associate

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Position: Full-time
May 2014 – July 2014
Ensured product quality and compliance with standards in an e-commerce environment.

Lazada Malaysia - Production Associate

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Position: Full-time
March 2013 – April 2014
Assisted in the production process and quality assurance for e-commerce operations.

Freelance Writer

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Dec 2012 – Feb 2013
Created written content for promotional and informational purposes for various media productions including the motorsports industry.

Permata Bintang Tuition & Training Center - Tutorial Teacher

Gombak, Selangor, Malaysia
Nov 2010 – Sep 2011
Provided individualized instruction and support to students in a tutoring environment.

Dr Susan Scott

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RESEARCH, CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & WEBINARS**Data Analysis in Corporal Punishment**

Journal: Domestic Violence Encyclopedia (EDV) 2025
Authors: Amirah Zulkifli & Dr Alicia McLean
Date: Expected to be completed in December 2025

Childhood Maltreatment

Journal: Domestic Violence Encyclopedia (EDV) 2025
Authors: Amirah Zulkifli & Dr Alicia McLean
Date: Expected to be completed in December 2025

Descriptive Domestic Violence Risk Factors of Children

Journal: Domestic Violence Encyclopedia (EDV) 2025
Authors: Amirah Zulkifli & Dr Alicia McLean
Date: Expected to be completed in June 2025

Older Adult Care Market in Asian Countries Report

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Role: Researcher and co-writer
Date: September- November 2023
Collaborators: Kiddocare and The Asia Foundation (TAF) Innovation Fund
Type: Market Report

Trauma & Interaksi Yang Efektif: Khas kepada Pendidik & Ibubapa (Trauma and Effective Interaction for Educators and Parents)

Malacca, Malaysia
Role: Guest speaker
Date: 7 October 2023
Organizer: Persatuan Tadika Swasta Negeri Melaka (PTSNM)/ Melaka State Private Kindergarten Association
Type: Workshop

ECCE: Trauma and Effective Communication

Bertam, Pulau Pinang, Malaysia
Role: Guest speaker
Date: 30 September 2023
Organizer: Khalifah Intelek Group
Type: Workshop

Kapasiti Pedagogi Pembelajaran Bermakna: Dinamik dan Professional Menangani Cabaran Pendidikan Masa Hadapan (Meaningful Learning Pedagogical Capacity: Dynamic and Professional Addressing Future Educational Challenges)

Malacca, Malaysia
Role: Guest speaker
Date: 27 September 2023
Title: Webinar Pedagogi Kontemporari Pendidikan Awal Kanak-Kanak (Early Childhood Education Contemporary Pedagogy Webinar)
Organizer: Institut Pendidikan Guru Kampus Perempuan Melayu (Institute of Teacher Education Malay Women) and Ministry of Education: Institute of Teacher Education Malaysia
Type: Webinar

**Trauma & Interaksi Yang Efektif: Khas kepada Pendidik & Ibubapa
(Trauma and Effective Interaction for Educators and Parents)**
Kota, Bharu Kelantan, Malaysia
Role: Guest speaker
Date: 22 - 23 September 2023
Organizer: Persatuan Tadika Swasta Negeri Kelantan (PTSNK)/ Kelantan State Private Kindergarten

Workshop Society for Research in Child Development (SRCD) 2023 Biennial Meeting (Poster Presentation)
Salt Lake City, Utah
Role: Presenter
Date: 23-25 March 2023
Title: A Holistic View of Factors for Early Care and Education (ECE) Teacher Turnover Intent
Presenters: Kyong-Ah Kwon, Wonkyung Jang, Sun Geun Kim, Francisca Jensen, Hong Li, Anwarul Amirah Zulkifli

Conference University of Oklahoma Oklahoma Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (OACTE) 2022 Fall Conference
Norman, Oklahoma
Role: Lead Presenter
Date: 2-3 November 2022
Title: Supporting Early Childhood Teachers Working with Children Exposed to Trauma
Presenters: Anwarul Amirah Zulkifli, Dr Kyong Ah Kwon, Dr Courtney Dewhirst, Francisca Jensen, and Hong Li
Type: Conference University of Oklahoma

Curriculum & Instruction Symposium Fall 2018
Role: Presenter
Edmond, Oklahoma
Title: Family Math
Games: Making 10
Type: Symposium