

Education

Contract #	Term	Course	Contract Title	Contract Description
220023	Fall 2014	EDRG-5115U	Waddie Welcome Community Reading Event	<p>Waddie Welcome and the Beloved Community is the autobiography of Mr. Waddie Welcome, a man who lived with significant developmental disabilities who transformed a community in South-East Georgia. His involvement impacted the community in many substantial ways such as building friendships and empowering people within the community to come together for the greater good of others. His story lends itself to a group reading and discussion focusing on the potential for citizen advocacy to transform individuals and communities of people in important ways. Together, Lindsey Davies and I will research what it means to be a citizen advocate and host our own Waddie Welcome and the Beloved Community reading and discussion as an open event at Columbus State University. We will use the community reading and discussion as a tool to explore its use within a K-12 environment as a means of teaching about community development and reading skills.</p>
221045	Fall 2014	SPED-3275	Group Development Stages Applied to Best Buddies Leadership Organization	<p>Telea Davis and I will review the literature on group development theory as it relates to K-12 classroom management and apply it to the development of the Best Buddies @ CSU chapter on campus. Best Buddies @ CSU, a new student organization on campus, strives to create authentic friendships between people with and without developmental disabilities. As such, this organization will be comprised of a group of 15-25 individuals from diverse backgrounds who, initially, don't know one another very well. To foster a community that supports the development of authentic friendships between members with and without developmental disabilities, it will be important for chapter leaders to understand how group development theory can inform the process. As an outcome of this work, we will create a guide for future chapter leaders that supports them in using group development theory to establish a culture of interdependence as a part of their work within the chapter each year.</p>