

Laura Woodman

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Education

- 2022 – 2026 **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Candidate**, Family Science
(Anticipated) Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
Supervisors: Rhonda Breitzkreuz, PhD, and Adam Galovan, PhD
- 2020 – 2022 **Master of Science (MSc)**, Human Ecology, Family Science
Department of Human Ecology, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB
Supervisor: Adam Galovan, PhD
- 2016 – 2020 **Bachelor of Child and Youth Care (BCYC)**, Early Years Specialization
Faculty of Human and Social Development, University of Victoria, Victoria, BC
Graduated with Distinction

Teaching Experience

- 2020 – 2024 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Agriculture, Life, & Environmental Sciences
University of Alberta, Edmonton AB
ALES 204 Communication Fundamentals for Professionals
REN R 260 History and Fundamentals of Environmental Protection and Conservation
HECOL 321 Introduction to Family Finance
HECOL 211 Human Sexuality
- 2012 – 2024 **Session Instructor**, Conferences and Family Day Home Agencies across Alberta
Brain Development and Risky Play
Communicating with Parents and Professionals
Powerful Policies
Educator Self-Care
Inspiring Environments

Professional and Research Experience

- 2021 – 2022 **Research Assistant**, Flight: Alberta's Early Learning and Care Framework
MacEwan University, Edmonton, AB

2009 – 2019 **Early Childhood Educator**, Sunshine Dayhome
Edmonton, AB

Honours, Awards and Recognitions

2024 – 2027	Canada Graduate Scholarship Doctoral Award	(\$117,500)
2024 – 2025	President’s Doctoral Prize of Distinction	(\$10,000)
2023 – 2024	BMO Financial Group Graduate Scholarship	(\$20,000)
2023 – 2024	Soroptimist Foundation of Canada Grant	(\$8,500)
2021 – 2022	Alberta Graduate Excellence Scholarship	(\$12,000)
2021 - 2022	Louise Davies Memorial Graduate Scholarship	(\$2,000)
2017 – 2018	Child Development Professional Award of Excellence	

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Woodman, L. (2022). Overcoming the challenges of family day home educators: A family ecological theory approach. *IN Education*, 28(1a), 77-93.
<https://doi.org/10.37119/ojs2022.v28i1a.649>
2. Woodman, L. (2023). Out of the shadows: An epistemological examination of family childcare in Canada. *Journal of Childhood, Education & Society*, 4(2), 219–229.
<https://doi.org/10.37291/2717638X.202342260>
3. Carpenter, S., Gardiner Milln, D., Connauton, J., Woodman, L., Brown, M., Rivera, W., Mirikarbasaki, F. & Ehsan, A. (2024). Difficult dreams: Unpacking the mythologies of human capital. *Sisyphus Journal of Education*, 12(1), 37-58. <https://doi.org/10.25749/sis.30926>
4. Woodman, L., Gokiart, R., Breitkreuz, R., & Galovan, A. (2024). “Always about daycare:” A focus group study of the experiences of Canadian family childcare. *International Journal of Child Care and Education Policy* (in review).

In Preparation

1. Woodman, L. (2023). The Canadian childcare system: Critical perspectives from registered and unregistered family day homes. *International Journal of Early Childhood*.
2. Woodman, L. (2024). The Misfits: A WPR Approach to Analyzing Canadian Family Childcare Policy. *Journal of International and Comparative Social Policy*.

Conference Abstracts

Graduate Conferences

1. Woodman, L. (2024, June 14). The Canadian Childcare System: Critical Perspectives from Regulated and Unregulated Family Day Homes [research presentation]. Canadian Association for Research in Early Childhood (CAREC) Conference. Université de Montréal, Montréal QB.
2. Woodman, L. (2024, June 14). Growing Stronger Together: A Mixed-Methods Case Study on Communities of Practice with Canadian Family Childcare Educators [research presentation]. Canadian Association for Research in Early Childhood (CCGSE) Conference. McGill University, Montréal QB.
3. Woodman, L. (2023, June 1). An Epistemological Examination of the Gaps in Family Childcare Research and Support [research presentation]. Canadian Association for Research in Early Childhood (CAREC) Post-Conference. York University, Toronto ON.
4. Woodman, L. (2022, March 25). Supporting quality and longevity in Alberta's family day home educators [research presentation]. ALES Graduate Student Association Research Symposium. University of Alberta, Edmonton AB.

Presentations

Invited Presentations and Workshops

1. Woodman, L. (2023, September 23). Goal setting for day home educators. Alberta's Dayhome Support Network. Edmonton, AB
2. Woodman, L. (2023, January 28). Leading Yourself Out of Darkness: Overcoming Inner Struggles to Reveal the Leader Within. Alberta Student Leadership Summit: Seeds for Change. University of Alberta, Edmonton AB
3. Woodman, L. (2023, May 26). Leading Yourself Out of Darkness: Overcoming Inner Struggles to Reveal the Leader Within. 2023 Association of Early Childhood Educators of Alberta Essential Pieces Conference, Edmonton AB
4. Woodman, L. (2022, October 12). Alberta's family day homes: Their hidden strengths and challenges [research presentation]. On the Edge: Emerging Scholars Speaker Series. University of Alberta and Edmonton Public Libraries, Edmonton AB
5. Woodman, L. (2022, March). Creating the Village: Increasing Understanding and Supports for Alberta's Day Home Educators [Three-Minute Thesis Finalist]. University of Alberta, Edmonton AB.

Non-Invited Presentations

1. Woodman, L. (2024, May 11). The ABC's of Child Guidance [2-part session]. Bursting into Spring Family Day Home Conference, Edmonton, AB
2. Woodman, L. (2023, May 24). Understanding the Legal Landscape: Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Day Home Educator or Agency. Bursting into Spring Family Day Home Conference, Edmonton, AB
3. Woodman, L. (2023, May 27). Working with Mixed Age Groups. Bursting into Spring Family Day Home Conference, Edmonton, Canada

Scholarly and Professional Activities and Affiliations

University Service

Steering Committee Member

2023 – 2024 **Committee Member**, Recovery Advisory Committee

Judge

2022 – 2023 Festival of Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities (Presentations),
Edmonton AB

Service to Profession

Manuscript Peer-Reviewer

2023 – 2024 Canadian Society for the Study of Education (n = 4)

Professional Memberships

2022 – 2024 Golden Key International Honor Society
2021 – 2024 Canadian Association for Research in Early Childhood
2021 – 2024 Canadian Society for the Study of Education
2020 – 2024 Alberta Human Ecology and Home Economics Association

Community Involvement

2021 – 2024 Main Chairperson, Bursting into Spring: Family Day Home Educator Conference,
Edmonton AB
2018 – 2023 Puppy Foster, Infinite Woofs

Professional Development

- 2020 – 2024 **Graduate Teaching and Learning Program (Levels 1-4)**
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB
- 2023 **Intersectionality as a Research Lens: A Pathway to Better Science**
Women's College Research Institute
- 2023 **Introduction to Gender-based Analysis Plus**
Women and Gender Equality Canada
- 2023 **Community Engagement Foundations for Graduate Students & Postdocs**
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB
- 2023 **Turning Statistics into Stories**
Statistics Canada
- 2022 **Intercultural Relations: A Foundation for Personal and Community Development**
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB
- 2022 **Collaborating in a Complex Environment**
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB
- 2022 **How We Show Up: A Workshop By and For People who Facilitate Spaces of Collective Adult Learning**
Faculty of Graduate Studies and Research, University of Alberta, Edmonton AB
- 2021 **Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans Course on Research Ethics (TCPS 2: CORE)**
Tri-Council Panel on Research Ethics
- 2021 – 2022 **Flight Course: Exploring Early Childhood Curriculum**
MacEwan University, Edmonton AB
- 2018 – 2019 **Brain Story Certification**
Alberta Family Wellness Initiative, Edmonton AB
- 2018 – 2019 **Child Development Supervisor Certificate**
Alberta Children and Youth Services, Edmonton AB

Languages

English: fluent in speaking, listening, reading, and writing

Additional Skills

Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook

Research programs: SPSS

Editing software: Photoshop

Website development: WordPress, Wix, Google Sites