

Curriculum Vitae



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Education Qualifications

2007	Ed.D, The University of Western Australia
2002	Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies (Honours), The University of Melbourne, Australia
1996	Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education, Wheelock College, Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.

Academic and Professional Experience

2018 - 2020	Senior Lecturer, National Institute of Early Childhood Development
2017 - 2018	Senior SkillsFuture Specialist, Temasek SkillsFuture Academy, Temasek Polytechnic
2015 - 2017	Senior Manager Continuing Education & Training (CET) /Special Projects, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Temasek Polytechnic
2010 - 2015	Course Manager/Course Coordinator/Senior Lecturer Early Childhood Studies, Temasek Polytechnic
2009 - 2010	Course Manager/Lecturer, Diploma in Child Psychology & Early Education, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
2008 - 2010	Co-Instructor, Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Educational Studies and Leadership, Wheelock College / Ngee Ann Polytechnic
2008	Assistant Course Manager/Lecturer, Diploma in Early Childhood Education, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
2006 - 2007	Senior Training Specialist, Regional Training & Resource Centre Asia
2006	Project Consultant, Regional Training & Resource Centre Asia
2006	Adjunct Lecturer, Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education (Honours), University of Wales /Learning Capital School of Early Childhood

2003 - 2006	Associate Lecturer, Early Childhood Diploma Programmes at: Regional Training & Resource Centre Asia; Singapore Institute of Management; Learning Capital School of Early Childhood
2002 - 2003	Senior Training Specialist, Regional Training & Resource Centre Asia
2001 - 2002	Training Specialist, Regional Training & Resource Centre Asia
1999 - 2001	Training Officer, Regional Training & Resource Centre Asia
1991 - 1998	Senior Supervisor, Metropolitan Young Men's Christian Association Childcare & Development Centre
1987 - 1990	Branch Supervisor, Metropolitan Young Men's Christian Association Childcare & Development Centre

Memberships and Professional Activities

1998 - Present	Professional-At-Large Member, Childhood Education International, U.S.A.
2015 - 2017	Member, Early Childhood Curriculum Review Taskforce
2015	Member, ECDA-WDA Taskforce for development of Early Childhood Skills Framework
2013 - 2014	Assistant Leader, Course Evaluation Team, Strategic & Quality Development Department, Temasek Polytechnic
2012 - 2014	Member, Educational Quality Review Committee in the Senate, Temasek Polytechnic
2012 - 2014	Co-organiser, Singapore Kindness Movement Write for Kindness National Story-Writing Competition for Secondary School Students
2010 - 2015	Manager, World Organisation for Early Childhood (OMEP) Student Chapter, Singapore

Consultation and Executive Experience

Media Interviews/Informational Talks/Workshops:

- Speaker: Applied Study in Polytechnics and ITE Review (ASPIRE): Early Childhood Education Apprenticeship. Interview by Channel News Asia, February 2014.
- Speaker: What parents can do to prepare children for Primary 1? Interview by Channel News Asia, On the Red Dot, July 2013.
- Speaker: Retaining Early Childhood Educators – Challenges facing regulators and what can be done to entice more to join the field? Interview by 938LIVE News, April 2013.
- Speaker: Toddlers and TV. Interview by Mother & Baby Magazine, November 2009.
- Speaker: Preschool Education in Singapore. Interview by Young Parents Magazine, October 2009.
- Speaker: StarHub Children's Channel – Review of Programmes. Media Launch of BBC's Beebies, July 2009.
- Workshop Instructor: Helping your child's transition from Kindergarten Two to Primary One. Parenting Workshop, Regional Training & Resource Centre Asia, August 2007.
- Speaker: Selection of the right pre-school for your child and how to prepare your children for primary one. 'Live' Talk Show hosted by Susan Ng, Parenting Today, MediaCorp Radio, New Media Development, July 2007.

- Workshop Instructor: Preparing your child for Primary One. Parent Education in Preschool (PEPS), October-December 2006 for: National Trade Union Congress, Jurong Child Development Centres; Kinderland, Hougang Branch; PAP Community Foundation, Ang Mo Kio Branch; Metropolitan Young Men's Christian Association, Pasir Ris Branch
- Workshop Instructor: Portfolio Assessment for Early Childhood Educators. Workshop for Childcare Teachers, PAP Community Foundation, PCI-PAP Headquarters & Branches, March-April 2006.
- Speaker: Discipline without shouting or spanking your preschooler. Public Talk, Tampines Regional Library, April 2000.

Research Interests

- Effective Learning Environment for Young Children
- School Readiness

Selected Publications

Papers/Presentations:

- Marthenis, K. (2013, July 12). Preschoolers' transition from early childhood settings to primary schools: More quality, less anxiety. OMEP World Assembly and International Conference @ Shanghai, China.
- Marthenis, K. (2012, October 12). An introduction to the Singapore preschool system. Forum on the early childhood care and education scenes in Hong Kong and Singapore. The Education Bureau of Hong Kong at the Discipline of Child Education & Community Services, IVE, Hong Kong Institute of Vocational Education IVE.
- Chen, D. W., Marthenis, K., & Ang, S. (2012, July 22). Information communication technologies in early childhood education: What constitutes effective use? PECERA 13th Annual Conference, Singapore.
- Marthenis, K. (2007, May). Preschooler's smooth transition to primary school: Overcoming Discontinuities. Transforming Vision into Best Practices. Promoting Excellence in Early Childhood. Early Childhood Conference organised by RTRC Asia & Caterpillar's Cove Child Development and Study Centre.

Awards

2009/2010	School Teaching Award, School of Humanities, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
2005/2006	Recognition of Quality Teaching, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
2003/2004	Recognition of Quality Teaching, Ngee Ann Polytechnic
2002	SIM Top Award for Excellence in Early Childhood Studies, Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies, Singapore Institute of Management & The University of Melbourne, Australia
2001	Melbourne Abroad Scholarship, Bachelor of Early Childhood Studies, Overseas Exchange Program in Finland, The University of Melbourne, Australia
1994/1995	Book Award for Outstanding Leadership Qualities, Diploma in Early Childhood Care and Education, Wheelock College, Boston, Massachusetts U.S.A.

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