

# Zehra Ozturk, PhD

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## Education

Ph.D., Early Childhood Education  
Georgia State University, 2018 — GPA: 4.01  
Dissertation: Elementary School Teachers' Integration of Digital Literacy During Collaborative Planning Sessions  
Advisor: Dr. Mona Matthews | Committee: Drs. Julie Dangel, Caitlin Dooley, Joseph Feinberg

M.Ed., Early Childhood Education  
The Ohio State University, 2007 — GPA: 3.97  
Graduation Paper: Preschool Play and Gender Identity

B.A., English Language Teaching  
Gazi University, Turkey, 2003

## Professional Experience

Rollins Language and Literacy Center  
Data Evaluation Facilitator, Atlanta Speech School — 2018–Present

Georgia State University  
Graduate Research Assistant, ICS NSF ITEST Grant — 2015–2018  
Project Coordinator, Urban Child Study Center — 2013–2014  
(Sheltering Arms-RRFTS Evaluation)

Kids R Kids #28, GA  
Certified GA Lead Teacher — 2009–2012  
Top 10 GA Pre-K Teacher, 2010–2011

Children's Creative Learning Centers, CA  
Lead Pre-K Teacher — 2007–2008

Burbank Early Childhood School, OH  
Preschool Teacher — 2003–2007

## Selected Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- Ozturk, Z., Dooley, C.M., & Welch, M. (2018). Finding the hook: Computer science education in elementary contexts. *Journal of Research on Technology in Education*, 50(2), 149–163.
- Ozturk, Z., & Matthews, R. (Under Review). Engaging Sociocultural Theory and Halliday's

Functional Linguistics... Reading Research Quarterly.

- Ozturk, Z., & Dooley, C. (Under Review). Assessing Engagement and Play in a Children's Museum. Visitor Studies.

#### Book Chapters

- Inan, H.Z., Inan, T., & Ozturk, Z. (2014). Farklı Eğitim Yaklaşım ve Modellerinde Yaratıcılık. In Çelebi-Öncü, E. (Ed.), Her Yönüyle Okul Öncesi Eğitim 2, Ankara: Hedef CS.

- Ozturk, Z. (2015). Turkish translation of Bredekamp, S.'s Effective Practices in Early Childhood Education, 2nd Ed.

#### Book Reviews

- Ozturk, Z. (2013). A Mandate for Playful Learning in the Preschool. TASP Newsletter, 40(1), 11.

- Ozturk, Z. & Dooley, C. (2014). Language and Muslim Immigrant Childhoods... Linguistics and Education.

### Conference Presentations (Highlights)

Literacy Research Association — 2017, 2019

Association of Literacy Educators & Researchers — 2017–2019

AERA — 2016

International Literacy Association — 2016

Georgia Charter Schools Conference — 2017

Association for the Study of Play — 2014

### Teaching Experience

Georgia State University

- Language & Literacy Inquiry — Fall 2017, Guest Lecture 2016

- ESOL Curriculum and Instruction — Spring 2017 (Co-taught)

- Foundations of Learning & Teaching Math — Fall 2016 (Asst. Instructor)

- Emergent Literacy & Language Acquisition — Fall 2014 (Co-taught)

### Professional Service

Georgia LitLink Organizer — 2023, 2024, 2025

Rollins-Teaching Strategies Language & Literacy Report Review — 2023

Graduate Mentor, ICS Grant (Centennial Academy) — 2015–2017

## **Training & Certifications**

SDP Institute for Leadership in Analytics, Harvard University — 2024

Tools: Tableau, Qualtrics, ISTE Workshop (2015)

Research Protocols: Pre-K CLASS, ELLCO, ECERS

## **Affiliations**

Literacy Research Association (LRA)

National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

International Literacy Association (ILA)

Association of Literacy Educators & Researchers (ALER)