

## Curriculum Vitae

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"We must be the change we wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

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### **Professional Objective**

As an individual with a visual impairment, I would like to utilize my personal insights in conjunction with my professional knowledge to mentor teachers of students with visual impairments so that they may foster high self-esteem, selfdetermination, and appropriate interdependence in individuals with impaired vision. In order to accomplish this, I will develop and maintain educational programs utilizing best practices, disseminate knowledge via professional presentations and trainings, and collaborate with consumers, professionals, and students.

### **Education**

Ed.D. in Special Education with an emphasis in Visual Impairment  
& a minor in Applied Statistics & Research Methods  
Graduated in May 2012 with the Dean's Citation for Excellence  
University of Northern Colorado  
Greeley, CO 80639

M.A. in Special Education: Severe Needs-Vision with  
ACVREP certification in Orientation & Mobility  
Graduated Summa Cum laude in December 1996  
University of Northern Colorado  
Greeley, CO 80639

B.A. in Psychology & Sociology  
with an emphasis in Social Welfare  
Graduated Magna Cum laude in May 1994  
Adams State College  
Alamosa, CO 81102

## Professional Experience

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June 2012 to Present New Mexico State University  
College Assistant Professor  
Director of the Visual Impairment Program

Responsibilities: Coordinate the Visual Impairment Program, disseminate information, and teach graduate courses in the Special Education and Communication Disorders Department. Specific classes are as follows: Foundations of Visual Impairment, Functional Implications of Low Vision, Strategies for Teaching Students with Visual Impairments, Strategies for Teaching Students with Visual and Multiple Impairments, Braille I: Literacy for Learners with Visual Impairments, Introduction to Orientation and Mobility, and Internship in SPED: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments.

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June 2009 to May 2012 American Printing House for the Blind  
Braille Literacy Project Leader

Responsibilities: Conduct research to guide development and modernization of products that promote braille literacy for individuals with visual impairments, collaborate with staff and experts in the field during all phases of production, and disseminate information about APH products and services through professional presentations.

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January 2007 to Illinois State University  
May 2009 Assistant Professor

Responsibilities: Co-coordinate the Low Vision and Blindness Program, conduct research, disseminate information, and teach undergraduate courses in the Department of Special Education. Specific classes are as follows: Assistive and Instructional Technology for Individuals with Visual Impairments, Assistive Technology for Individuals with Disabilities, Braille Reading and Writing, Introduction to Visual Disabilities, and Orientation and Mobility for Classroom Teachers.

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June 2003 to National Center on Severe and Sensory Disabilities  
December 2006 Graduate Research Assistant

Responsibilities: Conduct research, disseminate information, and promote collaboration amongst parents, educators and individuals who are blind/visually impaired, deaf/hard of hearing, deafblind, or have severe disabilities. Project coordinator for Tools for Use with Students Who Are Blind and Visually Impaired.

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August 2003 to University of Northern Colorado  
May 2006 Graduate Teaching Assistant/Instructor

Responsibilities: Assist professors and teach online, graduate-level classes in the Visual Impairment Program. Specific classes are as follows: Advanced Braille Codes & Formats, Assessment of Students with Visual Impairments, Assistive Technology for Students with Visual Impairments, Psychosocial Implications of Visual Impairment, and Independent Living Skills for Individuals with Visual Disabilities.

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| June 1999<br>to June 2003      | Cherry Creek School District<br>Vision Service Provider<br>Orientation & Mobility Specialist                                                                                            | <u>Responsibilities:</u> Prepare and teach lessons, develop and implement IEP goals and objectives, assess skill mastery, conduct formal evaluations (literacy modality, functional vision, technology, daily living skills, O&M), collaborate with parents/staff, and develop a center-based program.                                                                                      |
| August 1997<br>to June 1999    | New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired<br>Orientation & Mobility Specialist<br>Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments<br>Student Council Advisor/Cub Scouts Advisor | <u>Responsibilities:</u> Prepare and teach lessons, develop and implement IEP goals and objectives, assess skill mastery, conduct orientation and mobility evaluations, collaborate with parents and service providers, facilitate community based instruction, and conduct in-services.                                                                                                    |
| January 1997<br>to August 1997 | Santa Fe Public Schools<br>Itinerant Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments                                                                                                        | <u>Responsibilities:</u> Prepare and teach lessons, adapt the curriculum for students with visual impairments, adapt and order materials for students with visual impairments, conduct functional vision evaluations and Learning Media Assessments, develop and implement IEP goals and objectives, assess skill mastery, and consult with parents, teachers, and other service providers. |
| August 1995<br>to August 1996  | Vision Resource Library<br>Library Technician                                                                                                                                           | <u>Responsibilities:</u> Catalogue, organize, and check out materials to students and faculty at the University of Northern Colorado.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

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August 1994  
to August  
1995

University of Northern Colorado  
Reader/Braillist

Responsibilities: Scan materials into the computer, edit scanned materials, translate materials into braille, verbally read print materials, and assist with library research.

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**Areas of Specialization:** Blindness and visual impairment; orientation and mobility

**Research Areas/Interests:** Psychosocial implications of visual impairment; education of students with visual and severe cognitive disabilities; literacy for learners with visual impairments, including those with additional disabilities; standards-based education; multicultural literacy

### **Professional Publications**

#### Refereed

Halley, F. K., & **Mason, L. K.** (2013). What were they thinking? Standards-based education can't be appropriate for THOSE kids. Manuscript in preparation, Metro State College of Denver & New Mexico State University.

**Mason, L. K.** (2013). Beyond personal opinion: A mixed method analysis of the social acceptance of individuals who are blind and visually impaired. Manuscript in preparation, New Mexico State University.

**Mason, L. K.** (2013). Challenged identities: Adult recollections regarding the effects of social stigma as a result of childhood visual impairment. Manuscript in preparation, New Mexico State University.

**Mason, L. K.** (2014). An experimental investigation of hand and finger usage in braille reading. Manuscript submitted, New Mexico State University.

**Mason, L. K.** (2013). An experimental investigation of hand and finger usage in braille reading. Dissertation Abstracts International, 74(1-A)(E). (UMI No. 3523440)

- Mason, L. K.** (2013). An experimental replication of hand and finger usage patterns among congenitally blind, braille reading adults: A pilot study. Manuscript in preparation, New Mexico State University.
- Mason, L. K.** (2013). Littleville: Integrating components of orientation and mobility into the core curriculum. Manuscript in preparation, New Mexico State University.
- Mason, L. K., & Halley, K. F.** (2013). Reflections from the field: A qualitative pilot study examining services for students with significant cognitive and visual impairments. Manuscript in preparation, New Mexico State University & Metropolitan State College of Denver.
- Milian, M., & **Mason, L. K.** (2013). Creating academic and social connections through culturally relevant literature. Manuscript in preparation, University of Northern Colorado & New Mexico State University.
- Mason, L. K. (2012). An experimental investigation of hand and finger usage in braille reading. (unpublished doctoral dissertation). University of Northern Colorado, Greeley.

#### Non-Refereed

- Mason, L.** (2012). Letter from the editor. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(3), iv-vii.
- Mason, L.** (2012). Honoring excellence in service. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(3), 7-9.
- Mason, L.** (2012). Honoring excellence in advocacy. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(3), 1011.
- Mason, L.** (2012). Honoring excellence in teaching. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(3), 1214.
- Mason, L.** (2012). Honoring excellence in learning. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(3), 1516.
- Mason, L.** (2012). Honoring excellence in research. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(3), 1718.
- Mason, L.** (2012). Yes I can! Students shattering blindness stereotypes. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(3), 19-24.

- Mason, L.** (2012). The basic reading inventory: Student word lists, passages, and early literacy assessments (10<sup>th</sup> ed., contracted braille adaptation). Louisville, KY: American Printing House for the Blind.
- Mason, L.** (2012). The basic reading inventory: Student word lists, passages, and early literacy assessments (10<sup>th</sup> ed., large print adaptation). Louisville, KY: American Printing House for the Blind.
- Mason, L.** (2012). The basic reading inventory: Student word lists, passages, and early literacy assessments (10<sup>th</sup> ed., uncontracted braille adaptation). Louisville, KY: American Printing House for the Blind.
- Mason, L.** (2012). Eye-Q challenge: Ocular diagnoses scramble (part 1 of 3). D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(2), 77-80 & 89.
- Mason, L.** (2012). Letter from the editor. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(2), iv-vi.
- Mason, L.** (2012). Passing the gavel. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(2), 6-9.
- Mason, L.** (2011). Epilogue: The wisdom of friends and families. In K. A. Ferrell (Ed.), Reach out and teach (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.) (pp. 415-416). New York, NY: AFB Press.
- Mason, L.** (2011). President's message. D.V.I. Quarterly, 57(1), 3.
- Mason, L.** (2011). President's message. D.V.I. Quarterly, 56(4), 3.
- Mason, L.** (2011). President's message. D.V.I. Quarterly, 56(3), 3.
- Mason, L.** (2011). President's message. D.V.I. Quarterly, 56(2), 3.
- Mason, L.** (2011). Quick check: index of literary braille signs (braille edition). Louisville, KY: American Printing House for the Blind.
- Mason, L.** (2011). Quick check: index of literary braille signs (print edition). Louisville, KY: American Printing House for the Blind.
- Mason, L.** (2010). President's message. D.V.I. Quarterly, 56(1), 3.
- Mason, L.** (2010). President's message. D.V.I. Quarterly, 55(4), 3.

- Mason, L.** (2010). President's message. D.V.I. Quarterly: Special Issue on the Future of Our Profession, 55(3), 3.
- Mason, L.** (2010). President's message. D.V.I. Quarterly, 55(2), 3.
- Mason, L.** (2010). Reshaping the role of residential schools. D.V.I. Quarterly: Special Issue on the Future of Our Profession, 55(3), 31-33.
- Mason, L.** (2009). Synergy in Seattle. D.V.I. Quarterly, 54(4), 11-12.
- Mason, L.**, Skutchan, L., Terlau, T., and Crispin, C. (2009). Educational uses of the Braille Plus <http://www.aph.org/edresearch/index.html>
- Mason, L.** (2008). Celebrating the past, present, and future: Highlights from the 2008 annual convention and expo. DVI Quarterly, 53(4), 4-5.
- Ferrell, K. A., **Mason, L.**, Young, J., III, & Cooney, J. (2006). Forty years of literacy research in blindness and visual impairment.  
[http://nclid.unco.edu/joomla/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=650&Itemid=2](http://nclid.unco.edu/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=650&Itemid=2)
- Anthony, T., Barone, T., Cozart, N., & **Mason, L.** (2003). Guidelines for a caseload formula for teachers certified in the area of visual impairment: August 2003 revision.  
[http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/download/pdf/Guidelines\\_for\\_Caseload\\_Formula.pdf](http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdesped/download/pdf/Guidelines_for_Caseload_Formula.pdf)
- Carnes, K., Carter, M., & **Mason, L.** (1998). A sample orientation and mobility program. New Mexico Association of Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists Newsletter, 1(1), 5 & 7-9.
- Mason, L.** (1998). Introducing the NMACOMS. New Mexico Association of Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists Newsletter, 1(1), 1.
- Mason, L.**, Dickson, C., & Carter, M. (1997). What is blindness? NMSVH Family Newsletter, 4(3), 1.
- Mason, L.**, & Carter, M. (1997). Independence through orientation and mobility. NMSVH Family Newsletter, 4(2), 1-2.

### **Professional Presentations**



### National/International Refereed

- Mason, L.** (2014, July). Do we really know which hand and finger usage pattern produces the greatest fluency? Poster presented at the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired 2014 International Conference, San Antonio, TX.
- Mason, L.** (2014, August). Exploring the braille achievement gap: Comparisons of proficient vs struggling readers. Poster presented at the Council for Exceptional Children's Annual Convention & Expo, Philadelphia, PA.
- Mason, L.** (2013, December). Evidence-based practice and braille mechanics: Do we REALLY know the best hand and finger usage patterns for fluent braille reading? Paper presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> Biennial Getting in Touch with Literacy Conference, Providence, RI.
- Mason, L.** (2013, April). An experimental investigation of hand and finger usage in braille reading. Paper presented at the Council for Exceptional Children's Annual Convention & Expo, San Antonio, TX.
- Mason, L.,** & Topor, I. (2011, December). Special considerations for using the Basic Reading Inventory with students who have visual impairments. Paper presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Getting in Touch with Literacy Conference, Louisville, KY.
- Halley, K., & **Mason, L.** (2011, April). Preparing pre-service teachers to better serve students with significant cognitive and visual impairments. Poster presented at the Teacher Education Division's Kaleidoscope Session at the Council for Exceptional Children's Annual Convention & Expo, National Harbor, MD.
- Mason, L.,** & Halley, K. (2010, July). Literacy for learners with significant cognitive and visual impairments. Paper presented at the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired 2010 International Conference, Little Rock, AR.
- Mason, L. K.** (2010, June). An experimental replication of hand and finger usage patterns among congenitally blind, braille reading adults: A pilot study. Paper presented at the Research in the Rockies: Research Summit on Braille Reading and Writing, Denver, CO.

Wicker, J., & **Mason, L.** (2010, July) VIPS@Home parent university series.  
Paper presented at the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the  
Blind and Visually Impaired 2010 International Conference, Little Rock, AR.

Ferrell, K. A., Correa-Torres, S. M., & **Mason, L. K.** (2009, November).  
Research-based literacy practices in blindness and visual impairment.  
Paper presented at the Ninth Biennial Getting in Touch with Literacy  
Conference, Costa Mesa, CA.

**Mason, L.**, & Wicker, J. (2009, November). Putting parents in touch with  
literacy. Paper presented at the Ninth Biennial Getting in Touch with  
Literacy Conference, Costa Mesa, CA.

**Mason, L. K.** (2009, April). An experimental replication of hand and finger usage  
during braille reading: A pilot study. Poster presented at the Council for  
Exceptional Children's Annual Convention & Expo, Seattle, WA.

**Mason, L. K.**, & Halley, K. F. (2007, April). Pioneering spirit: Re-envisioning  
services for students with significant cognitive and visual  
impairments. Paper presented at the Council for Exceptional Children's  
Annual Convention & Expo, Louisville, KY.

Halley, K. F., & **Mason, L. K.** (2006, November). Standards based literacy  
instruction for students with severe visual and cognitive impairments.  
Poster presented at the TASH 2006 Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Halley, K. F., & **Mason, L. K.** (2006, September). Pioneering spirit:  
Reenvisioning services for students with significant cognitive and visual  
impairments. Poster presented at the National Center on Low-Incidence  
Disabilities: Research in the Rockies, Vail, CO.

**Mason, L. K.** (2006, September). Attitudes toward people who are blind and  
visually impaired: Genuine acceptance or insincere political correctness.  
Poster presented at the National Center on Low-Incidence Disabilities:  
Research in the Rockies, Vail, CO.

**Mason, L.**, & Milian, M. (2006, July). Creating academic and social connections  
through culturally relevant literature. Poster presented at the Association

for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired 2006 International Conference, Snowbird, UT.

**Mason, L. K.** (2006, April). Twice blessed: An ethnographic study of how a family dealt with disability. Paper presented at the meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children's Annual Convention & Expo, Salt Lake City, UT.

**Mason, L.,** & Halley, K. (2005, December). Standards-based literacy instruction for students with visual and multiple impairments. Paper presented at the Seventh Biennial Getting in Touch with Literacy Conference, Denver, CO.

Milian, M., & **Mason, L.** (2005, December). Supporting literacy through culturally relevant literature. Paper presented at the Seventh Biennial Getting in Touch with Literacy Conference, Denver, CO.

Halley, K., & **Mason, L.** (2005, November). Pioneering spirit: Re-envisioning services for students with visual and significant cognitive impairments. Poster presented at the meeting of The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps, Baltimore, MD.

Ferrell, K. A., & **Mason, L. K.** (2005, April). Research-based literacy practices for students with visual impairments. Paper presented at the meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention & Expo, Baltimore, MD.

#### State/Local Refereed

**Mason, L.** (2009, February). Making general education texts accessible for learners with significant cognitive and visual impairments. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired, Naperville, IL.

Halley, K., **Mason, L.,** & Sebald, A. (2005, April). 20/20 hindsight: The dos and don'ts of meta-analysis. Poster presented at the University of Northern Colorado Annual Research Day, Greeley, CO.

Halley, K., & **Mason, L.** (2005, April). Pioneering spirit: Re-envisioning services for students with significant cognitive and visual impairments. Paper presented at the University of Northern Colorado Annual Research Day, Greeley, CO.

### National/International Invited

**Mason, L.** (2011, October). Ready, set, read! Using the Basic Reading Inventory to assess reading media and skills. Poster presented at the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY.

Holbrook, C., Pester, E., & **Mason, L.** (2010, October). Mapping the way to braille literacy. Product Development Input Session conducted at the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY.

**Mason, L.** (2010, October). Quick check indexes: The ultimate guide to braille. Poster presented at the 142<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY.

**Mason, L.** (2009, October). Is bigger really better? The pros and cons of jumbo braille. Poster presented at the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY.

**Mason, L.**, & Erin, J. (2009, October). A modern touch: Updating APH materials for adventitiously blinded and sighted braille learners. Product Development Input Session conducted at the 141<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY.

Ferrell, K. A., **Mason, L.**, & Young, J., III. (2006, September). Conducting metaanalysis of research in blindness and visual impairment. Paper presented at the National Consortium on Leadership in Visual Impairment's Enrichment and 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual University Consortium Meeting, Vail, CO.

### State/Local Invited

**Mason, L.** (2014, March & November). Visual impairments. Lecture presented to the class, Introduction to Special Education, Las Cruces, NM.

**Mason, L.** (2014, October). Cane techniques and street crossing analysis. Demonstration presented to the classes, Intermediate Orientation and Mobility, Alamogordo, NM.

**Mason, L.** (2014, September). APH smart brailier. Demonstration presented to the Southwestern New Mexico Vision Learning Circle, Las Cruces, NM.

**Mason, L.** (2014, July). Cane techniques. Demonstration presented to the classes, Intermediate Orientation and Mobility, Alamogordo, NM.

**Mason, L.** (2013, March & June & November). Visual impairments. Lecture presented to the class, Introduction to Special Education, Las Cruces, NM.

**Mason, L.** (2013, January). Beyond basic needs: Designing tactile communication symbols that facilitate learning. Lecture presented at the TriUnity Conference, Las Cruces, NM.

**Mason, L.** (2012, October & November). Visual impairments. Lecture presented to the class, Introduction to Special Education, Las Cruces, NM.

**Mason, L.** (2012, August). Introduction to braille. Lecture presented to the class, Braille I: Literacy Skills for Students with Visual Impairments, Las Cruces, NM.

**Mason, L.** (2012, July). Spatial concept development in the exceptional child: Insightful products from APH. Lecture presented at the North Carolina Public Instruction Department's Exceptional Children Summer Institute, Greensboro, NC.

Pester, E., & **Mason, L.** (2011, August). Braille literacy essentials. Workshop presented at the Louisiana School for the Blind, Baton Rouge, LA.

**Mason, L.** (2011, July). You expect me to teach what? Making the ECC EZ. Paper presented at the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Gateways to Independence Conference, Kentucky School for the Blind, Louisville, KY.

**Mason, L.,** & Ferrell, K. (2011, March). Quick and EZ ECC: Finding ways to fit it all in. Paper presented at the 2011 KAER State Conference, Carrollton, KY.

**Mason, L.,** & Skutchan, L. (2011, February). Blindness 101. Lecture presented to new employees at the American Printing House for the Blind, Louisville, KY.

Castellano, C., Hoffman, S., & **Mason, L.** (2005, October). Setting high expectations for blind/visually impaired children with additional

disabilities: A presentation by experts in the field. Panel discussion at the meeting of the Colorado Parents of Blind Children, Denver, CO.

**Mason, L. K.** (2005, June). Educational adaptations for students with visual impairments taking elective courses in art, music, and physical education. Lecture presented to the class, Exceptional Students in the Regular Classroom, Greeley, CO.

Chase, S., Choi, A., Couture, R., Grabau, C., Graglia, P., Halley, K., Koski, K., Kreps, J., Kronauge, C., Lee, V., Mailot, K., **Mason, L.**, Patay, M., Ponton de Dutton, S., & Weimer, A. (2005, May). Graduate school metaphors. In M. Lahman (Chair), Narrative inquiry. Symposium conducted at the Applied Statistics and Research Methods Research Night, Greeley, CO.

**Mason, L. K.** (2005, May). Actions speak louder than words: Blind and visually impaired people's perceptions of attitudes held by the sighted. Poster session presented at the Applied Statistics and Research Methods Research Night, Greeley, CO.

**Mason, L. K.**, & Halley, K. F. (2005, May). Insincere political correctness: Methodological issues in measuring attitudes toward those who are blind and visually impaired. Poster session presented at the Applied Statistics and Research Methods Research Night, Greeley, CO.

**Mason, L. K.** (2005, March). Introduction to orientation and mobility training for students with visual impairments. Lecture presented to the class, Introduction to the Education of the Visually Handicapped, Greeley, CO.

**Mason, L. K.** (2005, March). Psychosocial implications of visual impairment. Lecture presented to the class, Introduction to the Education of the Visually Handicapped, Greeley, CO.

**Mason, L. K.** (2005, February & 2004, October). Strategies for working with students who have visual and multiple impairments. Lecture presented to the class, Support Systems in Special Education, Greeley, CO.

**Mason, L. K.** (2004, October). Helping secondary educators prepare students with visual impairments for life after school. Lecture presented to the class, Special Education Practices in Secondary School, Greeley, CO.

- Halley, K., **Mason, L.**, & Velaski, A. (2004, October). 20/20 hindsight: The dos and don'ts of meta-analysis. Poster session presented at the meeting of the National Center on Low-Incidence Disabilities, Greeley, CO.
- Halley, K. F., & **Mason, L. K.** (2004, September). Promoting the civil rights of students with disabilities through inclusive education. Lecture presented at the meeting of the Colorado Spina Bifida Association, Denver, CO.
- Mason, L. K.** (2004, May). Challenged identities: The effects of social stigma on children with visual impairments. Lecture presented at the Applied Statistics and Research Methods Research Night, Greeley, CO.
- Mason, L. K.** (2004, April). Math adaptations for students with visual impairments. Lecture presented to the class on Math Methods for Elementary Educators, Greeley, CO.
- Mason, L. K.** (2004, February). The reality of living independently with a visual impairment. Online chat with the class, Independent Living for Individuals with Visual Disabilities, Greeley, CO.
- Mason, L. K.** (2003, June). Adjusting dreams to cope with vision loss. Lecture presented at the Family Learning Retreat, Colorado Springs, CO.
- Mason, L. K.** (1998, August). Intervention and learned helplessness. Lecture presented to Cherry Creek School District-Vision Services, Aurora, CO.
- Harmon, P., & **Mason, L.** (1998, September to 1999, May). Blindness awareness trainings: Psychosocial implications of living with blindness. Lecture presented at the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Alamogordo, NM.
- Carnes, K., Carter, M., & **Mason, L.** (1998, September). Blindness awareness training: Orientation and mobility. Demonstration presented at the Meeting of Parents at the New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Alamogordo, NM.

### **Funded Projects**

| Year | Funding Source & Grant Title | Funded Amount |
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| 2014 | New Mexico School f/t Blind and Visually Impaired<br>NMSU Visual Impairment Program                                              | \$410,231 |
| 2013 | New Mexico School f/t Blind and Visually Impaired<br>NMSU Visual Impairment Program                                              | \$349,364 |
| 2012 | New Mexico School f/t Blind and Visually Impaired<br>NMSU Visual Impairment Program                                              | \$103,258 |
| 2004 | National Center on Severe and Sensory Disabilities<br>Services for Students with Significant Cognitive and<br>Visual Impairments | \$500.00  |

### **Professional Service & Outreach**

Spring 2014 Special Education Hooding Ceremony to  
Present Event Coordinator

Fall 2013 New Mexico State University Visual Impairment Program to  
Present Advisory Committee  
Facilitator

Fall 2013 Southwest Vision Learning Circle to  
Present Host

Spring 2013 Visual Impairment Facebook Page to  
Present Administrator

Spring 2013 New Mexico State University College Council—College to  
Present Track Faculty Committee  
Special Education & Communication Disorders Rep

Spring 2013 New Mexico State University Special Education  
Curriculum Mapping Committee  
Workgroup Member

October 2012 New Mexico State University Student Council for  
August 2014 Exceptional Children  
Co-Advisor

October 2012 Vision Bee Planning Committee to  
Present Member



May 2012 American Printing House for the Blind to  
Present Consultant

January 2012 Division on Visual Impairments to  
August 2013 Editor of the D.V.I. Quarterly

January 2012 Council for Exceptional Children to December 2013  
Past-President of the Division on Visual Impairments

July 2011 Kentucky Chapter of the Association for Education and to  
June 2012 Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired  
Representative for Rehabilitation

October 2009 Kentucky Braille Challenge Planning Committee to  
March 2012 Parent Activities Planning Committee Co-Chair

January 2010 Council for Exceptional Children to December  
2011 President of the Division on Visual Impairments October 2010  
American Printing House for the Blind to Present 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Safety Supervisor

April 2010 American Printing House for the Blind Safety Committee  
to September 2010 Research Department Representative Evacuation Coordinator

August 2008 Illinois State University Diversity Committee to  
May 2009 Special Education Department Representative

January 2008 Council for Exceptional Children to December 2009  
President-Elect of the Division on Visual Impairments PAC Chair

September 2007 Illinois State University to  
May 2009 Faculty Mentor

January 2007 Illinois Vision Leadership Council to  
May 2009 Member

June 2006 American Printing House for the Blind  
Project Assistant for On the Way to Literacy Handbook

January 2006 Council for Exceptional Children to December 2007  
Division on Visual Impairment Executive Board Member  
Solutions Forum Representative  
Research Committee Representative  
Membership Committee  
PAC Committee

Spring 2005 Teaching Exceptional Children/TEC Plus to  
Fall 2006 Reviewer

November 2005 TASH to November 2006  
Personnel Preparation Committee Related Services  
Committee

September 2005 University of Northern Colorado Search Committee to  
May 2006

February 2005 Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness Guest  
Reviewer

January 2001 University of Northern Colorado Advisory Committee for to  
June 2003 the Special Education: Severe Needs-Vision Program

August 1998 New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired to  
June 1999 Cub Scouts  
Den Mother

October 1997 New Mexico Association of Certified Orientation and to  
June 1999 Mobility Specialists  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Newsletter Editor

August 1997 New Mexico School for the Blind & Visually Impaired to  
June 1999 Student Council  
Faculty Advisor

May 1993 Adams State College President's Honor Society to  
May 1994 Vice President

### **Professional Memberships**

## **Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired**

Membership in divisions on low vision, orientation and mobility, and personnel preparation

## **Colorado Consortium of Special Education Teacher Educators**

## **Council for Exceptional Children**

Membership in the Division on Visual Impairment and the Teacher Education Division

**TASH** (formerly known as The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps)

### **Professional Certifications**

February 2009 National Blindness Professional Certification Board to  
February 2014 National Certification in Literary Braille

August 2003 Colorado Teacher Licensure to April 2014 Special  
Education Level II: Severe Needs Vision

April 2009 Colorado Teacher Licensure to April 2012 Provisional  
Special Services: Orientation and Mobility

March 2007 Association for the Certification of Vision Rehabilitation to  
June 2017 and Education Professionals  
Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist

Fall 2001 Colorado Department of Education  
Braille Competency

### **Honors & Awards**

May 2012 Dean's Citation for Excellence: Outstanding Dissertation

June 2003 Leadership Grant to  
June 2006

1998 New Mexico School for the Visually Handicapped: Best  
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August 1994 Limited English Proficiency Traineeship to  
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