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EDUCATION:

- 1994 - 1998 **Texas Woman's University**
Ph.D. in Physical Education with Adapted Physical Education emphasis
- 1985 - 1986 **Western Illinois University**
M.S. Physical Education with Adapted Physical Education emphasis
- 1980 - 1984 **Western Illinois University**
B.S. in Psychology, with a minor in Special Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2006 - present **Western Illinois University**
Associate Professor, Department of Kinesiology
Assignments included: Teaching undergraduate courses in the areas of Adapted Physical Activity, Elementary Methods, History of Sport and Physical Education; teaching graduate courses in Adapted Physical Activity; supervising students in field experiences; and implementing a motor clinic for students with disabilities.
- 2004 - 2006 **Ball State University**
Assistant Professor, School of Physical Education, Sport, and Exercise Science
Assignments include: Teaching undergraduate courses in Adapted Physical Education, Motor Development; Teaching graduate courses in Adapted Physical Education; Supervising student teachers: and Advising the Adapted Physical Activity Leadership Program (APALP) and the Physical Education Majors and Minors (PEMM) club
- 2000 -2004 **Western Illinois University**
Assistant Professor, Department of Physical Education
Assignments included: Teaching undergraduate courses in the areas of Adapted Physical Activity, Elementary Methods, History of Sport and Physical Education; teaching graduate courses in Adapted Physical Activity; supervising students in field experiences; and implementing a motor clinic for students with disabilities.
- 1999 - 2000 **University of Wisconsin - Platteville**
Interim Program Coordinator, Health and Physical Education Program
Assignments included: supervising program faculty and staff, providing program leadership, developing faculty teaching schedules, directing curricular changes, recruiting and advising perspective student majors, overseeing the direction of a ropes and challenge initiatives course, chairing search and screen committees, and leading faculty meetings.

- 1998 - 2000 **University of Wisconsin - Platteville**
Assistant Professor, Department of Health and Physical Education
Assignments included: Teaching undergraduate courses in the areas of Adapted Physical Activity, Assessment and Screening, Elementary Methods, Organization and Administration, Motor Development/Motor Learning, and Kinesiology; teaching graduate courses in the area of Special Education, supervising students in Adapted Physical Education practicum experiences; and supervising student teachers.
- 1996 - 1998 **Denton Independent School District**
Adapted Physical Education Teacher
Assignments included: Assessment of individuals with disabilities to determine their physical and motor ability, design or modify programs to meet specific needs of the students, provide direct physical education services to students with disabilities in an inclusive setting and/or an adapted physical education setting, and consult with the regular physical education teachers.
- Jan 1996 - June 1996 **Azle Independent School District**
Adapted Physical Education Teacher
Assignments included: Assessment of individuals with disabilities to determine their physical and motor ability, design or modify programs to meet specific needs of the students, and provide direct physical education services to students with disabilities or consult with the regular physical education teachers.

PUBLICATIONS:

- Davis, R, Piletic, C., & Aschemeier, A. (2007). The paraeducator's roles and responsibilities in physical education. In L. L. Lieberman (Ed.). Paraeducators Guide to Physical Education (pp. 25-35). Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics.
- Petersen, J., & Piletic, C. (2006). Facility Accessibility - Opening Doors to All. The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance,
- Leeuw, C., Lingenfelter, M., Davis, R., & Piletic, C. (2005). Using university practicum students to assist teaching students with disabilities in physical education. Indiana AHPERD Journal, 34(3), 32 - 35.
- Piletic, C., Davis, R., & Aschemeier, A. (2005). The role of the paraeducator in Physical Education, Indiana AHPERD Journal, 34(1), 16 - 21
- Piletic, C., Davis, R., & Aschemeier, A. (2005). Paraeducators in Physical Education. The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance, 76(5), 47 - 55.
- Piletic C. & Piper, T (2005). Including individuals with visual impairments in the weight room. National Strength and Conditioning Journal.27(2), 14 - 20.
- Tripp, A., Piletic, C., & Babcock, G. (2004). A Position Statement on Including Students with Disabilities in Physical Education. Adapted Physical Activity Council of the American Association for Active Lifestyles and Fitness: Reston, VA.
- Tripp, A., Piletic, C., & Babcock, G. (2003). National Position Statement: Physical Education for Infants, Children, and Youth with Disabilities. Adapted Physical Activity Council of the American Association for Active Lifestyles and Fitness: Reston, VA.

- Piletic, C., & Piper, T. (2003). Weight training for individuals with visual impairments Piper. Athletic Therapy Today Journal, 8(6), 53-55.
- Piletic, C (2001).Motivators of individuals with disabilities to participate in sport and physical activity. American Journal of Health and Fitness (online journal)
- Piletic, C. (1999). Athletes with lower limb paralysis' motives for competing in powerlifting. (Doctoral dissertation, Texas Woman's University, 1999). Dissertation Abstracts International, 60(01A).
- Piletic, C. (1998). Transition, Are we doing it? The Journal of Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance, 69(9), 46 - 50.
- Piletic, C. & Pyfer, J. (1998) "Motor Proficiency and Visual Ability of Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder," *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*, 69:1 Supplement, 134.
- Piletic, C. (1997). Introduction to Adapted Physical Activity: A Lab Manual. Unpublished manual. (Available from Department of Kinesiology, Texas Woman's University, Denton TX., 76201).
- Pyfer, J., French, R., Piletic, C. et. al., (1997). The Survival Series, Including Students with Disabilities in Regular Physical Education: Instructional Manual. (Available from Department of Kinesiology, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, 76201).
- Pyfer, J., French, R., Piletic, C. et., al. (Co-Producers). (1996). The Survival Series, Including Students with Disabilities in Regular Physical Education: Video Series.[Film]. (Available from Department of Kinesiology Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX, 76201).
- Piletic, C. (1994). What's happening at Michigan Special Olympics. Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance, 17.
- Piletic, C. (1994). Adapted Physical Education Notes. Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, & Dance, 5, 13.
- Pennywell, T., & Piletic, C. (1993). State of Michigan Adapted Physical Education Intermediate School District Directory. (Available from Department of Kinesiology at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI, 48859).
- Piletic, C., & Partlow, K. (1992). Michigan Special Olympics Supplement to the American Coaching Effectiveness Program Leader Level Sport Science Course Instructor's Guide. (Available from Michigan Special Olympics, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859).
- Piletic, C., & Partlow, K. (1992). Michigan Special Olympics Supplement to the American Coaching Effectiveness Program Leader Level Sport Science Course. (Available from Michigan Special Olympics, Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI 48859).
- Piletic, C. (1990). Michigan Special Olympics News. Michigan Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Journal, Spring, p. 17.
- Piletic, C. (1990) Concerned reader/professional [Letter to the editor] Palaestra, 6(4), p.5.

PRESENTATIONS:

- Pearlman, D., Piletic, C., & Neighbarger (2009). Motivational Instruction for students with disabilities with PETE. Poster session at the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance annual conference, Tampa, FL.
- Piletic, C., Johnson, C., & Grier, L. (2008). Let's have a Balloon of Fun. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL.
- Piletic, C., & Davis, R. (2008). The foundation for Preparation of a highly qualified APE teacher: Teaching the Introduction to Adapted Physical Education (APE) course. Poster session at the North American Federation of Adapted Physical Activity Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
- Piletic, C. (2008, April). Paraeducators' Roles and Responsibilities In Physical Education. Session presented at the Making Inclusion work in General Physical Education Workshop, Northern Illinois University; DeKalb, IL
- Town-Oyster, C., Piletic, C., and Zittel, L. (2007). Training Paraprofessionals for Inclusive PE settings. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL.
- McMillan C., & Piletic, C. (2007). Chair Exercises for all. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL.
- Piletic, C. (2006). More Noodlin Around. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL.
- Piletic, C., & Woods, M. (2006). Addressing Standard #3 (Diversity) in PETE programs. Paper presented at the National Physical Education Teacher Educators Conference, Long Beach ,CA.
- Piletic, C., & Hilgenbrinck, L. (2005). Noodlin' Around. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL.
- Hilgenbrinck, L., & Piletic, C. (2005). Adapted Physical Education Specialists: Are we thinking too narrow. Students in Alternative Settings. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL.
- Piletic, C., Davis, R., Karl, K., Klotz, M., Lerche, K., Shafer, E., and Hart, K. (2005). Noodlin' Around. Paper presented at the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, Indianapolis, IN.
- Davis, R., & Piletic, C. Teacher Certification and Licensing for Adapted Physical Educators in Indiana. Paper presented at the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, Indianapolis, IN.
- Justin, P., Ignico, A., & Piletic, C. (2005). Evaluating the professional behaviors of PETE students. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Alliance of Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Chicago, IL
- Davis, R., Davis, T., Woodard, R., & Piletic, C. (2005) Using APENS as a guide for UG teacher Preparation Curriculum Development. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Alliance of Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Chicago, IL
- Lieberman, L., Davis, R., Kowalski, E., Piletic, C., & Curry, D. (2005). Training Paraprofessionals to support children with disabilities in physical education. One-half day workshop presented at the meeting of the American Alliance of Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Chicago, IL

- Buck, M., Davis, R., & Piletic, C (2004). European Adapted Games and Activities: An International Perspective. Paper presented at the meeting of the Indiana Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance. Indianapolis, IN.
- Piletic, C., & McMillan, C. (2004). Fitness Assessment Modifications for Individuals with Disabilities. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL.
- Piletic, C., & Tripp, A. (2003) Assessment and Adapted Physical Education. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL.
- Piletic, C., Zittel, L., Hilgenbrinck, L., Tripp, A., & Vogler, W. (2003). IEP Development. Panel presentation at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL
- Piletic, C. & Tarr, S. (2001). Disability in Film: Does it or should it affect our teaching. Paper presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Convention, St. Charles, IL
- Piletic, C., & Tarr, S. (2001). Transition-nontraditional. Paper presented at the 30th Annual National Conference on Physical Activity for the Exceptional Individual, Los Angeles, CA.
- Piletic, C. (2001). Transition: Are we doing it?. Paper presented at the Pioneers of the Past, Trailblazers of the Future National Conference, Denton, TX.
- Piletic, C., & Tarr, S. (2000). Social constructs of disability, how do and should they affect us. Paper presented at the 29th Annual National Conference on Physical Activity for the Exceptional Individual, Fresno, CA.
- Piletic, C., & Pyfer, J. (2000). Athletes with lower limb paralysis motives for competing in Powerlifting. Paper presented at the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance National Convention, Orlando, FL.
- Piletic, C., Frey, G., & Hilgenbrinck, L. (2000). Socialization processes of male athletes participating in the 1996 Paralympic games. Paper presented at the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance National Convention, Orlando, FL.
- Piletic, C. (1999). Disability sports: Games we can use in physical education classes. Paper presented at the Wisconsin Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Annual Convention, Waukesha, WI.
- Piletic, C., & Hilgenbrinck, L. (1999). Possibilities for women with disabilities from the grass roots to elite disability sports. Paper presented at the Achieving A Balance Conference, Macomb, IL.
- Piletic, C., & Frey, G. (1998). Qualitative Methodologies Used for Assessment in Adapted Physical Activity. Paper presented at the North American Federation for Adapted Physical Activity Symposium, Minneapolis, MN.
- O'Connor, J., Huettig, C., Piletic, C., et. al. (1998). The attitudes and beliefs toward inclusion in physical education of physical educators in Texas. Poster session presented at the North American Federation for Adapted Physical Activity Symposium, Minneapolis, MN.

- Piletic, C., & Pyfer, J. (1998). Motor Proficiency and Visual Ability of Children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Poster session presented at the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance National Convention, Reno, NV.
- Sherrill, C., Piletic, C., Hilgenbrinck, L., Frey, G., Buswell, D., & Schell, B. (1998). Sport As Empowerment: Perspectives of Female Athletes of the 1996 Paralympic Games. Poster session presented at the American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance National Convention, Reno, NV.
- Sherrill, C., Piletic, C., Hilgenbrinck, L., & Buswell, D. (1997). Infusion of Adapted Physical Activity Faculty and Graduate Students into the Paralympic Movement: A Case Study. Paper presented at The International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity, Quebec City, Canada.
- Pyfer, J., French, R., Piletic, C. et. al., (1997). Designing Workshops to Facilitate Inclusion in Physical Education. Paper presented at The International Symposium of Adapted Physical Activity, Quebec City, Canada.
- Pyfer, J., Piletic, C. et. al., (1997). Techniques for Including the Student with Disabilities in the Regular Physical Education Program. Paper Presented at The American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance National Conference, St. Louis, MO.
- Hilgenbrinck, L., Piletic, C., & Buswell, D. (1996). IDEA & Transition Issues for the Athlete with Disabilities. Paper presented at The Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Annual Convention, Corpus Christi, TX.
- DePauw, K.P., Piletic, C., et. al., (1996). Defining the Future of Sports Opportunities for People with Disabilities. Panel member at the Third Consensus Session of Third Paralympic Congress, Atlanta, GA.
- Sherrill, C., Hilgenbrinck, L., & Piletic, C. (1996) Approaches to Training: Relevance to Adapted Physical Activity Training Programs. Presented at the National Consortium for Physical Education and Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- Piletic, C., & Yilla, A. (1995). Identification of the Adapted Physical Education Needs for the State of Texas by Means of a Survey. Paper presented at the Student Research Conference, Texas Woman's University, Denton, TX.
- Yilla, A., & Piletic, C. (1995). Identification of the Adapted Physical Education Needs for the State of Texas by Means of a Survey. Paper presented at the 24th National Conference on Physical Activity for the Exceptional Individual, San Jose, CA.
- McHugh, E., Piletic, C., & Buswell, D. (1995). Everyone Included: Rhythms Movement and Dance Activities for All Abilities. Presented at the Southern District Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation, Orlando, FL.
- Piletic, C. (1993). Sport Directors - Help! I Need Somebody. Presented at the Special Olympics International Convention, Orlando, FL.
- Piletic, C. (1993). Coaching within Michigan Special Olympics. Presented at the Western Michigan Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Regional Conference, Battle Creek, MI.
- Piletic, C. (1992). What is Special Olympics and How Do I Become a Coach? Presented at the Michigan Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Convention, Traverse City, MI.

Piletic, C. (1991). Special Olympics - Opportunities for Integration. Michigan Alliance of Health, Physical Education Recreation and Dance Convention, Detroit, MI.

GRANTS

Piletic, C. & Petersen, J. (2009). College and Community Fitness Facility Accessibility Research Proposal: Pilot study. External Grant: RERC/Rectech at UIC. Funded grant for the amount of \$39,693. (Funded)

Ignico, A., & Piletic, C. (2005). Head State Action Inc., Motor Development Program. External grant for the amount of \$800. (Funded).

Davis, R., Piletic, C., Peterson, J., Woods, M., Duggan, E., Schnieder, P., & Walker, S. (2006). Obesity Profiles for School-Aged Children in Muncie and Delaware County. External Grant for the amount of \$27,640. (Not Funded)

Piletic, C. (2005). Adapted Physical Education in Physical Education Teacher Education Programs in the US. Internal Grant for the amount of \$1,320. (Not funded)

STATE AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES:

2006 - present National Consortium for Physical Education and Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities
Vice President

2002 - 2006 National Consortium for Physical Education and Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities
Secretary

2002 - 2006 Adapted Physical Activity Council, Critical Issues Committee
Committee Member

2002 -2004 Illinois Coalition of Adapted Physical Educators
President

2001 -2002 Western District of Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
President - Elect

1998 - 2000 Wisconsin Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
Member of the Awards Committee

1995 - 1998 International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity
Chairperson of Student Membership Affairs

1996 - 1997 Texas Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
Student Chairperson for Adapted Physical Activity Section

1992 - 1994 Michigan Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
Chairperson - Adapted Section

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:

2004 - 2006 Teacher Education Curriculum Committee, School of Physical Education, Sport and Exercise
Science, Member

2002 - 2003 University's Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction, Vice Chair

2001- 2002 University's Council on Curricular Programs and Instruction, Secretary

2000 Search and Screen Committee for Health and Physical Education faculty position, Chair

2000 Search and Screen Committee for Middle School Level faculty position
Health and Physical Education representative

1999 - 2000 University Athletic Review Team, Health and Physical Education representative

1999 - 2000 Health and Physical Education Program Curriculum Committee, Chair

1999	Search and Screen Committee for Middle School Level faculty position,	Member
1998 - 2000	Health and Physical Education Majors Club, Faculty advisor	
1998 - 2000	School of Education Awards and Scholarship Committee, Chair	
1998 - 2000	School of Education Portfolio committee, Member	
1998 - 1999	College of LA & E Budget Committee, School of Education Representative	

PUBLIC SERVICE

2005 - 2006	Physical Education Majors and Minors Club, Ball State University, Advisor
2004 - 2006	Adapted Physical Activity Leadership Program, Ball State University, Advisor
2003 -2004	Physical Education Majors and Minors Club, Western Illinois University Advisor
2000	Best Practices in Physical Activity Symposium Co-hosted by UWP and Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction UWP representative and director for event
1999 - 2000	National Girls and Woman’s Sports day Organizing Committee member
1999 - 2000	Elementary Wellness Day at UWP University Liaison and programer

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

2000 - present	Illinois Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
2000 - present	Illinois Coalition of Adapted Physical Educators
2004 - 2006	Indiana Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
1998 - 2000	Wisconsin Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
1996 - present	National Association for Physical Education in Higher Education
1996 - present	National Consortium for Physical Education and Recreation for Individuals with Disabilities
1995 - present	International Federation of Adapted Physical Activity
1988 - present	American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance
1994 - 1998	Texas Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance

GUEST LECTURES:

Western Illinois University

Council on Exceptional Children - Student Association

Adapted Physical Education, (2002)

“Adapted Physical Education, why is it important?”

Texas Woman’s University

Department of Early Childhood and Special Education

Social Constructs of Disability (1998)

“The Body According to Society: How do Individuals with Disabilities Fit In?”

Department of Kinesiology

Disability and Sport (1996)

“Special Olympics and How the Program Works”

“Paralympics, Sport for Individuals with Physical Disabilities”

Growth and Perceptual Motor Development (1995)

“Overview of the Central Nervous System”

Introduction to Adapted Physical Education (1995)

“Teaching Students with Visual Impairments”

Introduction to Special Physical Education (1994, 1995)
"Special Olympics and You!"

Austin College

Department of Physical Education

Working with Special Populations (1996)

"Adapted Physical Activity and Disability Sport: A Brief Overview"

Central Michigan University

Department of Recreation and Leisure Services

Introduction to Therapeutic Recreation (1989, 1990, 1992)

"Special Olympics and Individuals with Mental Retardation"

"Coaching Individuals with Mental Retardation"

"Special Olympics - Can the Program be Used in the Schools"

Department of Physical Education

The Special Olympics Course (1993, 1994)

"Volunteering for Special Olympics"

"Management of Special Olympics Programs - Making it Happen"

RESEARCH:

Adapted Physical Education in Physical Education Teacher Education Programs

Submitted as Internal Grant at Ball State University (not funded)

Data collection began Spring 2005 with the distribution of survey to faculty at colleges and universities with PETE programs attending the AAHPERD convention in Chicago. Data collection continues via email to increase representation of colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Activity levels of Illinois Elementary age children.

Co-recipient of Illinois Department of Public Health Grant, Fall 2003. Quantitative Analysis of activity levels using the SOFIT observation tool and the School Health Index.

The effects of a stress management program and biofeedback on learning in a competitive environment. One of a team of three recipients of a University Research Council grant, Fall 2002. Quantitative research format monitoring brain waves and identifying the effects of concentration on learning.

Grading Processes used by Physical Educators for students with and without disabilities

Recipient of IAHPERD Jump Rope for Heart Grant. Data Collection in Fall 2002 through Spring 2004.

Qualitative format using in-depth interviews, demographic surveys, and content analysis.

Descriptors used for individuals with disabilities portrayed in Popular Films

Data Collection Spring of 1998 - Fall 2001. Quantitative and Qualitative methodologies used for analysis.

Athletes with Lower Limb Paralysis' Motives for Competing in the Organized Sport of Powerlifting.

Data collection at the 1998 Powerlifting qualifying meet for World's competition, Chicago, IL.

Qualitative format using in-depth interviews, observations, and film ethnography with male athletes with disabilities.

Stereotypes that may be associated with disabilities

Data Collection involved surveying undergraduate students attending Texas Woman's University on how they rate different descriptors associated with the individuals with disabilities. Data Collection Spring of 1998.

Sport empowerment and elite athletes with disabilities

Data collection at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta, GA.

Qualitative format using in-depth interviews with male and female athletes with disabilities.