

Tracy Amerman, Ed.D.

Profile

An organized, dynamic professor who utilizes a variety of research based methods and best practices to teach Master's and Doctoral students.

Professional Experience

September 1, 2018 **New Jersey City University** **Jersey City, NJ**
Professor, Department Educational Technology

- Currently teaches Master and Doctoral students on campus and online
- Member of the Education Technology Leadership Doctoral Faculty
- Co-Chair of Middle States Commission for Higher Education (MSCHE)
- Member of the Distinguished Clinical Internship Recommendation Committee

July 1, 2012 – 2018 **New Jersey City University** **Jersey City, NJ**
Professor, Department of Special Education

- Taught graduate and undergraduate special education courses on campus and online
- Served on the Program Assessment Coordinating Committee (PACC) (2013-2017)
- Presidential appointee to the University Promotions Committee (2014)
- Served on the COE scholarship committee (2014-2018)
- Member of the COE writing assessment committee (2014-2017)
- Served on Title V grant, Coordinating Committee (2008 – 2013)
- Served on the University Scheduling Task Force (2012)
- Served on the Separately Budgeted Research (SBR) committee (2013-2017)
- Served on the COE field experience committee

May 18, 2009 – June 30, 2012 **New Jersey City University** **Jersey City, NJ**
Chair, Department of Special Education

- Appointed to Committee for Ongoing Student Learning Assessment (COSLA 2011-2012)
- Elected by Senate and served on COE's Dean's Search Committee (2010)
- Served on the MLK Scholarship Committee (2010, 2011)
- Served as Presidential appointee on Campus Wide Range Adjustment Committee (2009; Chair 2010-11)
- Served on the COE Professional Development Institute for Educators (2008- 2010)
- Served on the University Senate (Department Representative; Representative to the University Strategic Planning Council; Student Affairs Committee)
- Scheduled undergraduate and graduate courses; compiled and submitted electronic Faculty Assignment Sheets (FAS); retained budget; hired adjunct faculty; and oversaw graduation clearance, graduate matriculation, and TOSD endorsement; planned and led department meetings;
- Served on the COE Writing Assessment Committee (2007-2011)
- Co-coordinator of National Disability Mentoring Day at NJCU 2007-2010

September 1, 2008 – May 1, 2009 **New Jersey City University** **Jersey City, NJ**
Associate Professor

- Advised graduate and undergraduate pre-service and in-service teachers.
- Served as member of the Department Personnel Committee (2006-2009)
- Served on two search committees: Striving Readers Grant (2009) and Literacy Faculty (2009)
- Served on the University Senate (Academic Standards Committee, 4 yr.- 2 years Chair)
- Co-coordinator of COE Writing Assessment Committee (2008-2009)

September 1, 2001- June 30, 2008

Assistant Professor

- Served on three 2007-2008 Search Committees: Project Mentor Coordinator, Elementary/Secondary Elementary Education Faculty, and English Composition Faculty.
- Chaired search committee for A. Harry Moore school principal (2003) and chaired search committee for three special education faculty members (2004).
- Co-directed two personnel preparation federal grants, Project TEAM and Project Diversity (2003-2005).
- Provided service to department activities that included collecting, aggregating, and analyzing data for NCATE and wrote three new courses for the Department that were approved by Senate.
- Served on University committees including the Senate's Academic Standards Committee (Chair 2 years), College of Education's Student Affairs Committee 3 years (Faculty Co-Advisor), COE writing assessment committee, NCATE diversity committee, and Senate Representative for the West Campus Development Project.
- Served as a Faculty Ambassador of Assistive Technology through a collaborative Universities' grant.

2001-June 30, 2008

New Jersey Department of Education

Office of Special Education Programs Trenton, NJ

Special Services Consultant

- Provided technical assistance to New Jersey schools in transition and co-coordinated the *Dare to Dream* conference series: a program designed to hone leadership and advocacy skills in students with disabilities.
- Editor/Author of the NJ transition training manual, *Connections: A Guide to Maximizing Student Potential*.

2005- Present

New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education

East Brunswick, NJ

Speakers' Bureau – University Faculty Consultant

- Provides workshops, trainings, and on-site technical assistance for schools on effective co-teaching, decision making, adaptations, modifications, and other components of teaching inclusively. Provided training to districts including Irvington, Roselle, East Windsor, Union City, West NY, Clinton, and Carteret.

1995-2001

North Plainfield Public Schools

N. Plainfield, NJ

Special Education Teacher

- Taught high school special education students in resource center and in-class support.
- Developed transition curricula and served on inclusion advisory committee.
- Chaired curriculum committee for Middle States accreditation evaluation.
- Trained in the University of Kansas, "Strategies Intervention Model."

1991-1995

Middlesex County College

Edison, NJ

Learning Specialist/Adjunct

- Tutored, advised, and mentored college student with learning disabilities.
- Taught various Psychology and Education courses as an adjunct.

1987-1991

The Children's Institute

Livingston, NJ

Teacher/Teacher Assistant

- Taught adolescent students with emotional/behavioral disabilities.

Education

May 2003 **Rutgers, The State University** New Brunswick, NJ

- Doctor of Education (GPA: 3.917)

August 1991 **Montclair State College** **Montclair, NJ**

- Master of Arts in Teaching – Teacher of the Handicapped (GPA: 3.788)

January 1986 **Montclair State College** **Montclair, NJ**

- Bachelor of Science – Home Economics (magna cum laude)

Certifications

- New Jersey Supervisor
- New Jersey Teacher of the Handicapped
- New Jersey Elementary Teacher

Publications

Aitken, J., Amerman, T., & Shamburg, C. (2005) Faculty and freedom machines: Teaching teachers about assistive technology. *The Academic Forum* 13(2), 42-44.

Amerman, T. (2009, February 26). Education is more than academics. *The Courier News*, p. A10.

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Amerman, T. (2007). Person Centered Planning. In *The Praeger Handbook of Special Education*. Greenwood Publishing Group, Inc.

Amerman, T. (2009). *Tools for Tomorrow: Differentiating Instruction to Meet the Needs of All Students*. Manuscript submitted for publication.

Amerman, T., Aitken, J., Shamburg, C., & Twomey, C. (2004) Assistive technology: A collaborative approach. *Academic Exchange Quarterly* 8(3), 213-217.

Amerman, T., Burns, A., & Mecca, J. (2010) Those who can teach, think, and tweak: Reflections from two urban educators. *The Academic Forum* 16(1), 22-26.

Amerman, T., & Carr-Jones, J., Eds. (2004) *Connections: A guide to maximizing student potential*. (training manual) New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs.

Amerman, T., & Carr-Jones, J. (2006) Dare to dream: Leadership conferences for students with disabilities. *TEACHING Exceptional Children Plus* 2(6), Retrieved July 30, 2006 from <http://escholarship.bc.edu/education/teplus/vol2/iss6/art1>

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Amerman, T., & Fleres, C. (2003). A winning combination: Collaboration in inclusion. *Academic Exchange Quarterly* 7(3), 66-70.

Amerman, T., & Fleres, C. (2009). A winning combination: Collaboration in inclusion. In M.R. Pierson, K.K. Stang, & B. Varner (Eds.). *Sound instruction-ready to use classroom practice Volume II: Assessment and consultation*. Tennessee: Rapid Intellect Group

Fisch, A., De Fina, A., & Amerman, T. (2006). A case history of change in the college of education's writing assessment exam. *The Academic Forum* 14(2), 11-15.

Board and Panel Memberships

Serves on the NJ Department of Education development committee for the Initiative: New Jersey Tiered Systems of Support (2015-present)

Served on committee preparing “Leading the Common Core and Standards Based Instruction” as part of the New Jersey Leadership Academy with partnerships with New Jersey Association of School Administrators (ASA), NJ Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA), and the Foundation for Educational Administration (FEA).

Served on the New Jersey State Special Education Advisory Council (November 2008- present; Co-Chair 2011-2014): Higher Education Representative appointed by NJ State Board of Education

NJ Special Education Stakeholder: Provides input to NJ Special Education State Performance Plans and proposed NJ special education regulations (2008 – present)

Serves on New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education Advisory Board (June 2008-present)

Served on the special education subcommittee for the New Jersey Educator Effectiveness Taskforce (2012-2013)

Co-Coordinator of the NJ Transition Coordinators Network (2005-2012)

Served on Statewide Committee to write English High School Course Descriptions and Sample Assessments for the Revised 2009 NJ Core Curriculum Standards

Served on Pearson Publishing Expert Panel for Differentiated HS Text Books (2008)

Served on the Newark Archdiocese Taskforce for Inclusive Catholic Education (2007- 2009)

Served on the Advisory Board for Program Development for The Uncommon Thread, a New Jersey based early intervention resource center for families of children with Autism and learning differences (2007-2011)

Achievements and Recognition

Awarded “Distinguished Faculty” at the NJ Excellence in Teacher Preparation Awards, 2012

Invited Guest Speaker to the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities, Sept. 22, 2009

Recognized in *Who’s Who in America*, 2009 (110th anniversary edition)

Recognized in *Who’s Who Among American Teachers & Educators*, 2006-2007

Invited Consultant to Rhode Island, August 21-22, 2008; Met with representatives from RI including Department of Education, Dept. of Health, Office of Rehabilitation and Vocational Training, Dept. of Youth, Children & Families, Developmental Disabilities, Higher Education, and Dept. of Labor & Training.

Two Time Invited Keynote Speaker for New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey-Capstone Conference, June 2009; June 2008.

Invited Reader for Two Major State/Federal Grants: The Governor’s Initiative on Autism and The Governor's Initiative: Enhancing and Expanding In-district Program Options for Students with Disabilities (2007)

Invited Panel Presenter for the Center for Assistive Technology & Inclusive Education Studies at The College of New Jersey: Tips from Faculty: What to Expect in College (Spring 2007)

Technology Mini-Grant Recipient: Assistive Technology for the General Education Classroom: Spring/Fall 2006

Awarded a Professor-In-Residence: School Years 2005-2007, North Plainfield Middle/High School

Department of Special Education accredited by CEC/NCATE: Summer 2004 (Major contributor to program review)

Professionally Recognized Special Educator in Special Education Teaching

Special Activities

Irvington Public Schools

Fall 2009-Present Sustained Professional Development (Inclusion) through NJCIE Speakers' Bureau

Presentation to Chinese National Headmasters on Special Education in the United States

October 26, 2010

Monarch Center, Chicago, IL

July 14-17, 2010: Attended Program Development for Collaborative Teacher Preparation

East Newark Public Schools

School Year 2009-2010: Sustained Professional Development with Co-Teachers (Amerman, T. & Napoliello)

Perth Amboy Public Schools

Fall 2009-Fall 2011: Sustained Professional Development (Inclusion and UDL)

Highlighted Presentations

University Academy Charter High School, New Jersey City University, Jersey City, NJ

February 12, 2016: Cooperative Teaching

Bogota Public Schools

October 23, 2015: The Important Role of Paraprofessionals

New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education: Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

June 2015: Paraprofessionals as Success Coaches

Roselle Public Schools: Roselle, NJ (Two Full Day Workshops)

August 13, 2014: Collaborative Teaching (Amerman, T. & Lieb P.)

August 14, 2014: Differentiating and Station Teaching (Amerman, T. & Shamburg, C.)

New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education: Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ

June 26, 2014: Expert Panel Member

The Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey

6th Annual Special Education and Mathematics: St Peter's College, Jersey City, NJ

January 8, 2014: Technology, Systems, and Tools: Universal Design for Learning (UDL) for the Mathematics Class (Amerman, T. & Shamburg, C.)

Montclair Public Schools Paraprofessional Training: Montclair, New Jersey

August 2013: The Paraprofessionals' Important Role in Facilitating Student Success

New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education: The College of NJ, Trenton, NJ

June 27, 2013: NJ CCSS Math Standards: An Excellent Opportunity to Move from Access to Engagement for All (Amerman, T. & Mejia, A.)

The Association of Mathematics Teachers of New Jersey: St. Peter's University, NJ

January 9, 2013: Students with Disabilities and the Common Core Math Standards: Moving from Access to Engagement

NJTESOL/NJBE: Richard Stockton College, Galloway, NJ

October 20, 2012: Everything You Wanted to Know About Bilingual and Special Education Laws (but were afraid to ask), (Napoliello, M. & Amerman, T.)

Bogota Township Schools

August 21 & 23, 2012: Supporting Inclusive Classrooms

Council for Exceptional Children: Denver, CO

April 12, 2012: Technology and the Inclusive Classroom: A Perfect Fit (Amerman, T. & Shamburg, C.)

New Jersey Department of Education Summer Leadership Institute. New Jersey City University

July, 2011: Liberation Literacies: Technology for Inclusion..(Shamburg, C. & Amerman, T.)

New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education:Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ

June, 2011 Technology and the inclusive classroom: A natural fit (Shamburg, C. & Amerman, T.)

New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education: Georgian Court, Lakewood, NJ

June 2011: Facilitator panel of co-teachers

Boonton Township Public Schools

September 1, 2010: Starting the Year Off Right: Creating Effective Environments to Support All Students (Full Day Workshop) (Amerman T. & Lockwood, M.)

22nd Annual Postsecondary Disability Training Institute (PTI): Saratoga Springs, NY

Center on Postsecondary Education and Disability, University of Connecticut

June 22, 2010: Summer LINKS: A College Transition Program (Poster Session) (Amerman, T. & Aitken, J.)

NJ TESOL-NJBE: Somerset, NJ

May 18, 2010: Co-teaching at its Best: Meeting the Needs of All Students in the Inclusive Classroom (Amerman, T. & Napoliello, M.)

Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission (Child Study Team and Teachers): Lebanon, NJ

April 16, 2010: Writing Effective Goals and Objective for Success in the General Education Class

Center for Teaching and Learning at New Jersey City University: Jersey City, NJ

November 2010 and April 7, 2010: Serving Students with Disabilities at NJCU (Amerman, T. & Aitken, J.)

East Newark Public School: East Newark, NJ

October 30, 2009 and March 11, 2010: Co-teaching at its Best: Meeting the Needs of All Students in the Inclusive Classroom (Amerman, T. & Napoliello, M.)

Union County Catholic School Teachers, The Academy Lady of Peace: New Providence, NJ

October 9, 2009: Accommodating Students with Learning Challenges (**Keynote**)

New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities: Trenton, NJ

September 24, 2009: What's Happening in Special Education in New Jersey (**Invited Presenter**)

Summer In-Service: Little Ferry Public Schools: Little Ferry, NJ

September 3, 2009: Effective Inclusion

Summer Workshop: Irvington High School: Irvington, NJ

August 26 & 27, 2009: Inclusive Teaching

7th Annual Summer Inclusion Conference, New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education: TCNJ, NJ

July 8th, 2009: Writing Goals that Support Assessment and Accountability

New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey: Invited Keynote Speakers: Mercer County College, NJ

June 5, 2009: The Faces of Special Education in New Jersey (**Keynote**)

Association for Persons in Supported Employment (ASPE): Somerset, NJ

March 27, 2009: Aiming for a Smooth Transition (Amerman, T., Carr-Jones, J., & Romano, A.)

New Jersey Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Learning Disabilities: NJCU

December 2, 2008: The Reality of the College Classroom (facilitator & panel member)

National Council of Teachers of English, Conference on English Leadership: San Antonio, TX
November 24, 2008: Raising Standards for Writing in Pre-Service Teachers
(Fisch, A., Defina, A., & Amerman, T.)

New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education: Montclair, NJ
July 9, 2008: Tools for Tomorrow: Teacher Friendly Strategies for Connecting All Students to Content Standards

New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey: Invited Keynote Speaker: Mercer County College, NJ
June 6, 2008: The Face of Special Education in New Jersey

New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children: Iselin, NJ
May 2, 2008: Assistive Technology for Classroom Success (Amerman, T. & Aitken, J.)

Center for Teaching and Learning at New Jersey City University: Jersey City, NJ
April 22, 2008: Assistive Technology for Success in the Classroom (Amerman, T. & Aitken, J.)

Council for Exceptional Children: Boston, MA
April 2, 2008: Assistive Technology for Success in the Inclusive Classroom (Amerman, T. & Aitken, J.)

New Jersey Council of Teachers of English: Montclair, NJ
March 28, 2008: The Importance and Difficulty of Raising Standards in Teacher Training and Education
(Fisch, A., Defina, A., & Amerman, T.)

Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA): Orlando, FL (Poster Session)
February 1, 2008: Assistive Technology in the General Education Classroom: A Training Model
(Amerman, T. & Aitken, J.)

New Jersey Higher Education Opportunities for Students with Learning Disabilities: NJCU
November 2, 2007: Faculty Expectations: The Reality of a College Classroom (facilitator & panel member)

National Council of Teachers of English: New York City, NY
November 1, 2007: Standards and Enrollment in Teacher Education: Can They Co-Exist? (Fisch, A., Defina, A., & Amerman, T.)

Center for Teaching and Learning: New Jersey City University
October 23, 2007: Teaching Style vs. Learning Style: The Connection that Can Improve Student Learning Outcomes (Amerman, T. & Aitken, J.)

New Pathways to Teaching in New Jersey, Capstone Conference: Mercer County College
June 8, 2007: Differentiating Instruction to Meet the Needs of All Students in the General Education Class

New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children: Iselin, NJ (Lead and Facilitator of Panel)
May 4, 2007: Making Connections: Effective Networking for Positive Post-Secondary Student Outcomes

Council for Exceptional Children: Louisville, KY
April 21, 2007: Assistive Technology in the Classroom: A Training Model (Amerman, T. & Aitken, J.)

Center for Assistive Technology & Inclusive Education Studies: TCNJ –Trenton, NJ
April 20, 2007: Tips from Faculty: What to Expect in College (invited panel member)

National Association for Professional Development Schools: Las Vegas, NV
March 31, 2007: Walking the Fine Line Between Creativity and Accountability: Effective Strategies for Teachers in Urban Professional Development Schools (Amerman, T. & Napoliello, M.)

North Plainfield School District Professional Development Program: North Plainfield, NJ
November 6-8, 2006: Inclusive Education

Assistive Technology Industry Association (ATIA): Orlando, FL
January 21, 2006: Using Assistive Technology to Increase Undergraduate Student Engagement (Amerman, T. Aitken, J., & Shamburg, C.)

Newark Schools: Newark, NJ
July 21, 2005: Strategies for Passing the Literacy Arts Section of the HSPA

The 3rd Annual Faculty Technology Showcase; Jersey City, NJ

April 5, 2005: Keeping Students Engaged with Technology (Amerman, T, Aitken, J., & Shamburg, C.)

Assistive Technology Industry Association: Orlando, FL

January 22, 2005: Systemic Change for Assistive Technology: A Collaborative Approach (Amerman, T., Aitken, J. & Shamburg, C.)

New Jersey Education Association: Atlantic City, NJ

November 4, 2004: Linking the New & Revised NJCCCS to Transition Outcomes

Council for Exceptional Children: New Orleans, LA

April 17, 2004: New Jersey Initiatives on Transition

NJCU Center for Instructional and Technological Innovation's 2003-2004 Technology Showcase

April 13, 2004: e-poster, Promoting Access For All Students Through Assistive Learning Technology (Amerman, T, Aiken, J., & Shamburg, C.)

New Jersey City University, Faculty Ambassador of Assistive Technology: Jersey City, NJ

April 2, 2004: College Wide Assistive Technology Workshop (Amerman, T., Aitken, J. & Shamburg, C.)

Office of Special Education Personnel Preparation, Project Directors: Washington, DC

March 17, 2004: Festival of Projects (Amerman, T. & Napoliello, M.)

New Jersey City University Staff Research Seminar Fall 2003: Jersey City, NJ

November 19, 2003: An Examination of the Imagination Styles of Preschool Children (dissertation)

New Jersey Education Association: Atlantic City, NJ

November 6, 2003: Linking New, Revised CCCS to Transition Outcomes

New Jersey Federation-Council for Exceptional Children: Somerset, NJ

May 16, 2003: Promoting Self-Advocacy for Adolescents with Disabilities (Amerman, T. & Carr-Jones, J.)

10th Annual Mini-Conference at NJCU, sponsored by Project Mentor: Jersey City, NJ

November 15, 2002: The Reality of Students' Rights and Responsibilities

New Jersey City University Department of Special Education in collaboration with New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs: Jersey City, NJ

July 16,17, 18, 2002: Conference: Effective Transition Practices

West Paterson Public Schools: West Paterson, NJ

April 24, 2002: Inclusion: Whose I.D.E.A. was it Anyway?

New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs: East Brunswick, NJ

February 28, 2000: Transition: A Workshop for Teachers and Transition Coordinators

Association of Higher Education and Disability: Las Vegas, NV

July 27, 1998: Successful Transition Through Collaborative Planning: Preparing Students with Learning Disabilities for College

New Jersey Education Association: Atlantic City, NJ

November 14, 1996: Developing a 5 credit Transition Course

North Plainfield Public Schools: North Plainfield, NJ

1996 – 2000: Various workshops on inclusion, reading across the curriculum, and strategies instruction.