



(MAL) Member-At-Large; Knowledge & Skills and Professional Development Nominee

Dr. Kera Ackerman, Ph.D.



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Candidate Statement:

Dr. Kera Ackerman hopes to serve as the Member-at-Large for Knowledge and Skills and Professional Development. Kera is an Assistant Professor of Special Education at the University of Kentucky. Her research interests include training and coaching pre-service teachers through structured practice-based opportunities for explicit instruction, engagement, and feedback. She is interested in teacher productivity and the use of evidence-based and high leverage practices in co-taught instructional settings.

Kera has been active in her state level TED since she was a doctoral student and served multiple years as secretary (2012-2018) and is now vice-president (2021-2023). In addition, she is the PI on a state-level grant that bridges the work between EEPs in Kentucky, the state leadership team for CEEDAR, and the state department of education. Much of that work is focused on professional development related to standards and high leverage practices. Kera feels her research interests and professional experience align with the work of the member-at-large for knowledge and skills and professional development and she would be honored to serve in this position.

Candidate Experience

National level:

CEC member 2009-present; conference presentations 2019-2022

TED member; conference presentations 2016-2021; invited webinar presentation 2020

TECBD conference presentations 2018-2019

ACRES member; Editorial board; conference presentations 2018, 2021

AACTE conference presentation 2019

CEEDAR cross state convening and TAG/Affinity group member; conference presentations 2019-2021

HECSE contact and participant for University of Kentucky 2016-present

State level:

Kentucky TED member 2012-present; secretary 2012-2018; vice president 2021-2023
Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators; conference presentations 2018-2021
Kentucky Excellence in Educator Preparation lead 2016-present
Kentucky CEC member 2013-present; conference presentations 2013, 2015, 2016, 2019
State level institutions of higher education special education consortium lead 2013-present