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## EDUCATION

**MLIS** (Library and Information Science), Rutgers University, 2011.

**BA** (Psychology), Rutgers University, 2005.

## EMPLOYMENT

**Rutgers University**, New Brunswick, NJ

Public Information Officer, National Institute for Early Education Research (2006-present)

Communications Assistant, National Institute for Early Education Research (2002-2006)

Research Assistant, Center for Early Education Research (2001-2002)

## PUBLICATIONS

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