

# Victoria Chiatula, Ph.D.

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## SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE

### ➤ Educational Consulting, Teaching, & Training

- CEO & Founder EdPro International (EdPro)—an education service agency bridging pathways to sustainable development with innovative solutions for capacity-building. EdPro is a professionally licensed state of Indiana certified educational service business provider. EdPro offers families, businesses, organizations, grades P-12 schools/school districts, and higher education institutions quality-driven, reliable, and customized educational support in the areas of *consulting, teaching, & training, development, research, & assessment* with value-added sustainability integration for capacity-building to solve problems and achieve measurable results. EdPro's sustainability integration emphasis sets it apart from its competitors in that it focuses on optimizing clients' assets and resources to build capacity from within.
- Skilled with knowledge and expertise in the areas of grades P-12 pedagogical instruction and learning; school startup management; diversity, equity & inclusion facilitation, curriculum design & mapping; school accreditation monitoring; research, professional writing & reviewing; and quality assurance audits to improve performance outcomes and generate proactive learning.
- Served in the capacity of Chief Education Officer for a Northwest Indiana company to complete the accreditation/authorization processes for opening and operating a charter school in compliance with the state of Indiana regulations and requirements.
- Conducted an external review assessment for a new B.A. degree program for an accredited U.S. institution of higher education.

### ➤ Educational Development, Research, & Assessment

- Coordinated and supervised the global monitoring of a master's degree education program as the Program Director for an institution of higher education.
- Brought and managed multiple regional, and local stakeholders together to accomplish various education initiatives as the Assistant-to-the-Superintendent for Gary Community School Corporation.
- Developed and implemented educational programs, conducted teacher training workshops, supervised staff, and promoted the organization's mission and vision to constituents as the Program Director for an NGO Agency in partnership with the U.S. federal government.
- Experienced with sourcing, completing, and reviewing various professional writing i.e., grants, proposals, applications, reports, and primers.
- Completed diverse scholarly publications featured in research journals and a book chapter affiliated with the United Nations. Areas of publication include a) a learning model that explores integrating sustainable development competencies into elementary education, b) elementary teacher training, c) the purpose and function of schooling and learning within society, and d) internationalization initiatives for expanding sustainable development within the African Continent and diaspora through intercultural exchange.
- Competent in quality assurance audits and evaluations for external reviews and assessments.

### ➤ Educational Outreach & Civic Engagement Facilitation

- Served as the Northern Indiana State representative for the Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics.
- Worked for the Mayor's Educational Leadership Council, a task force commissioned by the U.S. Department of Labor to eradicate the dropout epidemic facing marginalized groups in Gary, IN.
- Capable of diversity, equity, & inclusion outreach and civic engagement facilitation across diverse populations in the United States and globally focusing on fostering cultural competence, understanding, and involvement.
- Created and managed several higher education internationalization initiatives in consort with U.S. and Nigerian elected officials.
- Partnered with U.S. organizations and several non-profit agencies to raise awareness and donate funds for orphaned children living at the "Motherless Babies Home" in Anambra State, Nigeria. Coalesced with the Anambra local government and traditional rulers to distribute educational books, school supplies, food, clothing, furnishings, televisions, radios, and monetary donations organized from the U.S.

## EDUCATION

- 2006 Ph.D., Cultural Foundations and Policy Studies  
*Loyola University of Chicago: Chicago, IL*
- 2000 Type 75, School Administration and Supervision (IL)  
*Loyola University of Chicago: Chicago, IL*
- 1998 Master of Arts, Education and Curriculum Development  
*University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI*
- 1995 Bachelor of Science, Elementary Education  
*Valparaiso University: Valparaiso, IN*

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSURES & CERTIFICATIONS

### Indiana

- 2021 Certificate of Proficiency: CEI DBE Entrepreneurial Development Institute Training
- 2021 Indiana INDOT DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) Business Certified
- 1996 - Present 1-6 (7/8 Non-Dept.) Professionalized General Elementary
- 2019 - Present P-12 Director of Curriculum & Instruction
- 2019 – Present P-12 Building Level Administrator

### Illinois

- 2000 - Present K-9 Professional Educator License
- 2000 - Present K-12 Type 75 General Administrative

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Education Consulting

- 2021 External Reviewer: B.A. in Humane Education and Studies  
*American Public University System, Charles Town, WV*
- 2017 - Present CEO & Founder EdPro International: Education Service Agency  
*Valparaiso, IN*
- 2019 Consultant—Chief Education Officer  
*Laughing Right Productions, Hammond, IN*

### Teaching

#### *Higher Education*

- 2009 - 2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Education  
*Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN*
- 2007 Adjunct Faculty, Curriculum, and Instruction  
*American College of Education: Chicago, IL*
- 1998 Adjunct Faculty, General Studies  
*Ivy Tech Community College: Gary, IN*
- 1996 Graduate Teaching Assistant  
*University of Michigan: Ann Arbor, MI*

#### *Elementary Education*

- 2000 - 2007 Jonathan Scammon Elementary School: *Chicago, IL*
- 1999 - 2000 Betty Shabazz International Charter School: *Chicago, IL*
- 1998 King Academy: *Inkster, MI*
- 1997 African American Youth Academy, Carpenter Elementary: *Ann Arbor, MI*
- 1996 Lincoln Elementary School: *East Chicago, IN*

## **Administration**

### ***Higher Education***

2013 - 2016 Program Director, Humane Education, Master of Education  
*Valparaiso University, Valparaiso, IN*

### ***Elementary Education***

2007 - 2009 Assistant-to-the-Superintendent, Gary Community School Corporation  
*Gary Community School Corporation: Gary, IN*

### ***NGO Federal Agency***

1998 - 1999 Program Director  
*Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center: Chesterton, IN*

## **PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

### **Letters of Commendation**

2014 State of Illinois Human Rights Commission  
2014 Junior Achievement Chicago  
2014 Valparaiso University Office of Institutional Innovation  
2014 Valparaiso University Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures

### **Distinctions and Awards**

2013 Pioneering Africa Institute Initiative Certificate of Recognition  
*Valparaiso University Office of the President, Mark Heckler, Ph.D.*

2013 The Africa Institute Opening Ceremony Invitation with Former President of Nigeria, His Excellency, Chief Olusegun Obasanjo  
*Valparaiso University Office of the President, Mark Heckler, Ph.D.*

2013 Consulate General of Nigeria, Letter of Appreciation  
*Honorable Habib Baba Habu, OON*

2013 Valparaiso University, Graduate School Letter of Appreciation  
*David, L. Rowland, Ph.D., Associate Provost, and Dean*

2009 150 Most Influential Alumnus Nominee  
*Valparaiso University*

2006 Homecoming Keynote Speaker  
*Department of Education*

2006 Outstanding Alumni Award  
*Department of Education*

1996 - 1998 Distinguished Rackham Merit Fellowship Award  
*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

1997 University of Cape Town, South Africa, Research Trip Award  
*University of Michigan, Ann Arbor*

1996 Outstanding Future Educator Award  
*State of Indiana*

1995 Educational Grant Recipient  
*East Chicago Education Foundation*

## BOARD MEMBERSHIPS

2020-Present	Institute for Humane Education, Executive Board of Directors Member
2014	Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM), Board of Directors Member and Northern Indiana Elementary State Representative
2011-2013	Junior Achievement—Northwest Indiana Division, Board of Directors Member
2010-2012	Indiana Dunes Environmental Learning Center, Board of Directors Member
2008-2009	City of Gary, Mayor Rudy Clay, Education Task Force Member

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Alternative Education Association (NAEA)  
Alternative Education Resource Organization (AERO)  
The Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)  
National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM)  
Indiana Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ICTM)  
Board Member and Northern Indiana Elementary State Representative (2014)  
African Studies Association (ASA)

## PUBLICATIONS

### Book Chapter

Chiatula, V.O. (2018) *Pro-active learning framework: Educational model for capacity-building and sustainable development*. In James, V.U. (Ed.), *Capacity-building for sustainable development* (pp. 170-186). Boston, MA: CABI—United Nations.

### Published Articles

Chiatula, V.O. (2015). Integrative pre-service elementary teacher training: The role of interdisciplinary collaborative mathematics. *Education*, 136(2), 113-122.

Chiatula, V.O. (2015). Interdisciplinary collaborative mathematics: Standards correlation guide. *Education*, 136(1), 53-62.

Chiatula, V.O. (2015). A bold step forward: Juxtaposition of the constructivist and freeschooling learning model. *Education*, 135(3), 303-308.

Chiatula, V.O. (2015). Expanding sustainable development in Africa through the intercultural exchange: A framework for Igbo internationalization initiatives. *Journal of Sustainable Development in Africa*, 17(1), 61-75.

## PRESENTATIONS

(2020) African Academic Diaspora Virtual Homecoming 2020: Advancing African and Diasporan Academic Relations (Zoom-Online)  
Title: *Education for capacity building and sustainable development: The role of quality assurance and proactive learning framework*.

(2015) Marquette University Igbo Studies Association International Conference (Milwaukee, WI)  
Title: *Expanding sustainable development in Africa through the intercultural exchange: A framework for Igbo internationalization initiatives*.

(2014) National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference (Indianapolis, IN)  
Title: *Developing an Interdisciplinary Math Methods Primer for Pre-service Elementary Teachers*.

**PRESENTATIONS CONT.**

- (2014) Hoosier Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators Research Symposium (Indianapolis, IN)  
Title: *Collaborative Mathematics Teaching.*
- (2013) New York University Humane Education Conference (New York, NY)  
Title: *Is Schooling for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and Beyond?*
- (2012) Critical Questions in Education Conference (Springfield, MO)  
Title: *Is Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?*
- (2010) Chicagoland Lutheran Educational Foundation Conference (Chicago, IL)  
Title: *Education Adventures: Environmental Science in Action.*