



## **Meet Three of Our New Professors**

We're excited to welcome five—yes, five!—new professors to our team at the [UNC Center for Urban Education](#) (CUE) this fall. In this edition of the newsletter, we'll introduce three of them: Candace Lewis, Josh Voiles, and Annie Trujillo. Next month, we'll introduce the other two. We appreciate our new colleagues sharing a little about themselves as they prepare to work with CUE teacher candidates.



*New CUE Professor Candace Lewis and daughter, Laila*

## **Candace Lewis**

Candace Lewis will teach Creative Expression and Play in the Early Childhood Classroom this fall.

Lewis graduated from CUE in 2012, so she's already like family. "I am so happy to be welcomed back and have this opportunity to be a part of this amazing community," she said.

Teaching is actually Lewis's second career. Before, she worked in the medical field and was studying biology with a minor in chemistry. As they say, life happens, and she took a different path. She enrolled in classes at CUE and graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Later, she graduated from Regis with a master's degree in CLDE.

Since graduating from CUE, Lewis has spent most of her time teaching kindergarten and first grade students. Now she's moving into a new role as a coach to teachers in the area of Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Education (CLDE). She believes the experience will greatly enhance her knowledge of adult education, coaching, and mentoring practices.

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For fun, Lewis crafts and creates daily. She also likes to read and spend time with her family. She describes herself as silly and having an odd sense of humor. "I am always laughing about something," said Lewis. We bet CUE students will enjoy laughing with her!



*New CUE Professor Josh Voiles with wife, Aubri*

## **Josh Voiles**

Josh Voiles will teach College Composition and College Research Paper this fall. He's been teaching those courses for five years, mainly at the University of Colorado–Denver, where he has also worked as an academic advisor.

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Voiles came to us by way of a recommendation from a colleague. He said, "I cannot wait to meet the students and make a difference for them and the community. The center's mission, process, and community are outstanding, and I cannot wait to be a part of it."

When he's not in the classroom, Voiles prefers to be outside: walking the trails or recreating in the mountains or a park.



*New CUE Professor Annie Trujillo*

## **Annie Trujillo**

Annie Trujillo will teach Diverse Early Language and Literacy this fall. She's taught high school English, English Language Development, and Social Studies at New America School in Denver, and also at a few different schools in Chicago, Illinois.

Trujillo has been a K-12 school administrator for the past 20 years, primarily in the Denver area. She's passionate about language learning and inclusive, equitable instruction in K-12 classrooms. She was a founding teacher and school leader at the New America School in Aurora, which served a diverse community of English-language learners and older high school students. Currently, Trujillo is the principal of [Denver Language School at Whiteman Campus](#), which is an immersion K-8 school in Denver Public Schools. "I believe language learning opens our worlds and is truly a gift," said Trujillo.

She is familiar with CUE's mission and has been a colleague of CUE Director Dr. Rosanne Fulton for many years. In fact, Trujillo has encouraged many New America School graduates to consider the Center for Urban Education as a post-secondary option.

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"I strongly believe in the mission of the Center for Urban Education and in the work the Center does," said Trujillo. "I am looking forward to connecting with our future teachers and teaching and learning with them. There is nothing more powerful than an empathic, passionate, unique teacher. Teachers change the world for our kids!"

Trujillo loves the beauty of the Colorado outdoors and likes to spend her free time with her family going biking, hiking, swimming, and skiing.

# Thinking about Becoming a Teacher?

We are enrolling new students for the spring 2024 semester. Call Dr. Rosanne Fulton, Director, UNC Center for Urban Education, at 303-637-4334 or [email](#) for more information. Watch our [short video](#) to learn more about the CUE teacher-preparation program.

