

## Special Issue

# Teaching and Learning in Early Childhood Language and Literacy Education

### Message from the Guest Editors

For young children, literacy begins not in the classroom, but with their families and communities, and is a multi-modal, multi-sensory experience where meaning is made through touch, movement, sound, and interaction. And as these rich and varied experiences represent valid and meaningful forms of early literacy, they must be recognized, honored, and built upon by educators and policymakers alike. The early years are a critical period for building the language foundations that will become the pathways to formal literacy. Neuroscientific research affirms that neural pathways formed through early exposure to oral language, print, and storytelling become the building blocks for later reading, writing, and communication. This Special Issue will explore the complexities of the foundations of reading—early language and literacy in the classroom and the community. We seek articles that thoughtfully explore the intersections of early literacy, language diversity, teacher preparation, home–school connections, and curriculum policy.

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