

RESEARCH IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

Lunch & Learn



September 15, 2025
12-1:15pm
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Sara Estrapala, PhD
"I've Graduated with a Ph.D., Now What?"

Dr. Estrapala will discuss how she turned her dissertation into a funded IES Early Career Grant, managed the challenges of being an early career PI, and continues striving for career sustainability

Dr. Sara Estrapala is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Special Education at the University of Missouri. Her research focuses on Tier 1 and Tier 2 Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) in high schools, with an emphasis on student voice, self-regulation, and intervention usability and feasibility.



October 14, 2025
12-1:15pm
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Renee Speight, PhD, BCBA-D
"Relationships Matter: Leveraging School Partnerships for Impactful Research"

Conducting impactful research in secondary school settings requires more than a strong research question—it requires strong relationships. Together we will explore how authentic, mutually beneficial partnerships with schools can create opportunities for meaningful and sustainable research. Drawing on lessons learned from school-based collaborations and her experience as a middle school teacher, Dr. Speight will discuss strategies for building trust, navigating partnerships, and designing research that benefits both researchers and school communities.

Dr. Renee Speight is an Assistant Professor of Special Education at the University of Arkansas. Her research and teaching focus on supporting in-service and pre-service teachers in implementing evidence-based practices to foster improved academic, social, emotional, and behavioral outcomes for adolescent learners with behavioral support needs, using single-case research methodology.

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