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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

University of Wisconsin - Madison

Ph.D. in Educational Psychology, Learning Sciences Area 2009

M.S. in Educational Psychology, Learning Sciences Area 2003

University of Notre Dame

M.Ed, concurrent with teaching experience 2001

B.S. in Chemical Engineering 1999

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS AND EXPERIENCE

Associate Professor of Practice, *University of Notre Dame* 2019 – Present
Center for STEM Education

Director of Program Evaluation and Research, *University of Notre Dame* 2016 – Present
Institute for Educational Initiatives

IEI Fellow, *University of Notre Dame* 2006 – Present
Institute for Educational Initiatives

Assistant Professor of Practice, *University of Notre Dame* 2014 – 2019
Center for STEM Education and College of Engineering

Senior Evaluation and Research Associate, *Science Museum of Minnesota* 2010-2014
Department of Evaluation and Research in Learning

Faculty Mentor, *University of Notre Dame* 2009-2013
ACE Advocates Melody Family Teaching Fellows Program

Assistant Researcher, *University of Wisconsin* 2010-2012
Wisconsin Center for Educational Research, Epistemic Games Research Group

Survey Associate, *Science Museum of Minnesota* 2009-2010
Department of Evaluation and Research in Learning

Researcher and Project Manager, *University of Wisconsin* 2002-2009
Wisconsin Center for Educational Research, Epistemic Games Research Group
Digital Zoo Project

Faculty of Supervision and Instruction , <i>University of Notre Dame</i> ACE Teaching Fellows, M.Ed. Program	2006-2009
Research Fellow , <i>Academic Advanced Distributed Learning Co-laboratory</i> Games and Professional Practice Simulations (GAPPS) Collaborative	2004-2006
Project Assistant , <i>University of Wisconsin</i> Wisconsin Center for Educational Research, Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (CIRTL)	2001-2005
Physics Teacher , <i>St. Petersburg Catholic High School</i>	1999-2001

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

October 2019 – September 2022. Design and Development: Research Exploring Activity Characteristics and Heuristics for Early Childhood Engineering (REACH-ECE) National Science Foundation Award Number 1930848, \$399,371. Principal investigator, with Dr. Scot Pattison (TERC), Amy Corbett (Metropolitan Family Service), and Maria Eugenia Perdomo (Metropolitan Family Service) as Co-PIs.

September 2019 – August 2023. Head Start on Engineering: Developing a Learning Community to Study and Support Family-level Interest in Engineering. National Science Foundation Award Number 1906409, \$738,505. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Scott Pattison (TERC) as PI.

February 2019 – January 2021. Storybook STEM: Professional Convening for Cross-Sector Understanding of Children's Literature as a Tool for Supporting Informal STEM Learning. National Science Foundation Award Number 1902536, \$75,000. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Scott Pattison (TERC) as PI.

August 2017 – September 2018. Head Start on Engineering 2.0. \$5,000. Institute for Educational Initiatives Seed Grant for IEI Fellows, University of Notre Dame. Principal investigator.

June 2017 – May 2020. Analytical applications of surface-enhanced hyper-raman scattering. National Science Foundation Award Number 1709566, \$473,565. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Jon Camden (University of Notre Dame) as PI.

September 2015 – August 2018. Head Start on Engineering. National Science Foundation Award Number DRL-1515628, \$299,070. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Scott Pattison (Institute for Learning Innovation) as PI.

October 2013 – September 2018. Making Connections: Exploring culturally relevant maker experiences through an iterative, cross-institutional approach. National Science Foundation Award Number DRL-1323584, \$899,738. Co-principal investigator with Dr. Marjorie Bequette (Science Museum of Minnesota) as PI.

October 2011 – December 2015. Gender Research on Adult-child Discussions in Informal Engineering Environments (GRADIENT). National Science Foundation Award Number HRD-1136253, \$524,718. Principal Investigator, with Dr. Monica Cardella (Purdue University) as co-PI.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Pattison, S., Svarovsky, G., Ramos-Montanez, S., Gotan, I., Weiss, S., Benne, M., Nuñez, V., Corrie, P., & Smith, C. (2020). Understanding Early Childhood Engineering Interest Development as a Family-Level Systems Phenomenon: Findings from the Head Start in Engineering Project. *Journal of Pre-college Engineering Education Research*, 10(1), 6.

Kowalski, M. J., Macaluso, K., & Navoa Svarovsky, G. (2020). The Alliance for Catholic Education: how this programme supports Catholic schools in the USA (2007–2020+). *International Studies in Catholic Education*, 12(1), 74-86.

Svarovsky, G. N., Wagner, C., & Cardella, M. E. (2018). Exploring moments of agency for girls during an Engineering Activity. *International Journal of Education in Mathematics, Science and Technology*, 6(3), 302-319.

Pattison, S., Svarovsky, G., Gotan, I., Corrie, P., Benne, M., Weiss, S., Nuñez, V., & Ramos-Montanez, S. (2017). Head Start on Engineering: Teachers, informal STEM educators, and learning researchers collaborating to engage low income families with engineering. *Connected Science Learning*, 4(1).

Svarovsky, G. N. (2011). Exploring complex engineering learning over time with Epistemic Network Analysis. *Journal of Pre-college Engineering Education Research*, 1(2), 19-30.

Shaffer, D.W., Hatfield, D., Svarovsky, G.N., Nash, P., Nulty, A., Bagley, E., Franke, K., Rupp, A.A., Mislevy, R. (2009). Epistemic Network Analysis: A prototype for 21st Century assessment of learning. *The International Journal of Learning and Media*, 1(2).

Svarovsky, G. N., & Shaffer, D. W. (2007). SodaConstructing knowledge through exploratoids. *Journal of Research in Science Teaching*, 44(1), 133-153.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Svarovsky, G. N. (2019). Early STEM experiences in museums. In L. Cohen and S. Waite-Stupaianky (Eds.), *STEM for early childhood learners: How Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics strengthen learning*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Svarovsky, G. N. (2014). Engineering learning in museums and other designed settings: Towards a theoretical framework. In Strobel, J., Purzer, S. & Cardella, M. (Eds.) *Engineering in Pre-College Settings: Research into Practice*. Purdue University Press, West Lafayette, Indiana.

PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

Pattison, S., Ramos- Montañez, S., & Svarovsky, G. (2020). *Early Childhood Engineering: Supporting Engineering Design Practices with Young Children and Their Families*. Proceedings of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching Annual Conference, Portland, OR, March 2020.

Pattison, S., Svarovsky, G., & Ramos- Montañez, S. (2020). *Storybooks and STEM: Using Books as a Tool to Support Early Childhood Family STEM Learning*. Proceedings of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching Annual Conference, Portland, OR, March 2020.

Pattison, S., Weiss, S., Ramos- Montañez, S., Gontan, I., Svarovsky, G., Greenough Corrie, P., Bennie, M., Núñez, V., & Smith, C. (2018). *Engineering in early childhood: Describing family-level interest development systems*. Proceedings of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, April 2018.

Svarovsky, G., Pattison, S., Verbeke, M., Benne, M., and Greenough Corrie, P. (2017). *Head Start on Engineering: Early findings (work in progress)*. Proceedings of the 124th American Society of Engineering Education Annual Conference & Exposition, Columbus, OH, June 2017.

Svarovsky, G., Bequette, M., and Causey, L. (2017). *Making Connections: Challenging the perceived homogeneity of making*. Proceedings of the 124th American Society of Engineering Education Annual Conference & Exposition, Columbus, OH, June 2017.

Svarovsky, G., Cardella, M., Dorie, B., and King, Z. (2017). *Productive forms of facilitation for young girls during engineering activities within informal learning settings*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, April 2017, San Antonio, TX.

Pattison, S., Svarovsky, G., Greenough Corrie, P., Benne, M., Nunez, V., Dierking, L., and Verbeke, M. (2016). *Conceptualizing early childhood STEM interest development as a distributed system: A preliminary framework*. Proceedings of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, April 2016.

Svarovsky, G. N., Bequette, M. B., and Causey, L. (2016). *Making Connections: Exploring culturally embedded making practices and perceptions (work in progress)*. Proceedings of the 123rd American Society of Engineering Education Annual Conference & Exposition, New Orleans, LA, June 2016.

Dorie, B.L., Cardella, M.E., and Svarovsky, G. (2015). *Engineering Together: Context in Dyadic Talk During an Engineering Task*. Proceedings of the 122nd American Society of Engineering Education Annual Conference & Exposition, Seattle, WA, June 2015.

Dorie, B.L., Cardella, M.E., and Svarovsky, G. (2014). *Capturing the design behaviors of a young children working with a parent*. Proceedings of the 121st American Society of Engineering Education Annual Conference & Exposition, Indianapolis, IN June 2014.

Cardella, M., Svarovsky, G.N., Dorie, B. (2013). *Gender research on adult-child interactions in informal engineering environments (GRADIENT): Early findings*. Proceedings of the 120th ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition, June 2013, Atlanta, GA.

Svarovsky, G. N., and Cardella, M.E. (2013). *Gender Research on Adult-child Discussions in Informal Engineering Environments (GRADIENT): Early Findings from the Preschool Playdates Context*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, April 2013, San Francisco, CA.

Svarovsky, G. N. (2010). Exploring and Assessing Engineering Epistemic Frames in Authentic Engineering Learning Environments for Girls. Paper presented at the *International Conference of Learning Sciences Engineering Workshop*, June 2010, Chicago, IL.

Svarovsky, G. N., & Shaffer, D. W. (2006). The hidden workhorses: Design meetings and design notebooks as tools for reflection in the engineering design course. *Proceedings of the 36th ASEE/IEEE Frontiers in Education Conference*, October 2006, San Diego, CA.

Svarovsky, G. N., & Shaffer, D. W. (2006). SodaConstructing an understanding of physics: Technology-based engineering activities for middle school students. *Proceedings of the 36th ASEE/IEEE Frontiers in Education Conference*, October 2006, San Diego, CA.

Svarovsky, G. N., & Shaffer, D. W. (2006). Berta's Tower: Developing conceptual physics understanding one exploratoid at a time. *Proceedings of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences*, June 2006, Bloomington, IN.

Svarovsky, G. N., & Shaffer, D. W. (2006). Engineering girls gone wild: Developing an engineering identity in Digital Zoo. *Proceedings of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences*, June 2006, Bloomington, IN.

Schoepke, J., & Svarovsky, G. N. (2005). *A Question of Fit Between Today's Graduate Student and Tomorrow's Tech-Savvy Professor: The Lessons Learned from the Teaching with Technology Course*. Paper presented at the 11th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction, Las Vegas, NV.

Svarovsky, G. N., and Shaffer, D.W. (2004). *Berta's Tower: Understanding physics through virtual engineering*. Proceedings of the International Conference of the Learning Sciences, June 2004, Santa Monica, CA.

Svarovsky, G. N., and Shaffer, D.W. (2003). *Berta's Tower: An expert-novice study investigating ideas in the domain of physics and the practice of engineering*. Paper presented at the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting, April 2003, Chicago, IL.

MAJOR EVALUATION REPORTS

Svarovsky, G.N., Goss, J., Kollman, E.K. (2015). *Public Reach Estimations for the NISE Network*. University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN. Available at <http://informal.science.org/public-reach-estimations-nise-network>.

Svarovsky, G. N., Tranby, Z., Cardiel, C., Auster, R., and Bequette, M. (2015). *Summative study of NanoDays 2014 Events*. Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. Available at <http://informal-science.org/summative-study-nanodays-2014-events>.

Svarovsky, G. N., Goss, J., Ostgaard, G., Reyes, N., Cahill, C., Auster, R., and Bequette, M. (2013). *Summative study of the Nano mini-exhibition*. Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. Available at <http://informal-science.org/summative-study-nano-mini-exhibition>.

Alexander, J.M., Svarovsky, G.N., Goss, J., Rosino, L., Mesiti, L.A., LeComte-Hinely, J., & Reich, C. (2012). *A study of communication in the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (Year 6)*. Museum of Science, Boston. Available at <http://informal-science.org/study-communication-nanoscale-informal-science-education-network-year-6>.

Bequette, M.B., Svarovsky, G.N., Ellenbogen, K.M. (2011). *Year 5 summative evaluation of exhibits and programs within the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network*. Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul, MN. Available at <http://informal-science.org/year-5-summative-evaluation-exhibits-and-programs>.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

The Process Behind the Graphs: Key Considerations When Developing Data Dashboards. (2019). Workshop presented at the National Catholic Education Association Annual Convention, April 2019, Chicago, IL.

Developing Data Dashboards for Different Programs Across a Service Organization. (2018). With Ryan Woodbury. Presented at Evaluation 2018 (Annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association), Cleveland, OH.

Cultivating Evaluative Thinking in a Service Organization. (2018). With Monica Kowalski. Presented at Evaluation 2018 (Annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association), Cleveland, OH.

Visualizing Data for Justice and Equity. (2018). With Ryan Woodbury. Presented at Evaluation 2018 (Annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association), Cleveland, OH.

Developing Data Dashboards. Invited panelist. Program Evaluation Series, University of Notre Dame, Laboratory for Economic Opportunity. October 2018.

Svarovsky, G.N. and Kirkland, P.K. (2018). *Designing and Implementing Teacher Professional Development that Connects Social Justice and STEM Integration*. Proceedings of the 1st Annual CoNECD conference, Washington, DC.

Ehsan, H., Cardella, M.E., and Svarovsky, G.N. (2018). *Engineering and Computational Thinking Among Families Engaging With an Exhibit at a Science Center*. Poster presented at the AERA 2018 Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

Realizing the Potential and Promise of STEM. Invited keynote presentation. STEMM Co-lab Workshop. Christian Brothers University & Christian Brothers High School, Memphis, TN. November 2015.

Making Connections: Fostering Change at the Science Museum of Minnesota. With Lauren Causey and Marjorie Bequette. Annual Conference of the Visitor Studies Association. Indianapolis, IN. July 2015.

Exploring the Role of Museums in Broadening Participation in Engineering. Invited keynote presentation. Purdue University Department of Engineering Education Graduate Seminar. April 2014.

Collaborative Family Learning at Engineering Studio: Design, Facilitation, and Evidence. With Keith Braflaad and Bette Schmitt. Association of Science and Technology Centers Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM. October 2013.

Encouraging Visitor STEM Decision Making Using Public Engagement with Science. With Larry Bell, Elizabeth Kunz Kollmann, Patrice Legro, and Kirsten Ellenbogen. Association of Science and Technology Centers Annual Conference, Albuquerque, NM. October 2013.

Engineering Conversations Between Preschool Girls and Their Parents. With Monica Cardella. Visitor Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI. July 2013.

Investigating Learning Within Making, Engineering, and Design-Based Activities. With Lisa Sindorf, Nina Hido, and Anna Lindgren-Streicher. Visitor Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI. July 2013.

Pushing Our Boundaries: Teaming Up to Get More Accomplished. With Sarah Cohn, Elizabeth Kunz Kollmann, Liz Rosino, and Chris Cardiel. Visitor Studies Association Conference, Milwaukee, WI. July 2013.

Conversations Between Girls and their Parents During Informal Engineering Activities. With Zdanna Tranby and Monica Cardella. Visitor Studies Association Conference, Raleigh, NC. July 2012.

Distributed Evaluation: Moving Towards Richer and More Meaningful Institutional Collaboration. With Jane M. Alexander, Juli Goss, Liz Rosino, and Jenna LeComte-Hinely. Visitor Studies Association Conference, Raleigh, NC. July 2012.

"Grab your business cards and get your engineering game face on!": Facilitating engineering learning and interest for girls through authentic engineering activity. Colloquium on P-12 STEM Education Research, St. Paul, MN. August 2011.

It's all connected: Using epistemic network analysis to assess engineering learning in out-of-school contexts. Invited keynote presentation. Purdue University Department of Engineering Education Graduate Seminar. March 2011.

Theory Based Games. Invited workshop with David Hatfield, Elizabeth Sowatzke Bagley, Aran Nulty, Pdraig Nash, and David Shaffer. International Conference of the Learning Sciences, Utrecht, Netherlands. June 2008.

Digital Zoo: Building the next generation of engineers, Games, Learning, and Society Conference. Madison, WI. June 2006.

Digital Zoo: The use of engineering design notebooks during epistemic game play. Games, Learning, and Society Conference. Madison, WI. June 2005.

From explanatoids to exploratoids: Developing physics knowledge through virtual engineering, Annual Meeting of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST). Dallas, TX. April 2005.

Preparing Future Faculty to Teach Effectively with Technology. With Alan Wolf. Educause Midwest Regional Conference, Chicago, IL. March 2005.

Research training: the graduate student perspective. Invited panel with Lawrence Casper, Lester Gerhardt, Cindy Atman, Les Sims, John Brighton, and Rob Marley. American Society of Engineering Education Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, UT. June 2004.

COURSES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

STEM Integration (<i>University of Notre Dame, Center for STEM Education</i>)	2014 - Present
Learning in Informal Environments (<i>University of Notre Dame</i>)	2016
Introduction to Engineering Systems (<i>University of Notre Dame</i>)	2014-2016
Introduction to Teaching – Historical Perspectives (<i>University of Notre Dame</i>)	2007-2009
Clinical Seminar in Teaching (<i>University of Notre Dame</i>)	2006-2009
Supervised Teaching (<i>University of Notre Dame</i>)	2006-2009
Effective Teaching with Technology (<i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>)	2005
Teaching with Technology (<i>University of Wisconsin-Madison</i>)	2004
Physics (<i>St. Petersburg Catholic High School</i>)	1999-2001
Introduction to Physical Sciences (<i>St. Petersburg Catholic High School</i>)	1999-2001

INVITED ADVISORY BOARD AND CONSULTING ROLES

Advisory Board, <i>Designing Biomimetic Robots</i> Project, NSF Award #1742127	2018 – Present
Invited panelist, Center for the Advancement of Informal STEM Education (CAISE) Convening of the Evaluation and Measurement Taskforce, August 2018	2018
Committee of Visitors, <i>Chemattitudes</i> Project, NSF Award #1612482	2016 – Present
Committee of Visitors, <i>NASA Space and Earth Science ISE Network</i> , NASA Cooperative Agreement Numbers NNX16AC67A and 80NSSC18M0061	2016 – Present
Advisory Board, <i>Integrated STEM and Computing Learning</i> , NSF Award #1543175	2015 – 2017
Advisory Board, <i>LinCT</i> Project, NSF Award #1513009	2015 – 2017
Engineering Content Expert, Smithsonian Science Education Center Curriculum	2015
Advisory Board, <i>Designing Our World</i> Project, NSF Award #132230	2013 – 2017

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Associate Editor, Journal of Pre-college Engineering Education Research	2018 – Present
Executive Committee Member, University of Notre Dame, Alliance for Catholic Education	2018 – Present
Co-director, National Data Project for Catholic Schools, in partnership with the National Catholic Education Association (NCEA)	2017 – Present
Invited proposal reviewer for the National Science Foundation	
Manuscript reviewer: Journal of Engineering Education, Advances in Engineering Education, Visitor Studies	
Conference proposal reviewer: Annual meeting of the National Association for Research in Science Teaching, Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Annual Conference of the American Society for Engineering Education	
Board Member, Visitor Studies Association. Communications Committee Chair	2013-2015
Planning Committee, Games, Learning, and Society Conference Games and Professional Practice Simulations (GAPPS) Collaborative	2004-2006
Educational Psychology Student Association, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Educational Psychology	2005-2006
Student Affairs Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Educational Psychology	2002-2005

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

Member, Dissertation Committee for Mariam Manuel (Curriculum and Instruction), Texas Tech University, 2018 – 2019

Member, Dissertation Committee for Brianna Dorie Brinkman (Engineering Education), *Conversation analysis of engineering parents' occupational knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs*. Purdue University, 2015.

Advisor, Glynn Family Honors Program Thesis for Marisa Lucht, *XX Does Not Compute: The Key Factors Affecting Female Disengagement in Computing*, University of Notre Dame, 2018.

Advisor, Glynn Family Honors Program Thesis for Catherine Wagner, *Persistence through leadership in STEM: A study examining parent interactions with girls during an engineering activity*, University of Notre Dame, 2017.

Undergraduate Researchers: Kaileigh Perrier (2020 – present), Maria Padilla (2020), Elizabeth Dolan (2016-2018), Alejandra Bautista-Mata (2016), Hannah Gillespie (2016).

MENTORING AND OUTREACH EXPERIENCE

Faculty Mentor, *University of Notre Dame, Institute for Educational Initiatives*

Department Mentor, *Science Museum of Minnesota Department of Evaluation and Research in Learning*

3M STEM Career Day Speaker, *Washington County School District, Minnesota*

Senior Graduate Student Mentor, *University of Wisconsin, Epistemic Games Research Group*

Chemistry Instructor, *South Bend Upward Bound Summer Program*

Teaching Assistant, *University of Notre Dame Ameritech Pre-college Minority Engineering Program*

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Educational Research Association (AERA)

American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE)

American Evaluation Association (AEA)

National Association for Research in Science Teaching (NARST)

Visitor Studies Association (VSA)

AWARDS AND HONORS

Future Faculty Partner, University of Wisconsin-Madison Teaching Academy

Spencer Doctoral Research Program and Fellowship

Notre Dame Arts & Letters and Science Honors Program

Notre Dame Scholar