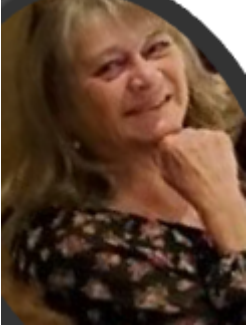


Nominee: **Julie Ricks-Doneen**  
Running for: **Member At Large**



**Nomination Statement:**

My name is Julie Ricks-Doneen. I have been an Associate Professor in Human Development and Child Studies at Oakland University since 2005. In this role, I develop and teach courses at the undergraduate and graduate levels that focus on Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education and Inclusive practices. I was the director of the Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education, OU's inclusive and diverse on-campus lab school, for 10 years, and continue to support Lowry as the Faculty Liaison for our department. Prior to coming to OU, I spent 10 years in Idaho teaching college courses and serving as the director of the on-campus lab school. I also developed partnerships and networks to initiate and sustain inclusive early childhood settings. I served on the state-wide committee to develop the Blended Certificate in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education. I have continued this work in Michigan through committees and advocacy groups focused on the ZS Endorsement and currently, the Birth-Kindergarten teacher certificate. I have a focus on clinical practice, working to develop clinical sites and also supervising teacher candidates in those sites.

I am currently on the MiDEC board serving as Secretary and am also on the MiDEC Professional Learning Committee. I would very much like to continue my active involvement with MiDEC, an organization that supports my professional growth.