

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

NOMINATED MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

CURRICULUM VITAE OF PERSON PROPOSED

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**Highest Educational Qualification** Ph.D. (Uni of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)  
M Clin Psych (University of Queensland)  
B Soc Sci (Honours, 2<sup>nd</sup> Upper) (Psychology)  
(National University of Singapore)

Honours and Awards

Year	Honour / Award
2024	Public Administration Medal (Bronze) (Pingat Pentadbiran Awam)
2023	Long Service Award (20 years), National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
2023	Inaugural award of the Lien Foundation Chair Professorship
2021	Outstanding Volunteer Award, Ministry of Social and Family Development, Singapore
2019-2021	Social Service Fellow, National Council of Social Service, Singapore
2018	Long Service Award (15 years), National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
2017	Nominated NTU Faculty member for Inspirational Teaching of Koh Boon Hwee Scholar Award Winner Delia Kang, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
2017	Excellence in Research Award, National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
2017	Friends of MSF Award, Ministry of Social and Family Development
2014	Long Service Award for Volunteers (5 year), Ministry of Social and Family Development
2013	Long Service Award (10 years), National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University
2012	Long Service Award for Volunteers (5 years), National Council of Social Service
2002-2005	NIE Overseas Graduate Scholarship
2003	Marvin Wyne Fellowship, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1998	Dean's Commendation for High Achievement, University of Queensland

**Work Experience (in chronological order from the most recent)\***

Date Joined	Date Left	Name of Organisation	Designation
2025	NA	National Institute of Education, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dean, Office for Research (Jan 2025-present)</li><li>• Dean, Office for Education Research (Jul 2023-Dec 2024)</li><li>• Centre Director, Centre for Research in Child Development (Apr 2023- present)</li><li>• Centre Co-Director, Centre for Research in Child Development (Jul 2018-Mar 2023)</li><li>• Associate Dean (Education Research) (Jul 2018-present)</li><li>• Associate Professor (Apr 2014-present)</li><li>• Deputy Head, Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice (Jul 2012-Jun 2014)</li><li>• Assistant Head, Centre for Research in Pedagogy and Practice (Jan 2012-Jun 2012)</li><li>• Assistant Professor (Jun 2005-Mar 2014)</li></ul>
2000	2003	KK Women's and Children's Hospital, Singapore, Child Development Unit	Psychologist
1998	1999	University of Queensland, Australia (part-time)	Subject Tutor (Child Development)
1998	1999	ABA Queensland, Brisbane, Australia (part-time)	Senior Therapist
1996	1997	Behavior Intervention Centre for Children, NUS (part-time)	Therapist

\* Attach additional sheets if necessary.

## Career highlights and achievements\*

Achievement	Details
<p>Leadership of impactful research</p> <p>Peer-reviewed publications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 56 peer-reviewed journal publications</li> <li>• 3 scholarly books</li> <li>• 15 chapters in scholarly books</li> <li>• 7 professional textbooks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child and adolescent development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lead Principal Investigator (PI) of DREAMS, a landmark four-year longitudinal study of 7,000 adolescents through secondary school [ongoing]</li> <li>○ Co-PI of the SKIP suite of studies leading Singapore to understand the development of 1,500 children from Kindergarten to Secondary school [completed] resulting in resources developed for the National Institute of Early Childhood Development (NIEC) and the Early Childhood Development Agency (ECDA)</li> <li>○ PI of TranSEN, a three-year longitudinal study of 700 children with special educational needs in primary and special schools providing insight into the developmental needs of students with SEN [completed]</li> <li>○ Co-Investigator of the A*STAR Integrative Adolescent Research Programme (IADORE) that complements and provide a link between findings from DREAMS and GUSTO [ongoing]</li> <li>○ Co-Investigator of Prof Victoria Leong's research projects that include Sociometric Play-based Remediation of Individual Neurodevelopmental Trajectories and Sociometric AI Screening Tool to Risk-Stratify Infant Neurodevelopmental Trajectories [ongoing]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Policy in early intervention and special education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ PI of FACES, a study describing the outcomes of EIPIC that led to the articulation of the early childhood intervention continuum (ECI) [completed]</li> <li>○ PI of TranSEN that informing MOE Special Educational Needs Division policy on the profile and needs of students with SEN in Singapore [completed]</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Assessment of children and youth with special educational needs (selected research) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Developed the Singapore Ability Scales for the measurement of intellectual ability, as well as that of reading and mathematical achievement in Singapore children and youth [completed]</li> <li>○ Adapted and normed the Brigance Inventory of Early Development, Standardised for the measurement of development among young children (part of FACES) [completed]</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Developer of frameworks and guidelines for the assessment and support of children with special needs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developer: Assessment-Planning-Implementation-Evaluation (APIE) and the Ecological Framework implemented across Singapore schools</li> <li>• Co-Chair: Report by the Inclusive Preschool Workgroup on Enhancing Inclusion and Support for Children with Developmental Needs (2022)</li> <li>• Main workgroup member: Clinical Practice Guidelines for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (2023)</li> <li>• Resource person: Professional Practice Guidelines for the Psychoeducational Assessment and</li> </ul>

	<p>Placement of Students with Special Educational Needs (2018)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resource person: Professional Practice Guidelines for the Psychoeducation Assessments and Provisions for Preschool Aged Children (2021)</li> </ul>
Updated NIE research strategy and support leading to a merger of research units in three units into the Office for Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of concept &amp; approval from NIE senior management</li> <li>• Led the transition into and formation of the Office for Research (OfR)</li> <li>• Establishment of operations and processes</li> </ul>
Raised the profile of Singapore as an international leader in the early intervention and special education of children with disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recently appointed as the first Southeast Asian serving on the Coordinating Committee of the International Society on Early Intervention (2025-present)</li> <li>• First Southeast Asian serving on the Executive Council (as Treasurer) of the International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (2020-2023)</li> <li>• Appointed to the Development Group for Rehabilitative Intervention Packages for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, World Health Organization (2021)</li> </ul>

**Present and past directorships of companies / membership of Statutory Boards / Unions, in chronological order beginning with current appointment\***

<b>Period of appointment</b>	<b>Role</b>
2020 – present	<p>National Council of Social Service (Singapore Statutory Board)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Council (Member: 1 Aug 20 to present)</li> <li>• Services Committee (Member: 1 Aug 20 to present; Vice-Chairperson: 1 Aug 2024 to present)</li> <li>• Chair, 4ST Partnership Grant (1 Jul 23 to present)</li> <li>• NCSS Act Review Advisory Panel (1 Apr 2024 to present)</li> <li>• Chair, Ethics Review Committee (1 Feb 22 to present)</li> </ul>
2019 – present	<p>Catholic Family Life (Singapore registered CLG)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Directors (Member: 1 Jan 2019 to present; Vice-Chairperson: 1 Jan 2021 to present)</li> <li>• Ex-co (Member: 2021- present)</li> <li>• Nominations Subcommittee (Chairperson: 2021 – present)</li> <li>• Research Task Force (Chairperson 2021 – present)</li> </ul>
2007 – 2024	<p>Rainbow Centre Singapore (Singapore registered IPC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Governance (President: 2018 – 2024; Vice President: 2012 – 2018; Member: 2007-2011)</li> <li>• School Management Committee Margaret Drive &amp; Yishun Park School (Supervisor: 2018 – present; Chairperson, 2012 – 2018)</li> <li>• Programs and Services Subcommittee (Chairperson: 2008 – 2018; 2025-present))</li> <li>• Appointments and Nominations Subcommittee (Chairperson: 2018 – 2024, Member: 2025-present)</li> </ul>
2007 – 2023	<p>International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IASSIDD), USA (WHO affiliated NGO)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Member, IASSIDD (2007-present)</li> <li>• Board Member, IASSIDD Academy (2000-2023)</li> <li>• Treasurer, IASSID Council (2020-2023)</li> </ul>
2015 - 2018	<p>Mamre Oaks Singapore (Singapore registered Catholic church linked small charity)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Governance (Member: 2015 – 2018)</li> <li>• Programs and Services Committee (Chairperson: 2015-2018; Member, 2018-2020)</li> </ul>

## Achievements and contributions to society at large\*+

### Significant contributions

Contribution	Roles
Advocate for the welfare and rights of children and youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chairperson, Review Panel into the death of Megan Khung (May to Nov 2025) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appointed independent investigation into the events leading to the death of Megan Khung</li> <li>○ Evaluated refinements to the system since 2019</li> <li>○ Identified areas for further improvement within the child protection ecosystem</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Singapore Government Representative, ASEAN Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Rights of Women and Children (ACWC) (2022-present) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appointed by MSF to represent Singapore at the ASEAN commission on matters pertaining to children's rights</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advisor to the Youth Court (2007-2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advocated for a child/young person centric and rehabilitative perspective to the district judge ad chamber and open court hearings on matters of (a) child protection, (b) family guidance/beyond parent control complaints, and (c) juvenile arrests</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Contributions to the development of national policies in disabilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Consultant (Singapore), ASEAN Enabling Masterplan Mid-Term Review (2023-2024) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Appointed by MSF to provide independent review of Singapore's support for persons with disabilities according to the agreed upon rubrics of the ASEAN Enabling Masterplan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Co-Chairperson of the ECDA Inclusive Preschool Workgroup with MOS Muhammad Faishal/MOS Sun Xueling (2019-2021) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Articulated the importance of preschool inclusion</li> <li>○ Provided the scope and directions for preschool inclusion in Singapore</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Resource Person, Professional Practice Guidelines on the Psychoeducational Assessment of Children with Special Needs, MOE (2018-2019) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Articulated principles for the assessment of children with SEN in mainstream and special schools</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member, Advisory Panel on Early Intervention, MSF (2014-2019) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Articulated the refreshed EIPIC continuum</li> <li>○ Monitored the rollout of EIPIC services in Singapore</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Member of the Steering Committee of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Enabling Masterplan for PWD (2011-2012) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Served on the Early Intervention subcommittee articulating ECI needs in Singapore</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Leadership and guidance of social service sector 2020-present	<p>National Council of Social Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Council (Member: 1 Aug 20 to present)</li> <li>• Services Committee (Member: 1 Aug 20 to present; Vice-Chairperson: 1 Aug 2024 to present)</li> <li>• Chair, 4ST Partnership Grant (1 Jul 23 to present)</li> <li>• NCSS Act Review Advisory Panel (1 Apr 2024 to present)</li> <li>• Chair, Ethic Review Committee (1 Feb 22 to present)</li> </ul>

*Academic Community*

<b>Period</b>	<b>Role</b>
2017 – Present	Editorial Board, European Journal of Psychological Assessment
2014 - Present	Editorial Board, Infants and Young Children
2013 - Present	Editorial Board, Pan Asian Journal of Learning Differences
2013 - 2018	Editorial Board, International Journal of School and Educational Psychology
2011 – 2018	Review Board, Communication Disorders Quarterly

*Government of Singapore (other roles)*

<b>Period of appointment</b>	<b>Role</b>
2021-2024	Member, Research Advisory Panel, MSF & NCSS
2020-2023	Ministry of Social and Family Development & National Council of Social Service Leadership Selection Panel (1 Aug 20 to 31 Jun 23)
2019-2021	Co-Chairperson, Inclusive Preschool Workgroup (with SPS Sun Xueling)
2018-present	Member, Advisory Panel on the Family, MSF
2017-2022	Member, KidSTART Evaluation Advisory Panel, ECDA/MSF
2007-2021	Member, Panel of Advisors to the Youth Court, MSF
2018-2020	Member, Human Resource Steering Committee for SPED, MOE
2018-2019	Resource Person, Professional Practice Guidelines on the Psychoeducational Assessment of Children with Special Needs, MOE
2015-2016	Resource Person, ASD Space Norms Review, MOE
2014-2019	Member, Advisory Panel on Early Intervention, MSF
2014-2015	Resource Person, ASD Profiling Study, MOE
2011-2012	Member, Steering Committee of the Enabling Masterplan for Persons with Disabilities 2012-2017

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+ Contributions which show that a person has rendered distinguished public service or has brought honour to the Republic, or has distinguished himself/herself in the field of arts and letters, sports, culture, the sciences, business, industry, the professions, social or community service or the labour movement.