John E. Critelli Jr., PhD

EDUCATION

2023 **Doctor of Philosophy**
K-12 Educational Leadership
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

2019 **Advanced Specialist in Education**
K-12 Educational Leadership
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

2009 **Master of Science in Teaching**
Secondary Science Teaching
State University of New York at Potsdam, Potsdam, NY

2008 **Bachelor of Arts**
Major: Biology
State University of New York at Potsdam, Potsdam, NY

EMPLOYMENT

07/2024 – Present **Director of Grants Development and Administration**
Office of Educational Leadership Learning
Florida Atlantic University

05/2022 – Present **School Leaders EQUIP Partnership Program Coordinator**
Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology
Florida Atlantic University

01/2022 – Present **University Leadership Tracking System Consultant**
Office of Educational Leadership Learning
Florida Atlantic University

10/2020 – 7/2024 **School Leaders Grant Coordinator**
Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology
Florida Atlantic University

08/2019 – 10/2020 **School Leaders Program Facilitator**
Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology
Florida Atlantic University

01/2018 – Present **Adjunct Instructor**
Course Lead for STA 6114 & EDF 6481 – MEd School Leaders Program
Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology
Florida Atlantic University

Employment (Continued.)

01/2018 – 08/2019 **Graduate Research Assistant – *Wallace Foundation UPPI Project***
Department of Educational Leadership and Research Methodology
Florida Atlantic University

08/2009 – 06/2016 **Teacher**
Palm Beach Country School District
6-8 Biology

PUBLICATIONS

Barakat, M, Reyes-Guerra, D., Maslin-Ostrowski, P., & **Critelli Jr., J. E.** (2024). The year of letting go and holding on: School-leaders' role during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Leadership and Policy in Schools.* 1–20. https://doi.org/10.1080/15700763.2024.2359038

Critelli Jr, J. E. (2023*).* Is it enough? Examining instructional management in a new paradigm of teaching and learning (Doctoral dissertation, Florida Atlantic University).

Critelli Jr, J. E., Cuevas, A. E. P., & Bloom, J. L. (2022). Development of the appreciative advising success inventory (AASI). *Journal of Appreciative Education, 9*, 11-32.

In Process

Critelli, J. E., Reyes-Guerra, D., & Bauman, C. B. (in progress). Development and pilot testing of the instructional leadership self-assessment for performance improvement & reflective excellence (inspire) tool. Manuscript in preparation.

Critelli, J. E., Reyes-Guerra, D., & Bauman, C. B. (in progress). University-district principal preparation partnerships and the development and implementation of a leadership tracking system: Perceptions and implications for improving and sustaining partnership outcomes. Manuscript in preparation.

Reyes-Guerra, D., **Critelli, J. E.,** & Bauman, C. B. (in progress). Reimagining school leadership: A collaborative approach to redesigning preparation programs. Manuscript in preparation.

REFEREED PRESENTATIONS AND PROCEEDINGS

Critelli Jr., J. E., Reyes-Guerra, D., & Bauman, C. B. (2024, November). Development and pilot testing of the instructional leadership self-assessment for performance improvement & reflective excellence (InSPIRE) tool [Paper presentation]. University Council of Educational Administration (UCEA) Annual Convention, Los Angelos, CA.

Refereed Presentations and Proceedings (Continued.)

Critelli Jr., J. E., Reyes-Guerra, D., & Bauman, C. B. (2023, November). University-district principal preparation partnerships programs and the development and implementation of a leadership tracking system: Perceptions and implications for improving and sustaining partnership outcomes [Paper presentation]. University Council of Educational Administration (UCEA) Annual Convention, Minneapolis, MN.

Reyes-Guerra, D., Maslin-Ostrowski, P., Barakat, M, & **Critelli Jr, J. E.** (2023, April). The year of letting go and holding on: Principals' role during phase II of the COVID-19 pandemic; Chicago, IL Presentation at AERA (American Educational Research Association)

Critelli Jr, J. E. & Reyes-Guerra, D. (2023, March). University leadership tracking systems. Presentation for the Wallace Foundation School Leadership Professional Learning Community Network. Long Beach, CA.

Reyes-Guerra, D., **Critelli Jr., J.E.,** Barakat, M., Maslin-Ostrowski, P. (2021, November). Facing the challenge in partnership: Pandemic and a university–district program response [Paper presentation]. University Council of Educational Administration (UCEA) Annual Convention, Columbus, Ohio.

Critelli Jr., J.E., & Reyes-Guerra, D. (2019, November). New measures for teacher assessment: Development of the professional evaluative report on social and affective learning practices (PERSEP) [Paper presentation]. University Council of Educational Administration (UCEA) Annual Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Reyes-Guerra, D. & **Critelli Jr., J.E.**, (2019, October). Courage to resist neoliberalism: Shifting leadership programs from neoliberal competition to collaboration [Paper presentation]. International Leadership Association, Ottawa, ON, Canada.

GRANTS, CONTRACTS, AND EXTERNAL FUNDING SUPPORT

Role: As Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI)

2025 (Application in Progress)

- **Funding Agency:** Institute of Education Sciences Education Research and Development Center Program
- **Title:** Advancing Methodologies in Postsecondary Learning with Integrative Faculty Tools (AMPLIFY)
- **Funding Dates:** Submitted, Expected Decision March 2025 *(Not Funded Yet)*
- **Direct Costs:** $9,920,000
- **Principal Investigator:** Daniel Reyes-Guerra
- **Co-PIs:** John E. Critelli Jr., Georgios Sklivanitis, Dimitrios Pados

Role: As Co-PI (Continued.)

2024

- **Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Education
- **Title:** Using Generative Artificial Intelligence to Augment Teaching and Learning in Classrooms (U-GAIN Center)
- **Funding Dates:** September 2024 – August 2028
- **Direct Costs:** $3,284,613
- **Indirect Costs:** $1,054,800
- **Total Amount:** $4,339,413
- **Decision:** Finalist. Not funded.

2024

- **Funding Agency:** Institute of Education Sciences Education Research and Development Center Program
- **Title:** Principal Professional Reflection & Growth Evaluation Support System Project
- **Funding Dates:** September 2024
- **Direct Costs:** $6,870,168
- **Indirect Costs:** $3,099,522
- **Total Amount:** $9,969,690
- **Decision:** Not funded

2023

- **Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Education Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Education Innovation and Research
- **Title:** Enhancing Teaching and Learning through Instructional Coaching for Educational Excellence
- **Funding Dates:** July 2024
- **Direct Costs:** $3,815,303
- **Indirect Costs:** $1,958,226
- **Total Amount:** $5,995,529
- **Decision:** Not Funded

Role: As Leadership Tracking Consultant

2024

- **Funding Agency:** Wallace Foundation / University of Louisville
- **Title:** ECPI Years 3-5 University Partner – Leadership Tracking System
- **Funding Dates:** Sept 2023 – Aug 2026
- **Direct Costs:** $130,434
- **Indirect Costs:** $19,566
- **Total Amount:** $150,000
- **Decision:** Funded

Role: As Leadership Tracking Consultant (Continued.)

2022

- **Funding Agency:** Wallace Foundation / University of Louisville
- **Title:** ECPI Year 2 University Partner – Leadership Tracking System
- **Funding Dates:** Sept 2022 – Aug 2023
- **Direct Costs:** $118,261
- **Indirect Costs:** $17,739
- **Total Amount:** $136,000
- **Decision:** Funded

2022

- **Funding Agency:** Spalding University
- **Title:** ECPI Year 1 University Consultancy – Spalding University
- **Funding Dates:** Jan 2022 – Aug 2022
- **Direct Costs:** $44,873
- **Indirect Costs:** $6,367
- **Total Amount:** $51,240
- **Decision:** Funded

Role: As Project Director

2023

- **Funding Agency:** Florida Department of Education (Title II Federal Funding)
- **Title:** WC Golden Website Content Development Year 2
- **Funding Dates:** February 2023 – August 2023
- **Direct Costs:** $111,482
- **Indirect Costs:** $8,918
- **Total Amount:** $120,400
- **Decision:** Funded

2022

- **Funding Agency:** Florida Department of Education (Title II Federal Funding)
- **Title:** WC Golden Website Content Development Year 1
- **Funding Dates:** February 2022 – August 2022
- **Direct Costs:** $111,482
- **Indirect Costs:** $8,918
- **Total Amount:** $120,400
- **Decision:** Funded

2022

- **Funding Agency:** BCPS / U.S. Department of Education Subaward
- **Title:** EQUIP Program
- **Funding Dates:** May 2022 – April 2025
- **Direct Costs:** $1,002,161
- **Indirect Costs:** $36,877
- **Total Amount:** $1,039,038
- **Decision:** Funded

Role: As Project Director (Continued.)

2022

- **Funding Agency:** Broward County Public Schools
- **Title:** BCPS Turnaround Leadership Academy
- **Funding Dates:** May 2022 – December 2022
- **Direct Costs:** $77,065
- **Indirect Costs:** $10,935
- **Total Amount:** $88,000
- **Decision:** Funded

2021

- **Funding Agency:** U.S. Department of Education: Institute of Education Sciences (IES)
- **Title:** Advancing Principal Practices
- **Funding Amount:** $1,700,000
- **Decision:** Not funded

2021

- **Funding Agency:** Florida Department of Elder Affairs
- **Title:** Cultivating Transformative and Sustainable Intergenerational Programs Across Florida Communities
- **Funding Amount:** $1,900,000
- **Decision:** Not funded

Role: As a Professional Learning Facilitator

2024

- **Funding Agency:** Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA)
- **Title:** Leadership Coaching Professional Learning
- **Funding Dates:** June 2024 – November 2024
- **Direct Costs:** $14,588
- **Indirect Costs:** $2,412
- **Total Amount:** $17,000
- **Decision:** Funded

Role: As a Research Consultant

2018

- **Funding Agency:** School District of Palm Beach County
- **Title:** Analysis of the School Effectiveness Questionnaire (SEQ)
- **Funding Dates:** March 2018 – June 2018
- **Direct Costs:** $12,571
- **Indirect Costs:** $2,078
- **Total Amount:** $14,650
- **Decision:** Funded

Role: As a Collaborative Author

2023

- **Funding Agency:** National Professional Development Grant – U.S. Department of Education
- **Title:** Preparing for Readiness and Academic Improvement for Pre-School ELs
- **Funding Dates:** Sept 2022 – Aug 2027
- **Direct Costs:** $1,555,509
- **Indirect Costs:** $233,326
- **Total Amount:** $1,788,835
- **Decision:** Funded

2022

- **Funding Agency:** School District of Osceola County, Florida
- **Title:** Office of Educational Leadership Learning Coaching Systems
- **Funding Dates:** March 2022 – Feb 2025
- **Direct Costs:** $211,280
- **Indirect Costs:** $29,980
- **Total Amount:** $241,260
- **Decision:** Funded

TEACHING

Courses Taught

- EDA 7931: Leading Challenging Schools (Summer 2023)
- EDA 6113: Educational Statistics (Spring 2024, Spring 2025)
- EDF 6481: Educational Research (Spring 2025)
- SLS 1503: Learning Strategies and Human Development (2018)

Courses Developed

- EDA 7931: Leading Challenging Schools
- EDA 6113: Educational Statistics
- EDA 7931: Leading SEL Programs
- EDF 6481: Educational Research (In Progress)

SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

2024 – Present **Member**
FAU Master's Degree Partnership Program Oversight Committee
Florida Atlantic University
School Leaders Program

2024 – Present **Member** (Running for Secretary)
Learning and Teaching in Educational Leadership Special Interest Group
American Educational Researchers Association (AERA)

Service & Affiliations (Continued.)

2022 – Present **Member**
Policy Committee
Florida Association of School Administrators

2021 – 2021 **Quality Measures (QM) Redesign Committee**
Education Development Center

2019 – 2021 **Student Voices Co-Director**
Florida Department of Education

2019 – 2021 **Director SEL Statewide Collaborative**
Office of Educational Leadership Learning

2018 – Present **Member**
University Council for Education Administration (UCEA)

2018 – Present **Member**
American Educational Research Association (AERA)

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

2025 **EQUIP Reflect and Reignite Summit**
January 25, 2025, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
Florida Atlantic University, Davie West DW 103, Davie Campus

2024 **Five Keys of Coaching for Instructional Excellence**
Four Month, Four-Part, Professional Learning Series
Florida Association of School Administrators

2024 **University of Louisville ECPI Leadership Summit**
Saturday November 16, 2024, 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM
University of Louisville, Shelby Hurst Campus

2020 **Statewide SEL Power-Up Series**
Three-Part Webinar Supporting Leaders in COVID
Office of Educational Leadership Learning

2019 **Leadership & SEL in Higher Education**
Wallace UPPI PLC
University of Connecticut

INTERVIEW/PANELIST

2025 **Panelist – *Stories from Wallace University Mentors***
Wallace ECPI Faculty PLC
February 10, 2025
San Diego, California

2024 **Faculty Lounge Live! AI Integration with Dr. John Critelli!**
FAU OIT – Center for Online Continuing Education
https://techevents.fau.edu/event/13111930

AWARDS & HONORS

2024 **Finalist, Dissertation of the Year**

2019 **Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year**
This honor is awarded to the most exceptional graduate student in the department, recognizing outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and contributions to the field. Recipients were celebrated alongside distinguished faculty and students at Florida Atlantic University's 50th Annual Honors Convocation on April 17, 2019, hosted by the College of Education.

2019 **Dean's Award**
This prestigious award honors a student who has demonstrated exceptional academic excellence, leadership, and service within the College of Education. Recipients were recognized alongside faculty and fellow outstanding students at Florida Atlantic University's 50th Annual Honors Convocation on April 17, 2019.

REFERENCES