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Educator, speaker, author, researcher & consultant

As the Chief Visionary of Samara Early Learning, my work focuses on the intentional integration of nature into the early childhood classroom—Inside, Outside, and Beyond. Learning *with* nature supports young children's holistic development and as such they can live rich, full lives.

I have been in the field of education for more than 25 years. Ten of those were spent as the director of a nature-based preschool. I left this position to complete my Ph.D. in curriculum, instruction, and teacher education at Michigan State University. At that same time I founded Samara Early Learning, which focuses on helping early childhood educators start nature-based schools or grow nature-based approaches in their existing program.

Current & previous clients include:



Signature topics

- ✓ Implementing nature-based early childhood education—no matter the setting
- ✓ Leveraging the power of outdoor play
- ✓ Developing rich, nature-based learning environments Inside, Outside, & Beyond
- ✓ Using nature to enhance science learning
- ✓ Administration & leadership of nature-based early childhood programs

"Rachel's sessions are engaging and easy to follow. Her passion for nature education is inspiring!"

Carolyn Choo, SEGi College Subang Jaya, Malaysia



Let's work together!

Whether you're looking for a workshop with your teaching team, a keynote for your upcoming conference, or something in between, I'd love to work with you. Reach out and let's chat!

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Offerings & Rates

Keynote Addresses

- Thought-provoking, inspiring, & fun!
- Up to 1.5 hours in length
- In-person: \$4,250 plus travel
- Online: \$3,750

In-Person Workshops

- 3-6 hours per day
- 1-multiple days
- \$470/hr plus travel expenses

Online Workshops

- Pre-recorded or live
- 1-6 hrs/day (including breaks for 2+ hour sessions)
- Zoom link provided if needed
- \$370/hr

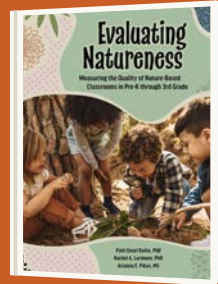
"Rachel makes everyone in the audience feel like they're her best friend. Then she asks them to think deeply about their teaching practice.

Kate Cook Whitt, Maine Math & Science Alliance



Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

My books



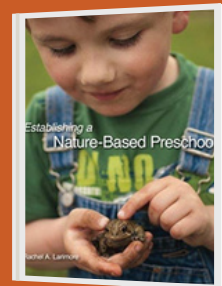
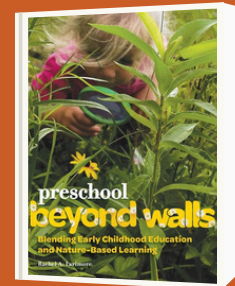
Evaluating Natureness: Measuring the Quality of Nature-based Classrooms in PreK through 3rd Grade

written with Dr. Patti Bailie & Arianna Pikus

Gryphon House, 2023

Preschool Beyond Walls: Blending Early Childhood Education & Nature-based Learning

Gryphon House, 2019



Establishing a Nature-based Preschool

InterPress, 2011

Under contract: *Reimagining the Role of Teachers in Nature-based Learning: Helping Children be Curious, Confident, & Caring*, with Dr. Claire Warden, Routledge Press, Anticipated Fall 2024

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