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**Sheila Williams Ridge** is the Co-Director of the Child Development Lab School at the University of Minnesota. She has a bachelor's degree in biology and a graduate degree in education, as well as experience as a business manager and preschool teacher/naturalist. She teaches Nature-Based Learning in Early Childhood and Student Teaching in Early Childhood at the University of Minnesota and A Sense of Wonder: Nature Education in Early Childhood at Hamline University. Sheila serves in numerous state and national leadership positions in early childhood education, children and nature and environmental education. She is co-author of the book, Nature-Based Learning for Young Children: Anytime, Anywhere, on Any Budget, and is passionate about encouraging nature-based play and the lasting developmental benefits of a relationship between children and nature.