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EDUCATION: M.Ed. Cambridge College (May 1995)  
BS University of Rhode Island (May 1983)  
Major: Zoology Minor: Teacher Certification in Biology and General Science

TEACHING AND SUPERVISORY WORK EXPERIENCE: Educational Consultant with Nexus Educational Services (sole proprietor) Designing and facilitating dynamic, empowering workshops on Community Engagement, Youth Leadership, Team Building, and Early Childhood Education including workshops in Homer, Sitka, Kodiak, Northwest Arctic Borough (supporting Iñupiat Ilitqusait and Ikayuutiymaruat), Hospice Volunteer Training, Anchorage School District youth conferences, coordinating a statewide Alaskan DHSS conference, and the Hand in Hand Conference in Victoria, British Columbia (2000-present).

Community Engagement Educator of the Alaska for Community Engagement (Alaska ICE), Association of Alaska School Boards, Homer, AK. Designing, coordinating and facilitating customized Alaska ICE workshops throughout the state of Alaska and occasionally at other sites (including the Coalition of Essential Schools National Conference), networking and providing coaching, consultation and support to a wide variety of interested parties. Special emphasis on collaboratively developing the *Helping Little Kids Succeed – Alaska Style* book and related workshops (October 2002-January 2005).

Director of the Alaska for Community Engagement (Alaska ICE), Association of Alaska School Boards, Juneau, AK (August 2001-September 2002) Coordinating statewide efforts, partnerships, and initiatives; Facilitating 1 hour to 3 day conference workshops; speaking and facilitating workshops on Asset Building and community engagement at numerous conferences - including for the Alaska Children's Mental Health Conference (2002), the Alaska Association of Community Education Conference (2002), The Early Years The Critical Years Conference (2002), the National Association for the Education of Young Children, SE Alaska Conference (2001).

Outreach Educator for Kachemak Bay Family Planning Clinic in cooperation with area public schools, Chugachmiut, SKIAP, and the Department of Public Health, facilitating the sexuality component in middle and high school health classes and other forums with a focus on pregnancy prevention, HIV/AIDS education, and building resistance skills in our youth as well as promoting breast cancer prevention awareness for women in Homer, Seldovia, Nanwalek, Port Graham, and Nikolaevsk, AK (September 1997-2000).

Presenter on the National Videoconference for Teen Pregnancy Prevention, sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control, being filmed working in Alaskan native villages with the RARE-T Peer Leaders and helping to promote the CDC's 3-Volume guide "Get Organized" (2000).

Natural Helper Advisor and Facilitator at Homer High and for the KPBSD training for Soldotna, Skyview and Nikiski High Schools (1997-2000).

"Let's Talk" Facilitator of programs for Parents on How to Talk more effectively with your son/daughter about sensitive topics including sexuality throughout the Southern Kenai Peninsula and in collaboration with local public health nurses, schools and village tribes (1998-2000).

Postponing Sexual Involvement Teen Leader Trainer and Advisor for KPBSD (1999).

Half-time Science Teacher. Homer High (September 1998-May 1999).

Naturalist Guide and Staff member at Kachemak Bay Wilderness Lodge, China Poot Bay, AK. Skills include sea kayaking, tide pooling, hiking, identifying wild edibles, finding animal signs and general lodge work (Summers 1998-2000).

Trainer, Advisor and Coordinator for Reducing AIDS Risk Effectively in Teens (RARE-T) Curriculum involving Homer High Natural Helpers as classroom peer educators (at HMS and HHS) and including coordinating World AIDS Day Activities, like hosting the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt and attending the KPBSD training with my students (1997-2000).

Guest Lecturer for two UAA Microbiology classes on Microbial Genetics and Genetic Engineering at Kenai Peninsula College, a branch of University of Alaska Anchorage, Homer, AK (Feb. 1998).

Biology Teacher, Curriculum Coordinator and Chaperone in cooperation with AGEYA Wilderness Education Center creating a two week camping, hiking and sea kayaking adventure for an all female student group from Massachusetts in Shuyak Island and Homer, Alaska (Summer 1997).

Biology/Earth Science Teacher for all first year science levels, Advanced Biology and the Alternative Program, Concord-Carlisle Regional High School, Concord, MA (Full time 1984-1997).  
Other Concord-Carlisle High School roles included:

- CCHS Science Olympiad Team Advisor, Event Coordinator (inc. two national meets)
- Haley House Boston Homeless Shelter Volunteer/Advisor/Chaperone
- Faculty Leader/Chaperone for the METCO Freshman Outward Bound Experience
- Independent Biology Study Teacher for students working with antiviral mechanisms at Sepracor Biotechnologies and in entomology/flyfishing, Massachusetts
- Biology SAT II Prep Course Instructor, Concord, MA
- Proctor and Judge at MA State Science Olympiad Competition for 32 schools
- Faculty Presenter at the K-5 Life Science Curriculum
- Facilitator of the 1<sup>st</sup> Student SEA Experience including evening programs, a weekend in Woods Hole and six days at sea aboard the *SSV Westward* off the coast of Miami, Florida for 22 students doing oceanographic research and sailing the schooner
- K-12 Life Science Curriculum Coordination Team Member
- Science Faculty/Administration Committee to study levelling, assessment and process skill learning in Science Courses
- Committee on Gay and Lesbian Youth
- "Lock-In" Committee/Group Leader helping to create overnight student program to increase appreciation and respect for human differences
- "All Can Earn Success" ACES Committee
- Co-teacher of two semester-long Marine Science Seminars for Juniors and Seniors based on curriculum I developed at the NSTA/WHOI Sea Experience Program
- K-12 Health Education Committee
- Superintendent's Advisory Council
- CCHS HIV/AIDS Education Committee
- Peer Leadership Advisor and Class Advisor
- Faculty Peer Coaching Team
- Grief, Understanding and Support Committee
- CCHS Students Against Driving Drunk Advisor
- Kenya Africa Experience Coordinator/Chaperone for student trip
- Marine ecology field trips to Halibut Point

Presenter at the National Association of Biology Teachers' National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona; speaking about "Biological Finds" and Authentic Assessment for Enhancing the Quality of Student Work in High School Biology I (Honors)

Life Science Teacher, Ponagansett Middle School (Grade 7), North Scituate, RI (1983-84).

Student Teaching Internship, Winman Junior High School, Warwick, RI (1983).

Naturalist, Rhode Island Coastal Resource Management Council's "Blue Lobster" Mobile Marine Education Center; I developed and conducted public programs concerning marine ecology; collected and maintained marine life in aquaria (Summers 1979-1981).

OTHER SELECT  
EDUCATIONAL  
EXPERIENCES:

- Enthusiastic Graduate of "The Power of Dialogue: Constructive Conversations on Divisive Issues" - Public Conversations Project, Watertown, MA
- Group Facilitation Methods and Strategic Planning - Institute of Cultural Affairs, Juneau
- Experiential Activities - Project Adventure, Juneau
- Technology of Participation - Institute of Cultural Affairs, Juneau

- Women 2000 Conference - UAA and the Alaska Women's Network, Homer
- Science, Art and Form Summer Teacher Workshop - Wright Center for Science Education at Tufts University, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Whitehead Institute/MIT's High School Teachers' Seminar Series on Biotechnology, studying everything from transgenic goats to fungal diseases, Cambridge, Massachusetts
- Massachusetts Biology Teachers' Roundtable Member
- Maine Island Kayak Association expeditions and private clinics to sharpen my sea kayaking skills, Peaks Island, Maine
- American Red Cross CPR and First Aid Trainings
- The Art of Tracking Workshops experientially tracking animals - Quabbin Reservoir & Estabrook Woods in MA, taught by David Brown & Paul Resendez
- Conference Attendee at a number of national /regional conferences sponsored by the National Association of Biology Teachers, the National Science Teachers' Association, and the New England Environmental Educators Association
- Insight Seminars for personal growth (including improvement of time management and communication skills) in Boston, New York, Pennsylvania, and Santa Monica, I assisted and/or participated in numerous experiential seminars
- Institute for Teacher Development Through Ecology - Technology Education Research Corporation (TERC), Cambridge, MA
- Medicinal Wildflowers Course with Barbara Park, Glacier Institute, Glacier National Park, Montana
- Systems Dynamics Weekend Workshops for educators
- California Wilderness Training (including ropes courses) California
- Embryology Workshop for Educators, Brown University, Rhode Island
- Heterogeneous Grouping Workshop Series - Research for Better Teaching and Wellesley College, MA
- National Science Foundation/Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute/SEA Education Foundation's Sea Experience Program, 24 educators were selected to participate in a shore-based course and two weeks at sea aboard the *SSV Corwith Cramer* expanding our knowledge of marine studies and developing science and math curricula – Nova Scotia and MA
- Biotechnology Summer Workshops - EdCo and MA Depart of Public Health
- Various Cooperative Learning Workshops - EdCo, Research for Better Teaching, and Johnson & Johnson.
- Lexington Gardens Employee
- Human Genetics Education Workshop - March of Dimes Foundation, MA Department of Public Health and Holy Cross College
- Earthwatch Expedition studying homing behaviors of fish, Canary Islands, Spain
- Aerospace Education Course - Rhode Island College
- Stream Ecology Workshops - University of R.I. & Cooperative Extension Service
- "Rhode Island Naturally" teaching series - Audubon Society
- Research Assistant, University of Rhode Island Zoology Department, aiding in the study of retinal development in chicken embryos

CONFERENCES  
PARTICIPATION AS  
KBFPC OUTREACH  
EDUCATOR:

- Advanced Solutions to Adolescent Pregnancy (ASAP) Conference, Seattle, WA
- "Life with Kids" Facilitator for parent series - in conjunction with the AK Dept. of Public Health, Chugachmiut Native Corporation, and other health service providers, Port Graham
- AK Asset Building in Youth/Training of Trainers - Land's End, Homer
- AK Health Summit /Adolescent Health Track- roundtable presenter, Anchorage
- Governor's Student Health Conference - chaperone, Wasilla
- Natural Helpers Retreat Presenter/Chaperone – Spring and Fall Homer High retreats facilitating RARE-T and PSI trainings as well as supporting the Natural Helper training
- Statewide Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Symposium, attending many of the educator specific workshops coordinated by the AK Department of Education, Anchorage
- Teleconferences on a variety of subjects such as teen pregnancy prevention, BCCEDP, Hepatitis Update, Adolescents with STDs
- Career Day Presenter - Homer High
- AK Breast & Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program Outreach Conference - Anchorage

OTHER INTERESTS:

Hostess/owner of the Surf Shack cabin rental in Homer ([www.SurfShackHomerAlaska.com](http://www.SurfShackHomerAlaska.com)), watercolour, travel, reading, wildlife, tracking animals, hiking, sea kayaking, scuba diving, camping, fishing, cooking, gardening, berry picking, art, reading, photo-journaling, and philosophy.