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PROFILE

More than **25 years** as a knowledgeable and effective teacher and counselor of students with special needs; **expertise in** learning disabilities, ADHD, executive functioning weaknesses and behavioral disorders.

Excellent **communication skills**; able to synthesize and deliver complex information to diverse audiences; ability to work with individuals, groups, colleagues and parents.

Strong understanding of **cultural sensitivity** and ability to establish rapport with members of diverse groups.

Well-organized; strong **leadership skills**; proven ability to prioritize and generate results to achieve departmental and organizational objectives, as well as to promote team cohesiveness.

Interactive **teaching style** that increases student motivation and encourages student participation while facilitating learning.

Doctoral research topic: Teaching self-advocacy skills to students with learning disabilities; developed and implemented the *S.A.M.E. (Self-Advocacy Made Easy)* program of instruction.

EDUCATION

Ed.D., Education: University of Derby, Derby, England, 2012
Dissertation: Teaching Self-Advocacy Skills to Students With Disabilities
M.Sc., Educational Psychology: SUNY Albany, Albany, NY, 2004
B. Sc., Special Education: Boston University, Boston, Mass, 1980

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LEARNING DISABILITIES SPECIALIST

MS and HS Resource Center: Walworth Barbour American International School in Israel (1986 – present)

MIDDLE SCHOOL COUNSELOR: Walworth Barbour American International School in Israel (2010 - 2011)

MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER

Remedial Language Arts: Bertha Boschulte Middle School, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (1985-86)

TEACHER OF STUDENTS WITH SEVERE EMOTIONAL DISABILITIES: Avalon School (Residential), Lenox, Mass. (1982 – 1984)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- QSI Professional Growth Conference
Bratislava, Slovakia, Nov. 2014
- QSI Professional Growth Conference
Kiev, Ukraine, Nov. 2014

POSTER SESSION

Learning and the Brain Conference: Boston, Mass., November 2012

WORKSHOPS

- ELMLE Conference: Vienna, Austria, January 2008
- NESA Conference: Athens, Greece, April 2007

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CHAIRPERSON: WBAIS Special Education Department
(1996 – present)

LD / ADHD PARENT SUPPORT GROUP AT WBAIS

- 2001 to present: Founded organization that is open gratis to families and interested adults; I help parents organize 4 meetings per year.

ACCREDITATION

- **Team Leader:** for Middle States Association: Bratislava, Slovakia and Tirana, Albania
- **Team Member:** for visits including: Ivory Coast, Barcelona, Milan, Kazakhstan, Croatia
- **Internal Coordinator:** WBAIS reaccreditation process (2006-08)

PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

- **Chairperson** Professional Growth Committee (PGC) at WBAIS: 2002 – 2006
- **Member of PGC** at WBAIS: 1995 – 2001

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS and PUBLICATIONS

CHADD, NESA, AMLE, ASCD, ELMLE, LDA, Learning and the Brain, Journal of Learning Disabilities, The Reading Teacher, Intervention in School and Clinic, Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy

INTERESTS

Biking, Swimming, Jogging
Weekly volunteering for a national food rescue network
Bridge, Scrabble, Boggle, Crosswords
Natural foods and healthy lifestyle

REFERENCES

Available upon request