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**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. in Psychology:** *University of Vermont*, Burlington, Vermont

Defense: March 31, 1998, Awarded: May 17, 1998

Dissertation: “Evaluation of a Parent Education Intervention for Divorcing Parents: The ‘Helping Children Cope with Divorce’ Program in Vermont”

**M.A. In Psychology:** *University of Vermont*, Burlington Vermont

May 21, 1994

Thesis: “The Evaluation of Program Effectiveness: Application to the Woodside Juvenile Rehabilitation Center”

**M.Ed. In Special Education:** *Boston College*, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts

August, 1973

Major: Special Educators Program (A multi-disciplinary clinical program designed to enable the educator to work effectively with all major handicapping conditions. Specific areas of emphasis: emotional

Major: Children's Theater and Art

Honors: Kappa Theta Gamma Drama Honorary  
Student Technician of the Little Theater  
Student Director--Stage Manager, The Little Theater

**High School Diploma:** *Washington High School*, Massillon, Ohio  
June, 1963

Honors: National Honor Society  
National Forensic League (debating and public speaking - obtained  
all degrees)

**RESEARCH/PUBLICATIONS:** My research is ongoing program evaluation as first proposed

**January 1990 August 2015:**

Responsible for teaching required graduate courses GED 581: "Environmental Management of Emotionally and Behaviorally Disordered Children and Adolescents" and GED 681: "Development, Learning, and Individual Differences" and advising students in Graduate Education and Psychology Programs as well as supervision of practicum placements and numerous independent study courses on Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, Learning Disabilities, Language Processing Disorders, etc.

***February 1988***

Center), Short-Term Multi-disciplinary Evaluation Services Program, and Intensive Professional Foster Care (now the Northeastern Family Institute). Member of Primary Prevention Task Force, Developmental Disabilities Council, Truancy Task Force II, Human Services Planning Division Interagency Work Group, Teacher Corps Policy Council, Interagency Committee on Mental Health of Children and Washington County Project for Female Status Offenders Steering Committee. Designed several community-based programs for Severely Emotionally Disturbed Adolescents. Oversight of the development of drug and alcohol treatment programs (individual and group-based) for adolescents and their families. Supervisor of the SRS Training Unit.

**November 1981: Special Consultant, Maine State Department of Mental Health, Division of Children's Services and Department of Education, Division of Special Education.** Evaluated five (5) state supported public school based treatment programs for seriously emotionally disturbed children and adolescents.

**September 1981 to 1995:** (Group disbanded) **Vermont Representative, New England Children's Mental Health Task Force,** Boston, Massachusetts. Research and development of special publications and media on current children's mental health issues. Contributed to a publication on interagency approaches to meeting the needs of seriously emotionally disturbed adolescents. Participated in projects focused on children aged 0 to 5 in at-risk families. Primary prevention activities include development a film for at-risk mothers on infant care and a series of TV spots on a variety of family problems with specific information on where to get help.

**June 1979 to January 1982: State Consultant for Emotionally Disturbed Children and Technical Assistance and Evaluation Consultant, Department of Education,** Montpelier, Vermont. Administrative duties included monitoring activities in school districts and technical assistance to Special Education Coordinators, Principals and Superintendents in the field. Liaison to Department of Mental Health and Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services included the development of interagency agreements and program development. Participated in policy development within the Division as well as in the Department of Mental Health as a member of two sub-committees of the 5 Year Plan for Mental Health. Worked on developing an interagency management system to establish an incidence rate for emotional disturbance for Vermont and to establish a case management system at the local level when there is multiple agency involvement in particular cases.

**September 1978 to May 1979: Executive Director, Green Mountain Audubon Society,** Burlington, Vermont. Administrative duties included the development of an organizational structure; the development and implementation of operating policies and procedures; budget development; public relations; fund raising; and children's programming (including the free field trip programs offered to area schools) at the Nature Center in Huntington. Duties included supervision of staff members and student interns from the University of Vermont.

**September 1976 to June 1977: Resource Teacher and Consultant, Arlington Public Schools,** Arlington, MA. Organized and supervised the development of a program for

(including education, psychology and social work services), saw children individually and in small groups for counseling and academic programming, supervised staff members and interns from area colleges and universities and served as a consultant to regular classroom teachers. Served as Acting Principal and was Chairman of the Positive Behavioral Rewards Committee which initiated several programs to promote behaviors in a school setting.

**July 1976: Pre-school Program, Drumlin Farm, Massachusetts Audubon Society, Lincoln, MA.** Responsible for the development of children's programming and other special fund raising activities at the Farm. (These latter activities were organized and carried out over a three year period and included the major Festivals held seasonally.)

**July 1974 to June 1976: Clinical Educator and Diagnostician, Psychoeducation Unit, Hall Mercer, McLean Hospital, 115 Mill Street, Belmont, MA.** In addition to diagnostic responsibilities for the inpatient unit which also included case management, after care planning and supervision of a diagnostic classroom for severely emotionally disturbed and learning disabled children and supervision of an Assistant Clinical Educator and student interns, also served on the Outpatient Testing team (interdisciplinary) and the Clinical Service Committee (policy making and organizational management).

**June to July 1974: Special Education Consultant and Reading Teacher, Title I Summer Project, Hyannis, MA.** Developed management system for program and supervised teachers working with behaviorally disordered children.

**January to July 1974:**

assessment and evaluation, development and implementation of individual interventions and in-service training.

**March 1972 to September 1972: Referral Intake Worker and Administrative Assistant, Child Psychiatry Unit, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA.** Developed intake management system, coordinated programming and scheduling for psychiatry and psychology electives. Established first emergency hot line for mental health problems and questions.

**September 1968 to March 1972: Northeastern University Cooperative Work Placements:**

**Organizer/Workshop Leader, Summerthing** (Boston's neighborhood arts program) specializing in drama and arts and crafts. Program design and implementation. Supervision of workshop assistants.

**Referral Intake Worker and Secretary, Child Psychiatry Unit, Beth Israel Hospital, Boston, MA** (see above).

**Cage Cashier, Glore Forgan, Wm. R. Staats, Inc., Boston, MA.,** management of all stock and bond transactions.

**April 1967 to September 1968: Assistant Municipal Bond Manager, Glore Forgan, Wm. R. Staats, Inc., Boston, MA.** Managed extensive bond and mutual fund portfolios, supervised staff, developed and represented company bids. Member of Women's Bond Club of Boston.

**January 1966 to April 1967: Billing Operations Assistant, Estabrook and Co., Boston, MA.**

**January 1966 to September 1968: Stage Manager/Technician-Scene Designer, Hub Theater Center, Boston, MA.,** semi-professional repertory theater company.

**Summer 1964 and 1965: Director of Drama, Quinibeck Camp, Lake Fairlee, Ely, Vermont.**

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

**Workshop:** June 1, 2011, UDL @ UVM: "UDL as Framework for Professional Development." Davis Center, UVM, Burlington, VT.

**Training:** July 21, 2010, VT Department for Children and Families/Woodside: "Introduction to Autism Spectrum Disorders in Adolescents." Colchester, VT.

**Workshop:** October 23, 2009, University of 100B4000306 .2 0t72 12 Tf1 0 0 1 72.024 285.53 Tm

Heterosexism, Bias and Oppression: “Stereotyped Thinking in Teenagers Regarding Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation: The Woodside Experience,” Burlington, VT

Member, Charlotte-Shelburne Rotary, District 7850  
Founder in 1979 and Chairperson of the annual Shelburne Farms Harvest Festival  
Steward of Shelburne Farms  
Council Activities Chair, Green Mountain Council – Boy Scouts of America (2007 – present)  
Contributing writer, former part owner: Shelburne News  
Board Member, Gardenside Townhouse Association, (President: 2003 – 2006; 2016-present)  
Missions Committee, Capital Campaign Committee, Shelburne United Methodist Church  
District Committee Chair, District 6 - Boy Scouts of America (2001 - 2007)  
Troop Committee, Shelburne Troop 602 - Boy Scouts of America, (Chair: 1999 - present)  
Former Board Member, Vermont Mozart Festival  
Former Assistant Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader: Cub Scout Pack 607, Shelburne  
Chair and Organizer: Chicken Pie Supper and Maple Madness Ham Supper: Shelburne United Methodist Church: (2000 – 2010)  
Former Planning Commission Member, Shelburne, VT  
Former Board Member, Shelburne Board of Selectmen, Shelburne, VT  
Former Board Member, Champlain Valley Folk Festival  
Former Board Member, Green Mountain Audubon Society