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PROFILE

Educator, science education staff developer, and writer who enjoys getting teachers and students excited about the wonder filled world of which we are an integral part. Imaginative innovator skilled at solving problems, finding creative solutions, and devising concrete examples to demonstrate abstract concepts. When necessary, capable of managing an undertaking from inception to completion and maintaining open channels of communication.

AREAS OF EXPERIENCE

FACILITATING

- Motivated elementary and pre-k teachers to teach science. Convinced them they were able, "since they know enough already" and then showed them how to do it.
- Worked to develop New Haven pre-k staff, many with limited educational backgrounds, through workshops, modeling, and mentoring.
- Presented a series of workshops for IBM Southbury. Taught Early Childhood educators to become science resource teachers and to mentor other EC teachers at day care and early learning centers.
- Ran workshop for MSP Grant, Elementary Science Teacher Leaders on mentoring elementary teachers to teach inquiry-based science.
- Led staff developments for elementary teachers in science in Groton, New Haven, Orange, East Hartford, and Bridgeport.
- Co-led pilot in the Bronx, Manhattan, Ansonia, and New Haven including staff development.
- Entertained children of all ages in venues including auditoriums, homes, and a TV pilot, with multiple clown characters, puppets, magic, music, and juggling.

TEACHING and MENTORING

- Taught hands-on science, on a wide range of topics, pre-kindergarten to fifth grade.
- Helped adults and young adults break through their fears of math, concretized concepts to make math comprehensible, and then taught them the skills to pass the GED.
- Cared and advocated for autistic son for 27 years, both hands on and working with public and private agencies, including the DMR, to provide for him.
- Tutored children and young adults in all subjects including SAT prep.
- Presided at a friend's passing, providing solace to the family.
- Taught rock climbing to friends and Sierra club members.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- Wrote and edited science curricula manuals aligned with new CT standards grades pre-k to 5
- Originated hands-on inquiry based science lessons, e.g., an experiment to determine combinations of baking soda and vinegar that create the most gas, the efficacy of solar panel angles.
- Developed a poetry magazine, "The Jaguar Speaks," Middle school, New Haven

ORGANIZATIONAL and MANAGEMENT SKILLS

- Designed and managed production and distribution center's systems for science curriculum units distributed per annum to New Haven Public Schools' 84 pre-k classes.
- Supervised and structured science pilot materials rollout in New York City, Ansonia and New Haven.
- Started, owned, and operated four service businesses. Hired, trained, and supervised personnel.

Employment History

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| 6/08 – present | Multiple projects: Professional organizer and Cleaning contractor, Offer pre-k science program, Air Purifier Sales and consulting |
| 12/05 – 6/08 | Director of Science Education, Educator, Pre-k Coordinator, Little Scientists LLC, Woodbridge, CT |
| 2/02 – 5/05 | Teacher: Adult Education, Stratford Public Schools, Stratford, CT |
| 12/00 – 12/05 | Homebound Tutor (most subjects, 1 st –12 th grades) Stratford, Wilton, Westport, Redding, Shelton, CT |
| 12/02 – 3/03 | Teacher, Little Scientists LLC, Ansonia, CT |
| 8/00 – 3/01 | Educational Coordinator, Little Scientists of Western Connecticut, Monroe |
| 7/98 – 10/99 | Teacher, Curriculum Developer and Supply Manager, Little Scientists, LLC, Ansonia, CT |
| 12/96 – 3/98 | Teacher, Little Scientists, LLC, Ansonia, CT |
| 1978 – 2005 | Cleaning Contractor, Owner Operator, Bridgeport, CT, Menlo Park, CA |
| 1981 – 1990 | Professional Clown, California, Connecticut |

Education and Certification

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| 6/95 | Masters of Science in Education , University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, CT |
| 6/72 | Bachelor of Arts in English , University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN |
| Spring 2009 | Educational Technology course, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT |
| Connecticut Certifications: | Elementary, Secondary English, and Adult Education |

Writing

- Published “Death and Drama of the Pigman,” in the juried, *ALAN Review*, a journal for teachers of young adult literature
- Authored several short stories, three of which were published. One, “Ahab,” in the noted, *Rockhurst Review*, a literary journal
- Wrote “Nature of Science” an article, which appeared in *N.E.S.T., The New England Science Teacher’s newsletter*
- Editor of *Smudgestick*, Mankind Project, New England newsletter for 3 years
- Authored 426 page satirical novel, *Gina’s Thong and the Salvation of the World*
- Published a series of well received newsletters for the service business for 11 years

Miscellaneous

- Member of Psychodrama workshop, Eugene Eliasoph, facilitator, 2 yrs
- Member Mankind Project, 7 yrs
- Zen practitioner, 30 years
- Rock climber, kayaker, outdoorsman