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EDUCATION

M.Ed., Bowling Green State University, 1975 (emphasis in Pedagogy and Physical Education)

B.S., Kent State University, 1972 (Physical Education and Health with minor in Psychology)

PROFESSIONAL WORK IN EDUCATIONAL SETTINGS

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts, San Diego State University. (2006-2016). “Establishing, communicating, and maintaining student support services and for student advising and student advocacy within PSFA (n=8,000-5,000 students); supporting College and Campus recruitment, and retention efforts; facilitating student leadership development and co-curricular involvement; and participating on special projects as assigned by their College Dean or the Division of Student Affairs.” Collaborate and consult with all student affairs agencies to support student success. Assist faculty and staff with any student affairs issues. Coordinate and assist with scholarship activities and campus events such as Explore SDSU, University Convocation, Commencement, Welcome Week, and Midnight Study Break.

Interim Assistant Dean for Student Affairs, College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts, San Diego State University. (2005-2006). Assisted students with diverse needs, problem solved, advised the College Council, created programs to recognize and promote leadership opportunities, connected with alumni, assisted College academic advisors, represented the College at Student Affairs meetings, served on student affairs committees (was member of the Grievance Committee and President’s Community Council on Diversity), other duties as requested (coordinated the “targeted advising” and on-line assessment activities, developed a retention program for new Students, created promotional material.

Director, Faculty-Student Mentoring Program (FSMP), San Diego State University. (1998-2005). Provided leadership and direction for this peer-mentoring program, and brought national recognition to the program. The FSMP was a \$312,000 lottery-funded retention program that served 500-700 protégés, 70-100 student mentors, and faculty mentors annually. Duties included: recruitment of program participants, facilitation of student mentor training, program assessment and evaluation, budgetary management, public relations, and marketing.

Faculty Mentor, College of Professional Studies and Fine Arts, Faculty-Student Mentoring Program, San Diego State University. (1994-2006). Duties included: directing the PSFA branch of the FSMP. Hiring, training, and evaluating student mentors; helping create a sense of community among program participants; planning activities to enhance academic success, leadership skills, and student self-esteem.

Faculty Mentor for graduate teaching assistants, School of Exercise and Nutritional Sciences, San Diego State University. (1994-2006). Advised and mentored graduate teaching assistants in instructional strategies, course content, and professional issues.

Lecturer, San Diego State University. (1980-1992; 1993-2005). Taught classes including physical education methods, elementary school physical education, Introduction to Physical Education and Sport, and physical activity classes (including all levels of sport fencing). Coached the SDSU fencing team.

Instructor, Grossmont College, El Cajon, California. (1980-82; 1985, 1994). Taught physical activity (fencing, archery, fitness) and health courses.

Instructor, Mesa College, San Diego, California. (1986-1997). Taught fencing courses beginning and intermediate.

Physical Education Instructor, Chabad Day School, San Diego, California. (1991-1994). Taught elementary school physical education to grades pre-K to 8

Adjunct Faculty, Old Globe Theater/University of San Diego, San Diego, California. (1987-1991). Taught theatrical sword fighting in the professional Master of Fine Arts program.

Private Instructor, Roberto de la Madrid, Governor, Baja California, México. (1980-1987).

Student Development Specialist II, Health Professions Office, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas. (1979-1980). Staff Counselor.

Instructor, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, Texas. (1975-1979). Taught undergraduate courses, advised students, sponsored student organizations, and coached intercollegiate fencing team.

Instructor, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. (1974-1975). Taught foundations for physical education, scientific foundations for physical fitness, and activities courses (fencing, bowling, archery, etc.), advised major students and coached fencing.

Resident Hall Advisor, Kent State University, Kent, Ohio. (1971-1972)

PROFESSIONAL WORK IN BUSINESS SETTINGS

Marketing/Sales, Sportsworld Summer Camps, Inc. San Diego, California Consultant for fitness-nutrition camps (Summers 1984, 1985)

General Manager, USSI Sports and Fitness Club, El Cajon, California. (1983-1984)

Director, Assistant Director, Athletic Director, and General Counselor for public and private summer camp programs in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, and California. (Summers, 1968-1985). Work ranged from being a general cabin counselor to directing entire programs (i.e., hiring and training staff, budgeting, programming, and program evaluation). Taught fencing at Camp Waldemar, Hunt, Texas 1978

VOLUNTEER WORK IN BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC SETTINGS

Volunteer Instructor, SDSU School of Theatre, Television, and Film. THEA 355 and THEA 499-Introduction to Movement-theatrical sword fighting. (2017-present)

Teaching mentor, MFA Musical Theatre. Assist new graduate teaching assistants in their teaching roles while they work on their degrees. Provide instructional feedback regarding teaching effectiveness. 2022 to present.

Volunteer Instructor, OSHER Introduction to Theatrical Sword Fighting (2019)

Volunteer, Educational Opportunity Programs and Ethnic Affairs. Assist with retention initiatives, probationary and disqualified students. Support the SOAR mentoring program. (2016-present)

Volunteer, San Diego Chapter of the American Red Cross, disaster services. Preparedness trainer. (2019-present)

Volunteer, Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol (RSVP) Volunteer with the San Diego Police Department to support community and law enforcement efforts. (2016-2019)

Volunteer, Co-Advisor to SDSU Mortar Board Chapter and Civil Core. (2016-present)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE San Diego State University (Selected)

Committee Member, AFU (Adult Friendly University), Academic Affairs appointed position to promote the designation of an adult friendly campus.

Judicial Hearing Officer, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (Presidential appointment, (2013-2016)

Sword fighting master classes on request (1990-present)

Chair, Bystander Intervention Committee (2017-present)

Co-Chair, Academic Senate Student Affairs Committee (1987-1990)

Faculty Fellow, Maya Residence Hall (1985-1991)
Member, Academic Senate (1986-89, 1991-92, 1994-99, 2001-04)
Member, Academic Senate Diversity, Equity, and Outreach Committee (1998)
Member, Faculty Staff Club Advisory Board (2010-2013)
Member, Homecoming Selection Committee (2010)
Member, Leadership Institute Advisory Board (1995-2004)
Member, MLK Organizing Committee (2006)
Member, New Student and Parent Orientation Committee (2006-2016)
Member, Presidential Diversity and Equity Community Advisory Council (2003-2005)
Member, Provost's Retention Council (2002-04)
Member, Quest for the Best Selection Committee (2007)
Member, Recruitment and Retention Ad Hoc Committee (2000-2001)
Member, SDSU LGBTQ Community Center Committee (2013-2015)
Member, SDSU Morale and Celebratory Committee (presidential appointment, 2013 present)
Member, SDSU Police Department Community Advisory Panel (2007)
Member, SDSU Sexual Violence Task Force (presidential appointment, (2014-2016)
Member, SDSU Student Grievance Committee (1989-92, 2000-2006)
Member, Student Rights and Responsibility Disciplinary Advisory Board (2010)
Advisor, Aztec Mentorship Program Loyally Involved for You (AMPLIFY), (2008-2010, 2015)
Co-Advisor, Jane K. Smith Mortar Board Chapter (1994-1996, 2016-present)
Advisor, PSFA Civil Core (2008-2018). Campus Life Excellence Award winner— Impact and Contribution (2016)
Advisor, PSFA College Council. Most Improved Council, 2008; Most Outstanding Council, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2016
Advisor, Survivor Outreach and Support (2009-2011)
Coordinated/Advised IRA distributions within PSFA and with the PSFA College Council (2006-2016t)
Coordinated and assisted in PSFA portion of Explore SDSU (2005-2016)
Coordinated, On-Line Course evaluation participation-pilot program for PSFA (2006)
Facilitator, Tunnel of Oppression Journey to Shared Humanity (2011-2014)
Instructor, ALICE training. Presenter, Active Shooter training (7-13 each year); advised on teaching techniques and presentation skills. (2010-present).
Interviewer, Pre-Professional health students (2008-2014)
Panelist, "EOP Summer Bridge, freshmen and Transfers" (2008-present)
Panelist, "Professors Don't Bite" SDSU Residential Education (multiple occasions)
Presenter, International Student Mentor Training (2016)
Presenter, New Student and Parent Orientations, conduct 10-15 sessions each summer for new students and their parents/guests, (2006-2016)

Presenter, SDSU Leadership Summit (2015, 2016)

HONORS AND RECOGNITION (Selected)

Quest for the Best Faculty/Staff Recognition (2010, 2012)

Mortar Board Outstanding Faculty/Staff Recognition, (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)

Dan Cornthwaite Luminary Award for Outstanding Advising (2015)

Vice Presidential Special Service Award (2011)

PSFA Inspiration Award (2006-2016)

Phi Eta Sigma, honorary membership (2010)

Executive Producer, “Your Future PSFA.” Telly, Aurora, and Aegis Award winner for sound, sound design, direction, and animation. David Graves, Executive Director and Animator (2006)

Aztec Achievement Award. “Best Retention Practices” Award (2003)

Director, Faculty/Student Mentoring Program Noel Levitz Retention Excellence Award (2001)

Second Place, open division, USA National Fencing Championships, women’s sabre fencing (1994)

Several Master’s National Division medals (foil and sabre) 1990-1994

Competitive fencer in all three weapons (foil and sabre preferred) (1970-1995)

Recent Training

Society of American Fight Directors (1988,1990,1991, 2018)

San Diego Police Depart. Retired Senior Patrol Volunteer Police Academy (2016)

SDSU Police Department-Compassionate Interviewing (2017)

SDSU Women’s Resource Center—Brave Project (2018)

NCRC (National Conflict Resolution Center) Mediation Training (2016)

Military Ally Training (2016)

NASPA National Convention (2012, 2013, 2016)

Transgender Health Training (2016)

Mental Health First Aid Certificate (April, 2015)

Safezones—LGBTQ Sponsored training with CPS

Sexual Harassment in the Work Place Training (2019)

Step Up—Bystander Intervention training, Florida (2018)