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Resume

Areas of Interest

- Group process
- Adult learning
- Communications
- Organizational development
- Public policy

Employment History

- Independent facilitator, writer and teacher (1997-present)
- Director, West Virginia Governor's Cabinet on Children and Families (1994-97)
- Director, West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (1989-94)
- Division Administrator, Dane County (Wisconsin) Unified Services Board (1983-89)
- Social Worker, Options in Community Living, Madison, Wisconsin (1980-83)

Facilitation Experience

- Strategic thinking and planning with nonprofit organizations
- Community forums on a variety of public issues
- Focus groups for program research and planning

Teaching Experience

- Lectures, presentations and workshops to public and professional audiences
- Faculty, West Virginia Center for Civic Life
- Faculty, Kettering Foundation
- Field Instructor, West Virginia University School of Social Work
- Field Instructor, University of Wisconsin School of Social Work

Education and Honors

- Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, University of Southern Maine
- Master of Science in Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Facilitator training from the University of Wisconsin, Public Conversations Project, America Speaks, Kettering Foundation, and WV Center for Civic Life
- West Virginia Social Worker of the Year for 2003, WV Chapter of NASW

Detailed Experience

Recent Group Facilitation

- Facilitator for strategic thinking and planning meetings of:
 - West Virginia Prevention Leadership Council (2012)
 - Change the Future West Virginia (2012)
 - West Virginia State Independent Living Council (2011, 2012)
 - West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Council (2011)
 - West Virginia Center for Civic Life (2008, 2010)
 - West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence (2006, 2008, 2010, 2011)
 - Kanawha Coalition for Community Health Improvement (2011)
 - Sisters of Saint Joseph Charitable Fund (2011)
 - Fair Shake Network (2011)
 - West Virginia Early Childhood Advisory Council (2010)
 - Partners in Community Outreach (2007, 2009)
 - West Virginia School-based Health Assembly (2006-2008)
 - West Virginia Asthma Coalition (2007)
 - Step By Step, Inc. (2007, 2010)
 - West Virginia Community Collaborative, Inc. (2006-2007)
 - Appalachian Episcopal Ministries (2005)
- Writer, forum moderator and workshop faculty the West Virginia Center for Civic Life (1998-present)
- Writer and workshop faculty on public deliberation for Kettering Foundation, Dayton, Ohio (2000-present)
- Small group facilitator for the “Listening to the City” town meeting on rebuilding lower Manhattan, conducted in New York City by America Speaks (2002)
- Facilitator for an issue framing workshop in Iowa on immigration (2001)
- Faculty for Issue Framing Workshop, University of California-Davis (2000)

Recent research and writing

- *The Marcellus Shale: What Does It Mean for Us?* provides an in-depth overview of the issue and discussion guide for community forums. (Prepared for Public Issues Forums of Centre County and Penn State University, 2012)
- *Right from the Start: What Should We Do to Help Our Youngest Children Thrive?* is a discussion guide for community forums. (Prepared for the Kettering Foundation and National Issues Forums, 2012)
- *KEYS 4 Healthy Kids Guidebook* provides ideas and resources for policy and environmental changes to encourage health eating and physical activity, based a project funded for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. (Prepared for Kanawha Coalition for Community Health Improvement and Charleston Area Medical Center Foundation, 2012)

- *Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice: Real-Life Stories and Practical Tools from Change the Future WV* is a guide based on lessons learned from a project funded by the Centers for Disease Control on reducing obesity. (Prepared for the WV Bureau for Public Health and West Virginia University Health Research Center, 2012)
- *Capturing Public Thinking: Authentic Reporting on Public Forums* describes a process for analyzing and reporting on deliberative forums. (Prepared for the West Virginia Center for Civic Life, updated 2011)
- *The Affordable Care Act: Faces of Reform in West Virginia* included writing a pamphlet and DVD script for use in community training workshops on the Affordable Care Act. (Prepared for West Virginians for Affordable Health Care, 2011)
- *Success in School, Ready for Life: How Can We Help More Students Graduate from High School?* is a discussion guide for community forums. (Prepared for the Kettering Foundation and National Issues Forums, 2011)
- *Building Safe and Strong Neighborhoods: What Works?* is an issue brief and discussion guide about improving community safety in Huntington, West Virginia. (Prepared for Create Huntington and the West Virginia Center for Civic Life, 2010)
- *Weighing the Options: What Can We Do to Encourage Healthy Weights among America's Youth?* is an issue brief and discussion guide about childhood obesity. (Prepared for the National Issues Forums and Kettering Foundation, 2008)
- *What Is the 21st Century Mission for Our Public Schools?* is an issue brief and discussion guide featuring different perspectives on the role of public education in the United States. (Prepared for the National Issues Forums and Kettering Foundation, 2007)
- *Community Dialogues on Health and Health Care* describes the findings of community dialogues, surveys and key informant interviews in Dade County, Florida. (Prepared for United Way of Miami-Dade, 2002)
- *A Report on Public Perceptions of Special Education in West Virginia* describes the findings of focus groups on strengths, concerns and recommendations regarding special education. (Prepared for the WV Department of Education, 2002)
- *What Communities Value about Health and Health Care* provides perspectives and recommendations of the uninsured regarding health care in the United States in a report and video. (Prepared for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, 2001)