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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA, Iowa City, IA. Ph.D., Higher Education. May 1995

- Dissertation -- *Temporal Congruity and Job Satisfaction: An Exploratory Study*
- Nominated for ASHE Outstanding Dissertation Award (Association for the Study of Higher Education)

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY. Ames, IA. Graduate-level coursework in English and journalism/mass communications.

UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA. Cedar Falls, IA. B.A., English Education.

Special Training and Certifications:

- Fostering Creativity, Curiosity, and Critical Thinking in the Liberal Arts Core, UNI Carver Institute, May 2006
- Critical Reading and Writing in the Liberal Arts, UNI Carver Institute, May 2005
- A Campus of Difference Diversity Training, March 2002
- Targeted Selection Interview Administrator (DDI, Development Dimensions International), June 2001
- Certified Career Development Facilitator Instructor, August 2000

UNIVERSITY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Have taught courses as an adjunct, as part of my position description, and on a volunteer basis. The courses have resided in four of the five colleges at the University of Northern Iowa and include:

Undergraduate Courses

- Career Decision Making (290:025, 170:050) 1989-Fall 2006
- Seminar on Leadership Development: The Future (680:188) 1990-present
- Leadership and Professional and Civic Responsibility (010:159:14, Capstone course) Fall 2005
- Obedience, Dissent and Patriotism (010:092, Presidential Scholars Seminar) Fall 2002
- Organizational Management (150:153) Fall 1998

Graduate Courses

- Assessment in Postsecondary Education (170:231), Spring 2006-present
- Career Development in Organizations (400:259:08) Fall 2003
- Facilitating Career Decision Making (290:225) 1997-1999

SELECTED UNI COMMITTEES

Reaccreditation Self-Study Steering Committee, Spring 2008-present
Foundations of Excellence Self-Study Steering Committee, Fall 2008-Spring 2009
Liberal Arts Core Committee, Fall 2004-Spring 2005, Spring 2006-present
Committee on Academic Program Review, Spring 2006-present
Liberal Arts Core Design Team, Spring 2006-present
Liberal Arts Core Student Outcomes Assessment Committee, Fall 2004-Spring 2005
Non-voting Member of Faculty Senate, Fall 2001-Spring 2006
Dual Career Couples Policy Planning Committee, Spring 2005-Fall 2005
Co-curricular Transcript Committee, Spring 2003-Spring 2005
American Democracy Project Committee (civic engagement), Spring 2004-present
Program review committee member for Leadership Studies Program at UNI, Fall 2003-Spring 2004
Academic Advising Council, Fall 2002-Fall 2005
University Student Program of Study Committee, 1997-1999
Conference Planning Committee, Center for the Enhancement of Teaching, 1996
Studies in Leadership Development Program Steering Committee and Advisory Board, 1990-present
University Strategic Planning Committee, 1990-1993

Search committees: Chaired or participated in numerous university search committees, including search for a director for the UNI Center for Teaching and Learning (Spring 2009)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND RECOGNITION

Iowa Board of Regents

- One of three from UNI to receive the Regents Staff Excellence Award, November 2003

Iowa Student Personnel Association (ISPA)

- Served terms as Past-President, President, President-Elect, Information Coordinator (newsletter editor), Conference Co-Chair, member of *ISPA Journal* Editorial Review Board, and member of Professional Development Committee
- Created first web page for the organization
- Co-developed and/or co-presented presentations for *ISPA Journal*-sponsored writers' workshops
- **Special recognition:** *Distinguished Service Award, 1998*

American Society for Training and Development (ASTD), Hawkeye Chapter

- Served terms as Past President/Board of Directors member and two terms as Chapter President; Contributing Editor for chapter newsletter; and member of regional conference registration committee, awards committee and media expo planning committee
- **Special recognition:** *Chapter Award for Individual Excellence in Human Resource Development, 1987*

External Program Reviewer for Career Services Office at Bemidji State University, Spring 2004

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting. Presented "Creating an Assessment Mini-Grant Program: Decision Points and Guidelines" as part of the general session. April 2009.

International Assessment and Retention Conference. Presented "Building Connections Between Student and Academic Affairs One Person at a Time." June 2008.

Mid-America Association for Institutional Research (MidAIR) Conference. Presented "Taming the Beast: A Framework for Building a Culture of Assessment." October 2006.

Iowa Student Personnel Association. Fall state conference. Co-presented session on "Reflection: A Tool for Engagement and Student Development." October 2004.

Career Development Across the Lifespan. National conference for the National Career Development Association. Presented two sessions, "Active Learning Through the Use of Reflection Strategies in Career Exploration" and "Using Web-Authoring Software to Support a University Career Decision-Making Class." July 2004.

National Career Development Association. Co-presented a day-long pre-conference workshop on connections between career development and experiential learning, "Using Experiential Learning as a Tool for Career Development." June 2000.

Center for the Enhancement of Teaching, UNI. Developed and facilitated two, day-long symposia "International Experience and the Qualities of an Educated Person." November 1998.

Leadership and the Liberal Arts. National conference held at Marietta College, Marietta, OH. Co-presented a workshop, "Skills for the Past, Goals for the Future." April 1993.

PUBLICATIONS

Have authored or co-authored peer-reviewed and non-peer-reviewed articles and book reviews published in the following journals: *International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*, *The National Teaching & Learning Forum*, *Career Development Quarterly*, National Career Development Association *Career Convergence*, *Journal of Career Planning and Employment*, *Journal of College Student Development*, *Journal of Career Planning and Employment*, *Academy of Management Executive*, and *Training and Development Journal*.