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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Utah

(2010-Present)

Associate Director Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Center for Community of Caring

I am involved in the day-to-day activities as well as professional development and community outreach of the national organization. I have worked with a professional media company to redesign the organization's web-site and quarterly newsletter. I created the inaugural Eunice Kennedy Shriver Week in conjunction with the national EKS Day and coordinated the Marketing/PR for both events. I have written and submitted fifteen (15) pre-proposals for consideration for funding of various projects.

I focus on creating viable community relationships. I am an observer-participant of the Salt Lake City School District Secondary and Elementary Community of Caring Teacher on-going Professional Development meetings. In addition I am an active member of the Salt Lake City Mayor's Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs. By invitation, I am a member of the special Utah Lieutenant Governor and Salt Lake City Mayor's Utah Civility and Community 2011 committee.

Within the university community I am a member of three College Action Plan faculty teams: 1) Diversity, Access, and Equity, 2) Community Engagement and 3) Development. Also, I am a member of the planning committee for "The Whole Child Initiative" which involves developing a partnership with a school district with the intent to improve the general culture and climate of the schools in addition to improving the health and nutrition of the students.

I created a collaborative professional development course focusing on using children's literature in establishing the foundation of classroom climate. This course is being offered in conjunction with the University of Utah's Reading Program and Duquesne University, Pittsburgh PA.

The Urban Institute for Teacher Education (UITE)

Clinical Assistant Professor

I have developed a summer course exploring culturally-responsive teaching and creating a culturally-responsive classroom community.

I am facilitating an on-going faculty dialogue on aligning practice, scholarship, and service to issues of Social Justice. These faculty discussions occur on a regular monthly basis.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont'd)

Adjunct Professor**(Fall 2009)***Duquesne University Pittsburgh, PA*

Orientation to the Teaching Profession – This is a freshman level course that is designed to give an overview of the teaching profession. I use lecture, whole group and small group discussions, role play and student presentations. I employ technology through the use of Blackboard, including discussion boards to engage students in critical thinking.

Co-instructor**(Fall 2008)***Duquesne University Pittsburgh, PA*

Leadership and Ethics Course - IDPEL (Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership) Introduced concepts and alternate perspectives to leadership situations and led discussions. These discussions were also extended to online interaction.

Guest Lecturer**(2000 – 2010)***Duquesne University Pittsburgh, PA*

Elementary School Administration and Management

(Spring 2009)

Psychology of Reading Graduate Reading

(Fall 2007)

Educational Psychology Theories of Teaching and Learning

(2000 – 2007)

Presented on various topics including: community building, creating positive school climate, and interviewing skills

State University of New York New Paltz

(2001)

Leadership for Educators and Human Service Professionals

Educational Consultant**(1998 - 2010)***David Parker and Associates, Pittsburgh, PA*

David Parker and Associates is dedicated to helping schools and organizations achieve professional and individual transformations to be the best they can be. I bring a unique set of experiences and qualifications to each project. My experience as a counselor, performing artist, entrepreneur, along with my formal educational degrees, provide a rich educational approach to each unique situation. The range of services includes motivational speaking, workshop presentations, school assemblies, author, and personal coach/consultant.

Director/Performer**(1983 -1998)***BREAKTHROUGH, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA*

I was the founding and sole director of a community-based non-profit performing arts organization. Responsibilities included directing productions, marketing, and coordinating performance details as well as raising operational and salary funds.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (cont'd)

Program Director/Social Worker**(1980 - 1983)***South Hills Heath System, Pittsburgh, PA*

I supervised a staff of six mental health counselors in an out-patient program for eighteen clients in the mental health/mental retardation residential program. I planned staff development, established treatment goals, and developed short- and long-range program objectives.

Social Worker/Community Mental Health**(1974 - 1980)***Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC)**University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Pittsburgh, PA*

I was a social worker in the Outpatient Clinic working within the community-based Mental Health Clinic. In that position I assessed the skills and social ability of previously-institutionalized individuals to successfully live within the community. I created and coordinated treatment plans to develop needed socialization to live with success in the community. I also conducted individual and group counseling to the deinstitutionalized individuals and their families. I provided on-going and emergency individual and group counseling to families and deinstitutionalized individuals. I supervised students in individual and group clinical assignments from the University of Pittsburgh Masters and Undergraduate Level Social Work programs.

Continuing Education Instructor**(1977 – 1990)***Community College of Allegheny County (CCAC)*

I taught sign language courses for adults - beginning, intermediate, and advanced.

EDUCATION

Ed.D. Educational Leadership**(2005 – 2009)**

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY - Pittsburgh, PA

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Program for Educational Leaders (IDPEL). Dissertation: *The Effects of a Discourse Community Model on Promoting Intentional Conceptual Change to Increase Understanding of School Climate and Its Importance.*

Areas of research interest: School climate, organizational culture, discourse communities, intentional conceptual change, teacher beliefs, and staff development.

Dissertation chair: James E. Henderson, Ed.D.

M. Ed. Masters of Education**(2005)**

AMERICAN INTERCONTINENTAL UNIVERSITY – Atlanta, GA

Major focus: Instructional Technology

B.S.W. Bachelor of Science in Social Work**(1974)**

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK (SUNY) BROCKPORT - Brockport, NY

Major focus: Mental Health/Mental Retardation advocacy, policy, and treatment

AAS. Associate in Mental Health**(1971)**

Sullivan County Community College - South Fallsburg, NY

Major focus: Health issues

PRESENTATIONS

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| Arizona Association of Student Councils
Show Low, AZ
<i>Finding the Hero Within</i>
Keynote Presentation | (2011) |
| The Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children
Pittsburgh, PA
<i>Creativity: Where the Future Begins Conference</i>
Keynote Address | (2010) |
| The 11th Annual Ohio School Improvement Institute
Columbus, OH
<i>A New Decade of Possibilities...</i>
Keynote Presentation | (2010) |
| The National Association of Qualified Developmental Disability Professionals
New Orleans, LA
Keynote Address | (2010) |
| Jefferson Hills School District
Pittsburgh, PA
Faculty Back to School Address | (2010) |
| Community of Caring National Conference
Sarasota, FL
<i>Student Leadership: Front and Center</i>
Workshop | (2010) |
| University Council on Educational Administration (UCEA)
New Orleans, LA
<i>Building Bridges: Politics, Partnerships, and the Purpose of Schooling</i>
Presentation: Using a Discourse Community Model to Increase Understanding
of the Importance of School Climate | (2010) |
| Professional Seminar IDPEL Doctoral Program Cohort 2012
Duquesne University
Presented workshop to the in-coming doctoral cohort on identifying individual mission
statements and self reflection. | (2008) |
| University Council on Educational Administration (UCEA)
Washington, D.C.
<i>Cultivating Seeds of Hope: Leadership and Collaboration for Students who are Homeless.</i>
Paper presented in collaboration with Miller, P., Hart, R., Grant, C., Parker, D., Lamar,
M. | (2007) |

PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)

Principal Network Residency Program (2007)
Duquesne University

Everything You Do Affects Climate: Climate Affects Everything You Do

Interactive workshop focusing on evolving research on the wide spread effects of School Climate.

Academic Leadership Annual Retreat (2006)
Duquesne University

Provided an after dinner interactive presentation to establish the tone and over-arching theme and goals for this academic leadership retreat.

Building Literate Environments (2007)
Duquesne University

Keynote address: Getting Ready to Change

Author Luncheon: Using Books to Shape the Environment

Three Day Workshop: Creating a Climate for Literacy

This summer symposium was presented by Duquesne University in collaboration with the Grow UP Great foundation. The symposium, *Building Literate Environments Equipping Educators with the Essential Tools to Improve Early Childhood Literacy* was a three day-learning event for early childhood educators. I had three key responsibilities in this inaugural event. I presented the keynote address, the author luncheon address, and conducted a three-day workshop.

World Conference on Arts Education (2007)
Building Creative Capacities for the 21st Century
Climate, Arts, and Transformation: Creating an Inviting Environment
Lisbon, Portugal

I was invited to be a plenary session presenter to the over 1500 world delegates in attendance. This World Conference on Arts Education was organized by UNESCO and the Government of Portugal. My interactive presentation looked at how the arts need to become the first line in the dialogue for creating an enriched climate where all feel welcomed, motivated, and filled with the belief in their potential success.

Professional Development

Kravis Center for the Performing Arts (2008)
W Palm Beach, FL
Climate Affects Everything

This was presented as part of the staff development series of the Kravis Center for the Performing Arts. This three-hour after school workshop focused on how school (instructional and interpersonal) behaviors are guided by beliefs. The participants created individual action plans which focused on implementing an individual change that may impact the climate within their school.

PRESENTATIONS (cont'd)

Children's Literature Conference (2005)
 University of Pittsburgh Greensburg
The BEST Me I Can Be!

This conference serves educators and librarians in the Western Pennsylvania community and beyond. The one-day workshop provides opportunities to learn various aspects of children's literature and get an opportunity to interact with their peers. My presentation focused on the creation and development of the BEST ME book series.

Pennsylvania Library Association (2006)
 Pittsburgh, PA

I presented at the closing luncheon. The focus of the interactive presentation was to reinforce the theme and some of the big ideas of the three-day conference.

Franklin Academy (2006)
 East Haddam, CT

Franklin Academy is a private residential school that specializes in serving students with an auditory learning style preference. I presented a half-day workshop for the staff which focused on beliefs, behaviors, and mission statements. The participants identified their beliefs related to education. They identified how their beliefs are aligned with the mission of the school. The staff created individual and educational team objectives to use their strengths to further the mission of the school.

New Castle School District (2006)
 Teachers Back to School Orientation
 New Castle, PA

This is a medium sized school district north of Pittsburgh PA. The presentations were part of the district wide back to school superintendent session. The presentations focused on creating interactions between the three levels that will serve as a beginning step to more collaborative interactions with the staff of the district.

Practical Parenting Partnership Annual Conference (2005)
 Annual Conference
 Jefferson City, MO

I presented the closing address to this conference of parents and professionals from agencies that work with families. The focus of the presentation was on positive interactions between family members and to plan to be the BEST family member they can be!

Governor's Safe School Summit (2005)
 Oklahoma City, OK

This was a one-day intensive campaign of positive messages and presenting non-violent options for behavior to the 3000 attending middle and high school students. My presentation focused on

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how the use of imagination, creativity, and the arts can lead to a more positive way to express your feelings.

Finding Your Theme Song (2000)
Pittsburgh, PA

Finding Your Theme Song (2001)
Mother of Sorrows School
Pittsburgh, PA

Both of the Theme Song workshops present a process that involves collaboration and sharing of ideas of motivation of oneself, students, and peers. During this interactive session, the participants reflect upon what motivates them to do the incredible work that they do and what some of the obstacles are that prevent movement to the next level in their development as educators.

Community Educational Presentations

University-Community Collaborative

I have presented hundreds of theater-community collaborative presentations. These have been for K-12 students and presented at the hosting university. The goals for these presentations were audience development and building positive relationships between community and the university. In addition, the presentations provided an opportunity for aspiring teachers to observe and deconstruct a “master class” on presenting instruction and classroom management.

Durgin Concert Hall (2004/2006/2008)
University of Massachusetts
Lowell, MA

Museum of Art Auditorium (2005/2008)
Munson Williams Proctor ARTS Institute
Utica, NY

Kirkland Fine Arts Center (2005/2007)
Millikin University
Decatur Area Arts Council
Decatur, IL

Colden Auditorium (2005/2006)
Queens College
Flushing, NY

Mainstage Auditorium (2006)
Salem State University
Salem, MA

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Wright Auditorium East Carolina University Greenville, NC	(2000)
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Wharton Center for the Performing Arts Michigan State University East Lansing, MI	(1998)
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Krannert Center University of Illinois Urbana, IL	(1998)
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School-Based

For 25 years I have presented thousands of in-school student and teacher programs in forty-six states and Canada. Into each program I infuse cognitive modeling, scaffolding, cooperative activities and content review. I place an emphasis on enhancing self-efficacy beliefs.

A sampling of the schools at which I have presented include:

<i>Yuma Union High School District</i> Kofa High School	(2006/2008)
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<i>Clarkstown Central School District</i> Laurel Plains Elementary New City Elementary	(2000/2004)
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<i>Baldwin-Whitehall School District</i> Skyline Elementary McAnnulty Elementary Harrison Middle School Paynter Elementary Whitehall Elementary	(1980/1982/1986)
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<i>Upper St. Clair School District</i> Baker Elementary Eisenhower Elementary Streams Elementary Boyce Middle	(1983/1985/1990)
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<i>Wilkinsburg School District</i> Johnston Elementary Kelly Elementary Turner Elementary	(1990/1995/2000/2004)
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<i>McKeesport Area School District</i> White Oak Elementary	(1995/2000/2008)
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<i>Freeport Public Schools</i>	(1996/2004)
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Leo F. Giblyn Elementary
 Bayview Avenue Elementary
 New Visions Elementary
 Archer Street Elementary
 Atkinson Intermediate
 Columbus Avenue Elementary

<i>Norwin School District</i>	(1992/1994/1997/2000)
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Hartford Heights Elementary
 Sheridan Terrace Elementary
 Stewartsville Elementary
 Sunset Valley Elementary
 Hillcrest Elementary

<i>Mount Lebanon School District</i>	(1992/1996/2009)
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Foster Elementary
 Howe Elementary
 Markham Elementary

<i>Mars Area School District</i>	1985/1992/1994/1998/2003/2007)
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Adams Elementary
 Middlesex Elementary
 Mars Area Elementary
 Mars Area Primary Center

<i>South Orange Maplewood School District</i>	(1993/1996)
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Clinton Elementary
 Jefferson Elementary
 Marshall Elementary
 Seth Boyden Elementary

<i>Shaler Area School District</i>	(1998/2003/2005)
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Marzolf Primary
 Rogers Primary

Theater-Based

I have presented thousands of family-orientated community presentations for multi-generational audiences. The goals of these programs have included building understanding, creating community, developing acceptance of others, and modeling of positive family interactions.

A sampling of the theaters at which I have presented include:

Rinker Playhouse	(2008)
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Kravis Center
 W Palm Beach, FL

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Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion The Woodlands, TX	(2000/2004/2007)
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Taylor Theater Kenan Performing Arts Center Lockport, NY	(2007)
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Reg Lenna Civic Center Jamestown, NY	(2007)
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Weidner Theater Green Bay, WI	(2005)
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Lakewood Cultural Center Lakewood, CO	(2005)
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Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Washington, DC	(1998/2000)
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Brooklyn Academy of Music New York, NY	(1998/2000)
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Detroit Youth Theater Detroit, MI	(1999)
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Student Leadership Conferences

I have presented hundreds of keynotes. The goals and intent were to reintroduce the conference theme and set the tone interactions for the multiple-day leadership conferences. The keynotes created opportunities to build connections between the schools represented and establish a singular identity for the conference. The keynotes also served as opportunities to present and model behaviors and responsibilities of a charismatic and visionary leader. The conferences have been for various student organizations, including:

DECA Southwest Regional Conference Albuquerque, NM	(2006)
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National Student Council Conference Collinsville, IL	(2005)
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Key Club International National Conference Indianapolis, IN	(2004)
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State High School Student Council Conventions Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Washington	(1998 – Present)
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State Key Club Conventions Florida, Louisiana, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, and Maryland	(2000 – Present)
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International Festivals

International Children's Festivals (1995 – 2000)

United States: Seattle, WA; Pittsburgh, PA; Philadelphia; Birmingham, AL; Richmond, VA

Canada: St. Albert, ALB; Calgary, ALB; Toronto, ONT; Ottawa, ONT; Prince George, BC

I have presented as an educator/artist representing the United States in these international events. The interactive presentations increased acceptance of others, established understanding, created community, and modeling of positive interpersonal interactions

Media

Nick Jr. Television

BREAKING THROUGH Documentary special

Children's Cooking and Sign Language video

VIDEO-CONFERENCING

Simulcast Elementary Level Presentation

University of Massachusetts at Lowell

Solo presentation to 1000 elementary school-aged students broadcast to schools in 10 states with live call-in questions and discussion. This was presented in conjunction with University of Massachusetts Lowell, AT&T, and Massachusetts Cable.

PUBLICATIONS

Parker, D. (submitted). Hiring to affect school culture.

Parker, D. (2009). *The effects of a discourse community model upon promoting intentional conceptual change to increase the understanding of school climate and its importance*. Published doctoral dissertation, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA.

Parker D. (2001-2007). **The BEST ME I CAN BE** Children series. NY: Scholastic, Inc.
32-book series for the emergent and new reader that focuses on character traits.

AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

Jackson Scholar – Duquesne University

Distinguished Service Award - National Council on Communicative Disorders

Richard Follett Memorial Award - Pittsburgh Hearing and Speech Center

Outstanding Mental Health Graduating Student - State University of New York

Service Awards: Key Club, Kiwanis Club, Rotary Club, Lions Club, National Thespian Society, National Student Council

MEMBERSHIPS

American Educational Research Association (AERA)
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators (SCBWI)
National Speakers Association (NSA)
National Staff Development Council (NSDC)
Registry of Interpreters of the Deaf (RID)

SERVICE

Utah Lt. Governor and Salt Lake City Mayor's Utah Civility and Community 2011 committee
Salt Lake City Mayor's Prevention Coalition – Committee Member
University of Utah College of Education Five-Year "College Action Plan"
Faculty Team on Community Engagement – Committee Member
Faculty Team on Development - Committee Member
Faculty Team on Diversity, Access & Equity - Committee Member
Saturday Light Brigade Radio – Advisory Board Member
Pittsburgh Fund for Arts Education – Past Board Member
Girl Scouts of Southwestern Pennsylvania – Past Board Member

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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