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EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Pasadena College	Pasadena, CA	B.A.	English/Physical Education	1970
Pasadena College	Pasadena, CA	M.A.	Supervision/Curriculum	1971
Univ. of So. California	Los Angeles, CA	Ed.D.	Special Education/Administration <i>Specialization: Learning and Behavior Disorders</i>	1976
A.C.S.A. Superintendent Academy			Burlingame, CA	1985-1986
Special Education Funding, School Services of California			Sacramento, CA	1985-1986

CALIFORNIA CREDENTIALS

- Life Standard Teaching Credential, Elementary
- Life Standard Teaching Credential, Secondary
- Life Specialist Teaching Credential, Learning Handicapped
- Life Specialist Teaching Credential, Severely Handicapped
- Life Standard Administrative Credential
- Life Standard Supervision Credential

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2014 - Present	Founder, Senior Consultant, Educational Specialist, Life Mentor, Coach <i>Driven by Principle</i> , San Diego, CA
1991 - 2018	Professor, School of Education, Department of Psychology Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA
2018 - Present	Professor, Emeritus, School of Education, Department of Psychology Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, CA

Courses taught:

Graduate Masters Program:

Advanced Educational Psychology

Philosophy of Education
Individual and Group Counseling
Educational Measurement and Evaluation

Assessment and Services for Students with Disabilities
Instructional Adaptations-Students with Disabilities
Using Technology to Support Student Learning
Teaching Strategies for Special Populations

Undergraduate/Graduate Cross Disciplinary Studies Program:

Legal, Ethical, and Wesleyan Perspectives in Education
Research-Based Learning Theory
Foundations of Special Education
Differentiation for All Learners in Secondary Classrooms
From Shape to Send: Teaching and Learning for Personal Professional Development

Department of Psychology

Psychology of Personal Development
Psychology of the Exceptional Child

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Faculty Responsibilities include/have included:

- Member of Faculty Academic Policy Committee
- Member Faculty appointed Task force on Distance Learning
- Member Provost appointed Committee on Hybrid and Online Learning Policies and Procedures
- Member Dean appointed Committee on Proprietary Rights
- Chair, University Ad Hoc Strengths Leadership Committee
- Member, Teacher Education Committee
- Resource/Application Evaluator for Instructional Technology Services
- Member, Technology Committee for the School of Education
- Mentor, Supervising Faculty for Student Honors Projects 2011-present
- Strengths Coaching and Training, implementing campus Strengths training and development activities
- Consultant, Trainer, Faculty member, Nazarene Strengths Institute supporting Center for Pastoral Leadership in training for churches and pastoral development, Gallup Faith Practice, Engaged Churches
- Chair, Host Town San Diego Point Loma Leadership Team responsible for hosting 177 Special Olympics Athletes from Albania, Burkina Faso, and Finland as a part of the World Games LA15

1978 - 1991 **Adjunct Professor, Department of Special Services**
California State University, Sacramento
Sacramento, CA

1984 **Lecturer, School of Law**
University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, California

1979 - 1980 **Instructor, Department of Teacher Education**
Point Loma Nazarene College
Pasadena Campus

1977 - 1978 **Instructor, Department of Teacher Education**
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA

1975 - 1976 **Coordinator, Clinic for Exceptional Children (non-categorical children and services)**
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA

TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

SELPA DIRECTOR and DIRECTOR, SPECIAL SERVICES

**Elk Grove Unified
1977 - 1991**

- ☐ Administrate Special Education Local Planning Agency including fiscal management, program development, instructional planning, and management information systems
- ☐ Supervise and coordinate district psychological services and programs
- ☐ Supervise and coordinate district health services and programs
- ☐ Supervise and evaluate certificated and classified Special Education personnel
- ☐ Supervise and evaluate school psychologists and school nurses
- ☐ Supervise and coordinate procedures for identification, certification, admission and dismissal of exceptional students including services in nonpublic schools/agencies and State/County programs such as Mental Health programs, Court schools and residential facilities
- ☐ Supervise and coordinate services with early childhood educational programs, County programs, Adult Education programs, nonpublic schools, Community Schools, and institutional programs
- ☐ Coordinate and implement staff development programs
- ☐ Supervise and coordinate the Student Information System for special education

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Other Administrative Responsibilities

- Develop and administrate a Boundary Study for the new high school, including enrollment projections K-12 and program planning
- Administrate and coordinate disaster/emergency liaison and follow-up
- Coordinate retrieval of legislative information through computerized system

COORDINATOR, EDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES

**Whittier Cooperative
1976-1977**

- Supervised and coordinated procedures for identification, certification and placement of exceptional students for the eight-district cooperative
- Assisted the Director with fiscal planning and budget development
- Supervised and coordinated nonpublic school placements
- Supervised and coordinated Search and Serve activities
- Coordinated implementation of a Student Data Management Information System

TEACHER

**Wm. S. Hart H.S. District
1971-1975**

- Planned, implemented, and evaluated instructional programs middle-school aged students
- Developed and implemented self-contained program for students with learning and behavior problems and for delinquent youth

TEACHER

**Covina-Valley Unified
1970-1971**

- Planned, implemented and evaluated instructional programs for high school aged students
- Coached football and basketball

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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| 2025-present | Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, supervision and abuse issues, and administrative liability issues, Sumner Law, Walnut Creek, California |
| 2025 | Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education procedure issues, OHI issues, and administrative issues and liability, Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, Riverside, California |
| 2024-2020 | Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education and Transportation issues, student struck by a vehicle, and administrative issues and liability, The Veen Firm, PC, San Francisco, California |
| 2023 | Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education, Sexual Assault/Disability issues, implications for Title IX violations, and administrative issues and liability, The Zalkin Law Firm, P.C. & Gallagher Law, P.C. San Diego, California |
| 2023 | Consult, review, and signed Amicus Brief, sexual and gender minority students at traditionally Christian colleges and universities, (Hunter, et al., v USDOE, et al.) The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, Schaerr Jaffe LLP, Washington, DC |
| 2023-2022 | Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education, Sexual Assault/Disability issues and administrative issues and liability, Shernoff Bidert Echeverria LLP Samuel L. Bruchey, Clairmont, California |
| 2022 | Visiting Professor, Guest lecture series on <i>Identity and Life Purpose – Key to Living and Learning, Stress and Anxiety – Being Well ~ Performing Well</i> , and <i>Finding Hope and Peace in the Depths of Despair</i> presented to students and faculty, Károli Gáspár Reformed University of Hungary, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences. Budapest, Hungary, November, 2022 |

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- 2022 Guest Lecturer in 9 sessions of discussion and dialogue with students and faculty on life issues and comparative Hungarian/American teen culture, Gödöllő Református Lyceum, Gödöllő, Hungary, November, 2022
- 2022 *Strength's Development / Life Purpose and Strengths-Based Partnerships* Budapest City Leadership Team, Budapest, Hungary, November, 2022
- 2022 Named and honored as recipient of the 2022 Point Loma Nazarene University Alumni Legacy Distinguished Achievement Award in recognition of significant and outstanding lifetime accomplishments and impact on people's lives, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California
- 2022-2020 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education and Sexual Assault issues and administrative issues and liability, The Simon Law Group, LLP, Hermosa Beach, California
- 2021 Submitted Declaration for testimony, sexual and gender minority students at traditionally Christian colleges and universities, (Hunter, et al., v USDOE, et al.) The United States District Court of Oregon Eugene Division, Schaerr | Jaffe LLP, Washington, DC
- 2021-2020 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, sexual assault, physical assault and administrative issues and liability, Law Offices of Kristen B. Brown, Santa Ana, California
- 2021-2019 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education (Severe Physical/Developmental Disabilities) and administrative issues and liability, Law Office of Carree Nahama, San Diego, California
- 2021-2017 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education (Developmental Disability, TBI), IDEA/504 Compliance, and administrative issues, Biren Law Group, Los Angeles, California
- 2020 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education and Sexual Assault issues and administrative issues and liability, Schroeter Goldmark & Bender, Seattle, Washington
- 2019 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education (Developmental Disabilities) and Assault issues and administrative issues and liability, The Bloom Firm, Attorneys at Law, Woodland Hills, California
- 2019 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education (Severe Physical/Developmental Disabilities) and Sexual Assault issues and administrative issues and liability, The Simon Law Group, LLP, Hermosa Beach, California
- 2019 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education (Autism and ADHD) and administrative issues and liability, Law Offices of Seck Law, Los Angeles, California
- 2019 Keynote Speaker and Trainer, "Multi-Level Support Systems and Inclusion Strategies in working with Persons with Sensory Motor Integration Disabilities", "Developing Inclusive Academic and Behavioral Support Systems", "Social Facilitation for Persons with Special Needs", Equip Children with Unique Needs Conference, Pella, Iowa, January 24-26, 2019
- 2019-2018 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education (Severe Physical/Developmental Disabilities) and administrative issues, Law Offices of Gomez Trial Attorneys, San Diego California
- 2018 *Strengths Leadership and Team Development Leadership Development Series*, City of Chula Vista, Chula Vista, CA, January-May, 2018
- 2018 *Strengths101 and Strengths Leadership*, Sharp Rees-Steely Medical Centers, Quality Improvement Division, San Diego, CA, January, 2018
- 2018-2017 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Disability and Sexual Assault issues, IDEA/504 Compliance, and administrative issues, Liberty Law, Micha Liberty, LLP, Oakland, San Francisco, California
- 2017 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education (TBI), 504 Compliance, and administrative issues, Law Offices of Tania L. Whiteleather, attorney, Los Angeles County
- 2017 *Strengths101 and Strengths Leadership*, Wm. Jessup University Student Development Office, Sacramento, CA, July, 2017

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- 2017 "Being Married to a Women in Full-time Ministry: Straight Talk on this Unique Calling.", Presentation Session, General Assembly Church of the Nazarene, Indianapolis, IN, July, 2017
- 2017 *Elev8 Strengths Summit for Teens and Teen Leaders*, Elev8 Teen Regional Retreat, Point Loma Nazarene University, May, 2017
- 2017-2015 Human Trafficking Curriculum Task Force member, San Diego Unified School District/Point Loma Nazarene University project, 2016
- 2016 Recipient, Point Loma Nazarene University *Vredevoe Award*, given for Outstanding Contribution to Education by PLNU School of Education and Education Associates, San Diego, California, May, 2016
- 2016 *Elev8 Strengths Summit for Teens and Teen Leaders*, Elev8 Teen Regional Retreat, Point Loma Nazarene University, May, 2016
- 2015 Invited and Named to the International Editorial Board, *Journal of Social Pedagogy | Social Education*
- 2015 *Strengths Based Leadership 301*, NSI training for faith and educational leaders, Point Loma Nazarene University, November 2015
- 2015 Visiting Professor, Guest lecture series on *Brain-Based Teaching and Learning, Executive Functioning, and Positive Psychology*, presented to doctoral program students and faculty, Research Centre of the Faculty of Humanities, Tomas Bata University, Zlín, Czech Republic, July, 2015
- 2015 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education, sexual assault, and administrative issues, Meyers|Fozzi, LLP, San Diego and Riverside Counties
- 2015-2014 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education and Sexual Assault issues, Liberty Law, Micha Liberty, LLP, Oakland, San Francisco, California
- 2014 *Preparing for the 21st Century Church-Ministry with a Purpose –Sabbath and Pastoral Self Care*, Michigan District Leadership and Advisory Board Retreat, Indian Lake, Michigan, September, 2014
- 2014 *Strengths101 and Strengths Leadership*, Michigan District Leadership and Advisory Board, Indian Lake, Michigan, September, 2014
- 2014 Selected one of the keynote speakers: *Mediating Self-Awareness of Learning Differences and Strengths in Children with ADHD - Towards Developing a Model for Effective Student Centered, Strengths-Based ADHD Intervention Effecting Self Awareness, Self-Efficacy, and Self Advocacy*.
Presented on other research in conference sessions with PLNU Honors students collaborating on current research projects: *The Effects of Strength Intervention in College-Age Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder* and the topic of *Sensory-Motor Integration Issues*
International Conference on Comparative and Multidisciplinary Studies in Social and Human Sciences, London, England, September, 2014
- 2014 Keynote Speaker, Grandparents Day, All School Convocation, Saddleback Valley Christian School, San Juan Capistrano, California, May, 2014
- 2014 Recipient, Point Loma Nazarene University *Lighthouse Award*, given to School of Education Faculty for notable contribution to the field, San Diego, California, May, 2014
- 2014 Speaker/Trainer, *Strengths Development and Leadership*, Union Institute & University, Faculty and staff, Sacramento, California, May, 2014
- 2014 Guest Speaker/Trainer, *Sensory-Motor Integration Issue –Working with children with ADHD*, All Hollows Academy school staff and teachers, La Jolla, California, May, 2014
- 2014 Guest Speaker, *Strengths and Life Purpose* National Webinar Broadcast, *Strengths Advisor Inner Circle*, Brent O'Bannon, StrengthsFinder Coaching

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- 2014 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education issues, Declues, Burkett & Thompson, LLP, Orange County
- 2013 Provided Strengths Leadership Training for Encuentro, a gathering of Latino church leaders and young people on the PLNU campus from Spanish-language Nazarene churches on the PLNU educational region, January, 2013
- 2012 Provided ministry to Moscow, Russia Church of the Nazarene conducting Family Camp and providing Strengths Leadership Development seminars for Church leaders, June, 2012
- 2011 Named and appointed Conference Chair of the *International Conference on Education and Educational Psychology*, Istanbul, Turkey, 2011
- 2011 “*Leadership Development – Using Strengths in Team Development*”, School of Nursing faculty, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, 2011
- 2010-2012 Named one of the national top twenty *Strengths Educators* and appointed to the national *Strengths Advisory Panel*, by Gallup Education Practice, July, 2010
- 2010 “*Building the Potential Part I: Exploring and, Building the Potential Part II: Building*”, Co-presented two seminars with Melissa Burt-Gracik, Gallup Education Practice Strengths Educator Conference, Omaha, Nebraska, June, 2010
- 2010 “*Insights and Developments for Autism Spectrum Disorders: Implications of Sensory-Motor Integration Issues Related to Attention, Behavior Management, and Social Functioning*”, 2010 International Conference on Special Education, Kyrenia, Cyprus, March, 2010
- 2010 “*Connecting with 21st Century Learners Using Technologies for Enhancing Critical-Thinking Skills and Learning*”, 2010 International Conference on Special Education, Kyrenia, Cyprus, March, 2010
- 2010 Provided Management Training seminar, *Leadership Team Strengths Training*, Student Financial Services Administrative Leadership Team, Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, May, 2010
- 2009 “*The Digital Age, Brain-Based Learning, and Spiritual Formation: Implications for 21st Century Learners and Faith-Based Learning*”, Association of Christian Schools International Convention, November, 2009, Anaheim, California
- 2009 “*Reaching the 21st Century Emergent Adult: Cross-Cultural Learning Perspectives Intersecting the Church and Academe*”, conference presentation, Azusa Pacific University Christians on Diversity in the Academy (CDA annual conference: “*Envisioning the Future*”, March, 2009, Monrovia, California
- 2008 “*StrengthsQuest Introduction Seminar*”, a one-day training seminar for the San Diego City College Counseling Department, October, 2008, San Diego, California
- 2008 “*StrengthsQuest Introduction Session*”, presented an introduction workshop on StrengthsQuest to faculty in the Counseling Department of San Diego Community College, September, 2008, San Diego, California
- 2008 “*Living for a Purpose – Leadership that Makes a Difference*”, keynote address for a city celebration on behalf of the poor and disadvantaged, August, 2008, Atibaia, Brazil
- 2008 “*Philosophy, Beliefs, Core Values, Change and Purpose/Mission*”, lecture/seminar given to 200 seminary students and pastors, August, 2008 Campinas, Brazil
- 2008 “*Living for A Purpose – Thoughts on Spiritual Formation for Leaders that Make a Difference*”, presentation/seminar given to pastors and wives across three Nazarene Brazilian church regions and to 200 seminary students during a three-day seminar on Spiritual formation, August, 2008, Sao Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, Campinas, Brazil
- 2008 “*Leadership that Makes a Difference*” - Training project for Brazil. Invited to provide consultation, seminars and training for teachers, educational leaders, and strengthening relationships with the Nazarene Seminary and new University in Campinas. August, 2008 Brazil, South America

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- 2007 "The Basics of Special Education – Tools that Work", presentation to San Diego County Probation Department officers, May, 2007, San Diego, California
- 2006 "Legal Issues in Special Education and Due Process, with Mel Peters, Attorney, ACSA Special Services Annual Conference, January, 2006, Monterey, California
- 2000-2006 Developed, implemented and served as co-Director of the University approved Learning Styles Research Project. A research project in collaboration with the Department of Psychology.
- 2003 Educational Consultant, Eaton Coull Learning Group, video production, *Transitions to Postsecondary Learning*
- 2000-2002 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, San Diego Unified School District (Higgs, Fletcher, and Mack) Mental Health legal issue and trial case
- 2001 Interviewed on the "Mark Larson Show" KCBQ AM 1170 regarding the Christian response to violence in the schools and how a community can heal after the Santana High shooting.
- 2000-2001 Legal Representative for parents in Mediation and Due Process Hearing, *John Mark Rodeheaver, Petitioner v. San Diego Unified School District*. Received successful ruling on all issues in Due Process Hearing for placement in non-public school services and retroactive reimbursement for private school costs, including transition program into district programs with modifications to address significant learning needs because of hearing loss.
- 2000-2001 Co-Grant recipient *Alumni Association Teacher Development Awards* with Dr. Holly Irwin-Chase, Knowledge University Students Have about Their Personal Learning Style and How That Influences Their Academic Achievement
- 2000 "Crossing the Border into a Real World of Learning", presentation on the difficulties of transition to independent living with a 24-year-old autistic young lady, Facilitated Communication National Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- 1998 "The Progression in Treatment from Medication Management to Psychotherapy with a Young Autistic Woman in the Era of Managed Care: A Case Study", Co-presented with Robert Friedman, M.D. and Peyton Goddard, Institute of Behavioral Health at Children's Hospital and Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at UCSD Grand Rounds (monthly Symposium meeting of clinical and medical staff at Children's Hospital and UCSD) 1998
- 1998 Advance Team Leader for Heart to Heart International Relief Organization, made two separate trips into Albania and Macedonia to provide logistics preparation for distribution of over two million dollars of medical relief supplies for the Kosovar refugees residing in these countries
- 1998 Consultant/Trainer Riley Elementary School for Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children.
- 1998 "Starting Big - The First Year", presentation on first year results of Facilitated communication with a 23-year-old autistic young lady, Facilitated Communication National Conference, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- 1998 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Mental Health/Developmental Disability, Public Defenders Office, San Diego County
- 1997 Consultant to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, World Mission Division, Church of the Nazarene in developing an Educational Enhancement Program for working with over 600 schools operated by the Church of the Nazarene world-wide.
- 1997 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Santee School District (McInnes, Fitzgerald, Rees, and Sharkey)
- 1997 Educational Consultant/Expert Witness, Special Education issues, Niven Professional Law Corporation, Orange County
- 1997 Hosted a series of training sessions for the San Diego Institute for Children on Social/Emotional Disorders such as Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD) and Autistic Spectrum Disorder in cooperation with the San Diego County Office of Education, Children's Hospital and San Diego Regional

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Center. Speakers included Dr. Ivar Lovaas, UCLA Department of Psychology, noted international author and speaker.

- 1997 Recipient of Certificate of Recognition for Exceptional Volunteer Leadership, Peninsula YMCA
- 1997 "Use of the Internet in Education and Getting to Know Your MAC", Provided full-day training session for the full staff and administration of Riley Elementary School for Seriously Emotionally Disturbed Children, San Diego, CA.
- 1997 "Classroom Computer Use Made Easy", Presentation made with Dave Stilson, Educational Technology Specialist to teachers and administrators on technology and effective classroom instruction, Association of California School Administrators Region 18 Conference
- 1996 "Inclusion in the School and Community", Workshops for all special education teachers and supervisors including special seminars for parents/parent groups, Tirana, Albania
- 1995 Established *Partnership in Education* agreement with James Whitcomb Riley Center serving Seriously Emotionally Disturbed children and youth which include PLNC, school staff and administration in cooperative training and professional development activities and field-based research in treatment plans and effective intervention strategies for seriously emotionally disturbed children and youth.
- 1994- Research Consultant for *California League of Middle Schools*, statewide Teacher Research Writing Project.
- 1993-1994 Consultant, writing and implementation of a research project and grant for technology and staff development planning in rural districts, Westmorland School District
- 1993-1994 Consultant and advisor, "The Efficacy of Problem-Solving Training on the Maintenance of Social Competence of Mothers on Newly Diagnosed Pediatric Oncology Patients", Michael T. McGreevy, Children's Hospital and Health Center, San Diego, CA
- 1995 *Successful Inclusionary Practices*, State Commission on Special Education, September meeting, San Diego, California.
- 1995 *Collaboration Award* from The Association for Persons with Severe Handicaps (TASH), Annual TASH National Conference, San Francisco, CA. The award was for an on-campus *Peer-Partnership* program with PLNC students and 18-21-year-old disabled young men and women from special education programs in San Diego Unified School District.
- 1995 "*Learning Problems*" Resource Information Session for Faculty and Staff, Point Loma Nazarene College
- 1995 "*Referral Consultation for Learning-Problem Students*", Consultation with guidance and administrative staff at Pan American Christian Academy, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- 1994 "Special Education Procedures", Five-day workshop for all special education teachers and supervisors in Albania, Tirana, Albania
- 1993 Recipient of the 1993 Certificate of Appreciation, Down Syndrome Association of San Diego
- 1992 "*Effective Instructional Programming for Young Children with Special Challenges*", San Diego Association for the Education of Young Children 1992 Annual Fall Conference, San Diego, CA
- 1992 Appointed, National Advisory Board, GTE Educational Services
- 1992 Appointed, California State Advisory Board, GTE Educational Services
- 1991 "*What Every Board Member Should Know About Special Education*", California School Boards Association Winter Conference, San Francisco, CA
- 1991 "*Database Management Systems for Special Education*", Product presentation to interested administrators and special education staff, CEC National Convention, Atlanta, GA
- 1990 "*Suspension/Expulsion Workshop*" workshops presented to all district principals and selected general and special education staff, Sacramento County Office and Elk Grove District

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- 1990 "Working with Special Education", workshop presented to all new general education certificated staff through the BEST Teacher Training Center, Elk Grove Unified School District
- 1989-1990 Early Intervention for School Success Program Award - "*Friend of EISS*" given for recognized state and federal leadership in program development for programs birth to age 5, Granlabakken, California
- 1989 Chairperson, ACSA State Special Education Conference, Monterey, California
- 1988 Tele-Communication/Computer Technology training for the State Department of Education - training, consultation and technical assistance in the implementation of SpecialNet
- 1986 -1990 ACSA State Special Education Committee
ACSA Region 3 representative
- 1987-1988 State Department of Education Task Force on Establishing Guidelines for the Larry P Decision, State SELPA organization representative
- 1986 -1987 State Department of Education/Legislative Task Force on "*Infectious Diseases in School Age Children*", Task Force Member and chief author of Legislative Report
- 1985-1986 "*The Administrator's and School Board Member's Role in Dealing with Infectious Diseases and Child Abuse*", ACSA/CSBA Workshops presented state-wide
La Puente, CA, Burlingame, CA, Los Angeles, CA, San Francisco, CA
- 1984 "*Database Management*", National CEC/CASE Conference on Technology in Special Education, Reno, Nevada
- 1983-1984 National CASE Computer Use Task Force, California State appointed representative
- 1982-1983 "*Special Education Finance*", workshop presentation to school Board members and administrators, CSBA Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA
- 1979-1980 State Task Force for the Commission of Special Education, Appointed member
Task Force to determine the role of the Program Specialist
- 1973-1976 ***Doctoral Fellowship***, Special Education, University of Southern California

RESEARCH

- Continued research in the areas of sensory motor integration, effective practices for persons within the Autism Spectrum, TBI, and attention disorders
- *Cross-Cultural Aspects of Proactive Coping Behavior, Subjective Well-Being, Social Support, and Depression*, Mgr. Jitka Vaculiková, Ph.D., Research Centre of the Faculty of Humanities, Bata University, Czech Republic and Daniel Flint, Point Loma Nazarene University.
- Supervision of Honors Research Projects with graduate and undergraduate students:
 - *A Comparison of StrengthsFinder Results from Special Operations Forces and General World Populations*, Sarah Davis
 - *The Christian Call to Compassion and how Empathy Just Won't Cut It, A Theological and Psychological Integration*, Emma Christie Foster
 - *Strength intervention effects on hope, engagement, self-efficacy and academic success for students with ADHD*, Danika Baptista
 - *The Effects of Social Media on Promoting Parental Involvement in Student Academics*, Meghann Shaughnessy
 - *Impact of Poverty on Language Development*, Stephanie Hoffman
 - *Linguistic Relativity: The Impact of the Spanish and English Language on Cultural Attitudes of Fate*, Mallory Grismer
 - *Increasing Hope, Student Engagement, Wellbeing, and Academic Success in Children with ADHD Through Strengths Based Intervention*, Kristen Houpp

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- *Assessment and use of Strengths development with persons within the Autism Spectrum, neurological disorders or developmental delay*, McKenna Farver
- *A Resource Guide for Working with Children with Down Syndrome*, Jessica Lares
- *The Influence of Sensory Integration Therapy on Internal Dialogue and Academic Outcomes Both Internal and External*, Caitlin Brandt
- *The Effects of Strengths Intervention on College Age Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder*, Makenzie Mettra

Sabbatical, Fall, 2008: *A Study of Brain-Based Learning Theory and Neurobiological Development: Implications for Spiritual Development and Instructional and Church Practices for Emerging Adults.* This study has served as the basis of course development and workbook materials for Life Purpose assessment and learning materials.

Learning Styles Research Project 2000-2006: Developed, implemented and served as co-Director of a University approved Learning Styles Research Project, a research project in collaboration with the Department of Psychology studying the understanding of learning styles in relation to college student performance.

Tatum, M., Hardy, N., Testerman, L., Irwin-Chase, H., Johnson, J., & Wu, J (2006, April). *Effect of Learning Style Interventions on Course Satisfaction.* Poster session presented at the 86th Annual Western Psychological Association Convention, Palm Springs, CA.

Testerman, L., Hardy, N., Tatum, M., Irwin-Chase, H., Johnson, J., & Wu, J. (2006, April). *Reliability and Validity of the VARK: A Learning Style Assessment.* Poster session presented at the 86th Annual Western Psychological Association Convention, Palm Springs, CA.

Cooper, N., Crocker, N., Erselius, K., Lerma, A., Irwin-Chase, H., Wu, J., and Johnson, J. (2005, April). *Development of a brief course satisfaction measure.* Poster session presented at the Rocky Mountain Psychological Association Annual Conference, Phoenix, AZ.

Dissertation:

"The Attitudes and Perceptions of Regular Classroom Teachers on the Integration of Exceptional Children in the Regular Classroom", Chair, Dr. Robert Rutherford, University of Southern California, 1976

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Special Olympics International 2015 Host City Team

Co-Chair, City of San Diego

DS Action (Down Syndrome Action)

DS Action Professional Advisory Board

Eaton Coull Learning Group

Transition Programs for the Disabled

Advisory Consultant Group

Whitney Hope Board of Directors

Point Loma Association Board of Directors

San Diego Youth for Christ Board of Directors

Point Loma Peninsula YMCA Board of Directors

Adapted Physical Education Governance Team, San Diego Unified School District

College/University Representative

California Council on the Education of Teachers

California Association of Teacher Educators

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California Association of Professors of Special Education
Disability Awareness Week Network for San Diego
San Diego Council Administrators of Special Education
Down Syndrome Association of San Diego
Kaplan Foundation (for Autistic persons) Sacramento, CA Board of Directors
Sacramento Metropolitan Industry Education Council Board of Directors
Crime Alert Board
Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento Police Department, Sacramento Sheriff's Department
University Community Advisory Committee California State University, Sacramento
University Special Education Advisory Committee National University, Sacramento
Sexual Exploitation Prevention Advisory Council
Planned Parenthood, Sacramento Valley
Advisory Council on Abuse of Developmentally Disabled Persons
Child Abuse Council of Sacramento
Council for Exceptional Children
California Council of Administrators for Special Education, President, 1985
Council of Administrators for Special Education
Association of California School Administrators
Member, State Special Education Committee, 1986 - 1990
Chair, ACSA Special Education Conference, Monterey, 1989