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Personal Data

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Educational Experience

- 1990 Bank Street College of Education; Post-Doctoral Studies in Educational Administration and Leadership
- 1988 Ed.D.: Teachers College, Columbia University; Interdisciplinary Studies in Curriculum and Teaching, and Art Education
- 1986 M.Ed.: Teachers College, Columbia University; Anthropology and Education
- 1978 M.S. in Education; Bank Street College of Education; Early Childhood Special Education
- 1972 B.F.A.; Parsons School of Design and the New School; Graphic Design and Illustration
- 1968 New York State Regents Diploma; Music and Art High School; Art Major

Professional Experience

- 2005-current Florida Atlantic University; College of Education
Director of the Toppel Family Early Childhood Education Institute (2005-2011)
Director of Early Childhood Education (2011-current)
- 2011 Association for Childhood Education International,
Institute for International Education Diplomacy
Educational Consultant (2011)
- 1992-2005 The College of New Rochelle; The Graduate School
Dean (2002-2005)
Chair, Middle States Self Study Steering Committee (2000-2002)
Associate Professor, Early Childhood Education (2001-2002)
Assistant Professor, Early Childhood Education and Special Education (1992-2000)
- 1994-2002 Educational Consultant, New York City and Westchester

1999, 1993	New York University; Faculty Resource Network <u>Visiting Scholar; Scholar in Residence</u>
1991-1992	Association for the Help of Retarded Children; The Grand Concourse Early Childhood Program for medically fragile and HIV positive preschool children (designed and directed this start-up program) <u>Principal</u>
1992-1993	Teachers College, Columbia University; Early Childhood Education Department <u>Adjunct Assistant Professor</u>
1991	High Scope Education Foundation, Research Division; <u>Research Assistant</u>
1981-1983, 1987-1991, 1994	Bank Street College of Education; Special Education Department <u>Adjunct Instructor</u>
1988-1990	Jewish Board of Family and Children's Services, The Riverdale Therapeutic Nursery for emotionally disturbed and speech/ language impaired children (designed and directed this start-up program) <u>Director</u>
1987-1988	Spence-Chapin Services to Families and Children, The Children's House: Therapeutic Milieu for Children and Parents, for children with autism <u>Educational Director</u>
1984-1987	Teachers College, Columbia University, <u>Doctoral Student; Course Assistant(1985)</u>
1985	Lincoln Center Institute, affiliated with Teachers College, Columbia University, <u>Course Assistant</u>
1982-1984	Bellevue Psychiatric Hospital, Child Life Department <u>Senior Children's Counselor/ Teacher</u> , for children who were emotionally disturbed
1982	Agency for Child Development, New York, <u>Grant Writer</u>

- 1978-1982 Metropolitan Hospital Therapeutic Nursery, Department of Child Psychiatry, for abused and neglected children
Senior Children's Counselor/ Teacher
- 1978 St. Luke's Hospital Therapeutic Nursery,
Student Teacher
- 1977-1978 Center for Preventative Psychiatry, Cornerstone Therapeutic Nursery, Teaching Intern
- 1976-1977 Harlem Hospital Therapeutic Nursery, Department of Child Psychiatry, Sheltering Arms Day Care Center,
Group Teacher
- 1975 Catholic Charities, Frank Alessi Child Care Center,
Group Teacher
- 1974-1975 The Walden School; Public School 9, Manhattan; Bank Street College Laboratory School,
Student Teacher
- 1973-1974 Columbia University, The Bean Bag Day Care Center, parent-cooperative child care center
Assistant Teacher

II. Research and Scholarly Activities

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Resilience: Through the Eyes of Children – in progress, written in collaboration with teachers from Belgium, Japan, Australia, the U.K. and the U.S., in progress

Everyday Love: The Story of the Slattery Center, An Early Childhood Lab School – in progress, expected 2013

Articles in National Refereed Journals

Childhood Education – Association for Childhood Education International's Journal; co-author of articles "*Advocacy in Action: Perspectives from the United Nations*," from 1997-2002; author of articles "*Advocacy in Action*," 2005- 2009, 2012-present (three articles per year, for a total of 27 articles)

Brown, N. (2005) *Moments of Grace: School as a Spiritual Community*. Journal of Innovative Education. Early Childhood International Schools,6-8.

Other Publications

Brown, N. (2002) *The Power of Play*. UNICEF's Early Childhood Development Section, early childhood curriculum guidelines for the developing countries, for UNICEF's regional offices on the internet, 1-38.

Brown, N. (2002) *Pre-Millennium Forum Conference: The Global Partnership for Children and Adolescents*, Conference report. Working Group on Education of the NGO Committee on UNICEF, 1-46.

Brown, N., Bailey, J. and The College of New Rochelle Community (2002). *Middle States Self Study*, 1-200.

Brown, N. (2000). *Report on Dakar Education for All Conferences: The International Consultation for NGOs on Education for All, and The World Education Forum in Dakar*. NGO Committee on UNICEF and the Working Group on Education, 1-8.

Brown, N., UNICEF and the NGO Working Group on the Rights of the Child of the NGO Committee on UNICEF (2000). *Advancing the Dissemination of Reports on the Implementation of Children's Rights at the Country Level*.

Brown, N. (1999). *Working Paper on Global Issues and Trends in Education*. International Symposium on Early Childhood Education and Care for the 21st Century. Association for Childhood Education International and the World Early Childhood Organization.

Brown, N. and High Scope Research Team (1991). *Follow Up Study of High Scope Teacher Training Program*. The High Scope Foundation.

Brown, N. (1988). *An Exploration of the Use of Children's Imagery in the Promotion of Health: An Interdisciplinary Study*. Doctoral Dissertation: Teacher's College, Columbia University.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

“Early Childhood Interfaith Dialogue Project”, in collaboration with Dr. Rose Gatens, submitted to IRB at Florida Atlantic University, 2013

“Scientific Thinking in Young Children: A Developmental Approach”, an IES grant being written in collaboration with Mrs. Lydia Bartram and Dr. Nancy Romance

PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Presentations

“Music Education and Brain Development”, in collaboration with an experiential Performance with Aaron Kula, at PBC Early Childhood Conference, 2010

“Helping Children Cope Effectively with Change, (keynote)” “The Power of Play,” “Teaching about Children’s Rights Through the Arts,” “Multicultural Issues in Early Childhood Education”; The Early Childhood International Schools Conference, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2003

International Presentations

“Education and Disarmament”, United Nations Department of Public Information Conference on Disarmament, Mexico City, Mexico, 2010

“The role of educators in the proposed U.N. Women’s Initiative”, General Assembly, The United Nations, 2007

“Campaign for U.S. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child,” Association for Childhood Education International, Annual Conference, Tampa, Florida, 2007

“Building Resilience through the Arts,” International Congress for School Effectiveness and Improvement, Ft Lauderdale, Florida 2006

“Resilience: Through the Eyes of Children,” World Early Childhood Organization; Australia, 2004

“New Directions and Possibilities for NGO/UNICEF Partnerships”; UNICEF Global NGO Network Conference, 2003

“Current Issues for the U.S. National Committee of OMEP,” OMEP World Congress, Durban, South Africa, 2002

“The U.N. Special Session on Children: Contributions to the Document, A World Fit for Children,” “The Educational Needs of Refugee Children,” ACEI Annual Conference, 2001

“The Dakar Framework for Action: NGO Participation”; Pre-Millennium Forum Conference, UNICEF, 2000

“Perspectives from the U.N.: The Education of Girls Around the World,” ACEI Annual Conference, 2000

“Human Rights Education: Daring to Make a Difference,” “New Initiatives from UNICEF in Early Childhood Care and Development,” ACEI Annual Conference, 1999

“Supporting Children’s Rights Through Multicultural and Inclusive Teacher Education: A Symposium; The Impact of Culture in the Education of Young Children with Special Needs,” OMEP World Congress, Denmark, 1998

“Mentoring the Professional Community”; “Child Advocacy Update from the United Nations”; ACEI Annual Conference, 1998

National Presentations

“Strategic Philanthropy in Early Childhood”, co-presenter, Association for Small Foundations Conference, Duke University, 2009

“Rights from the Start” NAEYC Annual Conference, 2002

“Issues in Higher Education for the 90’s: Academic Advisement and Mentoring”; National Conference, Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), 1996

“Helping Teachers Cope Effectively with Pediatric AIDS”; NAEYC Annual Conference, 1994

“Multi-cultural Values and Health Care Services”; ACCH; Annual Conference, 1983

State and Local Presentations

“Roundtable on Early Childhood Education” (Leader), at Leadership Palm Beach, 2011

“Early Childhood Education: A Guide for Parents”, panelist in a public television show, representing FAU, for channel 2 PBS, 2011

“Peace and Disarmament” at FAU Peace Week, 2010

“Cognition and Creativity” and “The Commercialization of Childhood” (co-presented), the “ABCs of Brain Power” Conference, PBC, 2010

“International Human Rights and Disarmament”, CCEI Department Graduate Colloquium at FAU, 2010

“The Creative Arts and Culture in Early Childhood” and “Bookmaking Workshop”, Palm Beach County ECE Conference, 2010

“Dual Language Learning in Early Childhood Curriculum”, full day training, Palm Beach County Head Start, 2009

“The Convention on the Rights of the Child”, Florida Virtual High School, 2009

“Early Childhood Education: New Directions,” Phi Delta Kappa, Florida 2005

“Children, Human Rights, and the Media,” The College of New Rochelle, 2000

“The Education of Refugee Children: Focus on Kosovo,” The College of New Rochelle, 1999

“UNICEF’s Agenda for Action, and the Global need for Leadership in Education”; Global Education Association, 1997

Alternative to Aggression: Creative Expressive Arts”; New York State Council for Exceptional Children (NYSCEC), 1997

“The Convention on the Rights of the Child”; Westchester Association for Education of Young Children (WAEYC), 1997

“The Role of the Teacher”; Journey of Reggio Emilio Conference; New Rochelle, 1995

“Creative Arts Activities to Foster Inclusion with Preschool Children”; New York State Department of Social Services, 1994

“Alternative Assessment Through Art Portfolios”; SUNY Early Childhood Institute, 1993

“Art as a Therapeutic Experience for Special Needs Children”; New York City Art Teachers Association, 1986

“Therapeutic Nursery Models for Early Intervention”; Early Childhood Education Council, 1982

GRANTS

“The Culture of Peace”, a collaborative grant to promote peace education in Collaboration with the UNESCO Chair for Peace Studies at the University of Florence, Italy and the Children’s Museum of Boca Raton; the grant is formulated and funding is currently being explored; The Children’s Museum of Boca Raton is the PI

“Concerts for Kids”, a series of live concerts and learning experiences for young children, their families, and their teachers; in collaboration with Aaron Kula, the Children’s Museum of Boca Raton, Florence Fuller Child Development Centers and PNC Bank. (Children’s Museum is the PI), currently in progress

“Full STEAM Ahead” grant, in collaboration with Family Central, for teaching STEM subjects through the arts in early childhood education, funded for \$180,000. (Family Central is the PI) More funding is being sought for this project

Early Childhood Master’s Degree Scholarships, donated after a presentation at the FAU University Club, \$20,000., fully funded

“Ready to Learn” federal children’s television grant, submitted in collaboration with WXEL public television network, 2010, not funded

Early Learning First Grant: Professional Development, written with Dr. Janet Towell, a collaborative PBC grant, 2010, not funded

Lattner Family Foundation Gift: Early Childhood Teacher Advocacy Project, \$50,000. , 2009 – fully funded

Toppel Family Foundation Gift: Early Childhood Research Institute; Founding Director; 3 million dollars, 2007 (gift repurposed in 2011 for early childhood doctoral scholarships, and partially fulfilled at 1 million)

Toppel Family Foundation, Jim Moran Foundation, Picower Foundation: Center for Early Childhood Education, Research and Community Partnerships; Community Development/ Child Development; Principal Investigator; \$250,000; 2005-2007

Cobb Family Foundation: Proposal for a conference on the Education of Immigrant, Migrant and Refugee Children; \$30,000. (submitted but not funded)

Children's Services Council: Proposal for a Transitional Counselor Position; \$40,000. (submitted but not funded, position was created separately)

III. Service

International Service

Consultant, The RENMEN Foundation, an orphanage in Haiti, fundraising at Christmastime with Slattery children and parents at FAU

Consultant, Growing with Books, a preschool library in Amman, Jordan, 2010-current

Board member, The US National Committee of the World Early Childhood Organization (OMEP), 2005-current

Member, Committee on Teaching About the United Nations, and conference moderator, 2005- current; and Florida event planning Chairperson

United Nations Main Representative, Association for Childhood Education International, 1997-2002, 2005-current

Co-Chair of the Working Group on Education, NGO Committee on UNICEF, including participation/ intervention in the U.N Special Session on Children, 1999-2002

Member, Working Group on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, including research on the dissemination of CRC country reports, 1997-2000

Member, Task Force on Restructuring the NGO Committee on UNICEF, 2002

Representative, NGO Committee on UNICEF, at NGO Forum and Education for All Conference in Dakar, Senegal, 2000

ACEI Representative and Participant, Annual United Nations Department of Public Information Conferences, 1997-current

Member of International Professional Organizations

- Association for Childhood Education International (ACEI)
- World Early Childhood Organization (OMEP)

- Hague Appeal for Peace

National Service

Advocacy Visit, to offices of Senators and Congressmen to advocate for The Toppel Institute, Slattery, and early childhood education, 2010

Member, Campaign for the U.S. Ratification of the Convention on the Rights of a Child, 2006-current

Member, Editorial Board, Journal of Early Childhood Teacher Education, 2008-current

External Tenure Reviewer, University of Pittsburgh, Department of Instruction and Learning, 2010

Member of National Professional Organizations

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Education (NAECTE)
American Association of University Women (AAUW)
Phi Delta Kappa, Columbia University Chapter

State Service

Member (elected), Florida Statewide Advisory Council on Early Care and Development, representing higher education, May 2012-current

Member, Florida's Statewide Early Childhood Professional Development Committee, 2007-2009

Member, Statewide ECE Assessment Committee, 2009

Member, Policy Matters Initiative: The Policy Group for Florida's Families and Children, 2006-2008

Member/ Attendee, Florida Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, 2006- 2007

Local Service

Member, The Children's Movement, Palm Beach County, 2010-current

Board Member and Grant Project Developer, The Children's Museum of Boca Raton, also serve on the Program Committee, 2010-current

Member, Dual Language Policy Committee, PBC Head Start, 2010

Trainer, Palm Beach County ECE Registry, 2008-current

Board Member and Staff Developer, Florence Fuller Child Development Centers, Boca Raton, 2008-current (extensive bi-monthly staff development)

Participant, Director's Academy Development Committee, with PBC Children's Services Council and Picower Foundation, 2008

Leader, Homeless and Foster Children Collaborative, 2008

Leader, PBC Head Start Impact Study Development Group, 2008

Member, Palm Beach County Professional Development Project, 2006-current

Member, United Nations Association of Broward County, 2005-2007

College of Education Service

Collaborator/ Faculty of a new educational experience for pediatric students from the College of Medicine to visit Slattery, learn about topics related to young children, and spend time in preschool classrooms with the children; collaboration with Dr. Mario Jacomino, faculty in the COM, 2011-current

Director of the Toppel Family Early Childhood Education Institute: conceptual plan and strategic plan development, building design and plan, fundraising and grant writing campaign, wrote the prospectus, website, and public relations information materials, led collaborative interdisciplinary faculty meetings, led the Toppel Institute Partnership Forum, led "Dinner and Dialogue" sessions for interdisciplinary early childhood doctoral students, 2005-2011

Curriculum Consultant, Board Member, and Staff Developer, Slattery Lab School, developing new training and residency program, Design observational tools and assessment procedures, collaboration with Assistant Dean and Slattery Director, mentor and guide teachers, designed and led training days for early childhood community teachers, coaches, and directors, 2005-current

Collaborator with the Sol Children's Theater, Boca Ballet, Boca Raton Art Museum, Tiny Toes, and the Klezmer Company Orchestra of FAU

Member, University-wide Lab School Research Committee, 2005- current

Member and Co-founder, University Interfaith Committee, 2009-2011

Leader, Student Advocacy Project trip to Tallahassee, Children's Week, 2009

Member, COE Distinguished Scholars Series Committee, contact and liaison for Mrs. Gillian Sorensen, from the U.N. Foundation, 2008

Member, search committee for new Slattery Director, 2008

Member, College of Education International Committee, 2006-2009

Member, Faculty Assembly, 2005-current

Department Service

Faculty leader/facilitator: led the approval process for the new Bachelor of Early Care and Education (BECE) degree, collaboratively developed and wrote the New Master's degree in Early Childhood Education, support the development of Early Childhood doctoral programs and courses, served on two doctoral committees, completed articulation agreements with Palm Beach State College and Broward State College for A.S. to BECE degrees 2005-current

Faulty Leader/ Collaborator: Developed the new Glades BECE sponsored program in collaboration with department chairs of CCEI and ESE, conducted participant survey and analyzed data, planned curriculum, attended information sessions

Faculty Outreach Leader, recruitment of early childhood students at professional conferences and community organization meetings

Faculty Leader : New Course Development, co-designed and co-taught "Teaching Diverse Students in Early Childhood Education", wrote new

special topics course, “ Supervision and Leadership in Early Childhood Education”, Early Childhood Directorship Certificate (in progress) and Jewish Early Childhood Education Certificate (in progress), new course “Islamic Early Childhood Education” (in progress), designed and taught new course “Creative Arts in Early Childhood Education”, designed and co-taught new course on “Bookmaking and Library Development in ECE”, directed independent studies on early childhood family literacy projects, and early childhood community engagement.

Chairperson, Early Family Literacy “Families with Families” Research and Curriculum Project, 2006-2008

Chairperson and Community Liaison, Committee on Teaching About the United Nations/ FAU College of Education collaborative Event Planning Committee, 2006-2008