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## **ACADEMIC BACKGROUND**

<b>Doctorate of Education</b>	05/2010
University of San Francisco, CA <i>Dissertation topic: Kindergarten Readiness</i>	
<b>California Teaching Credential Program</b>	05/1997
Dominican University, San Rafael, CA	
<b>Early Childhood Education Administrative Credential Program</b>	05/1994
College of Marin, Kentfield, CA	
<b>Masters of Dance/Movement Therapy</b>	05/1977
University of California, Los Angeles	
<b>Bachelor of Arts, with Distinction, Art History</b>	05/1974
University of Colorado, Boulder	

## **ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**Adjunct Faculty, School of Education, University of San Francisco, CA** 2010-present  
 Professor for Dual Degree Undergraduate Multiple Subject students in Learning Theory and Teaching

**Educational Consultant, Marin Country, CA** 2008-present

- Consult with individual families regarding school-related academic, emotional, and behavioral issues;
- Consult with families regarding their child's readiness for kindergarten, providing informal kindergarten readiness assessments, preschool observations, parent-teacher meetings, and IEPs;
- Consult with students ages 4-5 to prepare them in their kindergarten readiness skills and abilities;
- Consult as educational therapist/tutor with individual students grades K through 5 experiencing learning differences and/or challenges in reading, writing, and math; and self-regulation;
- Consult with individual students grades 6-12 on strengthening self-regulated learning strategies, effective study skills, and writing;
- Provide professional development to preschool and primary school teaching staff and families on kindergarten readiness, the transition from preschool to kindergarten, and emerging literacy.

**Kindergarten Readiness Director/Teacher, Marin County, CA** 2009-present

- Design all curriculum to support readiness for kindergarten with emphasis on all areas of early learning and development (social, emotional, early literacy, physical/motor, cognitive development, and approaches to learning);
- Provide kindergarten readiness curriculum to incoming kindergarten students (ages 4-5) during the winter, spring, and summer prior to their kindergarten entrance incorporating inquiry based learning in the natural environment

**Teacher, Kindergarten, Reed Union School District, Tiburon, CA** 1997-2011

- Served as Grade Level Coordinator, Mentor teacher, and provided Staff Development to teaching staff (K-2);

- Implemented innovative kindergarten language arts, math, science, social studies, and technology curriculum and lesson plans during each school year;
- Administered and evaluated formative and summative math and language arts assessments for entire kindergarten;
- Developed standards based kindergarten progress reports and language arts assessments;
- Consulted and coordinated services with school psychologist, special education staff, speech pathologist, and occupational therapist for specific students during student study team (SST) and individual evaluation plan (IEP) meetings;
- Piloted, evaluated and recommended science, social studies, language arts, and math state curriculum materials;
- Served as the kindergarten teacher/parent liaison at prospective parent orientations and kindergarten parent meetings;
- Interviewed and assisted in hiring of new primary school teachers;
- Collaborated and negotiated with parent body as a member of the School Site Council;
- Served as the school district's teacher representative and delegate on the district's strategic plan.

#### **Preschool Teacher**

1989-1996

#### **Belvedere Nursery School and Hawthorne Pre-Kindergarten, Belvedere, CA**

- Developed and implemented developmentally appropriate early childhood curriculum, activities, and materials for children ages 2 ½ to 5 years;
- Collaborated with staff in all areas of preschool education.

### **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

#### **Director, Belvedere-Tiburon Recreation Department, Tiburon, CA**

1981-1988

- Collaborated with Belvedere and Tiburon Town Managers, Reed Union School District Superintendent, Belvedere and Tiburon Police departments, and Belvedere-Tiburon Child Care Center Director to coordinate all programs, camps, activities, classes, and events, serving 2000 participants annually;
- Maintained all fiscal and operational management;
- Interviewed, hired, managed, trained, and supervised all administrative, camp, and recreational staff (65 teachers, counselors, and group leaders annually)
- Developed and implemented all recreation activities, including summer and holiday day camps for children ages 3-12, classes for adults, summer school (K-8), summer pre-kindergarten readiness, and after-school programs for school age children and teens
- Collaborated and participated in the development of the new Belvedere-Tiburon Library, Belvedere Community Center, and Belvedere-Tiburon Child Care Center

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- xxxxx N.L. (2013). *Kindergarten Readiness*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.
- Johnson, K., xxx N.L., & Niesyn, M. (2010) *The New Elementary Teacher's Handbook*, 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin Press.
- xxx N. L. (2002). *Cranberry Cooking for All Seasons*. New Bedford, MA: Spinner Publications.
- xxx N. L. (1994). *Ethnic Cooking the Microwave Way*. Minneapolis, MN: Lerner Publications.

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

- xxx N.L. (2015, March). *Learning through Play: Exploring the Five Senses through Scientific Inquiry*. A presentation at the annual conference of Sonoma County's Early Learners Conference, Sonoma, CA.

- xxx, N.L. (2014, August). *Developmentally Appropriate Curriculum*. Staff development for an international team of ninety-six teachers instructing 2-5 year olds, *Kinderstar*, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.
- xxx N.L. (2014, January). *The Transition to Kindergarten*. A presentation at the annual conference of the Marin Child Care Council, San Rafael, CA.
- xxx N.L. (2013, March). *The Transition to Kindergarten*. A presentation at the annual conference of the California Ass. For the Education of Young Children, San Jose.
- xxx, N.L. (2013, January). *Kindergarten Readiness*. A presentation at the annual PK1 conference of the California Kindergarten Association, Santa Clara, CA.
- xxx N.L. (2012, November) *Kindergarten Readiness*. A presentation at the annual conference of the National Ass. for the Education of Young Children, Atlanta, GA.
- xxx N.L. (2012, March). *Kindergarten Readiness: A Theoretical Model*. A presentation at the annual conference of the California Association for the Education of Young Children, San Diego, CA.
- xxx, N.L. (2012; 2011; 2010; 2009). *Kindergarten Readiness: What it is and what you can do to prepare your child*. A presentation to parents of entering kindergartners, Marin County, CA.
- XXX N.L. (2009, March). *Early Literacy in the Preschool Environment*. A training workshop for preschool and PreK teaching staff, Tiburon, CA.
- XXX N.L. (2008, August). *Self-regulated learning*. A training workshop for primary school teachers and specialists, Reed School, Tiburon, CA.
- XXX N.L. (2008, April). *Early literacy in the preschool environment*. Presentation for Graduate Student Association Research Symposium, University of San Francisco, CA.
- XXX N.L. (2007, November). *Shared reading strategies in the primary classroom*. A Professional development presentation for instructional aides and teachers, Reed School, Tiburon, CA.
- XXX N. L. (2007, June). *Developing literacy*. A training workshop for kindergarten instructors, Reed School, Tiburon, CA.
- XXX, N. L. (2007, March). *Neuroscience and cognition*. Presentation for teaching staff, Reed School, Tiburon, CA.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/MEMBERSHIP**

- President of the Board, California Kindergarten Association
- American Educational Research Association
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development
- Educators in Private Practice, Marin County, CA
- California Teachers Association
- California Association for the Education of Young Children
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Marin Association for the Education of Young Children
- Phi Delta Kappa International

## **CREDENTIALS**

- California Multiple Subject Teaching Credential/CLAD
- California Early Childhood Education Administrative Credential
- California Community College Instructor Credential

**AWARDS/GRANTS**

- Allen & Dorothy Calvin Doctoral Dissertation Award, University of San Francisco 2010
- Outstanding Doctoral Student Award, University of San Francisco 2010
- National Merit Scholar, University of San Francisco 2008-2009
- Reed Union School District PTA matching scholarship grant, Marin County, CA 2006
- California PTA Scholarship Grant 2005
- Golden Bell Award for Excellence in Teaching, Marin County 2002

**SERVICE TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

- Concerts in the Park Committee, member, Belvedere, CA.
- Belvedere-Tiburon Library, CA, children's reading room development
- Guide Dogs for the Blind, San Rafael, CA.

**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Field of Early Childhood Education: Early Learning Standards; Kindergarten Readiness
- Field of Literacy: Emergent and Early literacy Development
- Field of Educational Psychology: Self-regulated Learning Strategies