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## **EDUCATION**

Columbia University School of Social Work • LMSW, 1994

Recipient of 1994 Dean's Award for Academic and Practice Excellence

Cornell University • BA in English / Creative Writing, 1988

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### Books

*Autism Spectrum Disorder in the Inclusive Classroom: How to Reach and Teach Students with ASD*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (Scholastic 2016)

*Autism Spectrum Disorders in the Mainstream Classroom: How to Reach and Teach Students with ASDs*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition (Scholastic 2011)

### Articles

“Building Bridges Across the Autism Spectrum” (*ASCD Educational Leadership*, Sept. 2017)

“Inclusive Education: Lessons from History” (*ASCD Educational Leadership*, April 2017)

“Autism Spectrum Disorder Today: Life, Literacy, and the Pursuit of Content” (*NYSRA Language & Literacy Spectrum*, Summer 2016)

“Common Core Meets Uncommon Kids” (*Principal Magazine*, NAESP, 2015)

“Autism Spectrum Meets Common Core...Somewhere Over the Rainbow” (*Autism Notebook*, 2013)

“Impact” (*Westchester Family Magazine*, 2011; *Western New York Family Magazine*, 2010; *Autism News of Orange County and the Rest of the World*, 2008)

## **EMPLOYMENT**

Scholastic Author / Speaker / Autism Spectrum Education Specialist 2007–present

Keynote and featured speaker at national educator conferences. Presently serving as professional development provider to school districts seeking to integrate students on the autism spectrum into mainstream classrooms. Services include: teacher-trainings, classroom consultations, on-line teacher coaching, facility assessments, parent/caregiver workshops, and in-home support.

Director of Admissions December 1998–March 2001  
The Hallen School New Rochelle, NY

Served as Director of Admissions at a non-public special education school for three-hundred children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, emotional disturbances, and/or learning disabilities. Participated as member of top-level administration of the school. Managed all stages of the admission and placement process: screened thousands of admission applications annually; reviewed evaluations to determine each candidate's potential for success at the school; conducted family interviews and intake meetings; assigned class placements. Facilitated weekly psychiatric meetings with the therapy team. Served as Discharge Coordinator for graduating students.

**EMPLOYMENT** cont'd.

Psychotherapist / Play Therapist July 1996–December 1998  
 The Hallen School September 2006—August 2007

Provided ongoing individual and group therapy for children, adolescents, and families, intervened in clinical crisis situations. Collaborated with faculty and administrators to implement the TEACCH program for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Assessed and referred children for psychiatric consultation or hospitalization, residential placement, ACS intervention, and other services as needed. Served as a certified instructor in Non-violent Physical Crisis Intervention, training fellow staff members and faculty in the crisis prevention/intervention.

Clinical Social Worker / Pre-School Consultant October 1994–May 1996  
 The Guidance Center Mamaroneck, NY

Provided psychotherapy for children, adolescents, and families at an outpatient community mental health clinic. Primary clients ranged in age from three to eighteen. Consulted weekly at a Head Start program and at a universal pre-kindergarten.

Child Psychotherapist / Family Worker (Intern) September 1993–May 1994  
 Jewish Board of Family and Children’s Services, Child Development Center New York, NY

Served as member of an interdisciplinary team at a therapeutic nursery school, focusing primarily on children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Provided individual play therapy, family and marital counseling, and parent/child therapy. Managed intake evaluation process, including advocacy at Board of Education C.P.S.E. reviews. Presented client progress summaries to team at psychiatric conferences.

Adult Counselor / Teen Group Worker (Intern) September 1992–May 1993  
 AHRC (formerly: “Association for the Help of Retarded Children”) New York, NY

Provided counseling and job coaching to developmentally disabled adults employed in supported work in the community. Presented a remedial occupational training program to “marginally functioning,” inner-city adolescents. Conducted needs-assessment to create and facilitate sex/socialization groups and loss support groups. Assisted clients in benefit application and follow-through, legal settlements, travel-training, and supported living.

Freelance Editor / Assistant Editor June 1991–May 1992 / January 1989–June 1991  
 Dutton Children’s Books, Penguin USA New York, NY

Wrote copy for children’s book jackets and for a wide variety of promotional materials and presentations, including catalogs, press releases, and brochures. Edited picture books and young adult novels, providing direction to authors and illustrators. Collaborated in development of a unique and successful series of books for “reluctant readers,” based on research in child development and reading-skill acquisition. Evaluated manuscripts for publication and negotiated contracts with authors, illustrators, agents.

**AFFILIATIONS**

Committee on Special Education, Parent Representative, Pelham, NY	2003–present
National Association of Social Workers, member	1994–present
Pelham Children’s Center, Member, Board of Directors	2006–2009
Special Education Parent-Teacher Association, Member, Board of Directors	2004–2007

## **KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

### **2017**

- ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) Conference on Teaching Excellence; Denver, CO
- ILA (International Literacy Association) Annual Conference; Orlando, FL
- National Principals' Conference; Philadelphia, PA
- NSBA (National School Boards Association), Annual Conference; Denver, CO
- ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) Empower 17 Conference; Anaheim, CA
- Bayonne Head Start Center; Bayonne, NJ
- North Star School District: Keynote & Breakout PD Speaker; Boswell, PA
- WAEYC (Westchester Association for the Education of Young Children); Pelham, NY  
Rockland Reading Council; Sparkill, NY

### **2016**

- ASCD Conference on Educational Leadership, Featured Speaker; National Harbor, MD
- NYSSBA (NYS School Boards Assoc.) Annual Conference Featured Speaker; Buffalo, NY
- Brookville Center for Children's Services; Westbury, NY
- KSRA (Keystone State Reading Association) Annual Conference; Seven Springs, PA
- Rockland Literacy Professionals Conference; Sparkill, NY
- The Children's School for Early Development; Hawthorne, NY
- Cabot School District, Keynote and Breakout Sessions; Cabot, AR
- ILA Annual Conference; Boston, MA
- NAESP (National Assoc. of Elementary School Principals) Annual Conference; National Harbor, MD
- Icahn Charter Schools, Keynote and Breakout Session; NYC, NY
- NSBA; Boston, MA
- NYSAEYC (New York State Assoc. for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference, Rye Brook, NY
- NYSCoSS (NYS Council of School Superintendents) Annual Conference; Albany, NY
- NYTPS (NY Therapy Placement Services) Professional Development; Queens, NY
- WAEYC Professional Development Workshop; Harrison, NY

### **2015**

- NYSAEYC (NYS Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference; Verona, NY
- WAEYC Professional Development Workshop; Larchmont, NY
- Torrington School District, Keynote and evening Parent Session; Torrington, CT
- NYSRA (New York State Reading Assoc.) Annual Conference; Saratoga, NY
- NJAEYC (New Jersey Association for the Education of Young Children) Annual Conference; East Rutherford, NJ
- Schuyler Head Start Center, Professional Development for General Educators and Building Staff; Montour Falls, NY
- WAEYC Annual Conference; Dobbs Ferry, NY
- Pinellas County Schools Keynote and Breakout Speaker for Summer Professional Development Institute; St. Petersburg, FL
- ILA Annual Conference; St. Louis, MO
- NAESP Annual Conference Speaker; Long Beach, CA
- Adelbrook Behavioral & Developmental Services Annual Symposium Keynote; Cromwell, CT

- SoMIRAC (State of Maryland Int'l. Reading Assoc. Council) Annual Conference Speaker; Baltimore, MD
- Pelham School District, Professional Development for Special-Area Teachers; Pelham, NY
- Rockland Reading Council, St. Thomas Aquinas College, Guest Speaker; Sparkill, NY

#### **2014**

- NYSRA Annual Conference Featured Speaker; Syracuse, NY
- Middletown School District 15-hr. Professional Development Course and Para Session; Middletown, NY
- CT Reading (Connecticut Reading Association) Annual Conference Speaker; Cromwell, CT
- KSRA Annual Conference Speaker; State College PA
- WAEYC Annual Conference Speaker; Dobbs Ferry, NY
- Rockland Literacy Extravaganza Featured Speaker; Sparkill, NY
- North Bellmore School District 15-hr. Professional Development Course; Bellmore, NY
- The Light House Annual Autism Education Conference, Keynote; Groton, CT
- Milford Schools Professional Development Keynote & Parent Evening Speaker; Milford, DE
- ASCD Annual Conference, Speaker; Los Angeles, CA

#### **2013**

- NYSRA Annual Conference Speaker; Albany, NY
- ILA Annual Conference Speaker, San Antonio, TX; 2013
- Rockland Literacy Extravaganza Speaker; Sparkill, NY
- ASCD Annual Conference Speaker; Chicago, IL
- Warren County School District Professional Development Day, Keynote; Warren, PA

#### **2012**

- ILA Annual Conference Speaker; Chicago, IL
- Rockland Literacy Extravaganza Speaker; Sparkill, NY
- ASCD Annual Conference Speaker; Philadelphia, PA
- Bronxville School District Professional Development; Bronxville NY
- Pelham Public Library Author Talk; Pelham, NY
- ASCD Summer Conference Speaker; St. Louis, MO

#### **2011**

- NYSRA Annual Conference Speaker; White Plains, NY
- Yeshiva University / Einstein College of Medicine Guest Speaker; Bronx, NY
- Scholastic Teacher Store, Teacher Appreciation Week Speaker; New York, NY
- The Voracious Reader, Educators' Evening, Author Talk; Larchmont, NY
- Bank Street College of Education Guest Speaker; New York, NY