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Education: 1989
Ed.D.
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming
Curriculum and Instruction
Areas of Elementary & Early Childhood Education

1987
M.Ed.
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming
Curriculum and Instruction
Areas of Elementary & Early Childhood Education

1978
B.A.
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming
Elementary Education
Special Area in Reading

1984
Eastern Montana College, Billings, Montana
Graduate Courses

1974
Black Hills State College, Spearfish, South Dakota
General Education Courses

Work Experience: 2003-present
University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado
Associate Professor
Teaching: Elementary Education

1996-2002
University of Wyoming/Casper College Center, Casper, Wyoming
Director
Teaching, Administration: Education Program

1991-2003
University of Wyoming, Casper, Wyoming
Associate Professor
Teaching: Elementary & Early Childhood Education

1990-1991
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming
Instructor
Teaching: Elementary & Early Childhood Education

1989-1989
Mesa State College, Grand Junction, Colorado
Instructor
Teaching: Elementary Education

1989-1989
University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming
Home Educator
Child Care & After School Program

1989-1989
Albany County School District #1, Laramie, Wyoming
Artists in Residence
Resident Potter

1980-1981
Garfield Elementary School, Billings, Montana
Teacher
Teaching: First Grade

1979-1980
Taft Elementary School, Billings, Montana
Teacher
Teaching: First Grade

1978-1979
Hanna Elementary School, Hanna, Wyoming
Teacher
Teaching: Second Grade

1975-1977
Whiting Elementary School, Laramie, Wyoming
Reading Aide, First Grade

1975-1975
Slade Elementary School, Laramie, Wyoming
Reading Aide, Second Grade

**Areas of
Specialization:**

Early Childhood, Social Studies, Diversity and Social Justice, and Play

**Research Areas/
Interests:**

Early Childhood, Social Studies, Diversity and Social Justice, and Play

Publications:

Juried:

Books:

Thompson, S., and Williams, K. *Telling Stories Through Photo Essays*.
Thousand Oakes, California: Corwin Press, in press 2008.

Thompson, S., Thompson, K., and Lopez, L. *Mayan Tales*. Englewood,
Colorado: Libraries Unlimited/Heinemann, 2007.

Thompson, S. *Children as Illustrators: Learning Through Oral Language,
Writing and Art*. Washington, DC: National Association for the
Education of Young Children, 2005.

Thompson, S., and Thompson, K. *Gabriela's Beautiful Carpet*. Guatemala:
VISTA Publications, 2003.

Thompson, S. *Celebrating the World of Work: Interviews and Activities*.
Englewood, Colorado: Libraries Unlimited / Heinemann, 2001.

Thompson, S. *Folk Art Tells a Story*. Englewood, Colorado: Libraries
Unlimited / Heinemann, 1998.

Reviews of my book, *Folk Art Tells a Story*. *School Library Media Activities
Monthly, Library Talk, and School Arts*, publications, 1998. Also
recommended by they State of Vermont Department of Libraries,
1999, and the New Jersey Education Association, 2000. Book was
recommended and highly recommended by all reviewers.

Thompson, S. *James Joe: Story of a Navajo Medicine Man*. Billings,
Montana: Council of Indian Education, 1997 (refereed).

Thompson, S. *Elephants are Wrinkly*. Glenview, Illinois: Simon and Schuster
/ HarperCollins Publishers, 1996 (refereed).

Thompson, S. *Natural Materials*. Glenview, Illinois: Scott, Foresman and
Company, 1993 (refereed).

Thompson, S. *Hooray for Clay!* Glenview, Illinois: Scott, Foresman and
Company, 1989.

Articles:

- Thompson, S. "Appreciating Diversity through Children's Stories and Language Development," *Early Childhood Research and Practice*, Spring 2008, Vol. 10 (1).
- Thompson, S., and Williams, K. "Photo Essays: Using Photographs to Tell a Story". *Social Studies and the Young Learner*, January/February, 2008, Vol. 20(3).
- Silverman, F., Fertig, G., Harding-Dekam, J., and Thompson, S. "Advancing Equity and High Quality Mathematics Education with Actions Drawn from Ethnomathematics". *Noticias de Todos: Mathematics for All*, Fall 2007, Vol. 3(2).
- Thompson, S., and Smith-D'Arezzo, W. "War: Interpretations through Children's Literature". *Social Studies Review*, Fall/Winter, 2007, Vol 47(8).
- Silverman, F., Fertig, G., Harding-Dekam, J., and Thompson, S. "Actions for Productive Citizenship and a Better World Through Inclusive Teaching and Learning of Mathematics". *The Colorado Mathematics Teacher*, Spring, 2007, Vol. 40(1).
- Kambutu, J., and Thompson, S. "Exploring Processes that Help Adult Learners Become Culturally Responsive." *Mountain Plains Adult Education Association Journal of Adult Education*, Fall, 2005, Vol. XXXIV(2), (actual publication distribution January 2006).
- Smith-D'Arezzo, W., and Thompson, S., "Topics of Stress and Abuse in Picture Books for Children". *Children's Literature in Education: Art International Quarterly*, Dec., 2006, Vol. 37(4).
- Thompson, S. and Smith, W. "Teacher Education: Preparing Pre-Service Teachers to Help Children Who Live with Violence". *Journal of the National Institute of Family Violence and Sexual Assault*, Summer 2004, Vol. 20(2), pp 9-13.
- Thompson, S., Wilson, D., and Knudson, P. "Recess Play". *Young Children*, September 1997, Vol. 56(6), pp 17-21.
- Thompson, S. and Thompson, K. "Volcanoes in the Classroom – An Explosive Learning Experience". *Science and Children*, March, 1996, Vol. 33(6), pp 16-19, 44.
- Thompson, S. "Designing Science Environments". *Science and Children*, 1993, Vol. 30(8), pp 16-18.
- Thompson, S. "It's Spud-Tacular!" *Science and Children*, October, 1987, Vol. 25(2), pp 18-21.
- Thompson, S. "Beyond Pots – Great Things to Do with Clay". *Learning Magazine*, February, 1987, Vol. 15(6), pp 54-55.
- Thompson, S. "Who Goes There?" *Science and Children*, May, 1986, Vol. 23(8), pp 20-21.

Non-Juried:

Books and Reviews of Published Books:

Thompson, S., and Thompson, K. *Gabriela's Beautiful Carpet*. Guatemala: VISTA Publications, 2003.

Thompson, S. *Celebrating the World of Work: Interviews and Activities*. Englewood, Colorado: Libraries Unlimited / Heinemann, 2001.

Reviews of my book, *Celebrating the World of Work*. Recommended by *Curriculum Review and Home Schooling Journal*, 2001.

Thompson, S. *Folk Art Tells a Story*. Englewood, Colorado: Libraries Unlimited / Heinemann, 1998.

Reviews of my book, *Folk Art Tells a Story*. *School Library Media Activities Monthly*, *Library Talk*, and *School Arts*, publications, 1998. Also recommended by the State of Vermont Department of Libraries, 1999, and the New Jersey Education Association, 2000. Book was recommended and highly recommended by all reviewers.

Arts and Activities, 1993, review of my book, *Natural Materials*. Book was recommended by reviewers.

Book Chapters:

Thompson, S. "Gardens". *The Giant Encyclopedia of Science Activities for Children 3 to 6*. Bettsville, Maryland: Gryphon House, 1998.

Thompson, S. "There Are Four Seasons". *The Giant Encyclopedia of Science Activities for Children 3 to 6*. Bettsville, Maryland: Gryphon House, 1996

Thompson, S. "It's A Carrot Seed". *The Giant Encyclopedia of Science Activities for Children 3 to 6*. Bettsville, Maryland: Gryphon House, 1996.

Thompson, S. "Appreciating Second Language Development." Publication in process with Beth Franklin, 2006.

Articles:

Thompson, S. "Children as Illustrators". *University of Northern Colorado College of Education Newsletter*, 2007.

Thompson, S. "International Project". *Wiretap: Newsletter of the Wyoming State Reading Council*, November, 2001.

Thompson, S., and VanHouten, C. "To Guatemala with Love". *The Voice: Speaking Out for Wyoming's Children*, August/September, 2001.

Thompson, S. "Memorials and Monuments". *Arts and Activities*, March, 1997, Vol. 121, No. 4, pp 36-37.

Thompson, S. "Stamps". *Arts and Activities*, October, 1995, Vol. 118(2), pp 51-55.

Thompson, S. "Mapping with Yarn". *Arts and Activities*, December, 1994, Vol. 116(4), pp 30-31.

Thompson, S. Contributing Writer for *National Early Childhood Publication, Teacher Update*, 1998.

Thompson, S. "Time to Rhyme". *Instructor*, 1987 (accepted but never published).

Reviews:

Morning Comes Quickly. Written for the *Journal of the National Institute of Family Violence and Sexual Assault*, Winter 2005, Vol. 21(4), p 29-30 (actual date of publication January, 2006).

Where's Skeeter. Written for the *Journal of the National Institute of Family Violence and Sexual Assault*, Summer/Fall 2006, Vol. 21(2/3), p 59.

Little Chicago. Written for the *Journal of the National Institute of Family Violence and Sexual Assault*, Winter 2005, Vol. 21(4).

Charred Soul: Recreational Child Abuse. Written for the *Journal of the National Institute of Family Violence and Sexual Assault*, Spring 2004, Vol. 20(1), p 26.

Children's Perspectives on Domestic Violence. Written for the *Journal of the National Institute of Family Violence and Sexual Assault*, Winter 2004, Vol. 20(4), pp 30-31.

Professional Presentations:

Juried:

Papers/Professional Poster Sessions:

2007, "Bullying: Interpretations from Children's Literature." Paper and poster presented at the International Conference of Violence, Trauma, and Abuse, San Diego, California.

2006, "War: Interpretations from Children's Literature." Paper and poster presented at the International Conference of Violence, Trauma, and Abuse, San Diego, California.

1993, "Helping Children with Recess Play". Paper presented at the NRMERA Research Conference, Jackson, Wyoming.

1993, "An Investigation of Shared Responsibility in Learning". Poster presentation with Sue Jorgensen at the NRMERA Research Conference, Custer, South Dakota.

1992. "Factors Affecting the Confidence and Competence of Special Education Practicum Students". Poster presentation with D.J. Yocom and Ace Cossairt, NRMERA Research Conference, Custer, South Dakota.

1991. "Confidence, Competence, and Enthusiasm in Practicum Students in Regular and Special Education Classrooms". Poster presentation with D.J. Yocom and Ace Cossairt at the NRMERA Research Conference, Jackson, Wyoming.

Workshops, Symposia, Conferences:

2006. "Actions for Productive Citizenship and a Better World through Inclusive Teaching and Learning of Mathematics." Presented with

- Rick Silverman, Jenni Harding-Dekam, and Gary Fertig at the Colorado Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
2005. "Social, Educational and Emotional Implications of Adoption". Presented at the International Conference for Violence, Abuse and Trauma, San Diego, California
2005. "People and Their Jobs". Presented at the Denver Regional Council of Social Studies Conference, Denver, Colorado.
2005. "Helping Children Illustrate Their Stories and Poems". Participant, Presentation for CCIRA Conference on Literacy, Denver, Colorado.
2004. "Using Children's Literature to Discuss Child Abuse in Elementary Classrooms". Presented with Wendy Smith at the International Conference of Family Violence, San Diego, California.
2003. "Child Abuse and Family Violence in Wyoming". Presented with Wendy Smith at the International Conference of Family Violence, San Diego, California.
2002. "Victims' Voices: A Humanities Program". Presented with Wendy Smith at the International Conference of Family Violence, San Diego, California.
2002. "Children and Families in Guatemala". Presented for "Teaching Talks" program, University of Wyoming, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "The Power of Play". Presented with Casper College educator Joan Bangen at Casper College Humanities Festival, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "Preventing Child Abuse". Presented at Candlelight Vigil, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "Eliminating the Occurrence and Recurrence of Child Abuse and Neglect". Presented with Wendy Smith at the International Conference of Family Violence, San Diego, California.
2000. "Designing Exciting Learning Environments for Young Children". Presented with students Erin Anderson, Deyonne Robinson, and Jason Oland. Presented at the Wyoming Early Childhood Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Science for Young Children". Presented to Casper Early Childhood Association, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Journal Publications". Assisted *Young Children* editor Polly Greenberg in two sessions at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Toronto, 1998; New Orleans, Louisiana.
1998. "Sarah Will Not Wave a Red Flag". Presented at the Wyoming Early Childhood Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
1998. "Collaboration: Teacher Education and Professional Development". Presented with Joan Bangen at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Toronto.
1997. "The Residency Semester". Presented with the University of Wyoming Casper faculty and Natrona County educators at Wyoming School-University Partnership Annual Fall Conference.
1994. "Engaging Children's Minds". Presented with classroom teacher Kathy Swingle and fourth grade student Martha Jorgensen at the Wyoming Early Childhood Conference, Casper, Wyoming.

1994. "Helping Children with Recess Play." Presented with classroom teaches Paula Knudson and Darlene Wilson at the Natrona County Child-Centered Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
1993. "Natural Materials and Creative Activities for Children." Presented at the Laramie Early Childhood Association Conference, Laramie, Wyoming.
1993. "Recess Play". Presented with classroom teachers Darlene Wilson and Paula Knudson at the Wyoming Early Childhood Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
1992. "Triumphs and Trials of an Application Research Project on Confidence, Competence, and Enthusiasm in Practicum and Intern Students". Presented with D.J. Yocom and Ace Cossairt at the NRMERA Research Conference, Custer, South Dakota.
1992. "Children's Literature and Art". Presented at the Wyoming Early Childhood Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
1991. "What Can We Learn from Natural Materials?" Presented at the Wyoming Early Childhood Conference, Casper, Wyoming. 1991. "Clay Pots." Presented to first and third graders, Garfield Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1991. "A Study of Students in Practicum Experiences: A Partnership Approach to Building Competence and Confidence." Presented at the College of Education Research Colloquium, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.
1991. "Creative Opportunities with Natural Materials". Presented at the Wyoming State Reading Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
1988. "Hooray for Clay!" Presented at the Wyoming Early Childhood Conference, Casper, Wyoming.

Non-Juried

Papers/Professional Poster Sessions:

- 2000, "University of Wyoming Casper Education Program". Poster session for NCATE and PTSB, Laramie, Wyoming.

Workshops, Symposia, Conferences:

2004. "Helping Children in Guatemala". Presentation given for PEO Group, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- 2002-2003. "Child Abuse and Domestic Violence". Presentation with peers given to citizen groups across Wyoming, Spring and Summer.
2002. "Teacher Education is Not Making Paper Wreaths". Presentation given during University of Wyoming Casper faculty retreat, Casper, Wyoming.
2002. "Making the World a Better Place for Children". Keynote Speaker for Wyoming Early Childhood Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
2002. Guest author at Zonta Literacy Days, Laramie, Wyoming.
2002. "Guatemala". Presented to children at Woods Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.

2002. "Guatemala". Presentation given at Casper College Cultural Dinner, Casper, Wyoming.
2002. "Children and Poverty". Presentation given to TEAAM [Together Encouraging an Awareness and Appreciation of Multiculturalism, diversity organization], Casper, Wyoming.
2002. "Children and Families in Guatemala". Presentation given at the Wyoming Reading Association Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
2002. "Children and Families in Guatemala." Presented to elementary children at Woods Learning Center, Casper, Wyoming.
2002. "Advocates for Children". Featured Speaker at University of Wyoming Casper Education Graduation, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "Introducing Young Children to Folk Art!" Presented to Casper Community Early Childhood Association, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "Having a Positive Impact on Children's Lives". Featured speaker at University of Wyoming Casper Education Graduation, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "Houses – A Global Approach". Presented two sessions at Evansville Elementary School's Young Authors' Day, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "Houses – A Global Approach." Presented to elementary children at Evansville Young Author's Day, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "Helping Children Illustrate Their Stories and Poems". Focus presentation given at Wyoming Early Childhood Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "Ethics in Education: Putting Children First". Presented as part of Humanities Series at the Nicolaysen Museum, Casper, Wyoming.
2001. "Research and Teaching". Presented at Teaching Colloquium, Casper, Wyoming.
2000. "Wyoming Teacher of the Year". Organized 1999 National Teacher of the Year Celebration with Andy Baumgartner, Casper, Wyoming.
2000. "Writing and Illustrating Children's Books". Presented at Verda James Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
2000. "Research and Teaching". Presented at the University of Wyoming College of Education, Laramie, Wyoming.
2000. "Helping Children that are At-Risk". Presented with Wendy Smith at Natrona County Protection Board Education Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
2000. "Guatemala Project". Poster session for NCATE and PTSB, Laramie, Wyoming.
2000. "Exciting Science for Young Children". Presented to Casper Early Childhood Association, STARS Program, Casper, Wyoming.
2000. "Becoming a Partner in Teaching and Learning". Presented at Manor Heights Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Teaching and Learning". Featured Speaker at University of Wyoming Casper Graduation, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Sue Jorgensen Excellence Award". Presented to elementary education student at BOCES Meeting, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Planning a Wonderful Playground". Presented to Natrona County Child Development Center, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Literature and Historical Pottery." Presented to elementary children, Evansville Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming

1999. "Increasing Reading Comprehension – Art & Literature". Teacher In-Service, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Helping Eliminate the Occurrence and Recurrence of Child Abuse and Neglect". Presented to Natrona County Child Protection Team, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Collaboration: Teacher Education and Professional Development". Presented with Casper College educator Joan Bangen for Casper College Teaching Improvement Seminar, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Clay Through History". Presented to Evansville Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1999. "Books in Social Studies Education". Presented to Natrona County Chapter of IRA, Casper, Wyoming.
- 1998, 1996. *Natural Materials, Hooray for Clay!, Elephants Are Wrinkly, Folk Art Tells a Story*. Presented and autographed books at Zonta Literacy Days, Laramie, Wyoming.
1998. "Grecian Pottery." Presented to elementary children, Park Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1998. "Art, Artists, and Books". Presented at the Wyoming Reading Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
- 1998-1999. "Teaching". Featured Speaker for University of Wyoming Casper Nicolaysen Celebration, Casper, Wyoming.
1998. "Literature & Art Connections". Presented to Natrona County Chapter of IRA, Casper, Wyoming.
1997. "Professionalism, Competence, Incompetence". Presented at the Education and Ethics Conference, Casper, Wyoming.
- 1997-2002. "Becoming an Elementary Teacher". Presented to Casper College Education students.
1997. "Sue Jorgensen Excellence Award." Presented to elementary education student at BOCES Meeting, Casper, Wyoming.
1997. "Illustrations Tell a Story." Presented to elementary children, Evansville Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1997. "From the Soul." Featured Speaker for University of Wyoming Casper Education Ceremony, Casper, Wyoming.
1997. "Elephants Are Wrinkly." Presented at Blue Heron Book Store, Casper, Wyoming.
- 1996-2002. "Sue Jorgensen Excellence Award". Presented to elementary education student at BOCES meeting, Casper, Wyoming.
1996. "You Can Illustrate Books!" Presented to K-3 graders at Evansville Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1996. "You Can Illustrate Books!" Presented at Evansville Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1996. "Elephants are Wrinkly". Presented with editors from Scott, Foresman and Company at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Dallas, Texas.
1996. "Art Connections." Presented with University of Wyoming Casper education student, University Park Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1995. "Writing is a Natural." Guest author for all-school Young Author's Event, Evansville Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.

1995. "Planning a Wonderful Playground." Presented at Grant Elementary School, Glenrock, Wyoming.
1994. Invited to display research trip to Art Institute of Chicago supported by Center for Teaching Excellence, CTE Open House, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming.
- 1994-1995. "Mid-Term Evaluations." Presented at Mentor Teacher Meetings, Casper, Wyoming.
1994. "Projections and Rejections." Presented with Sue Jorgensen, WYCET Seminar, Casper, Wyoming.
1994. "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall, What Do You See?" Presented with Sue Jorgensen, WYCET Presentation, Casper, Wyoming.
1994. "Helping Students Make Connections." Presented at Teaching Luncheons, University of Wyoming Casper, Casper, Wyoming.
1993. Autographed books at the Laramie Early Childhood Conference.
1992. "A Book is a Piece of Yourself." Presented at the Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, Wyoming.
1992. Invited to speak to the community of Casper, Wyoming, about published books, Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, Wyoming.
1992. "Natural Materials and Hooray for Clay!" Presented with editors from Scott, Foresman and Company at the National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
1992. "Natural Materials and Hooray for Clay!" Presented at the Wyoming State Authors Day, Douglas, Wyoming.
1991. "Pioneer Dolls." Presented to fourth graders, Garfield Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1991. "History of Native American Pottery." Presented to fifth graders, Sagewood Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1991. "History of Pottery." Presented to third graders, Crest Hill Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1991. "Fall Festival." Presented poetry to students in first through sixth grades, Garfield Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming.
1990. "Cornhusk Dolls." Presented at the Territorial Prison Opening, Laramie, Wyoming.
1990. "Creative Opportunities." Presented to the Laramie Early Childhood Association, Laramie.
1990. "Pioneer Days." Presented at the Children's Museum, Laramie, Wyoming.
1989. "The Process of Writing a Book." Presented several presentations at public schools during Grand Junction Career Days, Mesa County School District, Grand Junction, Colorado.
1989. "Using Clay With Children." Presented to the University of Wyoming Provider Program, Laramie, Wyoming.
- 1987, 1989. "Art With Children," and "Indoor and Outdoor Play Spaces for Children." Topics presented to various classes at the University of Wyoming.
1988. "Clay Comes From The Earth." Presented at the Children's Museum, Laramie, Wyoming.
- 1988, 1990. "Clay and Children." Presented to University of Wyoming Art Classes, Laramie, Wyoming.

Exhibits:

- 2006. "Faculty at the Border: Exploring Greeley – Chihuahua Connection". Photo essay.
- 2002. Worked collaboratively to create exhibit focusing on child abuse and domestic violence. Traveled throughout Wyoming exhibiting display and holding citizen discussion about child abuse and domestic violence.

Funded Projects:

- 2007. "Reading in the Social Studies Project: Teaching Reading in Civics, Economics, Geography and History. Grant participant in \$160,000 grant led by Matt Downey.
- 2006. "English Language Learners." Participated in Teacher Quality Enhancement Grant, UNC.
- 2004-2005. "Improving Writing Instruction in Elementary Classrooms." Participant and Liaison for grant, Buffalo Ridge Elementary School, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- 2001-2002. Initiated, wrote grant proposal, and directed project: "Child Abuse and Family Violence," Wyoming Council for the Humanities, Laramie, Wyoming. Also received funding from the Natrona County Child Protection Team, University of Wyoming Outreach School, and University of Wyoming Casper, Wyoming.
- 2001. "The Humanities Festival," Wyoming Council for the Humanities, participant in grant application and conference presentation.
- 1999. Teaching Excellence Award to be used toward "Preparing Students for Teaching in Urban Areas." Awarded by Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Wyoming.
- 1999. International Program Development Grant to travel to Guatemala to work with University and schools. Awarded by International Studies Program University of Wyoming.
- 1999. "Reducing the Occurrence and Recurrence of Child Abuse and Neglect by Working with the Community," Wyoming Children's Trust Fund, Department of Family Services, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- 1998. "Reducing the Occurrence and Recurrence of Child Abuse and Neglect," Wyoming Children's Trust Fund, Department of Family Services, Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- 1997-1998. "The Hundred Languages of Children," Wyoming Council for the Humanities, participant in grant application and co-instructor for Reggio Emilia Conference.
- 1995. Collaborative Research and Development Award to bridge the gap between early childhood courses currently offered at Casper College and those offered at the University of Wyoming Casper. Awarded by University of Wyoming Partnership Grants Program.
- 1993. Teaching Excellence Award to travel to the Art Institute of Chicago to attend Children's Tours. Awarded by Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Wyoming.

- 1993. International Program Development Grant to travel to Guatemala to visit the university and public schools. Awarded by International Studies Program, University of Wyoming.
- 1992. Faculty Growth Recipient - Awarded funds to travel to New Mexico to interview a Navajo Sand Painter and Pueblo Potter, University of Wyoming.
- 1992. Teaching Excellence Award to travel to Mesa public schools to review Integrated Social Studies Program and Curriculum. Awarded by Center for Teaching Excellence.

Professional Consultations:

2007

Houghton Mifflin Company.

Manuscript review: *Teaching Literacy from Birth Through Grade Six: A Critical and Reflective Approach*, Chs. 2 and 3.

2007

DelMar Learning

Manuscript review: *Student Teaching: Early Childhood Practicum Guide*.

2000-2003

Los Ninos Early Childhood Program, Guatemala City, Guatemala
Consultant to Early Childhood Program

1997-2000

Young Children, national journal of NAEYC, three-year term.

Consulting Editor, various articles and books

2000

Quality Child Care, Casper, Wyoming.

Consultant for new playground.

1999

Natrona County Developmental Child Care Center, Casper, Wyoming

Assisted on designing and improving playground

1999

Mountain View Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming

Conducted teacher inservice: "Art & Literature"

1999

United States Department of Education, Indian Education

Provided information: "Effective Programs for Native American Youth"

1998

New York Times, New York, New York

Assisted New York Times editor regarding children's recess play

1995
Grant Elementary School, Glenrock, Wyoming
Provided information: "Planning a Wonderful Playground"

1994
State of Wyoming, Casper, Wyoming
Consultation as part of grant: "An Evaluation of the Creative Arts Institute"

1993
Scott, Foresman and Company
Manuscript review: "Wild Things"

1992
State of Wyoming, Casper, Wyoming
Consultation as part of grant: "An Evaluation of the Creative Arts Institute"

**Professional
Association
Participation:**

1988-present
National Association for the Education of Young Children
Member

2000-present
National Council for Social Studies
Member

1997-2000
National Association for the Education of Young Children
Consulting Editor

1997-2000
Wyoming Early Childhood Association
Board Member

**State, National,
& International
Service:**

Date: 2007

Activity: Participation on Aims Advisory Council.

Location: Greeley, Colorado

Dates: 1994-2005

Activity: Established regular student activities in Guatemala City over a nine-year period. Worked with faculty at the Universidad del Valle de Guatemala exploring a partnership with the University of Wyoming Education Program. Placed and supervised students who were completing their student teaching experiences at the Collegio Americano [one student is now teaching there full-time]. Consulted with early childhood program in Guatemala City, collaborated with the Wyoming State Reading Association to purchase literacy materials over a two-year period and deliver them to schools in Guatemala. Over the years, I collected research and published writings about children and families in Guatemala, helped collect supplies statewide for children at the Los Misioneros De La Divina orphanage, arranged for weaver Lidia Lopez de Lopez to come to the University of Wyoming two different summers to teach a graduate course on Mayan weaving, which I taught with her. Recently, my husband and I had a book published about Lenten celebrations, and we are working on a second book, which contains stories from Mayan groups from around Guatemala.

Location: Guatemala City, Guatemala

Dates: 2003-2004

Activity: Initiated teacher education track for International Conference of Family Violence and Sexual Assault

Location: San Diego, California

Dates: 2003-2006

Activity: Invited to review books for National Institute of Family Violence and Sexual Assault

Location: Greeley, Colorado

Dates: 1997-2000

Activity: Invited to serve as consulting editor, *Young Children*, NAEYC

Location: Washington, DC.

Dates: 1994-1995

Activity: Corresponded, visited, and continued relationship with Cove Elementary School, a Navajo school on the Navajo Reservation.

Location: Cove, New Mexico

Date: 1991
Activity: Participated in focus group for Getting Along Pre-School Project
with Children's Television, U.S. West Foundation
Location: Casper, Wyoming

Date: 2002
Activity: Sponsor of student group for Wyoming Early Childhood Association
Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 2000-2002
Activity: Board Member at Large, Wyoming Early Childhood Association
Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1997-2001
Activity: Member, University of Wyoming Coordinating Council
Location: Casper, Wyoming

University Service: Date: 2006 - 2008
Activity: Coordinator for Early Childhood Program
School: School of Teacher Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2006 -2008
Activity: Liaison between School of Teacher Education and University
Library
School: School of Teacher Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2007
Activity: Member, Tenure Appeals Committee
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2007
Activity: Member, Advisory Board for Modern Language and Cultural Center
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2007
Activity: Member, College of Education and Behavioral Sciences Scholarship
Committee
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2006 - 2007
Activity: Member, Literacy Search Committees
School: School of Teacher Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2006
Activity: Chair, PEC
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2006
Activity: Member, APC
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2006
Activity: Member, IDLA/PTEP Coordinating Council
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2006
Activity: Chair, Literacy Search Committee
School: School of Teacher Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2006
Activity: Member, Evaluation Committee (Spring Semester)
School: School of Teacher Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2006
Activity: Co-Coordinator for PTEP
School: School of Teacher Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2005
Activity: Coordinator, Post-Baccalaureate Licensure Program
School: College of Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Dates: 2004-2005
Activity: Member, Elementary/IDLA Taskforce
School: College of Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Dates: 2004-2005
Activity: Vice-Chair, PEC
School: College of Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Dates: 2004-2005
Activity: Member, STE Director Selection Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2004
Activity: Member, Math Educator Selection Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2003-present
Activity: Member, UNC Graduate Faculty with Doctoral Research
Endorsement
School: College of Education
University: University of Northern Colorado

Date: 2002
Activity: Chair, Committee on Early Childhood Area of Concentration
Courses
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Date: 2002
Activity: Member, Strategic Planning Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Date: 2002
Activity: Member, Community of Learners Leadership Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 2001-2003
Activity: Member, Tenure and Promotion Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Date: 2001
Activity: Member, Associate Dean Selection Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Date: 2001
Activity: Chair, Search Committee for Literacy position
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 2000-2001
Activity: Member, College of Education Dean Selection Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Date: 2000
Activity: Chair, Interim Associate Dean Selection Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Date: 1999
Activity: Member, Retention, Recruitment, Promotion & Advertising
Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 1999-2002
Activity: Sponsor, Student "Ready to Learn" Literacy Group
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 1999-2001
Activity: Sponsor, Student Playground Group
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1999-2000
Activity: Member, Strategic Planning Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 1998-2002
Activity: University of Wyoming Casper College Representative,
Board of Cooperative Educational Services
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 1998-2001
Activity: Chair, Community of Learners Leadership Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 1997-2002
Activity: Organizer, public service work for students
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 1997-2002
Activity: Organizer, teaching seminars
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1997-2001
Activity: Organizer, In-House Research and Publications of Research
(students and mentor teachers)
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1997-2000
Activity: Member, Academic Planning Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Date: 1997
Activity: Member, Action Research Course Design Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1996-2002
Activity: Director, University of Wyoming Casper Education Program
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1996-2002
Activity: Education Program Representative, University of Wyoming Casper
Program Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1995-1996
Activity: Member, University Studies Sub-Committee, "Global Diversity"
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 1995-1996
Activity: Participated in luncheons and other meetings with Natrona County
Public Schools Clinical Faculty and Administrators to establish
University of Wyoming Partnership
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1994-2002
Activity: Member, Curriculum and Instruction Program Unit
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1994-2002
Activity: Member, Natrona County School District Steering Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1994-2002
Activity: Designated Member to approve Cultural Diversity Areas of
Concentration, Curriculum and Instruction
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Date: 1994
Activity: Member, University of Wyoming Casper Library Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1993-1998
Activity: Member, Scholarship Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 1993-1995
Activity: Member, University Studies Committee, University of Casper
Representative
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Date: 1993
Activity: Member, University of Wyoming Casper Advisory Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Date: 1993
Activity: Chair, University of Wyoming Casper Scholarship Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1992-2002
Activity: Co-Chair and Member, numerous Master's and Doctoral
Committees
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming

Dates: 1992-1996
Activity: Organized and participated in Student Teacher Orientations and
Luncheons for students and mentor teachers, 1992-1996
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1992-1994
Activity: Organized and participated in WYCET Programs and Student
Teacher/Mentor Teacher Meetings
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1991-2002
Activity: Member, Committee for Coordinating University Studies
Experiences in Public Schools
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1991-2002
Activities: Member, Recruitment Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1991-1996
Activity: Participated in University of Wyoming Partnership Meetings
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Dates: 1991-1992, 1995-1997, 1997-1998
Activity: Member, University of Wyoming Casper Scholarship Committee
School: College of Education
University: University of Wyoming Casper

Community Service: Dates: 2006
Activity: Aims Community Advisory Board
Location: Greeley, Colorado

Dates: 1994-2001
Activity: Member, Early Childhood Advisory Committee
Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1999-2002
Activity: Sponsor and participant of student group "Ready to Learn"
community projects
Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1998-2001
Activity: Member, Natrona County Child Protection Team
Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1999-2000
Activity: Member, Playground Committee at Natrona County Developmental
Daycare Center
Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1999-2000
Activity: Member, Education Committee, Natrona County Child Protection
Team
Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1999-2000

Activity: Sponsor and participate in University of Wyoming Casper student group "Design a Beautiful Playground" project

Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1998-2000

Activity: Chair, Community of Learners Leadership Committee

Location: University of Wyoming Casper, Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1996-2000

Activity: University of Wyoming Casper Education Program Representative

Location: Casper, Wyoming

Date: 1999

Activity: Member, Natrona School District Schools to Work Committee

Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1991-1998

Activity: Assisted Natrona County teachers with art projects

Location: Casper, Wyoming

Date: 1997

Activity: Member, Exhibit Advisory Committee

Location: Science Discovery Center, Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1995-1997

Activity: Member, Nicolaysen Discovery Center Committee

Location: Nicolaysen Art Museum, Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1992-1996

Activity: Attended outside functions put on by student teachers

Location: Casper, Wyoming

Date: 1995

Activity: Volunteer

Location: Holy Cross Food Bank, Casper, Wyoming

Date: 1994

Activity: Natrona County 4-H leader

Location: Casper, Wyoming

Date: 1993

Activity: Judge for Sagewood School's "Reflection Contest"

Location: Casper, Wyoming

Dates: 1991-1993

Activity: Weekly parent volunteer, library aide

Location: Garfield Elementary School, Casper, Wyoming

Date: 1991
Activity: Wyoming Young Authors' Contest Judge
Location: Laramie, Wyoming

Date: 1991
Activity: Organized and supervised Laramie Early Childhood Conference
Location: Laramie, Wyoming

Date: 1991
Activity: President, Laramie Early Childhood Association
Location: Laramie, Wyoming

Dates: 1990-1991
Activity: Weekly parent volunteer, third grade classroom
Location: Laramie, Wyoming

Dates: 1990-1991
Activity: Organized Albany County "Week of the Young Child [1990-1991],"
and coordinated work of teachers, parents and children
Location: Laramie, Wyoming

Date: 1990
Activity: Vice President, Laramie Early Childhood Association
Location: Laramie, Wyoming

Date: 1989
Activity: Organized and conducted numerous education sessions for the
University Providers in the Provider Program
Location: Laramie, Wyoming

Dates: 1988-1989
Activity: Girl Scout Leader
Locations: Grand Junction, Colorado and Laramie, Wyoming

Teaching:

Courses Taught:

University of Northern Colorado:

Fall 2004, 2005, 2006 Pluralism in Education , EDEL 619
2003, Integrated Methods I: Reading, Language Arts, Science and Health,
EDEL 460
2003, Student Teaching Block I and Capstone Seminar, EDEL 480
2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 Integrated Methods II: Math, Social Studies, Art,
Music and Physical Education, EDEL 470
2003, 2004, 2005, Student Teaching Block II Student Teaching Consultant,
EDEL 480

University of Wyoming:

1990, Early Childhood Special Education, EDCI 707
1990, Intro to Early Childhood Education, EDCI 1020
1995, Seminar in Earth Science for Elementary Teachers, EDUC, 1450
1994, 1999 Teacher as Decision Maker, EDCI 3000
1990, 1992, 1993, Teaching Language Arts/Elementary School, EDCI 3110
1991, 1992, 1993, Teaching Science/Elementary School EDCI 3120
1990, 1994, Teaching Reading/Elementary School EDCI 3140
1991, 1992, 1993, Teaching Social Studies/Elementary School, EDCI 3150
1994, Playgrounds & Recess Play, EDCI 3160
1992, 1993, 1994, Teaching Art/Elementary School, EDCI 3170
1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, School Program for Young Children, EDEC, 3220
1993, 1994, 1995, Teaching Art in the Secondary School, EDCI 3550
1994, Teaching Humanities, EDCI 3350
1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, Elementary
Humanities Education, EDUC 4109
1998, Elementary Literacy Education, EDUC 4309
1990, Prescriptive Teaching Practicum, EDEX 4380
1990, Internship in Special Education, EDEX 4390
2001, ,Elementary Math/Science Education, EDEL 4409
2002, 2003, Residency in Teaching. Supervised students in Guatemala,
EDEL 4500
1994, Field Studies in Humanities, EDCI 4740
1995, Field Studies in Literacy, EDCI 4740
1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, Teaching Art/Elementary School, EDCI 4740
2000, 2001, Independent Study, EDCI 4975
1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, Student Teaching/Elementary & Second, EDCI 4990
1992, 1993, Principles of Curriculum, EDCI 5000
1992, Educational Trends in Playgrounds and Recess Play, EDCI 5070
1995, Educational Trends in Early Childhood Education, EDCI 5070
1997, Educational Trends in Matching Instruction to Young Children, EDCI
5070
1992, 1993, Early Childhood Education, EDCI 5210
1996, 1997, 1998, Art & Children's Literature, EDCI 5480
1998, Reggio Emilia Influences on Early Childhood Education, EDCI 5480
2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, Helping Children Illustrate Their Stories and Poems,
EDCI 5480
2001, Science Experience for Young Children, EDCI 5480
2001, 2002, 2003, Mayan Weaving, EDCI 5480, UW
1991, 1996, 1997, 2002, Special Education Practicum, EDCI 5490
1996, 1997, 1998, 2002, Individual Problems, EDCI 5490
19991, Elementary School Curriculum, EDCI 5610
1993, 1995, Early Childhood, Elementary, Middle, & Secondary School
Curriculum, EDCI 5650
1994, 1995, 1998, 2000, Directed Professional Study, EDCI 5890
1994, Continuous Registration (on campus), EDCI 5920
1994, 1995, Continuous Registration (off campus), EDCI 5940

Courses Developed:

University of Wyoming:

2001, 2002, 2003, Mayan Weaving, EDCI 5480
1996, Children's Healthy Development, EDCI 5480
2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, Helping Children Illustrate Their Stories and Poems, EDCI 5480
1997, Educational Trends in Matching Education to Children, EDCI 5070
1993, 1994, 1995, Teaching Art in the Secondary School, EDCI 3550
1994, 1999 Teacher as Decision Maker, EDCI 3000
1992, Educational Trends in Playground and Recess Play, EDCI 5070
1995, Educational Trends in Early Childhood Education, EDCI 5070
1996, Educational Trends in Science for Young Children, EDCI 5070
1996, 1997, 1998, Art & Children's Literature, EDCI 5480
1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, School Program for Young Children, EDEC, 3220
1998, Reggio Emilia Influences on Early Childhood Education, EDCI 5480

Honors and Awards:

2007. Teaching Excellence in Undergraduate Education, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado
2006. Nominated for Inspiring Woman Award, The Women's Resource Center and Stryker Institute for Leadership Development, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado
2005. Nominated for Outstanding Scholar Award, University of Northern Colorado, College of Education, Greeley, Colorado
2005. Mortar Board Teaching Award for Excellence, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado
2004. Nominated for Outstanding Scholar Award, University of Northern Colorado, College of Education, Greeley, Colorado
2004. Favorite Professor, Academic Excellence Week at University of Northern Colorado, (selected by three student athletes), Greeley, Colorado
2004. Member, Elementary Education Department. Department of Elementary Education receives Departmental Excellence in Service Award, University of Northern Colorado
2003. Nominated for prestigious Humphrey Award for Outstanding Classroom Teaching, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyoming
2002. Invited by the Wyoming Early Childhood Association to be keynote speaker at the 2002 Wyoming Early Childhood Conference.
2001. Recipient of the Wyoming Early Childhood Association's Award: 2001 Early Childhood Professional of the Year, Casper, Wyoming
2001. Nominated by students and honored by the University of Wyoming's Ellbogen Center for Teaching and Learning as an "Outstanding Faculty Member Who Values Diversity." Laramie, Wyoming
2000. Recipient of the College of Education Award for Outstanding Research & Scholarship, University of Wyoming

- 1997-2000. Invited to be Consulting Editor, *Young Children*, NAEYC, three-year term
1999. Recipient of the prestigious John P. Ellbogen Meritorious Teaching Award, University of Wyoming
- 1996-2000. Director of the University of Wyoming Casper College program when NCATE cited program as “exceptional in quality”
1999. Invited to be University of Wyoming Casper Faculty Commencement Speaker, Casper, Wyoming
1993. Judge for Outstanding Paper, Northern Rocky Mountain Educational Research Association, Jackson, Wyoming
1992. Nominated for the U.W. Alumni Association/Wyoming Student Alumni Association's Outstanding Faculty Award
- 1989-1990. Who's Who in Writers, Editors, and Poets
1989. Educational Honorary, Phi Delta Kappa
- 1988, 1989, 2003. Who's Who in American Education