

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

Careers in Business Program, Graduate School of Business/Office of Graduate Studies, The University of Texas at Austin (1981)

**Ph.D.** The University of Texas: English as a Foreign Language

**Dissertation:** "Revealing American Culture through Time Magazine Advertising in Teaching English as a Foreign Language" (1980)

**M.A.** The University of Texas: Foreign Language Education

**Thesis:** "Adapting Instructional Media to Individualized Instruction in the Foreign Language Classroom" (1975)

**B.A.** The University of Texas: Spanish/French (1970)

## Employment

Proprietor: Expression: Rocky Mountain Retreat for Writers and Artists; Savory Palette Gourmet Retreats; English Language Vacations for Adventurous Travelers; Weavers, a Bed and Breakfast (2001-2006)

Curriculum developer, online instructor: 1 Spanish literature. Colorado Online School Consortium, Colorado (1999-2006)

Proprietor: Rocky Mountain Retreat for Women Writers (1997-2000)

Editor: Opinions Section. Moondance, www.moondance.org (1997-1998)

Teacher, department head, student teacher supervisor, International Club advisor: Spanish. Longmont High School, Longmont, Colorado (1988-1997)

Consultant, plenary lecturer, presenter: English as a Foreign Language. United States Information Agency/United States Embassy, Sofia, Bulgaria (1988,1989)

Teacher: English, Spanish, Yearbook, Newspaper, Drill Team. Longs Peak Junior High School, Longmont, Colorado (1987-1988)

Consultant, item writer: Test of English as a Foreign Language. Educational Testing Service, Princeton, N. J. (1984-1990)

Consultant, plenary lecturer, presenter: English for Economics. United States Information Agency/United States Embassy, Belgrade, Yugoslavia (1986)

Instructor, area coordinator, instructional computer lab proctor: All levels ESL. The Economics Institute, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado (1982-1986)

Teacher: All levels Spanish. Platt Junior High School, Boulder, Colorado (1985-1986)

Visiting professor: Graduate multicultural/bilingual education. Department of Education, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado (1984)

Consultant, Dean's Grant participant, presenter: Bueno Center for Multicultural Education, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado (1982-1984)

Instructor: Research and writing methods. Universidad Internacional de México, Mexico City (1983)

**Employment  
(cont'd)**

*ESL consultant:* Curriculum development and instruction. Positive Action Language Institute, Houston; U. S. Customs and Border Patrol, Terlingua; Texas Education Agency, Austin; Chris Cole Rehabilitation Center for the Blind, Austin, Texas (1981-1983)

*Instructor:* All levels ESL. Intensive English Program, The University of Texas, Austin, Texas (1978-1980)

*Composition lab proctor:* English Department. The University of Texas, Austin, Texas (1977)

*Teacher, department head, student teaching supervisor, activities sponsor:* All levels Spanish, ESL. Eanes Independent School District, Austin, Texas (1973-1979)

*Teacher:* Survival Spanish. Eanes Community Education, Austin, Texas (1975-1977)

*Housing liaison, research assistant, anthropological field trip coordinator, cultural consultant:* Guadalajara Summer School, Jalisco, Mexico (1976)

**Fellowships  
and Grants**

Small Business Grant: Opportunities for the Blind. (2000)  
This grant provided seed funds for start-up costs and technology needs for Expression.

Technology Grant: Hynd Fund for the Blind. (2000)  
This grant provided funds for computer needs for Expression.

Independent Study and Reading Grant in the Humanities: Council for Basic Education, National Endowment for the Humanities. (1992)

This grant provided support for an extended reading/study plan entitled "La Ruta Maya: Savoring the Mayan Experience of the Guatemala Highlands."

E. D. Farmer Fellowship: The Institute of Latin American Studies, The University of Texas. (1975, 1976)

Awarded me two consecutive years, this fellowship was intended to provide travel funds and materials to gather information, realia, and photographs in Mexico. The result was a cultural curriculum used in Austin area public schools. It includes tapes, slide/tape shows, and curriculum guides.

**Awards**

Artist of the Month: Colorado Women in Arts, April, 2000.

Volunteer of the Month: Golden West Senior Residence, Boulder, Colorado, 2000.

Excellence in Service: St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, Colorado, 1997.

St. Vrain Valley Salute: St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, Colorado, 1996

Certificate of Appreciation for Commitment to Excellence: St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, Colorado, 1994.

Governor's Certificate of Recognition: State of Colorado, Denver, Colorado, 1993.

Certificate of Appreciation for Contributions to Staff Development and Teacher Mentor Program: St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, Colorado, 1992, 1993.

Principal's Award for Contributions to Educational Climate: Longmont High School, Longmont, Colorado, 1993.

Certificate of Appreciation for Contributions to Cultural Awareness: St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, Colorado, 1992, 1993, 1994.

Award for Outstanding Contributions to Professional Growth for Teachers: St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, Colorado, 1992.

Service Award in Recognition of Meaningful Support to Teachers: Valley High School, Gilcrest, Colorado, 1992.

**Professional Organizations**

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers

Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (Colorado Executive Committee)

American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (Secretary/Treasurer, Texas Chapter)

Phi Kappa Phi (Honorary Fraternity for Scholars)

Texas State Teachers Association

Eanes Education Association

Pan American Student Forum (Faculty advisor/sponsor)

Amigos de las Américas (Faculty advisor/sponsor)

**Languages Studied**

Spanish, French, Portuguese, American Sign Language, Pidgin Sign English, Krio, Gullah

## Publications

- High Five Kidz in the Kitchen*. National Braille Press, Boston, at press.
- The Mindful Vegetarian*. Stonebridge Farm, Lyons, Colorado, 2003.
- "Creative Journeys: Paths to artistic expression." *Abilities Magazine*, Autumn 2003.
- "Through the Looking Glass: The other side of the writing life." *Abilities Is Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Professional Communication Conference Proceedings*, September, 2002.
- "Blind Dating." *Abilities Magazine*, Autumn, 2002.
- "Adventures in Entrepreneurship." *Abilities Magazine*, Summer, 2001.
- Journeys to Prosperity: Guidance for Prospective Small Business Owners and Entrepreneurs*. American Council of the Blind, Washington, D.C., 2000.
- "Kitchen Wisdom." Radio Reading Service of the Rockies, Spring, 1999.
- "Now We're Cooking!" *Abilities Magazine*, Summer, 1998.
- Loafer's Companion: for bread lovers and their machines*. National Braille Press, Boston, 1998.
- "Truing the Woman." *Moondance*, www.moondance.org, Summer, 1998.
- "Just Browsing." *It's All Happening at the Zoo*, Herbelin Publishing, 1998.
- "Russian Acrobats." *Temp 24-7*, Flypaper Press, www.flypaper.com, 1998.
- Cooking with Feeling (and Other Useful Senses): Adaptive Culinary Techniques for the Visually Impaired*. Precisely: Documents by Design, Lyons, Colorado, 1997.
- "See No Weevil." *Mainstream*, November, 1995.
- "Let's Make Tracks: Looking At That Other Winter Sport." *Recreation News*, December 1992.
- "A Lesson Plan to Employment." *Careers and the Disabled*, Fall 1991.
- "Risking It: You Learn by Facing Challenge." *Recreation News*, August 1991.
- "Life is a Jungle Gym." *Mainstream*, July 1991.
- "Are Those Circus Clowns or Rodeo Clowns in Her Classroom?" *Mainstream*, May 1990.
- "Escapades Among the Emeralds." *Mainstream*, May 1990.
- "American Teacher Learns from Bulgarians." *Mainstream*, April 1990.
- CoTESOL Newsletter*. Denver, Colorado. Colorado Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, 1984-1985. (Editor)
- "Unique New York." *CoTESOL Newsletter* 8 (Spring, 1986):2
  - "Whoa, Ebony!" *CoTESOL Newsletter* 8 (Winter, 1985):1
  - "Spotlight: SIG chairmen." *CoTESOL Newsletter* 7 (Summer, 1984):3

**Publications  
(cont'd)**

- “Convention highlights: TESOL '84, Houston, Texas.” *CoTESOL Newsletter* 7 (Spring, 1984):2
  - “An irresistible force meets an immovable object: Beware the software.” *CoTESOL Newsletter* 7 (Spring, 1984):2
- “A new idea?” *CoTESOL Newsletter* 7 (Winter, 1984):1 “Revealing American Culture through *Time* Magazine Advertising in Teaching English as a Foreign Language.” Austin, Texas: The University of Texas at Austin, unpublished doctoral dissertation, 1980.
- Sociolinguistic Working Papers*. Austin, Texas: Southwest Education Development Laboratory, 1978, 1979. (Co-editor with Joel Scherzer)
- “Pidgin Sign English.” Austin, Texas: The University of Texas at Austin, unpublished handout, 1977.
- “Adapting Instructional Media to Individualized Instruction in the Foreign Language Classroom.” Austin, Texas: The University of Texas at Austin, unpublished master's thesis, 1975.
- “Peoples of Mexico.” Austin, Texas: Texas Education Agency, Region XIII, slide/tape show with curriculum guide, 1975. (Author and Photographer)
- “The Mexican Revolution of 1910.” Austin, Texas: The University of Texas at Austin, slide/tape show, 1975. (Author and Photographer)

**Seminars,  
Presentations,  
Workshops**

- "Through the Looking Glass: The other side of the writing life." Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Professional Communication Conference, Portland, Oregon. September 20, 2002.
- "Caught in a Delicious Web: Choice, flexibility, satisfaction." Colorado Online School Consortium Conference, Denver, Colorado. February 22, 2002.
- "Living Well with Diabetes." American Association of Diabetic Educators, San Diego, California, August 12, 2000.
- "Small Business Seminar." American Council of the Blind, Louisville, Kentucky, July 5/6, 2000.
- "Creative Energies Released, Artistic Dreams Realized." KBVI radio, April, 2000.
- "Access by Design: Web Sites for Audiences of All Abilities." Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers Professional Communication Conference. New Orleans, September 8, 1999.
- "Reality Checks for Life." Colorado Center for the Blind, October 5, 1998.
- "Veterans at Play." V.A. Hospital, Denver, Colorado, July 18, 1998.
- "So You Want to Start a Business!" American Council of the Blind, Estes Park, Colorado, April 24, 1998.
- “Cooking with Feeling.” Radio Reading Service of the Rockies, Boulder, Colorado, Spring/Summer 1998.
- “Get Real! Using Authentic Materials in the Foreign Language Classroom.” Regional Conference on Foreign Languages, Denver, Colorado, April 1, 1995.

**Seminars,  
Presentations,  
Workshops  
(cont'd)**

"National Foreign Language Standards: Directions for the Future." St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, Colorado, January 30, 1995.

"Small Group Activities for the 90-Minute Class." Longmont High School, Longmont, Colorado, September 29, 1994.

"American Teaching Principles and Methodologies." Educational Mission to China, Beijing, Shanghai, Inner Mongolia, Hong Kong, June 1994.

"Planning for the 90-Minute Class." Valley High School, Gilcrest, Colorado, May 12, 1992

"The Teacher as Chef: Recipes for the Foreign Language Classroom." Berlin Teacher Exchange, St. Vrain Valley School District, Longmont, Colorado, April 8, 1992

"The Block Party: Strategies for the 90-Minute Class." St. Vrain Valley School District workshop, Longmont, Colorado, Fall Series, 1991.

"Academic Reading Skills in the Content Areas." St. Vrain Valley School District workshop, Longmont, Colorado April 9, 1991.

"Study Smart, not Hard." St. Vrain Valley School District workshop, Longmont, Colorado, March 12, 1991.

"Find someone who..." "Mail-order English." "You're a Poet and Don't Know It: Formulae for Expression." "The Rain Train: Feel Free to Express Yourself." "Games Your Mother Never Taught You." "Bafa/bafa: A Shocking Cultural Simulation." "True Stories and Lies." "Bussing is My Business: Teaching Reading Attack Skills with Authentic Materials." "A Day in the Life of the Eighth Dwarf: Process and Product in the Writing Class." "Water or Salt: Synergistic Decision Making." "Situations Demanding Communication." "Knowing the Music as Well as the Words: Textbook Adaptation for Proficiency." "Rugrats, Kneebiters, and Crumbcrunchers: American Children." "At the Movies: Classroom Cinema." Summer Institute for Teacher Retraining, Sofia, Bulgaria, July 1989.

"Culture: Preparing Definitions and Inventories." "Storytelling: The Coincidence." "Unusual Uses of Ordinary Authentic Materials." "Writing by Formula." "Student Publications: The Investment in Product." "Taking a Stand: The Debate." "Interviewing Techniques." "At the Movies: The Classroom Cinema." Summer Institute for Teacher Retraining, Sofia, Bulgaria, July 1988.

"Synergistic Decision Making in the Foreign Language Classroom: Desert Survival." English Teaching Lecture Tour: English for Specific Purposes, Belgrade, Sarajevo, Titograd, and Split, Yugoslavia, October 4-9, 1986.

"Two-Way Business Communication: Interviews and Telephone Conversations." "Preparing Believable Business Communications Activities." "Meetings, Seminars, and Negotiations: From Agenda to Minutes." "Group Dynamics in Negotiations." Federal Conference on English for Specific Purposes, University of Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, September 29-October 3, 1986.

"I Just Want to Teach English!" Linguistics Circle Lecture Series, University of Colorado, February 11, 1985.

"Fearless Reading: Strategies for Understanding Business and Professional Journals." Rocky Mountain Regional Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Tucson, January 26, 1985.

"Body Language: Communications with Mov(e)able Parts." Special Lecture Series, The Economics Institute, University of Colorado, January 15, 1985.

"Fearless Reading: Strategies for Understanding Business and Professional Journals." Colorado Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Denver, November 17, 1984.

"Newspapers for ESL Students." Colorado Association for Bilingual/Bicultural Education, Denver, November 17, 1984.

"ESL Methodology: The Skill Areas." University of Colorado, Boulder, October 12, 1983.

"ESL Methodology: An Overview." University of Colorado, Boulder, September 18, 1983.

"A Look at Books: Book and Materials Fair." University of Colorado, Boulder, February 25, 1983.

"Creative Bulletin Boards." Fort Lupton School District, Fort Lupton, Colorado, January 27, 1983

"BOLAR: An Overview." Fort Lupton School District, Fort Lupton, January 20, 1983.

"Cross-Cultural Communication." Texas Education Agency, Region XIII, Austin, August 5, 1981.

## **References**

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