

EDUCATION HISTORY

M.S.Ed., Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA (4.0 Q.P.A.), Summer 1993.

S.T.A.P.L.E.S. Science Workshop, Carnegie Science Center, 1993.

Advanced Study in Music Theory, **University of Chicago, Northwestern University**, 1981-1982.

B.F.A. in Music Theory, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA (3.57 Q.P.A.), 1980.

PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE**NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT**

GIFTED AND TALENTED EDUCATION, WEST VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, (2007-Present).

- Create/Administer K-6 school-wide enrichment program, including gifted support, mini-courses for high-achieving students, and school-wide/district-wide special events.
Website: <http://www.nhsd.net/wvgate.aspx>
- Initiated partnerships with **Junior Achievement, New Oseberg Ship Foundation (Tønsberg, Norway), Pittsburgh Opera, COTRAIC American Indian Center, Center for the Performing Arts of India, and World Food Programme.**
- Founder, **North Hills Puzzle-lympics.**
- Creator of **On Being Gifted**, a program to address developmental needs of gifted children.

TEACHER, GRADE 5, ROSS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, (1999-2007).

- Taught reading, language arts, mathematics, science, and health.
- Sponsor, **ROSS Magazine**, 2004-2007.

DISTRICT ACCELERATED READING MENTOR, GRADES 1-5. (1996-1999).

- Co-founded **Nationally-Recognized Reading Enrichment Program.**

TEACHER, GRADES 5 AND 6, EMILY BRITAIN SCHOOL; PERRYVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, (1993-1996).

- Taught reading, language arts, science, and health.
- Co-sponsor, **Perryville Express** (school newspaper).
- Attended 1994 **TASH Convention** in Atlanta, GA.
- **Produced/directed student plays**, performed for nursing home residents.
- Developed **Student Poetry on the Bus** partnership with Butler Transit Authority.

CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY

PRIVATE AND CLASSROOM INSTRUCTOR, (1986-1987)

- Adjunct Faculty/Classroom Instructor, Music Theory and Music History.
- Summer Music Academy, Music History.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

NORTH HILLS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, TREASURER (2003-2009).

NHEA SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR, (2013- Present).

PITTSBURGH DANCE COUNCIL, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS (1986-92).

- Full charge of business management for major non-profit dance presenter.

PERFORMING MUSICIAN (Solo Pianist), (1980-Present).

TEACHING AWARDS/HONORS

- **TEACHER EXCELLENCE AWARD NOMINEE:** 1995, 2003 (**Finalist**), 2006.
- **PENNSYLVANIA KEYSTONE TECHNOLOGY AWARDEE, DISTRICT LEVEL**, 2006.
- **PA TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE**, 2006.
- **LISTED IN WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN EDUCATION**, 2004-Present.
- **PA STATE SENATE COMMENDATION**, 2002.

TEACHING AWARDS/HONORS (CONT'D)

- **PROFILED IN PITTSBURGH TRIBUNE-REVIEW**, JULY, 2002.
- **PROFILED IN NORTH HILLS NEWS RECORD**, NOVEMBER, 1998.
- **PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND TEACHER EDUCATORS (PAC-TE) OUTSTANDING STUDENT TEACHER AWARD**, 1993.
- **DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE IN STUDENT TEACHING**, 1993.
- **GUEST LECTURER IN MUSIC HISTORY AT CARNEGIE MELLON UNIVERSITY, FOR 150-PAGE TREATISE ON WAGNERIAN MUSIC DRAMA**, 1980.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

NORTH HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE SERVICE

- Professional Development Committee.
- **Gifted Advisory Committee.**
- SPARC Grant Committee Member.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

- **Presented District Inservice Workshops:**
Extending Writing Across the Curriculum.
Writing in the Science Class.
Change-Based Approach to Narrative (also presented county-wide).
Using Technology to Score Local Assessments (Adjunct to NHSD project to adapt local assessments for computerized data collection).
On Being Gifted (Parents' seminar on developmental needs of gifted children).
- **Taught District Summer Courses for Teachers:**
Introduction to Microsoft Excel and Introduction to Integrate Pro.
- **Conference Presenter at:**
PAGE (Pittsburgh, PA 1999).
CEC and ASCD (Hershey, PA 1998).

PUBLICATIONS AUTHORED

ORCHESTRAL SYMBOLISM IN WAGNER'S *DAS RHEINGOLD*, (Createspace, 2012).

OUR LIVING LANGUAGE: WORD INVENTIONS, Etymology Textbook/Student Activity Book, (Privately Published).

Used in North Hills classrooms since 1998.

VALMIKI'S RAMAYANA, adaptation of the classic Indian text, suitable for grades 4-7.

A VIKING READER, anthology of source readings from the Viking era, adapted for grades 4-7.

RICE FROM FIELD TO TABLE, information about growth cycle and varieties of rice, for grades K-2.

MY FIRST ENERGY BOOK, explains sources of energy and conservation strategies, for grades 1-3.

ARTICLES IN *TEACHING PRE-K-8 MAGAZINE*

- The Impractical, Wonderful Project, (March, 2006).
- A Change-Based Approach to Narrative, (May, 2002).
- A Mentor Program for U.R.O.'s, (September, 1998).

NHSD STAFF DEVELOPMENT PAMPHLETS

- Concrete Organizers For Reading and Language.
- Change-Based Approach to Narrative.
- Focus Questions for Narrative.
- Adapting Material for High-Achieving Students.