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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Temple University, 1966, B.A. in English Literature
Temple University, 1974, Ph.D. in English Literature
University of Pennsylvania, 1980, M.S. in Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEACHING:

- Community College of Philadelphia: Parttime instructor, 1974-76; Assistant Professor of English, 1977-82; Associate Professor, 1983-89; Professor, 1990-2009.
- Curtis Institute of Music: Parttime instructor, 1972-1977.
- Rutgers University: Parttime Instructor, 1973-74.
- Temple University: Parttime Instructor, 1970-72.

ADMINISTRATION/ SPECIAL PROJECTS

- Coordinator of Women's Studies/Gender Studies Degree Program at Community College of Philadelphia, 1999-2008.
- Developed Women's Studies/Gender Studies Certificate Program at Community College of Philadelphia, 2005.
- Developed proposal and formed advisory board for Community Involvement Center to provide information about volunteer opportunities to students, faculty, and staff at Community College of Philadelphia, 1994.
- Developed proposal and served as Project CoDirector for Cultural Literacy Project, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (1987-89) to encourage English Composition teachers at Community College of Philadelphia, to include literary/historical materials in basic composition courses.
- Coordinator of Project II, an academic support program at Community College of Philadelphia, serving approximately 600 students and involving 70 faculty, 1979-1984.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

Community College of Philadelphia:

Women's Studies: Developed Introduction to Women's Studies course, 1995. Participated in a team to create Women in Literature Course, 1992.

Interdisciplinary Humanities Courses: Participated in a Course Development Team to create sequence of "Cultural Traditions" courses integrating material from literature, art, music, history, philosophy, 1989-90.

Service Learning: Developed "Community Involvement: Theory and Practice", an academic course which gives students the opportunity to earn college credit for volunteer experience and reading, writing, and reflecting upon the role of voluntary organizations in our society, 1988.

SELECTED CONSULTING

- Service Learning Consultant, American Association of Community Colleges, 1997.
- Advisory board member for Pennsylvania Literature Project, West Chester University, 1992.
- Consultant/mentor for: "Developing Regional Humanities Networks Project," 1991 and "Advancing the Humanities Project," 1990 jointly sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges and the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- Advisory group member for TeamingUp Project sponsored by the Ford Foundation to encourage the integration of community service with the academic curriculum, 1990/91.

HONORS/AWARDS

- Appointed to Mayor's Commission for Women, Philadelphia, April 2016.
- Outstanding Feminist Activist Award from the Coalition of Labor Union Women's Working Women's Awareness Week Awards Reception, June 2010.
- Outstanding Contributions to the Feminist Community Award from Philadelphia NOW, May 2010.
- 2004 Finalist, Thomas Ehrlich National Award for Service Learning.
- Phi Theta Kappa National Service Award, 1997.
- Community College of Philadelphia Distinguished Service Award, 1997; Advisor of the Year Award, 1997; Student Government Award for Outstanding Teacher of the Year, 1989; Jane Abrams Award for Community Service, 1987; Outstanding Contribution To Special Programs, 1985.
- Selected as a speaker for Pennsylvania Humanities Council's 1998/99 Commonwealth Speakers' Program on the topics of "Reassessing Motherhood: Conflicts in Women's Attitudes" and "Volunteerism and Women's Lives."
- Selected as a speaker for Pennsylvania Humanities Council's 1994/95 Commonwealth Speakers' Program on the topics of "Volunteerism and Women's Lives," and "Women's Studies/Gender Studies: their Place in the Schools."
- Awarded Summer Study Grant by the National Endowment for the Humanities to study "Women and Volunteerism," 1992.
- Selected as a speaker for Pennsylvania Humanities Council's 1990 Commonwealth Speakers' Program on the topic of "The Role of Voluntarism in American Life," and "The Meaning of Cultural Literacy in a MultiCultural Society."
- Selected as a Participating Scholar in Pennsylvania Humanities Council's Women's Studies Discussion Series, "Women, Work, and Family" and "International Women Writers, 1987/95.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ___ *Green Shoots of Democracy within the Philadelphia Democratic Party*, She Writes Press, Forthcoming, June 2016
- Feminism in Philadelphia: The Glory Years, 1968-1982*, CreateSpace, 2013.
- "Service Learning and Activism," in *Gender and Higher Education*, Ed. Barbara Banks, The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011
- "Service Learning and Activism," in *Gender and Education*, Ed. Barbara Banks, Praeger Press, 2007.
- "Feminist Pedagogy and Teaching Activism" co-authored with Nancy Naples, *Feminist Teacher*, Issue 2, 2002.
- Teaching Feminist Activism: Strategies from the Field*, Co-edited with Nancy Naples. Routledge, 2002.

---"Teaching Simone de Beauvoir's *The Second Sex*," *Cinquantenaire Du Deuxieme Sexe* (50th Anniversary of *The Second Sex*). Ed. Christine Delphy et al. Paris: Syllepse Press, 2002.

--- "Service Learning and Women's Studies." *The Practice of Change: Concepts and Models for Service Learning in Women's Studies. Service Learning Monograph Series*. Eds. Barbara Balliet and Kerissa Heffernan. American Association of Higher Education Press, 2000.

---"Conceptualizing the Introduction to Women's Studies Course at the Community College," *Teaching Introduction to Women's Studies: Student Resistance and Classroom Strategy*. Eds. Carolyn DiPalma and Barbara Scott Winkler. Greenwood Press, 1999.

---"Volunteerism and Women's Lives: A Lens for Exploring Conflicts in Contemporary Feminist Thought," *Women's Studies in Transition: The Pursuit of Interdisciplinarity*. Eds. Kate ConwayTurner, et. al. Associated University Press, Fall, 1998.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

--- Book Talks for *Green Shoots of Democracy in the Philadelphia Democratic Party*: "Democracy and the Democratic Party," sponsored by Young Involved Philadelphia, October 26, 2016: "Bringing Democracy to the Philadelphia Democratic Party," with Chris Rabb, [Big Blue Marble Bookstore](#), September 18, 2016.

--"Women Vote 2016: Making Our Voices Heard," Community College of Philadelphia, October 11, 2016

--"A Nonpartisan Civic Dialogue," sponsored by Philadelphia Black Public Relations Society, Philadelphia, Oct. 5, 2016

--"Documenting our History," 50th Anniversary National NOW Conference in Washington DC, June 25, 2016.

--- Book Talks for *Feminism in Philadelphia: The Glory Years, 1968-1982*, at: Community College of Philadelphia, March 29, 2016; Community College of Philadelphia, March 20, 2015; New Century Trust, March 19, 2015; Big Blue Marble Bookstore, March 15, 2015; [National Association Of Professional Women, March 11, 2015](#); Big Blue Marble Bookstore, [July 11, 2014](#); Equality & Justice NOW PhillyCAM video, June 6, 2014, Philadelphia's Indonesian Community Event, [April 17, 2014](#); Philadelphia Free Library Book Festival April 14, 2014; Cosmopolitan Club, January 9, 2014; Watermark Retirement Community, November, 2013; The Imperfect Gallery, October 30, 2013.

--Keynote Address, "HerStory!" Annual Meeting of Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association Of Professional Women, Philadelphia, PA, March 11, 2015.

--Keynote Address, "*Women's Issues: Then and Now*," 10th anniversary event for Women's Outreach & Advocacy Center Community College of Philadelphia, PA, October 23, 2014.

--"Documenting Our History," National Organization for Women 2013 Convention, Chicago, July, 2013.

--"The Pedagogy of Service Learning" at the National Women's Studies Association Conference in St. Charles, Illinois, June, 2007.

---"Women's Studies Programs at the Community College" at the National Women's Studies Conference in Oakland CA in June, 2006.

- Keynote Address, “Women as Agents of Change,” 6th Annual Be the Designer of Your Life Conference, Community College of Philadelphia, March, 2006.
- “Challenges faced by Women’s Studies Programs Serving High Needs Students,” at the National Women’s Studies Association Conference in Milwaukee June, 2004.
- "The History of Working Women in America," at the 2004 Leaders in Action, National Child Care Workers Conference, La Salle University, June, 2004.
- Keynote Address, The Colloquium on Women’s Studies, Service Learning and Community issues at Montgomery College, Rockville MD. June, 2004.
- “2004 Politics: The High Stakes for Women,” 2004 Mid Atlantic Women’s Studies Conference, Susquehanna University on Feb. 2004.
- Keynote Address, Women’s Studies Graduate Student Conference, Pennsylvania State University, April, 2003
- Keynote Address, Women’s Studies Retreat at Temple University , Feb. 2003
- “Teaching Activism: Strategies from the Field,” National Women’s Studies Association conference in Las Vegas in June 2002.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

WOMEN’S ISSUES:

- Chair of Political Action Group Philadelphia NOW, 1999-02.
- Appointed to Board of Pennsylvania NOWPAC, 1999-2009, 2011-2016.
- Presentation on “How to Interview Political Candidates” at Pennsylvania National Organization for Women State Convention, November 2001.
- President of Philadelphia NOW, December 2001-2009.
- Formed Philadelphia NOWPAC, 2003.
- President of Philadelphia NOWPAC, 2003-09, Board Member of Philadelphia NOWPAC, 2003-2016.
- Founded Philadelphia NOW Education Fund, 2005; Secretary of Philadelphia NOW Education Fund, 2005-16.
- Founding member and Secretary, Southeastern PA NOWPAC, 2009-16.
- Appointed to National NOW Combating Racism Committee, 2009-2015.
- Appointed to Philadelphia City Council’s Special Commission on Gender Parity, 2009.
- Presentation on “Building your NOW chapter with a Political Action Committee,” National Organization for Women 2009 Convention, June, 2009.
- Philadelphia NOW representative to the Board of PhillyCAM, Philadelphia’s Public Cable Access Network, 2010-2012.
- Presentation on “Documenting Our History,” National Organization for Women 2013 Convention, Chicago, July, 2013.
- Developed Proposal and secured funding for series of Workshops sponsored by Philadelphia NOW on how to run for Election Board and How to Run for Committeeperson, 2013-14.

GRASSROOTS POLITICS:

- Elected Democratic Committeeperson, 1986-2016.
- Elected to PA Democratic State Committee, 2010-2014.
- Founding Member, PA Democratic Progressive Caucus, 2010-2013.

Founding Member and Treasurer Philadelphia Democratic Progressive Caucus, 2010-2013.
Member of the Board of Directors, Americans for Democratic Action, 1988- 2016.
Chair, East Mt. Airy Neighbors Political Information Committee, 1991-1999.