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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Ed.D., Health and Behavior Studies; Special Education, Intellectual Disabilities/Autism
Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, NY May, 2010
Dissertation Title: Different Points of View: Effects of Prompting for Eye Contact on Task
Performance in Boys with Fragile X Syndrome and Boys with Autism
Advisor: Linda Hickson

Master of Education, Elementary Education
Boston University
May, 1981

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology
State University of New York at Binghamton
Summa Cum Laude
May, 1978

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Certified trainer, Personal Outcome Measures, Council on Quality and Leadership
Authorized trainer, Self-Direction Broker Training, OPWDD
Certified Support Broker, OPWDD

LANGUAGES

Intermediate French, Beginning Spanish

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant
SUNY Binghamton, Institute for Child Development
Learning Disabilities Clinic
Binghamton, NY
September, 1975 – June, 1978
Director: Raymond Romanczyk, Ph.D.

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Provided 1:1 tutoring to students with learning disabilities using behavior management strategies and a structured reading curriculum, year 1; supervised tutors and conducted assessments, year 2.

Research Assistant, Butternut Hill Pre-School

SUNY Binghamton

September, 1975 – June, 1976

Coded data for graduate student research project, observing pre-school subjects through a one-way mirror.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

St. John's University

Queens, New York

Adjunct Assistant Professor: 9/17 – 5/18

Courses taught to Master's students in the DOE Teaching Fellows Collaborative Program:

- Introduction to Special Education
- Introduction to Research Methods

Teaching Internship

Teacher's College, Columbia University

New York, New York

Spring, 2004

- Gave 3 lectures to graduate students taking course "Nature and Needs of Students with Mental Retardation."
- Assigned and graded student project re: lesson planning for individuals with Fragile X Syndrome
- Constructed multiple-choice mid-term exam

Workforce Training

Varied staff trainings to direct support professionals and management staff over the course of a 30 year career in the field of developmental disabilities: detailed listing provided upon request.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

HeartShare Human Services of New York

Director, Individualized Supports: 1/17 – present

- *Completion of \$100,000 OPWDD grant-funded project to evaluate original tool designed to provide guidance to service planning teams on person-centered service delivery. Results provide evidence for effectiveness in identification of valued outcomes more person-centered and meaningful to individuals who were supported with use of the tool compared to peers supported without the tool. Results also suggest that additional resources are needed to train and coach teams on follow-up and monitoring to achieve those outcomes.*
- *Start-up and ongoing development of self-direction support brokerage services for 32 individuals in Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan*
- *City-wide Information and Referral Services for Fragile X Syndrome*
- *Oversight of Reimbursement Program serving more than 60 individuals in Brooklyn and Queens*

Individual and Family Support Services

Vice President, 2012 – 2016

Senior Director, 1997 – 2012

Director 1993- 1995

- *Administrative oversight and supervisory responsibility for agency's family support and service coordination programs, serving 700 individuals and their families.*
- *Started up self-direction brokerage services; designed tracking*
- *Designed and obtained funding for 13 family support contracts targeting unmet needs of individuals with developmental disabilities living at home with their families, including after-school programming for teens with autism; individuals with mobility impairments; adults with severe and profound intellectual disabilities; young adults who are independent travelers; holiday overnight respite; financial assistance grants for special needs; Fragile X Information and Referral; and Parent Training.*
- *Started up and developed service coordination program, which has included Comprehensive Medicaid Case Management, Non-Medicaid Case Management, Home and Community Based Waiver Case Management, and Medicaid Service Coordination.*
- *Co-Chair of Autism Research Committee, conducting research on staff knowledge of autism and disseminating information on evidence-based practices*
- *Member of Research Committee; assisting in review of proposals by investigators requesting permission to conduct research using HeartShare resources.*

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Coordinator, Respite/Recreation Program
1990 – 1993

- Provided administrative and supervisory oversight of respite/recreation program serving 250 individuals with developmental disabilities living at home with their families in Brooklyn and Queens.

Chairperson, Brooklyn MR/DD Council
1997 – 2001

- Chaired monthly meeting of executive committee and monthly meeting of Council, providing a forum for individuals, providers and OMRDD representatives to share information and identify advocacy concerns. Represented the borough at city-wide Council Chair meetings coordinated by NYC Bureau of Mental Retardation.

Chairperson, Family Support Committee
1987 – 1997

- Chaired monthly meetings of this sub-committee of the Brooklyn MR/DD Council, whose primary purpose was the production of annual Family Support Fair held to educate families about available services for their family members with developmental disabilities.

Coordinator, Brooklyn In-home Respite Program
Young Adult Institute, New York, New York
1987 – 1990

- Administrative and supervisory oversight of in-home respite program serving 30 families of individuals with developmental disabilities residing in Brooklyn.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, and SCHOLARSHIPS

43rd Annual Gatlinburg Conference on Research and Theory in Intellectual Disability

David Zeaman Student Award

March, 2010

\$300.00

Teachers College, Columbia University

Irwin Goldstein Scholarship

Spring, 2010; Autumn, 2009; Spring, 2009;

Total Award: \$1,650

I. Ignacy Goldberg Scholarship

Autumn, 2009; Autumn, 2008; Spring, 2008;
Autumn, 2007; Autumn, 2006; Spring, 2006;

Total Award: \$6,828

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Autumn, 2005

Elise Todd Klaassen Scholarship Total Award: \$4,950
Spring, 2005; Autumn, 2004; Spring, 2004;
Autumn, 2003; Spring, 2003; Autumn, 2002

Office of Policy and Research Grant Total Award: \$4,695
Autumn, 2007; Spring, 2008

National Fragile X Foundation \$5,652
Clinical Research Award, 2006

PRESENTATIONS

Fragile X Foundation 13 International Fragile X Conference, Intercontinental Hotel, Miami, FL:

July 28, 2012. Fragile X and Use of Apps. Symposium Utilizing Technology to Maximize Learning.

July 28, 2012. Adults in Action: Services and Strategies for Successful Living.

July 28, 2012. Bringing out the Best in Fragile X through Person-Centered IEP Transition Planning

November 19, 2011 “The Teen Years: Beginning the Transition Plans” and “Services for Adults with Fragile X.” Lectures presented at conference sponsored by the Fragile X Society of Connecticut: Successful Transitions—Planning for the Education and Employment Years.” University of Connecticut, Farmington, CT.

October 15, 2011. “Adolescence and the Transition to Adulthood;” “There’s an App for That.” Lectures presented at the 2011 Fragile X Educational Seminar, Saint Xavier University, Chicago, Illinois.

April 16, 2010 Participated in panel presentation, “Where Are We Now and Where do We need to Go: Family and Professional Perspectives” at Mind and Body in Autism Conference at Teachers College, Columbia University, April 16, 2010.

March 17, 2010. Effects of prompting for eye contact on task performance in boys with fragile x syndrome and boys with autism. Poster presented at 43rd Annual Gatlinburg Conference on Research and Theory in Intellectual Disability.

July 17, 2007. Effects of prompting for eye contact on task performance in boys with fragile x syndrome and boys with autism. Poster presented at National Fragile X Foundation 12th annual international Fragile X Conference at Dearborn, Michigan.

October 18, 2009. Classroom strategies for students – Moderator. Fragile X Syndrome: Strategies for Home, School and Community. Conference sponsored by Fragile X Associations of New York and New Jersey. Rutgers University, Newark, NJ.

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April 29, 2003. Workshop on Fragile X Syndrome at New York State Agencies for Community and Residential Services annual conference in Sagamore, New York.

July 18, 2002. “Education Workshop” panelist. Bational Fragile X Foundation 8th annual international Fragile X Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

PUBLICATIONS and ARTICLES

Yankowitz, H. Laurie.(2011, December). Helping Manage FXS in the Classroom. National Fragile X Foundation Quarterly, Issue 43.

Yankowitz, Laurie. (2010, December). Strengths and Challenges of Individuals with Fragile X Syndrome. Autism Spectrum News.

Contributing author, Lesson Planning Guide for Students with Fragile X Syndrome, A Practical Approach to the Classroom. © 2004. Available on the internet through the National Fragile X Foundation:
<http://www.fragilex.org/pdf/FXSBinderReprint0804.pdf>

Yankowitz, Laurie. (2006, November). Student Research Update, National Fragile X Foundation Quarterly,

Letter to the Editor published in New York Times
July 21, 1994

“Classifying autism”

<http://www.nytimes.com/1994/07/21/opinion/1-classifying-autism-728691.html>

Letter to the Editor published in New York Times
January 28, 1993

“Social programs give retarded safe outlet” (this heading was not my idea)

<http://query.nytimes.com/gst/fullpage.html?sec=health&res=9F0CEFD1230F931A25751C0A965958260&fta=y>

SELECTED CONSULTATIONS

**January 25, 2013. Mamaroneck School District – Murray Avenue School.
Assessment of instructional supports for 8 year old 2nd grader
with Fragile X Syndrome.**

**January 31, 2012. Child Development Center, JBFCS.
Assessment of instructional supports for 4 year old pre-schooler.**

February 5, 2008. Christa McAuliffe School, IS 187

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Assessment of instructional supports for middle school student.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Council for Exceptional Children

Inter-Agency Council of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Agencies, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Proficient in MS Word, Excel, Powerpoint, "BlackBoard"

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST