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EARNED DEGREES

- Ph.D. (Loyola University Chicago, 1989); Major: Curriculum & Instruction; Minors: Learning Theory; Research Methodology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- President, 1987-Present, Lakehouse Evaluation, Inc., New Buffalo, MI
- Assistant Professor of Education, 1996-2002, Indiana University, South Bend, IN; Educational Leadership, Mathematics Education, & Research Methods; Program Chair, Elementary Education 1998-99
- Associate Adjunct Professor, Graduate Faculty, 1988-1996, Concordia University Chicago, River Forest, IL, Educational Statistics & Learning Theory
- Director of Curriculum & Assessment, 1987-1996, Community Consolidated School District 15, Palatine, IL

SOME CURRENT EVALUATION PROJECTS

Serving as program evaluator and/or external researcher for:

- 1) Buchanan High School, School Improvement Grant, federally funded award through the Michigan Department of Education, Buchanan, Michigan, 2010-2012,
- 2) Smaller Learning Community Grant, a U.S. Department of Education grant to redesign four Indiana area high schools (Hammond, Morton, Lowe & Merrillville), School City of Hammond, Hammond, IN, 2009-2014,
- 3) Lake Michigan College, Achieving the Dream, multi-year program grant to help community college students succeed, Benton Harbor, MI, 2008-2012,
- 4) Lake Michigan College, Title III Strengthening Institution, science improvement grant, Benton Harbor, MI, 2007-2012,
- 5) Smaller Learning Community Grant, a U.S. Department of Education grant to restructure Benton Harbor High School, Benton Harbor, MI, 2007-2012, and
- 6) Berrien Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) program evaluation of the following grant initiatives: data-driven decision-making, early childhood, school improvement, special education, strategic planning, and Tech Prep/Career Technical Education, Berrien Springs, MI 2002-2011.

SOME RECENTLY COMPLETED EVALUATION PROJECTS

Served as external program evaluator or principal researcher for:

- Adolescents At Risk in Berrien County, a U.S. Department of Health & Human Services SAMHSA grant to aid in the prevention of suicide, Berrien County Health Department, Benton Harbor, MI, 2006-2009,
- Project Dual U, a Title III federal bilingual professional development grant preparing highly qualified teachers in grades K-12, Illinois Resource Center in collaboration with National-Louis University, Des Plaines, IL, 2004-2009,
- Mathematics Science Partnership Title II program grant, Michigan Department of Education in conjunction with the U. S. Department of Education, Berrien County, MI, 2004-2009,
- Project Read Well, a Title III federal bilingual professional development grant preparing highly qualified teachers in grades K-12, Illinois Resource Center in collaboration with National-Louis University, Des Plaines, IL, 2002-2008,
- U. S. Department of Education Early Learning Opportunities Act (EOLA) early childhood grant, Berrien, Cass, & Van Buren Counties, MI, 2004-2007,
- Mid-Michigan Mathematics Partnership (M3P), a Title II program grant, Michigan Department of Education in conjunction with Central Michigan University, St. John's, MI, 2004-2006,

- Michigan Virtual University, LearnPort, on-line distance learning collaborative serving the state of Michigan through the Berrien County Intermediate Service Center, 2004-2006,
- Project Pesos, Title VII federal Title III bilingual grant, creation of second language classrooms in grades K-12, Woodstock Community Unit School District 200, Woodstock, IL, 2002-2005,
- Berrien County Intermediate School District, Career Pathways :A Legacy of Success, county-wide career technical education program, 1996 - 2003, Berrien County, MI , September, 2003,
- Learning With Handhelds, Michigan Department of Education grant, Berrien County, MI, hand-held/Palm computer technology initiative, June, 2003,
- Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing (CRESST), UCLA, American Association of School Administrators/National School Board Foundation on methodological issues for the District Data Use Research Project, a study of school improvement in over 50 schools nation-wide utilizing technology to improve data-driven decision-making, 2002,
- Collaboratory Project, Northwestern University and PreK-12 partner schools utilizing technology in meeting state academic standards, Illinois State Board of Education, 2002, and
- HealthWorks!, Memorial Health Systems interactive health museum for students of grades K-12, South Bend, IN, 1998-2003.

SOME RECENT PRESENTATIONS

- Re-imagining a District's Purpose through the Vision and Mission/Strategic Planning Process, Michigan Association of School Administrators, Detroit, MI, February 2, 2012.
- Conducting Cost-efficient Evaluations that produce Credible Results, American Evaluation Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 6, 2008.
- Addressing Evaluation Costs: Producing Rigorous Evaluations on a Shoestring Budget, American Evaluation Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, November 12, 2007.
- Mathematics and Science Partnership (MSP) Projects: Michigan's Design, Strategies and Instruments, American Evaluation Association, Baltimore, MD, November 10, 2007.
- Reducing Evaluation Costs, Retaining the Rigor, Michigan Association for Evaluation Annual Meeting, Lansing, MI, March, 2007.
- New Ideas in Mixed-methods Evaluation, American Evaluation Association (AEA) Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, November 3, 2001.

SOME PUBLICATIONS

- Breaking Down the Data: Take an informed approach. Rudy, D. W. & Conrad, W. H., American School Board Journal, February, 2004, Volume 191, No. 2.
- When Less Is More, School Administrator, October, 2001, Number 9, Volume 58.
- With Ellen L. Rudy, co-authored, Report on Career Pathways: A Success Story in Berrien County, MI, 2001 (ERIC, ED457408)
- What Matters Most, Annual Evaluation, Report of Findings, HealthWorks! Kid's Museum, Memorial Hospital/ Health Systems, 2001 (ERIC, ED452161)
- Connecting Community Through Evaluation, paper presented at the American Evaluation Association Annual Meeting, 2000 (ERIC, ED452185)
- What Am I Doing Up on the Roof, School Administrator, April, 1999, Number 4, Volume 56.
- Extend the Learning, Achieving High Academic Standards (AHAs) Project, Annual Report of Findings, 1999 (ERIC, 452180)
- Project Great Start Newcomers' Center, Biennial Report, Title VII Bilingual federal grant, 1999 (ERIC, ED450590)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- American Evaluation Association (AEA)
- Michigan Association for Evaluation (MAE)

RECENT PROFESSIONAL AWARD

- Awarded the 2004 Outstanding Publication designation by the American Educational Research Association, Division H for Learning with Handhelds report, San Diego, Ca, April, 2004.