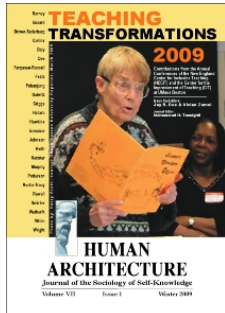


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### 1. Academic Degrees and Certification

Doctorate of Philosophy, University of Connecticut - Reading

Master of Arts/Science, University of Colorado - Elementary Education

Bachelor of Science, University of Texas - Elementary Education

(Additional undergraduate and graduate work completed at the University of Alaska, The University of Guadalajara, North Texas State University, and Rhode Island College-Early Childhood Education

### 2. Professional Experience Overview

Professor of Reading and Early Childhood Education at Rhode Island College. Have served as Department Chair , Reading Committee and Early Childhood Committee Chair, and member of the Departmental Advisory Committee. Teacher of the following prior to coming to RIC in the USA and nine countries:

In Alaska, Texas, Colorado and Department Of Defense schools: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grades. In Australia, New Zealand, New Guinea, Aruba, Chile, South Africa, Libya, Mexico, and Japan: Primer I - II and all other grades through high school including elementary and high school music, as well as ESL for children and adults.

### 3. Recent College Service

- Served as Co-Chair of Dialogue on Diversity Committee and Promising Practices
- Served as Co- Founder and CoChair for the first three Diversity Weeks
- Presentations made at most Promising Practices and during all Diversity Weeks
- Member of the *Out On Campus* Unofficial Committee/Group throughout its existence at RIC, contributed to most of the publications and was a member of the editorial board
- Asked to Serve on the RI LGBT Task Force on Addiction which is RIC based
- Served on the Gender Neuter Bathroom Committee and the Preferred Name Change Committee
- Currently serve on the Library Advisory Board and am working on a LIBGUIDE for the college's historical collection of Gay Friendly Picture Books for young children which I started
- ELED Aft Department Representative for ELED for and Secretary of the Department Representatives
- Served as a Disability Resource Mentor Trainer for faculty and staff
- Served as Council Secretary under two presidents and am currently on the Curriculum as well as the Parking and Traffic committees.

### 4. General Education Courses Created And Taught

- GEN 264: Multicultural Views: Same-Sex Orientation and Transsexuality
- ELED 261: Disability Viewed Through Cross-Cultural Lenses

### 5. Recent Presentations

- *Selecting and Using Media to Enhance Understanding of the Transgender Experience*  
North East Media Literacy Conference, Storrs, Ct. March 25, 2011

- *You've Got To Be Taught Before It's Too Late-Before You Are 6 Or 7 Or 8...* True Colors LGBT Conference, Storrs, Ct. March 11, 2011
- *LGBT Harassment Hurts: Can We Stop the Bullying?* Rhode Island College Promising Practices Conference Nov.2011
- *Young Children and the Transgender Experience* ECED 509 RIC Diversity Week Open Class Oct. 2008-2010  
Rhode Island College Promising Practices Conference Nov. 2008  
True Colors LGBT Conference, Storrs, Ct. March, 2009,
- *"Promoting Dialogue on the Transgender Experience in College Courses through Films and Literature!"* Conference on Teaching for Transformation, U Mass, Boston Jan. 2009
- *The Varying Roles and Images of Women in Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Picture Books for Young Children*", Conference on Women and Gender, University of Connecticut March, 2009
- *Potty Talk - Understanding the Need for Gender Neutral Bathrooms.* RIC Diversity Week, October 2009
- *Making the School Environment More Welcoming to Transgender Children, Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Others.* RIC Promising Practices, November, 2009
- *Gay, Lesbian, and Finally Transgender "Friendly" Picture Books For Young Children An Under Used But Much Needed Resource!* True Colors, University of Ct., Storrs, April 2010
- *The Importance of Using GLT Friendly Picture Books with Young Children.*  
RIC Diversity Week: ECED 423 Open Class October 2008- 2010.

#### 6. Recent Publications in Juried Journals

- "Promoting Dialogue on the Transgender Experience through Films and Literature". *Human Architecture* (Winter 2009). This is also an online journal.
- "Missing! Picture Books Reflecting Gay and Lesbian Families" *Young Children* (May, 2007)
- "Missing! Picture Books Reflecting Gay and Lesbian Families: Make the Curriculum Inclusive for All Children." (expanded article) *Beyond the Journal on Line.* <http://www.journal.naeyc.org>
- "Beating Bias With Books." *Social Studies and the Young Learner*, pp. 32-35, 1999. (with T. B. Goodkind and E. Henshaw)

#### RIC Publications

- "My Dream of (Gay Friendly Picture) Books, Books, Books", *Out On Campus*, Issue #10. (Spring 2007).
- "Three Weddings, One Honeymoon, And One Divorce In 26 Years - The Messages About Same-Sex Marriage In Children's Picture Books". *Out On Campus*, Issue #9. (Spring 2006).
- "A Valued Adam's Library Resource, One Of The Most Challenged Books Of The Last Decade, And An Invitation To Hear A Remarkable Author And Artist"! *Out On Campus*. Issue #8 (Fall 2005).
- "Same Sex Parent Books And Other Gay-Friendly Books For Young Children Available At RIC". *Out On Campus*. Issue #1 (2).
- RIC, NECIT on line publication 2006: "My Not Yet Completed Journey to Inclusive and Effective Teaching."

#### 6. Most Recent Faculty Research Grants

2011-2012	Exploring And Comparing The Cultural Contexts Included in and Surrounding the Creation and Dissemination of Gay/Lesbian/Transgender Books For Young Children Published in the USA With Those Published In English Or With English Subtitles In Countries That Approve Same Sex Marriage Or Some Form Of Civil Unions That Were Published In The Last Two Decades
2009-10	Young Children, Tweeners, and the Transgender Experience A Multi Faceted and Diverse Country Study