

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Iowa, M.A. Candidate. Industrial Relations
Course work completed in 1976.
Emphasis: Labor Law; Collective Bargaining. One paper remaining.

University of Northern Iowa, B.A. 1972. English. Sociology.
Teaching Certificate awarded.

EMPLOYMENT

1994- present

Instructor

Labor Education and Research Center, University of Oregon

- Primary Teaching Emphases: Organizing, Collective Bargaining and Contract Campaigns, Labor/Community Coalitions, and Strategic Planning for Unions.
- Long-Term Consultation/Projects with unions: Economic Development Strategies, Leadership Development, Staff Development, Building Member Support for Contract Campaign, and Development of Strategic Organizing Plan.

1984-1994

Executive Director

Calumet Project for Industrial Jobs, East Chicago, IN

- Administrator and advocate for a labor-community coalition in Northwest Indiana, which works on job retention, job creation and other local economic development and public policy issues for the region.

Adjunct Instructor, Indiana University Division of Labor Studies

Adjunct Instructor, University of Illinois Institute of Labor & Industrial Relations

1976-1984

Labor Educator, (Director – 1980-84)
University of Iowa Labor Center

- Administer and teach in a statewide, non-credit labor education program, which provided a wide range of issue and skills training for unionists in Iowa and the Midwest.

CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND COURSES TAUGHT:

General Labor Education: (selected)

Basic Grievance Handling
Advanced Grievance Handling
Preparation for Arbitration
Collective Bargaining
Contract Campaigns
Advocacy Skills
Labor Law
Labor and Politics
Diversity in the Workplace
Leadership Development
Leadership Skills
Communication Skills

Internal Organizing, Outreach, Planning, and Organizational Change

Internal Organizing
Organizing Skills
Communication Skills for Organizing
Strategic Planning
Building an Inclusive Organization
Team-Building
Strategic Issue Campaigns
Developing a Strategic Organizing Plan
Effective Labor/Community Coalitions

APPOINTED POSITIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

City of Eugene

Mayor's Sustainable Business Initiative Task Force, 2005-06

AFL-CIO Voice at Work Program

National Coordinator for Labor Educators, 2004

United Association of Labor Educators
Chair, Organizing Taskforce, 2000 - present
Women's Committee, 1980 – present
Member, 1976-present

Labor Studies Journal
Book Review Editor, 2001-present
Editorial Board, 2000-present

Eugene-Springfield Chapter of Jobs with Justice
Co-Chair, 1999-2003
Steering Committee, 1994-2004

Summer Institute for Union Women
Instructor, 1994-2006
Coordinator, 2000 & 2005

AFL-CIO Organizing Institute
Organizing Fellow, 2000-2001

Labor Economic Action Project
Director, 1994-1996

“Chicago Women Leaders” Award
Recipient for community organizing, 1993

GM/UAW Paid Educational Leave program
Instructor, 1991-1994

Labor Research Review
Associate Editor, 1985-1996

Governor's Task Force on Plant Closings, State of Iowa, 1983-84

Women's Resource and Action Center, University of Iowa
Member, Board of Directors, 1982-84

Iowa Public Employment Relations Board
Ad hoc Mediator, 1977-79

PUBLICATIONS:

The Social Equity Factor: Community Attitudes, Expectations, and Priorities for Eugene's Sustainable Business Development", with Robert Bussel and Claire Syrett, 2006.

"Helping New Organizers Survive and Thrive in the Field: The Essential Role of Training and Mentoring", with Marcus Widenor. *Labor Studies Journal*. Fall 2003.

"Organizer Training in Two Hemispheres: The Experience in the USA and Australia." with Marcus Widenor. in Bruce Spencer, editor, *Unions and Learning in a Global Economy*. Thompson Educational Publishing Inc., Toronto. 2002.

"A Small Leap for Labor: Southwest Oregon's Labor Economic Action Project" in Jill Kriesky, editor, *Working Together to Revitalize Labor in our Communities*. UCLEA. 1998.

"The Challenge of Organizing", *Northwest Labor Press*, Fall 1996.

"For the Public Good", with Bruce Nissen. *Labor Research Review*. Fall 1992.

"Early Warning of Plant Closings: Issues and Prospects", with Bruce Nissen. *Labor Studies Journal*. Winter 1991

"Hoosier Jobs and Income: State Government Can Make a Difference", *Working Papers for a Better Indiana*, Indiana University. 1988.

COMMISSIONED REPORTS FOR UNIONS

"Employment in Credit Unions". Report for Communication Workers of America. February 2007.

"Development of a Organizing Strategy: Internal Considerations". Report for the Association of Western Pulp and Paper Workers, affiliated with United Carpenters and Joiners. February 2004.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS: (SELECTED)

"Why and How University Labor Centers Can Support Organizing", United Association of Labor Educators annual conference 2004

"Organizing for Power", Oregon AFL-CIO Organizing Conference. 2003.

"The Role of State Federations of Labor in Supporting Organizing", UALE annual conference 2003

"The Role of Training and Mentoring in Helping New Organizers Succeed", Oregon AFL-CIO Organizing Conference. 2001

“Labor and Local Economic Development: Strategies for Success”, Labor Notes biennial conference, 2001

“Helping New Organizers Survive and Thrive in the Field”, UALE annual conference 2001.

“Strategies for Successfully Fighting Contracting Out”, Labor Notes biennial conference 1999

“Building a Movement for Living Wages”, Northwest Federation of Community Organizations, Seattle. 1999

“Community Coalitions and Organizing” UALE annual conference 1998.

“Lessons from One Coalition’s Work to Save Manufacturing Jobs”, Work and Health in the Global Economy, Toronto. 1997

“New Alliances between Unions and Universities to Support Organizing”, UALE annual conference 1996.

“Developing Labor Strategies on Local Economic Development”, British Columbia Federation of Labour Convention, Vancouver, B.C. 1995

Awards

Labor Leader of the Year, Lane County Labor Council, 2005.
