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Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION

Fordham University at Lincoln Center 1985-1991
Graduate School of Education
New York, NY 10023

Doctor of Philosophy- awarded in the Spring of 1991
Specialization: Educational Psychology
Dissertation Entitled: Social Problem Solving Abilities and Adjustment of Elementary School Children

Master of Science- awarded in the Spring of 1987
Specialization: Educational Psychology

Georgian Court College 1979-1982
Lakewood, NJ 08701

Bachelor of Arts- awarded in December of 1982
Specialization: Special Education
Graduated Summa Cum Laude

LICENSING

Awarded New Jersey Licensure to Practice Psychology by the
New Jersey State Board of Psychological Examiners in May of 1995 (License #SI 03265)

Awarded New Jersey School Psychologist certification by the
New Jersey State Department of Education Board of Examiners in October of 1987

Awarded Teacher of the Handicapped certification by the
New Jersey State Department of Education Board of Examiners in December of 1982

PRACTICE IN EDUCATION

September 1989- present Georgian Court University
Lakewood, New Jersey

Currently Professor of Psychology in the School of Arts and Science. Served full-time from September 2002 to July 2018 in the School of Education including six years as dean (July 2012 to July 2018); served as adjunct lecturer in education in the Graduate School of Education for thirteen consecutive years immediately prior. Undergraduate courses taught include Psychology of the Exceptional Child, Appraising Student Growth, Resources and Services for the Disabled, Practical Guidance for Teachers of the Disabled, Assessment and Instruction of Students with Special Needs, Elements of Instruction, Introduction to Special Education, and Introduction to Inclusive Education. Graduate courses taught include Educational Assessment, Counseling and Interviewing Techniques, Educating the Exceptional Child in the Mainstream, Diversity in Inclusive Education (on-line) and the Applied Thesis.

May 2008- June 2012 Brick Township School District
Brick Township, New Jersey

Part-time school psychologist for this kindergarten through twelve grade school-district. Responsibilities include conducting cognitive, social, and emotional assessments as a child study team member.

May 1995- June 2005 Private Practice/Office
Neptune, New Jersey

Conducted independent, private practice of psychology on a part time basis since receiving licensure. Practice consisted primarily of providing psychotherapy for children, adolescents, and families and conducting independent, psychological evaluations including second opinions.

Jan. 2001- May 2002 Monmouth University
West Long Branch, New Jersey

University supervisor of student teachers for the curriculum and instruction department. Responsibilities included formal observations, conferencing with student teacher and cooperating teacher, a midterm evaluation and a final evaluation.

Spring (1998, 1999,
2000, 2001)

Marlboro Township Public School System
Marlboro, New Jersey

Conducted intellectual/cognitive functioning tests for first graders in the district who were identified as potential candidates for the gifted and talented program (Project Venture).

Spring 2001

East Brunswick Public School District
East Brunswick, New Jersey

Conducted psychological assessments to assist in educational planning and placement. Testing included both initial referrals and reevaluations.

February 2000

Berkeley Township Public School District
Berkeley, New Jersey

Conducted psychological assessments to assist in educational planning and placement. Testing included reevaluations.

Summer 1998- 1999

New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired
153 Halsey Street- 5th Floor
Newark, New Jersey

Conducted statewide psychological assessments for high school and college students identified with legal blindness and visual impairments. Primary purpose of the assessments is to assist in providing transitional services to these students by identifying their cognitive abilities, aptitudes, and vocational interests.

Spring 1995- 1999

Lakewood Public Schools
Lakewood, New Jersey

Consulting school psychologist for Lakewood public schools. Responsibilities include conducting initial evaluations and psychological reevaluations.

September 1989- 1995

Bradley Beach Grammar School
Bradley Beach, New Jersey

Full-time school psychologist for this kindergarten through eighth grade school district. Responsibilities involved all duties required of a child study team member including cognitive, social, and emotional assessments, group, individual, and crisis counseling, and consultation with parents, teachers, and administration regarding behavior management.

January 1992- 1995

Jersey Shore Medical Center Child Evaluation Center
Neptune, New Jersey

Part-time staff psychologist at the Child Evaluation Center conducting psychological assessments for youngsters ages 3 through 21. Assessments included initial evaluations, reevaluations, and second opinions. Referrals were made by private agencies, public schools, the hospital, and private patients.

August 1991- August 1995

Preferred Behavioral Health
Lakewood, New Jersey

Completed post-doctoral residency providing outpatient psychotherapy on a fee for service basis. Case assignments included but were not limited to child, adolescent, and family counseling.

1994- Summer 1995

Wall Township Public School District
Wall Township, New Jersey

Consulting school psychologist for the district. Duties involved conducting psychological reevaluations, classroom observations, and conferencing with classroom teachers.

Summer 1992-1993

Neptune Township Public School District
Neptune, New Jersey

Consulting school psychologist for the district's middle and elementary schools. Responsibilities involved conducting initial psychological evaluations and reevaluations including communication of results to the Child Study Team.

Summer 1988- June 1989

Ocean Township Public School District
Ocean Township, New Jersey

Full-time school psychologist for the district's middle and high school. Primary responsibilities included providing group and individual counseling for emotionally disturbed students and consulting with teachers, parents, and administrators regarding effective behavior management and alternative disciplinary procedures. Additional duties involved conducting psychological reevaluations during the summer of 1988.

September 1984- June 1988 Memorial Middle School
Point Pleasant Borough, New Jersey

Teacher of a self-contained special class for students identified with perceptual impairments, grade six, ages eleven through thirteen. Instruction included reading, mathematics, language arts, science, and social studies.

January 1983- June 1984 New Jersey Regional Day School
Jackson, New Jersey

Teacher of a self-contained special education class for students identified with emotional disturbance, ages ten through fifteen.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association

Council of Exceptional Children

NJ Council for Exceptional Children, President 2008-2010

National Association of School Psychologists

PUBLICATIONS

DeCapua, L., & Lowry, P. (2010). *Productive planning for effective co-teaching in the inclusive classroom*. Proceedings of the New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education 8th Annual Summer Inclusion Conference, Lakewood, NJ

DeCapua, L. (Ed.) (2008, Fall). *Exceptional Educator*, 6(1). New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children.

DeCapua, L. (Ed.) (2007, Spring). *Exceptional Educator*, 5(2), New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children.

DeCapua, L. (Ed.) (2006, Fall). *Exceptional Educator*, 5(1), New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children.

DeCapua, L. (2006). Student CEC Best Practices: Collaborative Partnerships for Inclusion. *Exceptional Educator*, 4(1), p. 4.

DeCapua, L. (2004). United We Can: Keys to Establish Empowering Partnerships Between Teachers and Families of children with Disabilities. *Channels*, 14, 51-55.

PRESENTATIONS

New Jersey Coalition for Inclusive Education
8th Annual Summer Inclusion Conference
Title: *Productive Planning for Effective Co-teaching in the Inclusive Classroom*
Co-Presenter: Dr. Pamela Lowry
June 30, 2010
Lakewood, NJ

Ocean County Reading Council
31st Annual Fall Conference- Igniting Interest in Literacy
Title: *I Can... Read! Strategies for Students with Specific Learning Disabilities for Expository Text Comprehension*
Format: Poster
October 2009
Lakewood, NJ

NJ Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference
Faculty Advisors Roundtable
May 2, 2008
Edison, NJ

2008 CEC Annual Convention and Expo
Title: *Using Graphic Organizers to Develop Critical Thinking Skills in Diverse Learners*
Co-presenters: Drs. Joanne Kenny and Barbara Cordasco
Poster Session
April 2-5, 2008
Boston, MA

Annual Middle States Commission on Higher Education Conference
Title: *Enhancing Student Learning Through Service-Learning*
Co-presenter: Dr. Lili Bruess
Poster Session
December 9-11, 2007
Philadelphia, PA

31st Annual Association for Schools & Agencies for the Handicapped Conference
Title: *The Real Hidden Curriculum: Humanism in the Classroom*
Co-presenter: Dr. Christopher Trigani
November 2, 2007
Atlantic City, NJ

NJ Council for Exceptional Children
Conference Co-chair and Presenter at the 2007 NJCEC Conference: Responding to Issues
Roundtable: *Celebrating Service*

Association of Schools & Agencies for the Handicapped
Presenter at the 30th Annual Conference
Presentation title: *Teachers, Parents, and Child Study Team Members: Building Working Partnerships for Effective Educational Interventions*
Atlantic City, New Jersey
November 3, 2006

NJ Council for Exceptional Children
Presenter at the 2006 NJCEC Conference: Counting Every Child
Presentation title: *Future Directions in CEC Chapters*
Kean University
May 5, 2006

NJ Council for Exceptional Children
Presenter at the 2005 New Jersey Council for Exceptional Children Conference
Presentation Title: *Service Through CEC*
Woodbridge, NJ
April 22, 2005

Council for Exceptional Children
Presenter at the 2005 Annual Council for Exceptional Children Convention and Expo
Presentation title: *Building a Better Tomorrow Through CEC Chapters*
Baltimore, MD
April 7, 2005

NJ Council for Exceptional Children
Host/Presenter at the 3rd Annual New Jersey Student Council for Exceptional Children Conference:
Presentation title: *Collaborative Partnerships for Inclusion*
Georgian Court University
October 22, 2005

Association of Schools & Agencies for the Handicapped
Co-Presenter at the 29th Annual Conference
Presentation title: *Fundamentals of Child and Adolescent Development: A Re-Examination for Educators*
Atlantic City, New Jersey
November 4, 2005

Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped
Presenter at the 28th Annual Conference
Presentation title: *Positive Behavior Strategies for Paraprofessionals*
Atlantic City, New Jersey
November 12, 2004

NJ Council for Exceptional Children

Host/Presenter at the 2nd Annual NJ Student Council for Exceptional Children Conference: *Sharing Resources*

Georgian Court University

October 22, 2004

Monmouth/Ocean County School Counselors Association

Co- Presenter at the Annual Good Ideas Conference

Keynote: The Fourth "R" Respect- Helping Children Respect Themselves and Others

Georgian Court University

April 30, 2004

Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped

Co-Presenter at the 27th Annual Conference

Presentation title: *Note-taking Strategies for College Bound Students with Learning Disabilities*

Atlantic City, New Jersey

November 14, 2003

Association of Schools and Agencies for the Handicapped

Co-Presenter at the 26th Annual Conference

Presentation title: *Therapeutic Interventions for the Noncompliant, Violent, and Aggressive Child.*

Atlantic City, New Jersey

November 15, 2002