

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- A.B. University of Chicago 1959
Social Sciences.
- M.A. Teachers College, Columbia 1969
Early Childhood Education & Supervision. Experienced Teacher Fellow.
- 34 assorted *graduate credits in education* from, variously, Atlanta University, Bank Street College, CCNY, and NYU
- Additional Training from WestEd, as Infant-Toddler Trainer (I didn't finish this training) and as CDA Representative, at San Francisco State University. Also trained as NAEYC Accreditation Validator.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE

I speak fluent, but ungrammatical, Spanish

CREDENTIALS

- California Early Childhood Teacher Credential; Clear, Life.
- California Community College Nursery Education Credential, Life.
- Child Development Associate Credential, awarded June, 1982.
- New York State Permanent Certificate to teach Nursery, Kindergarten and Grades 1-6.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Association for the Education of Young Children

- Member since 1982
- Consulting Editor, *Young Children*, Journal of the NAEYC, 1988-91, 1992-95
- Co-Chair, Interest forum for Children of Incarcerated Parents (CHIPS) 2004-
- Public Policy Chair, *San Francisco AEYC*, 1986-1988
- Validator *NAEYC Center Accreditation Project*, 1985-

Professional Organizations

- Pasadena City Commission on Children, Youth and Families,
Commissioner, 1991-1992
- White House Conference on the Family
Delegate, [Los Angeles] 1980
- San Francisco Classroom Teachers Association
Field Representative, (Full time) 1976
- San Francisco Children's Council,
Board Member, 1973-75
- San Francisco Bay Area Reggio Learning Group
member since 1999 (beginning of organization)
- Child Development Associate Consortium,
National Representative, Infant-Toddler and Preschool, 1976-1992
- Pittsburgh Children's Museum
Consultant, 2001
- SCRAP (Scrounger's Center for Recycled Art Parts)
Board Member, 1998- 2002
- ECEOL-L web page Editor, 1996-8

At the moment I sit on only one board... the information is below. I'd love to sit on one or two more boards, so please consider me for yours.

- *Early Childhood Research and Practice* Online Journal:
Consulting Editor, 1999-

APPOINTMENTS

- Extension Faculty, U.C. Davis, 2001-
- Loma Prieta Independent Home Schooling Program, 1998-9
Consultant, part-time, writing a California School Charter
- San Francisco Head Start Child Development Associate Trainer,
part-time consultant 1996-8
- Workshop provider and consultant , San Francisco Head Start, 1993-
- Founder, Principal and Teacher, San Francisco Charter Early Childhood School, 1993-5.
- Extension Faculty , Associate Professor, Fresno State University, Sonoma State University, San Francisco State University, 1985-90
- Instructor, part-time , Child Development Department, Merritt College, Oakland 1981.

FULL TIME, LONG TERM TEACHING POSITIONS

- **Teacher**, San Francisco Unified School District Pre-kindergarten and Children's Centers 1972-83.
- **Co-founder and Director**, Discovery Room for Children, New York City, 1969-71.
- **Teacher**, New York City Public Schools, Grades 7, 5, 4, 1 and Kindergarten, 1962-67.
- Full time Faculty, Pacific Oaks College, 1988 - 1992

CONSULTING AND VOLUNTEERING

- Educational Consultant, Daisy Child Development Center, Oakland, CA, 1998-
- Community Representative, Glen Park Branch Library Community Artist Selection Panel, 2002

AUTHOR: BOOKS

- *Pay Attention to the Children: Lessons for Teachers and Parents from Sylvia Ashton-Warner*, 1996.
- *The Sun's Not Broken, A Cloud's Just in the Way: On Child-Centered Teaching*, 1984.
- *Centering on the Children*, 1985.

AUTHOR: ARTICLES

- I participated in the final editing of *The Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents* (663KB PDF file)
- *Painting A Tragedy:*
Three to Five-Year-Old Children Process the Events of September 11
Written by Toni Gross and me and published in the May, 2002 issue of *YOUNG CHILDREN*, (the journal of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.) You can click on the link and print the article if you like. Please let me know you've done so: send an e-mail to sydney@eceteacher.org
- *Free to be a Teacher*
in Focus, Bulletin of WVA. AEYC, February, 1987.
- *A Dr. Martin Luther King Curriculum: Playing the Dream* in *Young Children*, Vol. 43 No. 2, January, 1988.
(*Young Children* is the journal of the National Association for the Education of Young Children.)
- Naming the Pictures in our Hearts: Sylvia Ashton-Warner & the Key Vocabulary. In *Claremont Reading Conference Yearbook*, 1990.
This paper is available as a Pacific Oaks Occasional Paper from Pacific Oaks College Bookstore, Pasadena, CA
- *Art in the Classroom: Making Every Day Special*
in *Young Children*, Vol. 46. No. 2, January, 1991.
- Column, *Ask Sydney*
in *San Francisco Head Start Newsletter*, 1993-4 (4 issues)
- *Editing, Permission to Start Wrong*
Early Childhood Research and Practice, an electronic journal of ERIC-ECE. Volume 1, Number 1, Spring, 1999.

- Discussing the News with 3-7-Year-Olds, What to Do? [Also Available in French] in ERIC-ECE *Early Years are Learning Years*, 1999.
- *Why We Should Repeat Field Trips With Young Children* Beginnings Workshop Child Care Information Exchange, May, 2001

AUTHOR: BOOK REVIEWS

- *The Good Preschool Teacher: Six Teachers Reflect*, by William Ayers. *Young Children*, May, 1990
- *The Real Ebonics Debate* , by Theresa Perry. *Childhood Education*, Spring 1999.
- *Circle of Love* by Amy C. Baker and Lynn Manfredi/Petit.
- *Teaching with Love* by Lisa S. Goldstein. *Childhood Education* Fall, 1998
- *That's Not Fair: A Teacher's Guide to Activism With Young Children* by Ann Pelo and Fran Davidson. *Canadian Children (CAYC)*, Montreal, Canada. Fall 2000 Issue Vol.25 no.2, pp39-40 .
- *The Art of Awareness: How Observation Can Transform Your Teaching* by Deb Curtis and Margie Carter. *Canadian Children (CAYC)*, Montreal, Canada. Spring 2001 Issue Vol.26 no.1, pp.43-44.

KEYNOTE SPEECHES

(partial listing):

- Big Island AEYC [HI] *Caring for the Spiritual Well-Being of a Child*, (Ka malama 'ana i na mana'o o ke keiki) 2004
- Las Cruces [NM] Reggio Institute *The Image of the Child*, 2004
- South Australian Reggio Emilia Interest Group, [Adelaide] *Documentation* 2003
- Darwin, Australia Northern Territory Children's Services Conference, *A rich arts program supports the children in your ece classroom*, 2003
- Australian Curriculum Studies Association, [Adelaide] Opening panel: *A vision for education and what we must do to achieve it*, 2003
- Southwest Human Development Co. (Phoenix, AZ Head Start) *Young Children Develop Resilience through their Daily Art Explorations*, 2002
- Hawai'i AEYC, Big Island Chapter, Sowing the Seeds for Success Conference, *Creativity Gets Children Through The Hard Times*, 2002
- Kenosha County, WI Resource and Referral Conference, *The Enchanted Child in the Real World: Children and the Arts*, 2001
- South Bend, IN Young Learners Conference, *The Enchanted Child in the Real World: Children and the Arts*, 2001
- East Central Illinois AEYC, *Children Bring Their Own Agendas*, 2000
- Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children, *The Many Languages in Which Children & Adults Tell Our Stories* , 1999
- Associated Colleges of Central Kansas, *Introduction to Reggio Emilia*, 1998

- Ohio University Kennedy Visitor's Lecture, *Creativity and Children* , 1998
- Reading [PA] Quest for Quality Early Childhood Conference, *Child-Centered Teaching* , 1998
- Virginia Association of Independent Schools, *Introduction to Reggio Emilia*, 1997
- Binghamton AEYC [NY] *Parents, Teachers & Children Making Fantasy & Stories: Lessons from Gianni Rodari* , 1997
- Durham Day Care Council [NC] , *Introduction to Reggio Emilia*, 1997
- UCLA [CA] Childcare Staffs *Children and Creativity*, 1997
- I thaca, NY Early Childhood Professional Day *Hot Cognition: Lessons from Reggio Emilia*, Vivian Gussin Paley, & Sylvia Ashton-Warner, 1996.
- New Hampshire AEYC, Keene State College & Head Start & Child & Family Services, *Children and Creativity* , 1996.
- Bangor, [ME] AEYC. *Lessons from Reggio Emilia*, 1996
- Bluegrass ACUS [TN] *Saying Goodbye and Other Scary Times*, 1991
- Honolulu AEYC [HI] *Helping Children Mind*, 1990
- Tucson AEYC [AZ] *Holidays, Celebrations, and Rituals*, 1990
- Oklahoma ACUS *Children Bring Their Own Agendas*, 1990
- Tennessee AEYC *Helping Children Overcome Life's Blows*, 1989
- Texas AEYC *Respectful Cross-Cultural Teaching*, 1988
- Hoa 'Aina O'Makaha [HI] *Workshop on Alternative Schools*, 1988
- Louisiana ACUS *Personal Courage for Teachers*, 1987
- Florida ACUS *Child-Centered Teaching*, 1986
- Alachua County [FL] Childcare Coordinating Council *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & The Child of the Day* , 1986
- West Virginia AEYC *Free to Be a Teacher, Free to Be a Child*, 1986
- Temple Univ. Dept. of Afro-American Studies [PA] *Black Children in White Schools: What they Need & What They Get*, 1986
- Tucson AEYC [AZ] *Saying Goodbye and Other Scary Times*, 1985

SERMON

- Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church, Montgomery [AL] *Our Institutions and Our Children* 1984

GUEST LECTURER & WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

- Malcolm X Elementary School faculty meeting guest speaker:: *Supporting Children of Incarcerated Parents* , 2004
- Friends Outside, California State workshop, *Using the Arts with children of prisoners*, 2003
- University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee *Clay and Creativity in the lives of Children*, 2003

- Racine/Kenosha Childcare Resource & Referral Agency (WI):
Helping Children of Incarcerated Parents , 2002
- Big Island, Maui, O'ahu and Kau'ai chapters of Hawai'i AEYC, workshops: *Children & teachers making stories & fantasy: Gianni Rodari's Reggio Emilia Lectures & Their Meaning for us.* 2002
- Muskingum, (OH) week long seminar:
The Reggio Emily Approach: Thoughtful Work with Young Children , 2001
- Susanville (CA) *Helping Children of Incarcerated Parents* , 2001
- Milwaukee (WI) University Child Care Center Staff Retreat *Facilitator*, 2001,2002,2003
- Consultant and workshop facilitator, Tucson (AZ) Unified School District Prekindergarten program, Documentation Work from Reggio Emilia. 2000-2001
- Shippensburg University (PA) Extension Class: *Lessons From Reggio Emilia*, 2000
- Pittsburgh (PA) Jewish Education Institute: *Lessons From Reggio Emilia*, 2000,
Documentation workshop, 2001
- Preschool Discoveries, Inc, McLean VA, *Making Fantasy Stories with Children*, 2000
- Bloomington, IL *Children's Literature; The Enchanted Child in the Real World*, 2000
- Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children,
Helping Children Create Fantasy Stories (a technique from Reggio Emilia) 1999
- Preschool Discoveries, Inc, McLean VA, *Lessons From Reggio Emilia, Italy*, 1999
- San Jose Children's Museum Early Childhood Workshop, *Documenting Your Work With Children* , 1999
- Reading the World Conferences: Multicultural Literature for Children,
University of San Francisco, 1998, 1999 & 2000:
Teachers & Children Making Fantasy & Stories: Lessons from Gianni Rodari
- California Kindergarten Association 1995: *Authentic Practice* with Dee Epps-Miller.
- San Francisco Head Start, 1993-8: 19 workshops including: *Children Bring their Own Agendas; Using Literature with Children; Visiting (and later discussing) the Hundred Languages of Children Exhibit; Documentation; Making The HS Performance Standards Come Alive; & Diversity Among Your Children* (the last two jointly with Dee Epps-Miller)
- Adjunct Instructor, Napa Valley Coll., *A Beautiful Way to Teach Beginning Reading* , 1996
- Orange County AEYC [CA] 1991 *Life in Abundance: Teaching Lively & Preventing Burnout*
- Association for Childhood Education International [Pittsburgh] 1990
Children Bring Their Own Agendas
- Auckland [N.Z.] College of Education, *Racism and Child- Centered Teaching* 1990
- Paso del Norte AEYC [NM] 1989 *Multi-cultural Education in the Early Years*
- Highlander Center [TN] 1989 *Playing the Dream: Raising Strong, Ethical Children in Difficult Times* with Victoria Dimidjian
- Portland [OR] Pacific Oaks College Outreach Lecture: 1988 *Children's Play and Language Development* with Betty Jones
- Auckland, New Zealand Kg Teachers Assn 1988 *Saying Goodbye & Other Scary Times*
- Graytown New Zealand Rotary 1988 *Childcare: Prepaid or Postpaid, a Public Policy Choice*

- Auckland New Zealand, Dept of Education,
1988 *Helping Children Confront the Hard Parts of Living*
- Head Start Assn 1987 [New Orleans] *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. & The Child of the Day*
- Extension Instructor, Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches [TX]
Personal Courage for Teachers, 1987
- Extension Instructor, UC Berkeley Childcare Center
Sylvia Ashton-Warner and Organic Reading and Writing, 1985.
- Bellingham [WA] AEYC *Peace Education for Young Children*, 1985
- Institute for the Advanced Study of Human Sexuality [SF] 1985
Teaching Children about Sex: A Matter of Values Clarification & Communication
- Adjunct Instructor, Lone Mountain College, [San Francisco] *Cultural Diversity*, 1978
- Inservice Instructor, San Francisco USD Children's Centers, *37 workshops including: Math, Reading, Infant School Practices, Language Arts, Sensory Modalities*, 1972-82
- Field Faculty, Goddard College MA Program Early Childhood Education, 1970-73

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN

- 1984 [Los Angeles] *Saying Goodbye and Other Scary Times*
- 1985 [New Orleans] *Sylvia Ashton-Warner, 1908-1984, Pioneer of Multiculture and Organic Language*
- 1986 [Washington DC] *Defusing the Impulse to Kill: Sylvia Ashton-Warner on Peace Education*
- 1988 [Anaheim] *Black Teacher, White Teacher* with Deborah Owens
- 1989 [Atlanta] and 1990 [Wash., DC]
Children Bring Their Own Agendas with Betty Jones
- 1991 [Denver] *Changing Minds, Ours and Others': Reflections on Women's Ways of Knowing & Embracing Contraries* with Betty Jones and Donna Couchenour
- 1992 [New Orleans] *Reggio Emilia, What is Important and What Can Be Imported* with Claudia Rose
- 1997 [Anaheim] *Teachers & Children Making Fantasy & Stories: Lessons from Gianni Rodari & Sylvia Ashton-Warner*
- 2001 [Anaheim] *Collaborative Reflective Practice: Teachers meeting monthly to support each other's growth* (with 5 other members of our San Francisco Reggio Emilia study group: Melissa Bowen, Carolee Fucigna, Toni Gross, Yuko Marshall and Eva Baharona)
- 2002 [New York City] *Violence through the eyes of children: What we can learn from 9/11 about understanding and responding to the needs of children in turbulent times* (with Toni Gross and Diane Levin.)

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF YOUNG CHILDREN :

- 2004 [San Diego] The Bill of Rights for Children of Incarcerated Parents (663KB PDF file)
- 1989 [San Diego] *Young Child as Emergent Writer & Reader*, with Betty Jones & Gretchen Reynolds
- 1987 [Fresno] *Supporting Both Children and Parents: A Search for the Third Alternative*
- 1985 [San Diego] *Saying Goodbye and Other Scary Times*
- 1982 [Sacramento] *Appropriate Intervention*

MORE REGGIO EMILIA APPROACH WORKSHOPS:

- Burnett Children's Center (San Francisco Unified School Dist.) 1998, *Documentation*.
- Manito Coop Parents Evening [WA] 1998, *Children & Teachers Making Stories & Fantasy: Gianni Rodari's Reggio Emilia Lectures & Their Meaning for Us*
- Childcare Directors Meeting, Ohio University, [Athens] *Documentation*
- Reading Area [PA] ECE Conference, 1998, *Children & Teachers Making Stories & Fantasy: Gianni Rodari's Reggio Emilia Lectures & Their Meaning for Us*
- Summit School, Winston-Salem, NC 1997, *Telling Stories with Children*
- Save the Children Family Childcare Provider Conference, 1997 *Helping Children Tell Stories*
- California Kindergarten Association 1993 and 1994: *Ideas from Reggio Emilia* with Doris Smith and others. (Pre-conference seminar)

Additional Reggio Emilia workshops in San Francisco, Palo Alto (Stanford), Marin County, Santa Cruz, Los Angeles, CA, Aspen, CO, Portland and Klamath Falls, OR, Seattle and Spokane WA, Durham, Winston-Salem and Boone NC, Richmond, VA. Atlanta, GA, Athens, Youngstown and Cleveland OH, Binghamton and I thaca, NY, Pittsburgh and Shippensburg, PA. Also in Auckland, New Zealand, and Adelaide and Darwin, Australia and for *Head Starts, AEYC branches, community colleges, 4-year colleges, childcare providers, Jewish childcare providers, extension classes and gatherings of independent teachers, 1992-*

NOTE: Since 1992 I have been instrumental in organizing and attending small groups who meet regularly to think about and process Reggio Emilia ideas. I have traveled twice to Reggio Emilia, and attended dozens of workshops before and since, including two Summer Institutes and the California Exchange. I have visited and studied the exhibit, *The Hundred Languages of Children*, in Washington, DC, Marin County, CA, Winston-Salem, NC, Atlanta GA and Oakland, CA.

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