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EDUCATION

**Ph.D. in Educational Leadership**

Concentration in Curriculum 1994  
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

**Master of Arts in Aesthetic Education** 1974

Truman University  
Kirksville, Missouri

**Master of Education in Counseling** 1971

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

**Bachelor of Music** 1970

Miami University, Oxford, Ohio

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

**VISITING PROFESSOR – MIAMI UNIVERSITY** 2008 -

**Educational Leadership Department**

**DIRECTOR, STUDENT SERVICES** 2002-08

**Mad River Local Schools**

- Improved district special education students' Adequate Yearly Progresss
- Developed district program for students with multiple disabilities
- Introduced school therapists to support non-punitive discipline program
- Reduced special education spending, \$1,000,000
- Improved local EMIS reporting system
- Expanded and improved district pre-school program
- Implemented new student information software system
- Spearheaded redistricting initiative
- Established Mad River Schools as model site for IDEIA
- Developed and introduced RtI in response to IDEIA, 2004
- Advisor to MDECA, special education software (SSEM)

**PRINCIPAL, THE MIAMI VALLEY SCHOOL** 1998-02

**Early Childhood – Grade 5**

- Developed pre-school into state model of excellence
- Established comprehensive, interdisciplinary curriculum
- Increased percentage of students performing better than students with similar ability
- Improved self-discipline of students (University of Wisconsin study)

**PRINCIPAL, VIRGINIA STEVENSON ELEMENTARY** 1994-98

K-4, Mad River Local Schools

**TEACHING ASSOCIATE, MIAMI UNIVERSITY** 1993-94

Sociocultural Studies in Education

	<b>INSTRUCTOR, UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON</b> Music and Art in the Elementary School	Summers 1993-96
PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS	<b>EDUCATOR, DAYTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b> <b>Teacher, Gifted Program</b>	1992-93
	<b>Coordinator, Schools for the Arts (Stivers/Colonel White)</b>	1985-92
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Guided specialized music performance program into a comprehensive arts school with interdisciplinary arts and academic curriculum as well as specialized performance opportunities in music, visual arts, theater, and dance</li> <li>• Developed partnerships with Dayton's major arts organizations and universities</li> <li>• Developed Friends in Education partnerships with community service organizations</li> <li>• Supervised 16 arts teachers and 50 adjunct artist staff</li> </ul>	
	<b>Teacher, Humanities/Music/A.P. Art</b>	1974-85
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed interdisciplinary curriculum for Academic Magnet School</li> <li>• Developed outcome based assessment model</li> <li>• Directed popular choirs and ensembles</li> </ul>	
	<b>GRADUATE ASSISTANT,</b> <b>NORTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY</b> Interdisciplinary Arts	1973-74
	<b>EDUCATOR, HILLEL ACADEMY</b> Humanities	1979-82
	<b>EDUCATOR, EDGEWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS</b> K-12, Music	1970-73
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HONORS	Hugh Morrison Outstanding Scholar Award	1994
	Leadership Academy, Dayton Public Schools	1993-94
	University of Chicago Commended Teacher	1983
	Friends Council on Teaching Scholarship	1980
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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducted a correlational study of student perception of learning environments in ability grouped and non-ability grouped classrooms.</li> <li>• Conducted a qualitative study of teachers engaged in a team taught interdisciplinary course.</li> <li>• Conducted an interpretive study of the use of popular culture in the secondary school curriculum.</li> <li>• Conducted an investigative study of the thinking behavior encouraged by selected high school humanities teachers.</li> </ul>	1994 1993 1993 1973

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EDUCATIONAL  
CERTIFICATION

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**PERMANENT CERTIFICATES**

- Music, K-12.
- Humanities, 7-12
- History, 7-12

**FIVE-YEAR LICENSE**

- Superintendent
- Guidance Counselor

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PROFESSIONAL

ACTIVITIES

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Presenter, Ohio School Board Association Conference	2007
Panelist, Culture Works: Artists in the Schools Symposium	2002
Delegate, ODE Preschool Study Tour, Reggio Emilia, Italy	2000
Panelist, Culture Works Grant Evaluation	1998-00
Member, State Arts Assessment Committee	1998
Presenter, Midwest Educational Research Conference	1994
Presenter, Bergamo Curriculum Theorizing Conference	1993
Panelist, Ohio Arts Council: School Community Collaborations	1993
Participant, Ohio Arts Council Summer Media Institute	1993
Panelist, Chamber of Commerce: Community Partnerships	1991
President, Ohio Association for Humanities Education	1975

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COMMUNITY  
SERVICE

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Volunteer, Victoria Theatre Association	2007 –
Board member, Rhythm in Shoes	2002-2007
Musician, Precious Blood Church	1997-
Assistant Facilitator, Piqua Regional Science Olympiad	1997
Member, Riverside Arts Council	1995-96
Member, Northmont Schools Strategic Planning Committee	1996
Organist, St. Paul's Catholic Church	1988-97
Northmont Building Advisory Committee	1992-93
Assistant Coach, Odyssey of the Mind	1990-93

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GRANTS  
INITIATIVES

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THE MIAMI VALLEY SCHOOL

Culture Works Grants (\$8,000-10,000 each)

▪ Stories project	1998-99
▪ The Art of the Story	1999-00
▪ Asian Arts	2000-01
▪ Dreams that Fly	2001-02
Ohio Arts Council (filmmaking)	1999-00

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STEVENSON ELEMENTARY

Nominee, Brad Tillson Excellence in Education Award

Ohio Arts Council Grants (\$2,000-\$3,000 each)

Painting/Dance	1994-95
▪ Poetry	1995-96
▪ Sculpture	1996-97
▪ Quiltmaking	1997-98
Culture Works (\$7,000)	1997-98
Ohio Family Partnership (\$3,000)	1997-98

Each One, Reach One – Parent involvement initiative

Peace Pole Celebration – Commemoration of WPAFB/Bosnia Peace Accord

U.S. Navy/Air Force Adopt-a-School Partnership

Designated Site – Montgomery County Math Implementation Center

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PROFESSIONAL  
REFERENCES

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Donald Sheer  
Assistant Superintendent/Director  
Miami Valley Special Education Center  
4801 Springfield Street  
Riverside, Ohio 45431  
236-9965

Dr. James Rowley  
Professor, Department of Teacher Education  
University of Dayton  
937-229-3696

Steven Kandel  
Principal, Saville Elementary School  
937-259-6625

Jane Gorman  
Teacher, Stevenson Elementary School  
937-259-6630

Susan Buck  
Reading Specialist, Mad River Schools  
937-259-6625

Jon Jacomet  
School Psychologist, Mad River Schools  
937-259-6603