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EDUCATION:

- 1996 **Ph.D. Environmental Education** - University of New Mexico (UNM), Albuquerque, NM
- 1981 **M.S. Biology Education** - Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Durant, OK
- 1979 **B.S. Natural Science Education** - Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, OK

EXPERIENCE:

- Professional Development Coordinator**, Waste-Management Education & Research Consortium, Las Cruces, NM, 1999-present
- Adjunct Professor of Environmental Education**, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 1999-present
- Chemistry, Geology, Earth, & Physical Science Instructor**, Sandia Preparatory School, Albuquerque, NM, 1987-99
- Nuclear Technology Education Instructor/Guest Lecturer**, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, 1992-99
- Earth and Physical Science Instructor**, Lincoln Mid-School, Rio Rancho, NM, 1987
- Science Chair; Physics, Chemistry, Biology Instructor**, Clayton High School, Clayton, NM, 1982-86
- Science Chair; Physics, Biology, Math Instructor**, Merritt High School, Elk City, OK, 1981-82
- Science Chair; Chemistry, Biology, Physical and Earth Science Instructor**, Boswell High School, Boswell, OK, 1979-80

AWARDS:

- 2000 Environmental Education Association of New Mexico – Distinguished Service Award
- 1996 Dissertation nominated for Popejoy Award for Superior Dissertation - UNM, Albuquerque, NM
- 1989 National Presidential Award for Excellence in Earth Science Teaching
- 1989 New Mexico State Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching
- 1983 National Honor Society Teacher of the Year - Clayton High School; Clayton, NM

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2000 EcoCasa: An Environmental Education Curriculum, Education Editor for the City of Albuquerque Environmental Health Department, Albuquerque, NM
- 1996 Radon Testing: A Study of Scitech and Life Science Students' Environmental Knowledge and Attitudes, Doctoral Dissertation, Albuquerque, NM
- 1990-92 Detecting the Invisible: Radiation and Radon, Students Watching Over Our Planet Earth Project (SWOOPE), Los Alamos, NM (Co-author)

PRESENTATIONS:

- 2000 Introduction to the Desert Waters Curriculum, Celebrating Diversity Conference: NMSTA/NMCTM/EEANM/SSMA Conference, Albuquerque, NM
- 2000 Grant Writing Basics, UNM Graduate Course, Albuquerque, NM
- 2000 Environmental Education Opportunities in New Mexico, UNM Graduate Course, Los Lunas, NM
- 2000 Introduction to Radiation Basics, Taos Pueblo Day School, Taos, NM
- 2000 Introduction to Radiation Basics, NM State Land's Office Tailgate Classrooms, Farmington and Santa Fe, NM
- 2000 Environmental Leadership Workshop, Rocky Mountain Youth Corp, Taos, NM
- 1999 Introduction to Radiation Basics, International Waste-Management 2000 Conference, Tucson, AZ
- 1999 Radiation Basics: The Alphas, Betas, & Gammas of Radiation, NMSTA/NMCTM/EEANM State Conference, Hobbs, NM
- 1999 Keynote Speaker, "The Relationship between Environmental Attitude and Knowledge - Past, Present, and Future Trends," National Association of Interpreters Regional Convention, Albuquerque, NM
- 1998 Alternative Assessment Techniques, Environmental Education Association of New Mexico's "Tools for Non-formal Educators" Workshop, Cedar Crest, NM
- 1997-98 Radon Testing in the Elementary/Secondary Classroom, UNM Graduate Course, Albuquerque, NM
- 1996 Environmental Education's Place in a Sustainable Society, NM Forestry Camp, Cloudcroft, NM
- 1996 Radon Testing: A Study of Scitech and Life Science Students' Environmental Knowledge and Attitudes, Southwest Regional Environmental Quality Conference, Albuquerque, NM
- 1994 Radon Testing using New Mexico Environmental Department E-Perm Containers, Environmental Education Association of New Mexico State Conference, Socorro, NM

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- 1997-00 New Mexico State Representative - Rocky Mountain Regional Environmental Education Consortium
- 1997-00 New Mexico State Co-Representative - EPA Region 6 Roundtable
- 1997-00 Environmental Education State Task Force Member
- 1995-00 Environmental Education Association of New Mexico; 1997-98 president, 1997 EEANM State Conference Co-Chairman, 1999 NMSTA/NMCTM/EEANM State Conference Co-Chairman
- 1994-00 North American Association of Environmental Educators