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Teacher, Guide, and Student of Human Development

Summary of Qualifications

- Graduate of Conestoga College's Career Development Practitioner program (2017)
- Able to help clients and colleagues set goals, identify resources, take action, and evaluate results in both academic and non-profit settings
- Skilled at chairing meetings, leading workshops, and facilitating discussions
- PhD in Human Development and Applied Psychology (University of Toronto, 1998)

Three Accomplishments

- Hiked the Bruce Trail from Queenston to Tobermory (850 kilometers) with woman who later became my wife.
- With my wife, managed the design, construction, and financing of a new home after our old home was destroyed by the 2011 Goderich tornado.
- As doctoral student, conducted research on the psychological factors that make instructional interactions "encouraging". My PhD dissertation was accepted without corrections.

Advising, Counselling, Tutoring, and Teaching Experience

2016-2017	Worked two days a week at Centre for Employment and Learning, first while doing my practicum placement at the Centre, and then as an Employment Counsellor assigned to the TIOW program.
2015-2016	Delivered career counselling services to over a dozen volunteer clients. Developed a workshop for new retirees. Produced an employment services advocacy video directed toward adults with Parkinson's Disease.
2015, 2014, 2013	Presented research findings, and facilitated discussion at the annual conference of the Administrators of Rural and Urban Public Libraries.
2006, 2008, 2009	Delivered talks to the Maitland Trail Association Annual General Meeting about "long walks" that my wife and I had taken.
2008	Organized, promoted, and presented at a workshop on Peak Oil and the Re-localization of Our Economy.
2008	Organized and delivered workshop on Rural Landowner Stewardship.
2006	Spoke about rural cultural economy at the annual conference of The Ontario Rural Council.
1994-98	Advisor at York University's Faculty of Arts Advising Centre.
1989-92	Tutored clients of York University's Writers' Workshop.

Other Relevant Work Experience

2006-15	Self-employed rural economic researcher based in Goderich. My clients have included: Administrators of Rural and Public Libraries of Ontario Beth Ross & Associates Centre for Applied Renewable Energy Centre for Employment and Learning	Huron County Economic Development Services Huron County Planning Department Huron Business Development Corporation Rural Women Making Change
2003-10	Financial Information Manager, Ontario Co-operative Association -- Guelph, Ontario	
2005-06	Curator, Sallows Gallery -- Goderich, Ontario	
2001-05	Systems Administrator, Ontario Agricultural Training Institute -- Guelph, Ontario	
1999-2001	Research Associate, Centre for Learning and Teaching Through Technology -- University of Waterloo	
1998-99	Research Associate, CSILE Project -- University of Toronto	
1984-2004	Computer Consultant based in Toronto and Guelph	
1982-84	Planning Analyst, Toronto Public Library -- Toronto, Ontario	

Education

2017	Diploma (Career Development Practitioner), Conestoga College
1998	Ph.D. (Human Development and Applied Psychology), University of Toronto
1992	Master in Environmental Studies, York University
1983	Master of Library Science, University of Toronto
1978	Diploma (Journalism), Georgian College
1972	Bachelor of Arts, University of Western Ontario

Volunteer and Community Service

2014-16	Alexandra and Marine General Hospital Foundation, Goderich, Ontario
2010, 2014	Campaign Manager for Candidate in Goderich Municipal Election
2009-14	Goderich Little Theatre, Goderich, Ontario
2007-09	Countryside Energy Co-operative, Milverton, Ontario
2004-05	Maitland Trail Association, Goderich, Ontario
2003-05	The Ontario Rural Council, Guelph, Ontario
1999-2001	Windfield Co-operative Homes, Guelph, Ontario
1992-93, 1997-98	Fieldstone Co-operative Homes, Toronto, Ontario
1991-92	Environmental Studies Students Association, York University