

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

B.A. Labor Studies, Magna Cum Laude, San Francisco State University, 1982

B.A. Spanish, Portland State University, 2006

M.A. Postsecondary, Adult and Continuing Education, Portland State University, 2001

Employment

1999 – Present

Instructor and Research Assistant

Labor Education & Research Center, University of Oregon

University of Oregon, Portland Center

Prepare and deliver courses and workshops on a broad range of labor education topics, including health and safety. Participate in LERC's statewide programs and coordinate and teach in programs outside the Portland area as requested. Conduct research projects and other scholarly activities.

August 2003 – March 2006

Program Coordinator

Labor Education & Research Center

University of Oregon, Portland Center

Communicate with local unions and councils to identify needs and set up and carry out training programs, develop and adapt safety and health training curricula for workers, worker representatives, and labor-management audiences, teach a variety of safety and health topics to workers, union representatives, and labor-management audiences in workshops, short courses, and conferences at work sites and other locations, identify and recruit training consultants with specialized knowledge where needed for specific classes, collaborate with program director and consultants in designing evaluation protocols to assess training effectiveness, provide direct assistance to and monitoring of unions in carrying out their own safety and health training projects, write progress reports on program activities and communicate with funding agency representatives on activities, assist in writing grant proposals to state and federal agencies in response to RFPs for safety and health training programs.

1994 – 1999 Union Representative
Oregon Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals, Local 5017, American Federation of Teachers
Portland, Oregon

1992 - 1994 Senior Organizer
Service Employees International Union, Local 503
Salem, Oregon

1987 – 1992 Union Representative
Service Employees International Union, Local 790
San Francisco, California

1986 - 1987 Organizer
Service Employees International Union
Los Angeles, California

1985-1986 Business Manager
Service Employee International Union, Local 706
Texas

1984 - 1986 Union Representative
Hotel and Restaurant Employees, Local 86
Reno, Nevada

1978 - 1980 Administrator
United Farm Workers of America
La Paz, California

Publications

Co-Author of “Solving the Nursing Shortage”, by Gordon Lafer, Helen Moss, Rachel Kirtner and Vickie Reese 2002, published by AFSCME International Union

Collaborator, “Moving Hotels to the High Road, Strategies That Help Workers and Firms”, Annette Bernhardt, Erin Hatton, Laura Dresser, Center on Wisconsin Strategy, December 2003.

Invited Presentations

United Association of Labor Educators, 2001 Annual Conference, Roundtable discussion on Teaching Techniques for Labor Educators.

United Association of Labor Educators, 2003 Annual Conference, Paper Presentation, “Why Labor Educators Should Be Involved in Technical Skills Training”.

Oregon Health Care Ergonomics Conference, 2004, Presentation on Home Care Ergonomics

AFL-CIO Health and Safety Conference, 2001, Hazard Identification Workshop.
AFL-CIO Health and Safety Conference, 2003, Basic Ergonomics

Recent teaching and curriculum development

(Some of the curriculum is in Spanish)

General Labor Education:

- Basic Grievance Handling
- Advanced Grievance Handling
- Preparing for Arbitration
- Collective Bargaining (Public and Private Sector)
- Internal Organizing
- Effective Labor-Management Committees
- Steward Training
- Advocacy Skills
- Workplace Harassment and Bullying
- Train the Trainer for Union Staff
- Basic Labor Law and Worker Rights

Health and Safety Topics include:

- Effective Joint Health and Safety Committees
- Chemical Hazards
- Infection Control for Home Care Workers
- Health and Safety Rights of Workers
- OSHA Record-keeping
- Basic Ergonomics
- Hazard Identification and Elimination
- Dealing with Stress
- Preventing Workplace Violence

Specialized Curriculum

- Basic Work Skills for Home Care Workers
- Leadership Development for Home Care Workers

Professional Activities & Memberships

United Association for Labor Education - Women's Task Force, 2000 –2003, Conference Planning Committee
2001, 2002

Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. – Planning Committee, Women in Trades Fair, 2001

Home Care Research Group, California 2002 – present

Oregon Home Care Commission Training Committee member 2004 - present

Portland State University Occupational Health Psychology Advisory Board, 2002 - present