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Current Position:

PROJECT DIRECTOR, the **C**ivic **E**ngagement **P**roject, and
SENIOR LECTURER, University of Washington School of Social Work.

WRITER: specializing in advocacy, social policy, and how government works.

CURRENT BOARD SERVICE INCLUDES: OMB WATCH (in Washington, D.C.), REAL CHANGE, MedRest (a Medical Respite program for homeless youth), and SYLAW (Street Youth Legal Assistance of Washington); **ALSO A MEMBER OF**: National Academy of Social Insurance; National Association of Social Workers; Children's Budget Coalition.

Former Positions Include (partial list):

COORDINATOR, U District-University Partnership For Youth (1993-2000), a project combining the resources of the U of Washington and the local community on behalf of homeless youth. Part-time while also serving on UW faculty.

WEEKLY COLUMNIST for the Seattle Post-Intelligencer and other newspapers nationwide (1985-1989); and **RADIO COMMENTATOR** for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered" (1985).

FACULTY, including: 1990-92 Belle S. Spafford Professor, University of Utah School of Social Work; Washington University School of Social Work adjunct 1986-1996; Catholic University of America adjunct 1984-1989.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Food Research and Action Center (1980-1984).

DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR LEGISLATION, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (1977-1980).

SENIOR RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, Carnegie Project on Race and Social Policy (1975-1977).

STAFF and STAFF DIRECTOR, U.S. Senate Select Committee on Nutrition and Human Needs (1969-1972).

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER, TEACHER, Nigeria, 1964-1965.

Education:

M.S.W., University of Michigan (Ann Arbor)-1968;
B.S. (Hum), Loyola University (Chicago)-1963.

Public Appearances Over the Years Include:

TESTIMONY before Congressional Committees (in the U.S. and Canada), before State Legislative Committees, and before City and County Councils.
SPEAKER & TRAINER (100-200 per year) e.g. for Rotary Clubs, Junior Leagues, hospitals, advocates, various professional and voluntary groups.
TELEVISION appearances include MacNeil-Lehrer Reports, Cross-Fire, Good Morning America, The Today Show, local interview programs;
HOST: 1990 WORLD FOOD DAY INT'N'L TELECONFERENCE;
RADIO - numerous interview and call-in programs, commentaries for National Public Radio's "All Things Considered."
ADVOCACY TRAININGS for consumers and professionals in human services, children's hospitals, volunteers, public broadcasting, etc.

Awards, named lectures include:

Kisela Konopka Annual Lectureship, Konopka Institute, U. of Minnesota
School of Medicine, September 19,2003
Gallagher Invitational Lecture – Society for Adolescent Medicine, 3/22/03
.....Grassroots Advocacy Award – National Council of Jewish Women (2001)
.....“Nancy Amidei Day” declared by Mayor of Seattle, October, 10 (2000)
Human Rights Award - United Nations Association, Seattle Chapter (1999)
Educator of the Year – WA State Chapter, Nat'l Assn. of Social Workers (1996)
Excellence in Advocacy, Seattle Human Services Coalition (1993)
Alumna in Residence, University of Michigan (1985)
Kenny and Marianne Rogers' World Hunger Media Award - for special achievement (1984)
Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Michigan School of Social Work
Who's Who In American Women
Association of Arizona Food Banks
Virginia Water Project
Northwest Harvest (Seattle), St. Matthew Award
Lutheran Social Services (Seattle), Reuben Spannau Award
WA Ass'n of Technical & Community College Women's Progs
Detroit Hunger Action Council

Publications Include (List is not exhaustive):

SO YOU WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE - Advocacy Is the Key;
OMB Watch: June, 1991; 62 pp. Second Edition – 2003. 13th printing.
"Advocacy In A Nutshell: How To Do It Quick and Right,or, Quick Tips for
'5 Minute' Advocates" - for the Tobacco Prevention Resource Center,
Washington, Fall, 2003
"Democracy in Action" for "The A FILES" - a publication of the Washington
State
Coalition Against Domestic Violence, January, 2003
"Tool Kit for Easy Advocacy - or how to become a champ for children," for
the Children's Hospital of Denver, 2002
"Working the system: Citizens can exert influence at every step," SEATTLE
POST-INTELLIGENCER, Sunday, December 15, 2002
"What we're willing to pay, and pay more, for," SEATTLE POST-
INTELLIGENCER, Sunday, March 10, 2002.
“What Communities Need To Take Action,” – WK Kellogg Foundation, 10/99.
“How Ms. Bill Became A Law,” - a Play, 1998
Curriculum for three-day ADVOCACY CAMP, co-author, 1996.

- "How A Bill Becomes A Law – A (Three-hour, interactive) Simulation
 "Houses for Beans," A fairy tale for adults, 1995 (later in REAL CHANGE)
 "Who Speaks for the Children?" DISSENT, Spring, 1993.
 "How Does the Feminization of Poverty Look In Utah?" University of Utah; June,
 1991; 18 pp.
 "The Other War - Sidelining Human Needs," Commonweal, April 14, 1991; pp.
 245-6.
 "Tax Policy and the Public Welfare: Tax literacy is more than reading lips,"
Public Welfare, Spring/91; pp. 13-19.
 "Public Policy Involvement," in A Healing Presence, the Congregation's Ministry
 in Health and Wholeness; Benedictine Health Resource Center, Austin,
 Texas.
 "Variant Views on Abortion," Commonweal, 10/26, 1990.
 "Crossing the Boundaries Between Health and Education," National
 Health/Education Consortium (Report of Symposium), Fall, 1990; 32
 pages.
 "Two Successful Public Private Partnerships," Public Welfare, Fall, 1990; pp. 28-
 29.
 "Low Day Care Pay is Focus of New Study," Governing, November, 1990, pp. 17-
 18.
 "Advocacy in Action," National Council (of Community Mental Health Centers)
NEWS, April, 1990, p. 3.
 "Social Issues Affecting Families: An Agenda for Social Policy in the 1990's," U.
 of Dayton, 1990.
People Like Us, for the Campaign for Human Development of the U.S. Catholic
 Conference, Washington, D.C.: 1989; 34 pages (on U.S. poverty).
 "The Great Welfare Debate," Governing, Vol. 1, No. 1, pp. 55-57, 1988.
 "Beyond Welfare," in Preventing Need: A Long Way To Go, for the Study Group
 on Social Security, 1988.
 "How to End Poverty: Next Steps," Food Monitor, W/1988.
 "Hunger and Malnutrition," ENCYCLOPEDIA OF SOCIAL WORK, 18th
 Edition, 1987, pp. 866-871.
 "The New Activism Picks Up Steam," Public Welfare, Summer 1987, pp. 21-26.
 (Also in Public Welfare: "How To Be An Advocate in Bad Times,"
 Summer, 1982; "Food Stamps: The Irony of Success," and "Trends and
 Questions in Child Health.")
 "American Sullivan Principles," SEEDS, June 1987, pp. 13-15 (also in SEEDS,:
 "Christine Pratt Marston: Champion for Welfare Recipients," February
 1987; and "Good News for 1987," January, 1987).
 "With the Spotlight Off Child Care, Administration Panders to Ideologues,"
 "Band-Aids for Child Abuse," "Welfare Does Not Dictate Child-Bearing,"
 "Getting Tough With People's Lives," (and others) appeared in the Los
 Angeles Times.

HUNGER IN THE EIGHTIES: A PRIMER. Food Research and Action Center,
 Principal Author, 1984.

PROTEST, POLITICS, AND PROSPERITY: Black Americans and White
 Institutions, 1940-1975; Pantheon Press, 1978; 348 pages. Co-Author.

[Plus: four years of weekly newspaper columns; articles for nonprofit newsletters;
 government reports; chapters of books; 30 years of speeches and conference
 proceedings, and numerous advocacy tools/materials/handouts.]

Additional Teaching Experience Includes:

2003 Ghost Ranch, NM - Summer Seminars, "Discerning the Signs of Our Times,"

F.O. Butler Fellow, South Dakota State University.

Adjunct faculty, Catholic University of America, '84-89.

Visiting faculty, University of Michigan School of Social Work, 1985.

Visiting faculty, New Hampshire College School of Human Services, 1985.

Visiting Faculty, University of Washington, Spring, '86.

Visiting faculty, University of Houston School of Social Work, Winter, 1989.

D.C. faculty, Bank Street College of Education, '87-'92.

1992 University of Southern California School of Social Work, John Milner
Professor of Child Welfare

1991 Smith College Distinguished Visiting Lydia Rapoport Professor.

Short periods have also been spent on other campuses (from a single lecture to several days). Among them are: Bethel College (KS), Bryn Mawr College (PA), U. of California (Berkeley), U. of Dayton (OH), Duke University, Everett Community College (WA), Harvard (MA), Howard U (DC), U. of Illinois, Indiana U., U. of Kansas (Lawrence), Lawrence College (WI), Meredith College (NC), University of Nevada at Reno, State University of New York (Albany, Long Island, Buffalo), North Carolina State, U. of Pennsylvania, Regis College (CO), Rosemont College (PA), Rutgers (NJ), Salem State (MA), Samford University (AL), San Francisco State, U. of South Carolina, Southern University New Orleans (LA), U. of Texas at Austin, Texas Christian U., Western Michigan U., Whitman College (WA), U. of Wisconsin (Madison and Milwaukee), and other universities.

