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Deborah Jane Slavitt

Profile

Experienced art therapist, educator, curriculum designer, writer and photographer with expertise working in multi-cultural and international human services settings. Creative, organized, resourceful.

Experience

2005-present Expressive Media, Inc., Executive Director

2003-2004 Rumson Public Schools Rumson, NJ
Teacher ESL/Bilingual, Middle School
Taught students and consult to resource room, LLD and mainstream classroom teachers.

2003 Long Branch Public Schools Long Branch, NJ
Teacher, ESL/Bilingual Preschool
Taught three year olds in bilingual classroom.

2003 Kean University Union, NJ
Committee Member, Spring Conference Bilingual Center

2003-2005 Long Branch and Monmouth County NJ, Arts Councils
Participate in planning visual arts activities in the community. Diversity Committee.

1996^1998 American School of Paris St. Cloud, France
Teacher, Kindergarten, Elementary and Middle School
Taught kindergarten, first and eighth grades to American and international students.
Developed curriculum and designed and integrated expressive arts and writing elements.

1989^1990 The Stepping Stone School Tien Mou, Taiwan,
Teacher, Preschool
Designed and implemented early academics, arts, culture and environmental studies program in multi-cultural preschool.

1989^1990 Community Services Center Tien Mou, Taiwan
Art Therapist Elementary and Middle School
Counseled international students and their families.

1979^1980 Woburn Public Schools Woburn, MA
Bilingual Guidance Counselor Elementary

Counseled Spanish-speaking children and their families and worked on child study team.

1977-1979 Lesley College Arts Institute Cambridge, MA

Graduate School Faculty Member

Taught and supervised graduate students: Introduction to Art Therapy, Art Therapy with Adolescents, Designing Physical Environments; co-author, Student Practicum Guide.

1975-1977 Danvers State Hospital Danvers, MA

Art Therapist

Designed and implemented arts program and supervised a staff of 20 at Solstice, a program for chronic and acutely emotionally disturbed in-patient adolescents.

1973-1974 El Nido de Aguilas International School Santiago, Chile

Teacher and Unit Leader Kindergarten and Elementary

Taught, developed curriculum, and led unit for first/second grade and kindergarten.

1971-1972 Commonwealth Day School Boston, MA

Bilingual Teacher, Spanish Preschool

Taught language arts, music and art in an academic preschool.

Publications

Writer and editor for magazines, books and newsletters on cultural tourism, family travel and other family interests: *Accueil New York*, *Parenting*, *Child*, *United Airlines' Vis à Vis*, *Hideaways Guide*, *Getaways: Family Vacations*, *Family Travel Times*, *Topics*, *Frommer's Where to Stay USA*, *Adventure Travel North America*, *Adventure Travel International*, *Farm Ranch and Country Vacations*, *Childwise Guide to Parenting Overseas*, and other publications in the U.S., Europe and Asia. Some of the publications are: „Caribbean Dreamin,‰ in *Topics* October, 1991; „A Home Away From Home‰ in *Getaways* Fall, 1989; „Too Many Favorites‰ in *Family Travel Forum* November-December 1998. 1982 to present.

Professional Certifications

Elementary Education, Art (K-12) MA (1969), Bilingual Education, Spanish (K-12) MA (1972), Registered Art Therapist (ATR), American Art Therapy Association (1976), Elementary Education NJ (1986), ESL and Bilingual French and Spanish (pending) NJ (2003)

Education

2003 Georgian Court, Kean U. and The College of N.J

Post Master,s coursework for N.J. ESL endorsement, bilingual (French, Spanish) certifications

2000 Institute for Contemporary Photography NY, NY

Courses in portrait photography and special projects.

1997 Bank Street College NY, NY

Post Master's coursework, early elementary education

1976 Lesley College Cambridge, MA
M.Ed. Arts in Education, Art Therapy
1972, 1978 U. MA Boston, MA
Counseling and ESL graduate level coursework
1969 Smith College Northampton, MA
B.A. Developmental Psychology and Studio Art

Additional Qualifications

Foreign languages Fluent French and Spanish; Italian, Latin.
Computer Skills MAC and PC, Apple Works and Microsoft Word.
Overseas Living 15 years in Chile, France, Germany, and Taiwan.
Interests Photography, cooking, travel, traditional culture, and arts and crafts.
Memberships American Art Therapy Association, Society of Women Geographers,
Smith College Club, Accueil NY, SERVAS.