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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Director Second Language Education Program** August 2002 to present  
University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

College of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

- Coordinate the TESOL/Foreign Language graduate level teacher education programs
- Teach Methods classes (EDCI 330, EDCI 433)
- Recruit adjunct professors
- Advise students in course selection and academic counseling
- Schedule courses and events
- Team-write the NCATE report for the program
- Coordinate program revisions to be aligned to the national MSDE standards

**Director of Masters Program in Curriculum and Instruction**

Institute for Professional Studies in Education, Baltimore, Maryland, an affiliated of McDaniel College 2000 to Present

- Coordinate the program
- Advise students

**Adjunct Professor**

Maalot College (Thomas Edison State College), Baltimore, Maryland 1999 to Present

- Teach and have taught college courses in Educational Psychology, Introduction to Methodology, Social Psychology, Introduction to Sociology and Sociology of the Family
- Advise students in course selection and career counseling
- Coordinate partnerships with other higher education institutions to enhance current program and develop graduate level offerings

**Chair Foreign Language Department, Instructor grades 7-12** 1980 to June 2002

Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, Rockville, Maryland

- Supervise, direct and coordinate the Foreign Language Department, grades K-12
- Evaluate performance of staff
- Design curriculum for mainstream and special need students
- Select course materials and approve all department textbooks
- Initiate school reform programs such as the integration of Hebrew Language across the curriculum
- Develop evaluative report for school Board; report details and assesses present goal, programs and planning for the future

- Introduced to the Foreign Language Department the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines in teaching foreign language

### **Teacher Training Workshops and Presentations**

Conduct workshops for teachers on various topics such as:

- Strategies for Second Language Acquisition
- Curriculum Design and Instruction
- Oral Language Proficiency in Second Language
- Complex Instruction
- Alternative Assessment
- Conflict Resolution in Schools

## **EDUCATION**

**Ed.D Educational Leadership, Higher Education Administration** September 1997  
 Dissertation: "Equal Opportunities for the Sephardic population in Israel's Higher Education System. A Case Study of the Sapir Regional College"  
 The George Washington University, Washington, D.C

**Ed.S (Educational Specialist), Curriculum and Planning** June 1993  
 The George Washington University, Washington, D.C

**M.A Curriculum and Instruction** August 1975  
 Dissertation: "The Educational System for the Disadvantaged Population of Mexico; Adult Literacy"  
 Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois

**B.A Sociology and Hebrew Literature** June 1972  
 The Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

## **ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

- Conducted research in policy analysis
- Applied statistical methods to the evaluation of social studies programs
- Conducted qualitative research applying the case study method and interviews
- Frequently participate in educational seminars
- Participate in leadership training seminar focusing on teaching methodology, curriculum development and staff supervision, Bar-Ilan University
- Member of a dynamic network of educational leaders committed to ongoing professional development
- Conducted Oral Proficiency Interviews (ACTFL)
- Trilingual: English, Hebrew, Spanish

## **Presentations and Research Papers**

- 2000 Teacher training workshops for Second Language Acquisition, Melvin J.Berman  
Hebrew Academy, Rockville, MD
- 1999 Presentation on Strategies for Maximizing Language Acquisition, Annual Teachers  
Conference of Day School of Greater Washington, Baltimore, MD.
- 1998 Presentation on Curriculum Design and Second Language Instruction, Teachers,  
Seminar, Hebrew Academy, Rockville, MD.
- 1997 Equal Opportunities in Israel's Higher Education System, The George Washington  
University, Washington, D.C.

