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## Education

1964 Exchange Student, Universidad de Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico, Art and Archaeology  
1966 Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art and Graphic Design, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
1967 Illinois State Teacher Certification, Art and Graphic Design  
1994 Holistic Health Graduate Specialty Certificate Program, Western Michigan University  
1995 Master of Arts in Holistic Art Therapy, Antioch University, Yellow Springs, Ohio  
Thesis: Children's Experience of Cancer: A Journey Using Creative Expression  
2005/2008 Mandala Assessment Research Certification (MARI), levels I and II

## Employment

1995-Present Faculty Specialist II: Western Michigan University, Holistic Health Program. *Currently Program Coordinator, responsible for program administration. Teach undergraduate and graduate classes: Introduction to Expressive Arts, Healing through Visual Art, Holistic Methods, Holistic Strategies for Illness and End of Life. Facilitate curriculum and program development, and marketing. Coordinate and supervise professional field experience and independent study courses. Guest lecture in holistic, nursing, and counseling classes. Interdisciplinary collaboration with other departments in the college. Mentor: Aphasia Clinic. Organize exhibits for CHHS gallery.*

2001-2008 Manager of Diane's Way, Expressive Arts and Comfort Care Program, Borgess Hospice. *Responsible for the creation of the program, training of staff and volunteers, art and expressive arts therapy with patients, promotion, and fund-raising.*

1996-2006 Part-time faculty: Kalamazoo Institute of Arts:  
*Teach open studio art therapy classes for adults and people with illness and developmentally disabled. Also teach Color and Creativity, Art of Healing, Mandalas, Art from the Inside Out.*

1988-Present Art therapy and creativity workshops/presentations/trainings  
*Work with normal and ill/impaired adults/children in schools, nursing homes, hospitals, support groups and educational facilities.*

2001-2003 Curator of *Images of Healing*  
*Created, curated and organized this art exhibit which contains 174 pieces of art about healing which is traveling to hospitals and galleries to promote the use of art in healing.*

1995-1997 Curator of *Art of Healing I & II, Exhibits by People Touched by Cancer*  
1999-2001 *Created, curated, and organized the Traveling exhibit contains 120 pieces of art, a booklet of poetry/ writings installed in hospitals and art galleries.*

1992-Present Director: Chrysalis Community, non-profit holistic Cancer Help Program  
*Created a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which offers holistic retreats, workshops, classes and art exhibitions for people with cancer. Designed and facilitated holistic retreats and classes for cancer patients, health care professionals and support persons. Presented workshops.*

1967-1998 Walker Design: Richland, Michigan  
*Operated full-service graphic design studio. Clients included Sarns 3M, Bronson Methodist Hospital, Heart Institute of Michigan, Kidney Disease Center, Western Michigan University, March of Dimes, Upjohn Company, Pharmacia, American Cancer Society, West Michigan Cancer Center, Sarns 3M, Pfizer, and others.*

1992-1998 Very Special Arts: Southwest Michigan  
*Presented therapeutic art experiences for special education students in schools.*

- 1970 Acton Bjorn Design Studio, Copenhagen Denmark  
*Designed logos and graphics for products created in studio.*
- 1969-1970 Toppan Moore, Tokyo, Japan, *Designed printed pieces and set company standards for design, use of color and style. Taught and lectured on American design.*
- 1966-1969 Moore Business Forms, Park Ridge, IL. *Designed logos, business forms, letterheads*

### Consulting

- 1998 *Sustaining the Soul that Serves*, a 2 year program funded by the Fetzer Institute  
*Facilitated and helped to create the program and manual.*

### Published Book

- Seeds of Awakening, Sustaining and Nurturing the Inner Life*, New Issues Press, June 2001  
Reprinted 2003, Holistic Health Care Program, Western Michigan University  
Co-authored, designed the book, cover, and promotional pieces.

### Booklets

- Legacy Journal* (2001) A journal of memories for hospice patients

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- Special Angel Bereavement Kit*, Creative journal and guided imagery for bereaved children (2005)  
*Living with Loss, A Healing Journal* (2007)

### Awards/Grants

- 1992 Grant: Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo: Community Art , Legacy Children's Cancer Project
- 1992 Attitudinal Healing Center: Recognition of Exemplary Service
- 1993 1st place, National Association of Nature Centers: Wild Animal Care & Rehabilitation Manual Design
- 1992 Communicator of the Year (Graphics) Women in Communication
- 1993 Fetzer Institute: Start-up Grant for Chrysalis Community
- 1995 Grant: Upjohn Company/Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo: Community Art Award, Art of Healing
- 1996 Grant: National Education Association: Computer as an Artist's Tool, Portage High School, Portage, MI
- 1997 Fetzer Institute Grant, *Seeds of Awakening*—to co-write, design, and publish a book
- 1998 Michigan Art Therapist of the Year, Michigan Art Therapy Association
- 1999 Grant: Susan G. Komen Foundation for work with breast cancer
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- 2001 Grant: Bronson Methodist Foundation for *Images of Healing*, an Exhibit
- 2001 US Army, Department of Defense, Breast Cancer Research Program Panel, Cell Biology
- 2001 Kalamazoo Foundation/Fetzer Institute grant to support Diane's Way, Expressive Arts Program
- 2002 US Army, Department of Defense, Breast Cancer Research Program Panel, Microbiology and Genetics
- 2002 Consumer Advocate, Era of Hope, Department of Defense
- 2002 Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award, Holistic Health Program , Western Michigan University
- 2002 Honoree: Dance for the Cure, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- 2003 Star Award, VNA Hospice for contributions to Spiritual Homecoming Conference, Kalamazoo, 2003
- 2004 Grant: Susan G. Komen Foundation for work with breast cancer
- 2005 Grant: Thriving and Surviving Retreat, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- 2005 Consumer Advocate Delegate: Department of Defense Breast Cancer Era of Hope Conference
- 2006 Grant: Bereavement Kit for Children, Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, Hospice Arts Partnership
- 2006 Grant: Seasons Bereavement Camp, Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, Hospice Arts Partnership
- 2005 Grant: Seasons Bereavement Camp, Bread for the Journey, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 Grant: Seasons Bereavement Camp, Kalamazoo Foundation, Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2006 Grant: Thriving and Surviving Retreat, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- 2007 Grant: Thriving and Surviving Retreat, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- 2008 Consumer Advocate, Era of Hope, Department of Defense
- 2008 Grant: Thriving and Surviving Retreat, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation
- 2009 Grant: Thriving and Surviving Retreat, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation

## Creative Exhibits

- 1994 Hurley Cancer Center: commission for permanent collection— *Hidden Gifts*, watercolor
- 1995 American Cancer Society: commission for permanent collection— *Gifts in Cancer*, watercolor
- 1995 *Art of Healing, an Exhibit by People Touched by Cancer*  
through West Michigan Cancer Center, Kalamazoo, MI  
1997 South Haven Center for the Arts, South Haven, MI  
Harper Hospital, Detroit Medical Center, Gershenson Radiation Oncology, Detroit, MI  
Michigan Capital Medical Center, Lansing, MI  
Mobile Breast Cancer Unit, U. S. Department of Defense—traveled throughout the US  
Global Forum, International Advanced Medical Technology Conference, Tysons Corner, MD  
Capitol Hill, Senate Building, Washington, D.C.  
Butterworth Hospital, Cook Institute for Research and Education, Grand Rapids, MI  
William Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Escanaba, MI
- 1999 *Art of Alzheimers*, Alzheimers Association of Greater Kalamazoo, MI
- 1999 *Art of Healing-2, an Exhibit by People Touched by Cancer*  
through West Michigan Cancer Center, Kalamazoo, MI  
2001 Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI  
St. Mary's Hospital, Wege Institute for Mind, Body Spirit, Grand Rapids, MI  
Battle Creek Health Systems, Battle Creek., MI  
Holland Radiology Clinic, Holland, MI  
Munson Medical Center, Integrative Medicine Department, Traverse City, Michigan  
Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, Michigan  
St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw, Michigan
- 2001 *Images of Healing, Personal Expressions*  
Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2002 Battle Creek Health Systems, Battle Creek, MI
- 2002 Gainey Fine Arts Gallery, Byron Center, MI
- 2002 Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Escanaba, MI
- 2003 Munson Medical Center, Traverse City, MI
- 2003 *Journey Through Cancer, 35 pieces of my own art and booklet of poetry*  
2003 Portage Public Library, Portage, MI  
2003 Battle Creek Health System, Cancer Care Center, Battle Creek, MI  
2003 West Michigan Cancer Center, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
2003 Assarian Cancer Institute, Providence Center for the Healing Arts, Novi, MI  
2004 University of Michigan Cancer Center, Ann Arbor, MI  
2004 St. John Hospital, VanElslander Center  
2004 Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, MI  
2004 Pfizer World Headquarters, Ann Arbor, MI  
2005 Carnegie Art Center, Three Rivers, MI  
2005 University of Michigan Cancer Center, Ann Arbor, MI  
2006 American Cancer Society, Kalamazoo, MI  
2007 Art Beat Gallery, Grand Rapids, MI  
2009 Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Dance for the Cure* Art Exhibit, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Art from the Heart*, Art Exhibit, Kalamazoo
- 2005 *Art of Healing*, West Michigan Cancer Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2007 *Awakening the Heart*, Portage Library, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2008 *Masks, Inside and Outside*, Transformations Spirituality Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2008 *Masks, Inside and Outside*, Phoenix Gallery at the Hermitage, Three Rivers, MI
- 2009 *On the Fence Art Exhibit*, East Atrium Gallery, Kalamazoo, MI

**Affiliations** American Association of Art Therapy  
 Michigan Art Therapy Association  
 National Expressive Therapy Association  
 Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo  
 Very Special Arts Professional Development Team  
 Attitudinal Healing International Network  
 Interdisciplinary Team, Aphasia Clinic, Western Michigan University

**Volunteer Work**

1989-1996 Coordinator of Family/Children Support Program—Attitudinal Healing Center of Kalamazoo  
 1993-present Camp Catch-A-Rainbow (for children with cancer): Art Therapy  
 1993-present Camp Catch-A-Rainbow Family Camp: Art Therapy  
 1993-present World Oncology Camp: Art Therapy  
 1993-2000 Survivor’s Day Celebration Committee  
 1999-present Reach to Recovery Volunteer, American Cancer Society  
 2001-2007 Borgess Hospice Advisory Board

**Presentations**

1990 *Color and Healing*, Presentation, Women’s Network, Kalamazoo, MI

**Workshops**

1991 *Psychology of Color*, Presentation, Kalamazoo County Fair, Kalamazoo, MI  
 1992 *Awakening the Creative Spirit*, Retreat Facilitator, Fetzer Institute, Kalamazoo, MI  
 1993 *Art and Bereavement*, Family Workshop Facilitator, Compassionate Friends, Kalamazoo, MI  
 1993 *The Use of Art in a Family Support Group, Meeting the Needs of Ill Children*, Presentation International Attitudinal Healing Conference, MI  
 1993 *Art and Spirituality*, Presentation, Spiritual Retreat, Fenton, MI  
 1994 *Art and Healing*, Presentation, Midwest Oncology Nursing Conference, Kalamazoo, MI  
 1994 *Healing the Creative Spirit*, Presentation International Attitudinal Healing Conference, Indianapolis, IN  
 1994 *The Chrysalis Concept* Presentation, Oncology Education Forum, Bronson/Borgess Hospitals  
 1994 *Creative Expression and Healing*, Presentation, Oncology Nursing Society, Great Lakes Conference, Lansing, MI  
 1994 *Art Therapy as Treatment for Pain*, Presentation, Non-Traditional Treatment of Pain Conference, Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, MI  
 1995 *Art and Healing*, Keynote Presentation, 8th Annual Oncology Nursing Conference, Rush Medical Center, Chicago, IL  
 1995 *The Art of Healing*, Presentation, Michigan Capitol Medical Center Physician Conference, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
 1995 *Therapeutic Art*, Facilitator/Presenter, Four Visions Retreat, Kalamazoo, MI  
 1995 *Letting Go of the Fear of Being Creative*, Retreat Facilitator, Synthesis Center, Kalamazoo, MI  
 1995 *Spirituality and Creativity*, Facilitator/Presenter Bartholomew Intensive Retreat, Ghost Ranch, Abiqui, New Mexico  
 1995 *Creativity and Healing Retreat*, Facilitator, Chrysalis Community, West Michigan Cancer Center  
 1995 *Creativity and Healing: Options Cancer Retreat*, Facilitator/Presenter Sinai Hospital Cancer Retreat, Detroit, MI  
 1995 *The Art of Healing through Creative Expression*, Facilitator/Presenter Four Visions Retreat, Hickory Corners, MI  
 1995 *Art and Healing*, Keynote Presentation, American Cancer Society Conference, Kalamazoo, MI  
 1995 *The Art of Healing*, Presentation, Indiana Oncology Nursing Society Conference, Gary, IN  
 1996 *The Art of Healing*, Keynote Presentation, Survivors Day, Berrian Springs, MI

- 1996 *Creativity and Healing Retreat*, Facilitator/Presenter, Chrysalis Community, Kalamazoo, MI
- 1997 *Creative Expression for Health and Healing*, Presentation  
Kalamazoo Women's Festival, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- 1997 *Creativity for Non-Artists*, Presentation, Council for Exceptional Children, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1997 *The Art of Healing in Healthcare*, Presentation, Physicians Oncology Conference,  
Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- 1997 *Creativity and Healing* Presentation, National Wellness Conference, Stevens Point, WI**
- 1997 *Creative Expression is Essential for Health*, Published article, Wellness Management. Vol 13
- 1998 *The Art of Healing*, Presentation, Borgess Health Alliance Breast Cancer Conference,  
Kalamazoo, MI
- 1999 *The Art of Healing*, Presentation, Portage Library, Series on Alternative Healing, Portage, MI
- 1999 *Healing and Art*, Presentation, Borgess Medical Center, Complementary Healing Series,  
Kalamazoo, MI
- 2000 *The Art of Healing*, Presentation, Sparrow Hospital, Presentation for Humanities Lecture Series,  
Lansing, MI
- 2000 *Creating Mandalas for Insight and Healing*, Presentation  
Kalamazoo Women's Festival, Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2000 *Retreat: Awakening Spirituality for Breast Cancer Patients*, Facilitator/Presenter  
Retreat and five followup monthly sessions, Lawton, MI
- 2001 *Expressive Art Therapy for End of Life Issues*, Borgess Hospice, Paw Paw, and Kalamazoo, MI
- 2001 *The Art of Healing*, Presentation, Denos Museum, Traverse City, MI
- 2001 *The Art of Healing*, Presentation, Physicians Conference, Traverse City, MI
- 2001 *The Art of Healing*, Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, MI
- 2002 *Expressive Arts at the End of Life*, Hospice Conference, Paw Paw and Kalamazoo, MI
- 2002 *Surviving and Thriving Breast Cancer Retreat*, Lawton, MI
- 2002 *Luma Painting: Workshops with staff /patients and exhibit*, Battle Creek Health Systems, MI
- 2003 *Expressive Arts in Hospice*, Delta Kappa Gamma, Lansing, MI
- 2003 *Art of Healing* Workshop, Bonifas Fine Arts Center, Esanaba, MI
- 2003 *The Art of Healing* Workshop, Transformations Spiritual Center, SSJ, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2003 *The Art of Spirituality* Workshop, Transformations Spiritual Center, SSJ, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2003 *Caregiving for the Caregiver*, Alzheimers' Association, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2003 *Visual Journaling and Spirituality*, Transformations Center, Nazareth, MI
- 2003 *The Art of Healing*, Healing Garden, Journal for Holistic Living, article
- 2003 *Art Therapy for Artists*. Battle Creek Society of Artists, Battle Creek, MI.
- 2003 *Art Therapy and Visual Journaling*. Caregivers Wellness Day Conference. Kalamazoo County  
Resource Center Advisory Council, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2003 *Complementary Methods in Health Care*, Kalamazoo and Paw Paw, Borgess VNA Hospice.
- 2003 *Complementary Methods that Engage and Enhance Spirituality at the End of Life*, Spiritual  
Homecoming: Conscious Aging, Conscious Dying Conference, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2003 *Art Therapy for Artists*, Signature Artists Group. Kalamazoo, MI.
- 2003 *Breast Cancer Retreat*, Lawton, MI
- 2003 *Art of Spirituality Retreat*, Transformations, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2003 *Art Exhibits in Medical Centers*, Presentation, Michigan Art Therapy Association, Novi, MI
- 2004 *Diane's Way*, Senior Times Article, Kalamazoo, MI

- 2004 *Art Therapy*, Life Long Learners Presentation, Allegan, MI
- 2004 *Peace: Visual Journaling*, Peace Jam, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Art for Healing*, Caregivers Conference, Presentation, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Healing Through Art*, Presentation, Three Rivers Health Hospital, three Rivers, MI
- 2004 *The Art of Healing Breast Cancer*, Keynote speaker, Longaberger Breast Cancer Meeting, Battle Creek, MI
- 2004 *Mandala*, Borgess Hospice, Kalamazoo, MI,
- 2004 *Art Therapy for all teachers of the Arts*, Presentation, Battle Creek School District, Battle Creek, MI,
- 2004 *Using Art for Stress Reduction for Caregivers of Alzheimer's*, Presentation, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Art Therapy*, Presentation to doctoral students, WMU Counseling Program
- 2004 *The Art of Peace*, Workshop, Transformations Spirituality Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Breast Cancer and Art Therapy*, Presentation, Sparrow Hospital, Lansing, MI
- 2004 *Thriving and Surviving*, Facilitator, Breast Cancer Retreat, Lawton, MI
- 2004 *Mandala Drawing*, Workshop, Attitudinal Healing, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Journey through Cancer*, Keynote, Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, MI
- 2004 *Art Therapy for Art Teachers*, Workshop, KRESA Art Teachers, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Holistic Modalities for Stress Reduction*, Presentation, Borgess Hospice, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Expressive Arts Training*, Presentation, Borgess Hospice, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Grief at the Holiday*, Facilitator, Art Workshop, Borgess Hospice, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2004 *Hospice and Arts Training*, Arts Council, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Hospice Arts Consortium*, Presentation, Arts Council, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Art Therapy*, Guest Professor, Kalamazoo College, Psychology of Health, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Art Therapy*, Arts Outbreak, Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Art Therapy*, Presentation, Caregiver's Conference, Kalamazoo, April 16, 2005
- 2005 *Art Therapy/Staff Development*, Workshop, Guidance Center Psychological Staff, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Art Therapy*: Presentation to doctoral students, WMU Counseling Program
- 2005 *The Arts in Hospice*, Facilitator, Borgess Hospice, Integrative Medicine, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 Capstone Project, Art Therapy Mentor to Sarah Howie: Kazoo School, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Art as Communication*, Workshop Presenter: Wellness Day, WMU Aphasia Clinic, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 Organizer for *Art from the Heart* Fundraiser for Borgess Hospice, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Art Therapy*–Presentation: Career Day, Gull Lake Middle School, Richland, MI
- 2005 *Ideal City*, Presentation, Relationship Centered Care, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Art Therapy*, Guest Professor: Kalamazoo College, Psychology of Health, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2005 *Interpretation and Art Therapy*, International Vedic International Conference Mind, Body, Soul and Health, Sri Sathya International Centre, New Delhi, India
- 2005 *Healing Through Art*, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital, Delhi, India
- 2006 *Mandala*, Holistic Health: Science and Practice Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2006 *The Role of Creativity in Healing*, Panel Facilitator Holistic Health: Science and Practice, Conference, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2006 *Art Therapy*: Presentation to doctoral students, WMU Counseling Program
- 2006 *Artist in the House*, Inservice, Battle Creek High School, Battle Creek, MI

- 2006 *Art Therapy in Special Education*, Battle Creek High School, Battle Creek, MI
- 2006 *Art Therapy and Hospice*, Optimist Society, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2007 *Art Therapy*, Presentation to doctoral students, WMU Counseling Program
- 2007 *Artist in the House*, Inservice, Springfield Middle School, Springfield, MI
- 2007 *Art Therapy in Special Education*, Springfield Middle School, Springfield, MI
- 2007 *Art Therapy and Breast Cancer*, Oaklawn Psychological Services, Marshall, MI
- 2007 *Art Therapy*, Presentation to doctoral students, WMU Counseling Program
- 2008 *Art Therapy and Breast Cancer*, Oaklawn Psychological Services, Marshall, MI
- 2008 *Art Therapy*, Presentation to doctoral students, WMU Counseling Program
- 2008 *Holistic Approaches to Healing*, Panel, West Michigan Cancer Center, Kalamazoo, MI
- 2008 *Understanding Children's Drawings*, Michigan School Counselor Association Conference, Grand Rapids, MI
- 2009 *Art Therapy*, Presentation to doctoral students, in Michigan University Counseling Programs