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"Change is the end result of all true learning." - Dr. Leo Buscaglia

Education:

- Doctorate of Philosophy Education: Curriculum & Teaching, Northcentral University, 2016. Dissertation: *Incorporating Mindfulness Education in Classroom Learning to Reduce Anxiety of Reading for Primary-Aged School Children: A Quasi-experimental Study*
- Writing Certificate, UCLA, 2008
- Emergent Literacy Certificate, UCLA, 2005
- Cross-cultural Language & Academic Certificate / Reading Certificate, CSULA, 2006
- Master's in Education, option: Reading, California State University, L.A. 1997
- Reading Specialist Credential, CSULA, 1997
- Bachelors of Arts: Child Development, CSULA, 1992

Grants, Honors and Awards:

- Summa Cum Laude, Northcentral University, 2016
- Golden Key National Honor Society, Northcentral University and CSULA, 2016, 1997
- Summa Cum Laude, CSULA, 1997
- Honors Convocation, CSULA, 1997
- Honors for Teaching, CSULA, Professorship, 1999
- Mentor Teaching Award, South Whittier School District, 1997
- Supporting Teacher Award, South Whittier School District, 1998

Publications and Presentations:

- Book Proposal: *Outwitting the Bullying*, Paul Levine Literary Agent, 2018
- Presenter Greg Bell's Athletes for Life 13th Annual Athletes for Life Summer Life Skills Camp, June 2018
- Business Proposal: Breaking Free of Bullying: Mindful Schools, La Mirada, 2018
- Breaking Free of Bullying (A Mindfulness Approach) Balboa Press Publishing, June 2017
- Oral Defense: Incorporating Mindfulness Education in Classroom Learning to Reduce Anxiety of Reading for Primary-Aged School Children: A Quasi-experimental Study
- Balancing Literacy Presentation, South Whittier School District
- Emergent Literacy: Promoting Language Learning, South Whittier School District
- Communication Learning Styles: How to Integrate in Your Classrooms, SWSD

- Research-based evidence articles: Breaking Free of Bullying, Nonprofit Organization Current
- Research: Mindfulness in Decreasing Anxiety and Increasing Reading Fluency, 2016

Employment and Experience:

- PRO Unlimited, Consultant: June 2018 Present
- Balboa Publishing Company, Book Author: February Present
- Splash Magazine World Wide, Feature Writer: 2005 Present
- South Whittier School District, Elementary Teacher: 1996 2017
- National Evaluation Systems, Scorer RICA & CSET: 1998-2005
- California State University, Los Angeles, Professor: 1997 2000
- New Horizon Muslim School, Kindergarten Teacher: 1994-1996
- Oakwood Academy, Kindergarten & Dance Teacher: 1992-1994
- Los Padrinos Juvenile Detention, Spiritual Leader: 1996-2000 VOLUNTEER
- Beatitudes Catholic Church, Bible Teacher: 1995-2000 VOLUNTEER
- Nativity Catholic School, Cheerleading Coach: 1984-1989 VOLUNTEER

Scholarly & Professional Memberships:

- Member, John Wooden Athletic Fund
- Member, KCET Broadcasting Fund
- Member/Donor, Phantom Projects Theatre Group
- Member, Mindfulness Magazine

References:

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