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Education

- 1986 Ph.D. Urban Social Institutions, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Dissertation: “Doing What’s Right: Indigent Health Care in Milwaukee County”
- 1977 M.S. Urban Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Area of emphasis: health care planning and policy
- 1972 B.A. Urban Studies, University of Michigan at Flint
Area of emphasis: urban politics

Addition training:

- Community Development, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, 1998
- Group Facilitation, Institute for Cultural Affairs, 2004
- Public Participation, International Association for Public Participation, 2005

Academic recognition: Scott Greer Award for Postgraduate Contribution to Urban Affairs, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2006

Career Accomplishments

- 1995-2018 Owner, Wilberg Community Planning, LLC
- Independent consultant providing community planning, research, evaluation, strategic planning, collaboration development, and project/grant development services to nonprofit organizations and government.
 - Client list of over sixty nonprofit organizations and governmental units including La Causa, Community Advocates, Social Development Commission, Shelter Task Force, Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division, Milwaukee County Delinquency Services, Milwaukee County Children’s Court, Milwaukee Continuum of Care, Cities of Racine, Kenosha, Sheboygan, and Waukesha.
 - Principal program developer and evaluator of Milwaukee Brighter Futures, youth development/prevention/early intervention program (2001-2011) including the administration and analysis of an annual Youth Risk Behavior Survey, development and monitoring of logic models for funded programs (18-24), and innovation in the utilization of community data, e.g. public health and library, to assess neighborhood well-being.
 - Primary technical support for Milwaukee’s homeless services consortium and principal author of its annual \$11 million HUD application for supportive housing.
 - Principal author of Milwaukee’s 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness and the Milwaukee County Mental Health Redesign SMART Goals.

- Project manager/author of numerous successful federal, state, and foundation grants including the annual Continuum of Care submission, Milwaukee Brighter Futures, Milwaukee County Drug Treatment court and Family Drug Treatment court, Drug Free coalitions in Milwaukee and Waukesha, Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program, and others.
- Organizer of community planning processes for the development of Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (6) in Sheboygan, Waukesha, and Kenosha, Wisconsin.
- Author of numerous evaluations and studies including these recent examples:
 - At the Front Door: analysis of Milwaukee’s emergency shelter system which laid the groundwork for the development of Coordinated Entry in Milwaukee (2011)
 - Bridge to Permanent Housing: analysis of Milwaukee’s transitional housing system conducted to support possible adjustments in the homeless services system (2012)
 - Point in Time (Homeless) Survey Results including in-depth analysis of PIT data for special populations and examining trends over time (2007, 2009, and 2011)
 - Aiming for Excellence Evaluation: multi-site study of Aging and Disability Resource Centers across Wisconsin (2012/2013)
 - Sustainability Plan for the Milwaukee County Family Drug Treatment Court (2013)
 - Milwaukee County Mental Health Redesign SMART Goals (2014)
 - Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Strategic Plan (2015)
 - Capacity Analysis of the Milwaukee Continuum of Care (Homeless Services System) (2015)
 - Process Evaluation of Milwaukee’s Coordinated Entry (2015)
 - Homelessness in Ozaukee County, Wisconsin (2015)

Awards/Commendations:

- Woman of Influence (Innovation), Milwaukee Business Journal 2018
- Rising Star Award from the Milwaukee County Community Development Partners Program (2011)
- Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Commendation for the community planning process which created the Gordon Park Plan (2005)

1990-1995 Director, Planning, Research, and Community Involvement, Social Development Commission, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

- At the largest Community Action Agency in Wisconsin, managed a staff of twelve planners, researchers, and community organizers; added \$1 million in new federal funding to the agency’s revenues annually; created model youth gang diversion, neighborhood outreach, and community resource programs, managed two countywide elections to select citizen representatives to SDC governance, staff resident councils and Commission committees, and served on the agency’s six-member executive team.

- 1989-1990 Grants Coordinator, Milwaukee County
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Organized the community collaboration to plan Fighting Back (drug prevention initiative), wrote the successful Robert Wood Johnson proposal to establish the program; managed the grant development for federal funding to transition Milwaukee County's contract drug treatment system to a client-driven voucher system.
- 1983-1989 Partner, Seneca Associates
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- Organized the Milwaukee Low-Income Housing Task Force, provided planning assistance for the establishment of the Neighborhood Development Center, compiled data on poverty and community needs, and developed the federal grant proposal that established Health Care for the Homeless.
- 1977-2013 Instructor, Adjunct Faculty
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Cardinal Stritch University, Lakeland University, teaching health policy, grantwriting, and research methods
- 1972-1983 Variety of positions including Research Associate, University of Michigan at Flint, Graduate Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Research Coordinator, Social Development Commission

Community Service and Other Activities

- Founder, Time of the Month Club, Inc, a nonprofit which collected and distributed menstrual supplies for individuals experiencing homelessness (2012-2022)
- Board Member, Street Angels, Inc., a nonprofit conducting street outreach to individuals experiencing homelessness in Milwaukee (2018+); President 2018-2023
- Commissioner, Milwaukee County Commission on Aging (2020+) and Chair (2023); Chair, Milwaukee County Aging Advisory Council (2021-2023);
- Founding Member, League of Progressive Seniors (2016-2021)
- Elected Commissioner, Social Development Commission (2004-2007)
- Court Appointed Special Advocate affiliated with Kids Matter, Inc. (2010-2012)
- Convener/Trainer, Planners and Grantwriters Roundtable, Nonprofit Center of Milwaukee (2006-2016)
- Other board experience: Spotted Eagle, Our Space, Alma Center, Ecumenical Refugee Council
- Publication of essays in Newsweek and the New York Times; featured essays on WUWM Lake Effect, recognitions for nonfiction and fiction writing including the Wisconsin Academy for Sciences, Arts and Letters and Wisconsin Writers Association.