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## **Education**

- 1979      **Bryn Mawr College**  
Bryn Mawr, Pa.  
Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*  
Fine Arts Major
- 2003      **Mayor's Commission on Literacy**  
Basic training for teaching adult literacy
- Since 2006      **Delaware County Community College**  
Certificate programs for interactive multimedia (computer based instructional design) and website development

## **Experience with Children**

- 2008      **Chess Shop** *Gesu Beacon After School Program*  
I created a chess-set making system for students. I engineered a system of hand-cranked lathes where children can make high quality family keepsake chess-sets: pieces and boards.  
See: [www.hiphiphooaymagazine.com/woodshop/chess](http://www.hiphiphooaymagazine.com/woodshop/chess)
- 2008      **Woodworking Tutor**  
I tutored a 5<sup>th</sup> grade boy and a 5 year old boy weekly in woodworking. We learned basic carpentry skills while making a toboggan, a magazine shelf, and assorted toys.  
See: [www.hiphiphooaymagazine.com/woodshop](http://www.hiphiphooaymagazine.com/woodshop)
- 2008      **Arts and Crafts Specialist** *Gesu Beacon After School Program*  
I provide an arts and crafts "buffet" for students Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the Beacon after school program at the Gesu School in North Philadelphia. Students are offered a variety of materials and encouraged to choose, invent, devise their own projects.
- Since 2001      **After-School Volunteer** *The John Gloucester House*  
I volunteer weekly, helping with a variety of activities. I have done mini remedial units with children who are struggling in specific subjects. I provide arts and craft activities. I like providing centers of various materials where children can devise and invent their own creations (with surprising and exciting results). In addition, this year I have been focusing on juggling and magic tricks, and on

teaching knitting and crocheting skills. I also started the JGH WebClub. Kids learn a little HTML and have the chance to showcase their artwork and creative writing on their own website:  
**[www.jghwebclub.com](http://www.jghwebclub.com)**

Since 2003

**Academic Consultant** *Here's Life Inner-City*

HLIC supports around 100 "S.A.Y. Yes" urban after-school programs around the country. I wrote educational materials for use at these centers. I also coached directors and tutors at "S. A. Y. Yes" centers to teach children how to read.

I am no longer employed by HLIC, but they continue to be the main subscribers of an e-magazine I created of original educational games and activities for urban after-school programs. I am editor and main writer. This e-magazine is published bi-monthly as a ministry of Ardmore Presbyterian Church: **[www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com](http://www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com)**

2005

**Parent/Children Activity Writer** *People's Emergency Center*

I created "*Side by Side*" -- pamphlets of activities designed to foster playful interactions between children and parents. I created these for a Philadelphia shelter for families who are homeless. Some of these pamphlets can be seen on *Hip, Hip Hooray Magazine*:

**[www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com/page14.html](http://www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com/page14.html)**

1995-03

**Instructional Assistant** *Lower Merion School District  
Merion, Gladwyne and Cynwyd Elementary Schools*

For six years I tutored students with emotional difficulties. I worked one-on-one. I was given the freedom to devise my own lesson plans, which I tailored to the interests and needs of each individual child. For the preceding two years, I was a personal aide to a boy with Down syndrome, supporting his inclusion in a regular classroom: helping adapt whole class activities for him, providing one-on-one instruction, facilitating his peer relationships.

1993-94

**Assistant Teacher** *Ardmore Presbyterian Weekday Pre-School*

I assisted the head teacher in three-day program for three year olds.

1979-99

**Christian Education Volunteer** *Ardmore Presbyterian Church*

~ I co-directed "Wednesday Plus," a weekly music/arts after-school program (1990-1994).

~ I was the Senior High Youth Advisor. I assisted youth leaders at weekly meetings and retreats (1981-91). In 1992 I lead the Senior High Youth Fellowship program.

**Other Experience**

2006

**ESL Teacher**

I designed the curriculum and taught a beginning English class to Korean and Japanese speaking adults.

### **Freelance Web design**

I have created websites for my own church, for The John Gloucester House and for a few other organizations.

I have also created some educational/children sites:

- ~ **[www.daveyfinlaw.com](http://www.daveyfinlaw.com)**: A website for my godson
- ~ **[www.abighello.com/1rockpaperscissors.html](http://www.abighello.com/1rockpaperscissors.html)**: How Rock, Paper, Scissors is played around the world
- ~ **[www.abighello.com/readhome.html](http://www.abighello.com/readhome.html)**: A family reading club
- ~ **Assorted games**: Can be seen on my digital portfolio at: **[www.abighello.com](http://www.abighello.com)**

### **Arts and Crafts**

I love woodworking and various other crafts. I enjoy working on projects with children. This summer I've been working with my godson and his brother, designing and building things like stilts and a go-cart.

### **Second Language**

My father is Mexican. I grew up in Mexico. My Spanish is rusty, but serviceable.

## **Links**

**Woodshop proposal:** [www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com/woodshop](http://www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com/woodshop)

**Samples of my woodwork:** [www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com/woodshop/samples.html](http://www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com/woodshop/samples.html)

**Hip, Hip Hooray Magazine:** [www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com](http://www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com) - an e-magazine I created of original educational games and activities for urban after-school programs. I am editor and main writer. This e-magazine is published bi-monthly as a ministry of Ardmore Presbyterian Church:

**John Gloucester House after School Web Club:** [www.ighwebclub.com](http://www.ighwebclub.com) - a site of student work, created through a web club I started at John Gloucester House. Kids learned simple HTML to showcase their own art work and creative writing.

**Side by Side:** pamphlets of activities designed to foster playful interactions between children and parents. I created these for People's Emergency Center, a Philadelphia shelter for families who are homeless. Some of these pamphlets can be seen at: [www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com/page14.html](http://www.hiphiphooraymagazine.com/page14.html)

**Child's website:** [www.daveystuff.com](http://www.daveystuff.com) - a website of games and activities for my godson.

**Rock Paper Scissors around the World:** [www.abighello.com/1rockpaperscissors.html](http://www.abighello.com/1rockpaperscissors.html) - how Rock, Paper, Scissors is played around the world; includes the game in three different versions.

**Family Reading Club:** [www.abighello.com/readhome.html](http://www.abighello.com/readhome.html) - a family reading club, originally created fro Ardmore Presbyterian Church.

**Assorted games:** Can be seen on my digital portfolio at: [www.abighello.com](http://www.abighello.com)

