

CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME:

Sylvia R. (Solomon) Bereskin
Languages (English, Hebrew, some French)

DEGREES:

Ed D Special Education, University of Toronto, 1985
M Ed Special Education, University of Western Ontario, 1975
B Ed University of Western Ontario, 1973

TESL (Teaching English as a Second Language) certification	Conestoga College 2009
Principal's Qualifications, Part II	OISE/UT, 2003
Principal's Qualifications, Part I	York University, 2002
Supervisory Officer's Qualifications	Ontario Principal's Council, 1999
Senior Certification, Individual & Society	Queen's University, 1992

Sample of Keynote Addresses and Workshops:

- May 2009 Keynote to Ottawa Community Council on Ethnocultural Equity: Educating for Change
- Included a 1-hour follow-up Question and Answer session
- May 2009 Keynote to Ottawa-Carleton DSB English Language Learner Forum: Inclusive Education in a Climate of Change
- Included a 1-hour follow-up workshop focusing on making changes in our schools and classrooms
- Feb 2009 Keynote to Hamilton TESL/Link conference: Social Justice in Education: Time for Real Change
- April 2009 Keynote to GrandErie DSB conference: Teaching that will make a difference
- Dec 2007 Introduction to a comprehensive K-12 policy for English language learners, *From The Roots Up* symposium

- 2006 – 07 *Holocaust Education in the 21st century*, General Romeo Dallaire Genocide Institute
- 2003 *Dreaming About a School for Peace*, Education for Peace conference, University of Ottawa
- 2000 – 01 *Kosovo: The Challenge of Making Real Peace*. In various locations across Ontario
- 2000 – 01 *Gifted Program Standards: Meeting the needs of gifted students in our schools*. In various locations across Ontario
- 1992 *There's really nothing new under the teacher's sun: The role of the teacher in the 1990s*. University of Manitoba – Multicultural, Anti-racist and Aboriginal Education conference
- 1992 *Mothers, Mentors, and Models: The 3Ms of women's achievement*. University of Winnipeg – Women-focused research conference.
- 1991 *Achieving Multicultural Education Goals in Urban Schools*. Centre for Urban Education, St. Peter's University, New Jersey.
- 1991 *Become aware of unearned privilege*. Enhancing the Quality of Teaching in Colleges and Universities conference, Charleston, South Carolina.
- 1990 *What keeps some students from achieving*. Resistance 1990 conference, OISE.
- 1982 – 83 *Dealing effectively with children's intellectual and emotional needs – a workshop series*. Sudbury-Algoma Hospital, Sudbury.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Post-secondary teaching

- Jan 2008 – present Course instructor (Social Justice in Education), Masters in Early Childhood Studies, Ryerson University
- 2000 – 2005 Course director, Faculty of Education, York University (Models of Education pilot online course, Special Education)
- July 1998 – Aug 2003 Adjunct professor, Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, University of Toronto (Gifted Education, Critical Issues in Special Education)
- 1990 – 1993 Assistant Professor, Trent-Queen's Concurrent Teacher Education Program, Trent University (Foundations of Education, Seminar in Social Class, Race and Gender Issues in Education, teacher supervision)
- 1981 – 1984 Instructor, Faculty of Education, University of Toronto
- 1979 – 1980 Instructor, Faculty of Education, University of Western Ontario

Elementary/Secondary Teaching

- 1993 – 1994 Teacher, Crestwood Secondary School, Peterborough County Board of Education (Society, Challenge & Change, OAC Politics, Drama)
- 1985 – 1990 Teacher, Ryerson Public School, Toronto School Board (Gifted Grade 7/8 program)
- 1983 – 1985 Teacher, Church Street Public School, Toronto School Board (junior behavioural class)
- 1980 – 1983 Teacher, Jesse Ketchum Public School, Toronto School Board (senior behavioural class)
- 1977 – 1980 Teacher, Sir John A. MacDonald Public School, London Board of Education (Grade 3 – 8 adjustment class)

Ontario Ministry of Education

June 2002 – Oct 2008	Education Officer, Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch – provincial lead for ESL/ELD (retired Oct 31, 2008)
Dec 2007	Planned and coordinated the symposium <i>From The Roots Up: Supporting English language learners in every classroom</i>
May 2007	Private School Inspector, - inspecting schools in Jinhua, Quanzhou and Nanjing China
Jan 2006 – June 2006	Student Achievement Officer, The Literacy and Numeracy Secretariat - initiating <i>Schools On The Move</i> project
Jan 2002 – June 2002	Education Officer, Ontario Knowledge Network for Learning – established an online gifted e-learning centre
Sept 2000 – Dec 2001	Education Officer, Special Education Program Standards Unit – developed program standards for Gifted Education
March 1995 – Aug 2000	Education Officer, Curriculum and Assessment Policy Branch – coordinated writing of new secondary curriculum in all subject/discipline areas
March 1994 – Feb 1995	Education Officer, Teacher Education Policy Unit – response to the Royal Commission on Learning and development of policy to establish the Ontario College of Teachers

HONOURS:

- Chosen to participate in the Summer of Hope Literacy Camp, Moose Cree, Ontario, 2006
- Senior consultant, Aipta Corporation, 2003 – present
- Member, Modern Language Advisory Committee, OISE/UT, 2003 - present
- Chosen to lead the Holocaust and Hope Educator's Tour for Aboriginal educators, League for Human Rights, 2003
- Chosen to coordinate the Bartica, Guyana education project, Ve'ahavta, 2003
- Educational project coordinator for Kosovo, International Children's Institute, 1999 / 2000
- Consultant to Ministries of Education in Kosovo and Albania, 1999 / 2000
- Consultant to Building Bridges Program, International Children's Institute, 1999
- Chosen to visit *Trees for Life* schools in China, Trees for Life Canada, 1999
- Chair, President's Task Force on Rights, Respect and Responsibility, Trent University, 1993
- Shirley Stokes Fellowship for Women's Studies, Federation of Women Teachers of Ontario, 1990
- Chair, Director's Reference Group on Alienated Youth, Toronto School Board, 1998 - 1990
- William Pakenham Fellowship in Education, University of Toronto, 1988

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT:

2009 -	Theoretical Frameworks in Education, Ryerson University
2008 -	Social Justice in Education, Ryerson University
1998 – 2003	Gifted Education. OISE
	Critical Issues in Special Education. OISE

PUBLICATIONS

Life-time summary:

Chapters in books.....	2
Papers in refereed journals.....	4
Professional resources	2
Government resources	5
Other publications	3
Workshops and keynotes	50+

Publication details:

Sample of Publications (Note: during my tenure at the Ministry of Education publication was not permitted)

Chapters in books:

Solomon, S. (1996). Women Who Didn't Disappear: The Voice of Eminent Canadian Women. In Uma Parameswaran (Ed.), *Quilting a New Canon*, Sister Vision Press, Toronto, pp 165 – 178.

Solomon, S. (1990). Necessary and Sufficient Conditions: The Lives of Nine Eminent Canadian Women. In Ellis, Julie and Wilinski, John (Eds)., *Girls, Woman and Giftedness*. Trillium Press, New York.

Papers in refereed journals:

Solomon, S. (1999). *Telling the Stories of Life: A Mother's Memories, a Daughter's Reflection*. Canadian Children's Literature, (v 95).

Solomon, S. (June 1993). *Same Script, Different Page: The Role of the Teacher in Canada Today*. Education Canada.

Solomon, S. (September 1992). *The Silent Voice of Women: Does it Have to Come from Space to be Heard?* English Quarterly, McGill University.

Professional resources:

Bereskin, S., O'Reilly, P., Sherri, D., and Akerman, K. (2005) *Choose Your Voice - Antisemitism in Canada: A Teacher's Guide for Grades 6, 7 and 8*. Fighting Antisemitism Together (FAST) and Canadian Jewish Congress. Toronto.

The International Children's Institute (2000). *Psychological Trauma Training Programs; Parts 1, 2 and 3*. Toronto. Developed as part of a team working in Kosovo and Sarajevo.

Solomon, S.1 (1989). *The Delightful Task! Independent Learning and You*. Toronto Board of Education.

Government resources:

Ontario Ministry of Education (2007). *Supporting English language learners in Kindergarten: A practical guide for Ontario educators.*

Ontario Ministry of Education (2007). *English language learners / ESL and ELD Programs and Services: Policies and Procedures for Ontario Elementary and Secondary Schools, Kindergarten to Grade 12*

Ontario Ministry of Education (2006). *TIPS for English language learners in Mathematics.*

Ontario Ministry of Education (2005). *Many Roots, Many Voices: Supporting English language learners in every classroom.*

Bereskin, S. (2005). *Praxis Revisited: Second-language Learning in Ontario's Elementary School system.* Ontario Ministry of Education

Other publications:

Bereskin, S. (in process). *Holocaust and Hope: Poetry of my missing past.*

Solomon, S. (2000). *The Courage of Teachers.* Professionally Speaking, Toronto.

Solomon, S. (2000). She's 50 – She Climbed Kilimanjaro. Journeywoman Online (<http://www.journeywoman.com/olderadv/kilimanjaro.html>)

Community Involvement:

- 2009 Lead Youth Conference organizer, Ontario Red Cross
- 2009 Disaster Response Volunteer – Canadian Red Cross
- 2007 - Board member, Wychwood Open Door Drop-in Centre
- 2007 - Department of Peace initiative, Toronto
- 2004 - Founder, Grandmothers for Peace, Toronto
- 2003 - Registered participant; Sam Gindin Chair in Social Justice and Democracy group
- 2003 Chair – Holocaust Education Committee, League for Human Rights
- 2002 Coordinated education/teacher-training program and delivered it in Bartica, Guyana (for Ve'ahavta)
- 2001- on Out of the Cold volunteer
- 1999 Volunteer with Red Cross, Base Borden (with refugees from Kosovo)
- 1993 – 95 Community Advisory Board, Women's Health Care Centre, Civic Hospital, Peterborough
- 1992 – 95 Board member, Peterborough Centennial Museum and Archives
- 1989 – 90 Consultant to Fresh Perspectives – a newspaper published and written by and for secondary students

REFERENCES:

Judith K. Bernhard, Ph.D.
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