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Curriculum Vitae

Education

- 2021** PhD. Mythological Studies with an Emphasis in Depth Psychology, Pacifica Graduate Institute.
- 2017** M.A. Mythological Studies with an Emphasis in Depth Psychology, Pacifica Graduate Institute.
- 2000** Certificate: Essential Facilitation, Interaction Associates, San Francisco, CA.
Recruited, co-coordinated, completed meeting skills workshop hosted by Mendocino County Public Health Department.
- 1992** Bachelor of Arts, The Evergreen State College, Special Focus in Culture/Theater.
- 1992** Certificate: Consensus Facilitation, Alpha Institute, Deadwood, OR.
Planned, organized, completed intensive meeting skills workshop with Master Facilitator Caroline Estes.
- 1990** Certificate: Therapeutic Herbalism, California School of Herbal Studies, Forestville, CA.

Experience

- 2021** Organizational Development Consultant and Community Facilitator, Church of the Golden Rule Advisory Group.
Designing and facilitating process for membership review and renewal of community purpose for intergenerational spiritual/intentional land-based community.
- 2019** Paraprofessional Educator, Ukiah Adult School/Mendocino County Jail Inmate Services Department.
Provide program support and teaching assistance to Hi-Set, High School Diploma, and community college programs for incarcerated students.
- 2018** Administrative Analyst, Mendocino County Redwood Complex Fire Disaster Recovery Team.
Facilitated community input to Long Term Fire Recovery Project Work Plan in coordination with County department staff. Advocated to County Administration and Board of Supervisors to initiate climate change adaptation policies and practices.
- 2017** Organizational Support, Mendocino Rebuilding Our Community.
Assisted in development of organizational structure of local consortium of volunteer organizations in response to the October 2017 Northern California wildfires. Provided minute-taking secretarial support, co-facilitation, and organizational development guidance.
- 2017 – 2019** Convened international interfaith/Women's Spirituality justice activism and advocacy.
*Developed, coordinated, and submitted international petition to MGM Studios regarding the use of a contemporary feminine symbol in **The Handmaid's Tale**. Facilitated and mediated core group of prominent scholars and practitioners to communicate concerns with MGM studios through dialogue with author Margaret Atwood.*
- 2016 – 2020** Substitute Teacher, Ukiah Unified School District, MCOE, River Oak Charter School, Redwood Academy Charter School.
- 2014** Hospice Archivist, Morning Glory Zell-Ravenheart Goddess Collection.

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- Designed catalogue for 300 goddess figurines of renowned scholar Morning Glory Zell, archived last stories, assisted with family hospice and spiritual end-of-life care.*
- 2005 – 2018** Self-Employed. Celebrant, *Sacred Play Ceremony Design*.
Develop and perform personal and group events: weddings, baby blessings and memorial services.
- 2000 – 2002** Health Educator, Community Prevention in Action, Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Services, Mendocino County Department of Public Health.
Designed, implemented and evaluated grants for youth programs.
- 1999 – 2000** Contract Employee, Mendocino County Department of Public Health.
Implemented a California Wellness Foundation Grant, collaboratively designed the Willits Integrated Services Center to co-locate several county public health services with input from a collaboration of several non-profit agencies providing mental, AODP and social services to families and children.
- 1999** Case Developer, Mediator and Facilitator, Mendocino Dispute Resolution Services.
Worked with people in conflict to assist positive outcomes.
- 1997 – 1998** Co-coordinator, Mendocino Environmental Center.
Directed non-profit center dedicated to activism for environmental and social justice. Maintained membership lists, newsletters, provided drop-in center activist support, answered and directed national phone calls.
- 1993 – 1994** Member, Greenfield Ranch Association Stewardship Advisory Committee.
Co-facilitated community effort to research, design, and pilot sustainable land practices for 5,500-acre landowner's association.

Writing

Published Books

- 2021** *Song of Gaea: Paeon to the Soul of Nature*. Co-authored with Oberon Zell.
Children's book of poetry portraying evolutionary biology and nature spirituality.

Published Articles

- 2018** "When It Comes to Climate Change, We Are All Captain Ahab" *Medium.com*
"Impermanence and Glory: Finding the Monks of Tomki Rd." *Medium.com*
- 2017** "Wildfire: Not Just for the Forest Anymore" *Medium.com*
- 1999** "Rivers of Time, A Quest for the Sovereign Self." *Sojourner Magazine* 3(4).
- 1995** "Movers of Mountains, Shapers of Worlds." *Communities Directory, A Guide to Cooperative Living, 1995 Edition*, Fellowship for Intentional Community.

Edited publications

- 2018** *Mendocino County Disaster Recovery Redwood Complex Fire Recovery Project Work Plan*
- 1997** *The Greenfield Ranch 25th Anniversary Newsletter 1992 - 1997 (A Celebration of a Quarter Century of Living in Community)*
- 1994** *Communities Magazine*, Issue #84, "Growing Up in Community."
Solicited articles from around the world on the subject of childrens' experiences of community living.