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Education

Ph.D. Doctorate of Philosophy in Urban Education, emphasis in art education.
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 2002.

Principal certification. Administrative Leadership program (near completion), University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

M.S. Master of Science in Art Education, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 1994.

B.S. Bachelor of Science in Art Education, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.
Overseas study semesters: London, England; Munich, Germany.

Professional Experience

University

- 2003-present** **Coordinator.** Art Education division, School of Art, Kent State University
- 2008-present** **Associate Professor.** Art Education, School of Art, Kent State University.
- 2001-2008 **Assistant Professor.** Art Education, School of Art, Kent State University.
- 1999-2001 **Full-Time Lecturer.** Art Education, School of Art, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). Supervised and advised art education student teachers. Taught visual learning classes for early childhood and elementary educators.
- 1998-1999 **Teaching Assistant.** Art Education department, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). Supervised art education student teachers. Taught visual learning classes to elementary educators.
- 1998-2000 **Project Assistant.** Administrative Leadership Department, College of Education, UWM. Ensuring Quality Leadership Program. Participated in leadership meetings with Milwaukee Public School principals and business executives.
- 1997-1998 **Adjunct Instructor.** Art Education, School of Art, UWM. Taught visual learning classes for elementary educators.
- 1993-1994 **Research Assistant.** “Elementary Teachers, the Visual Arts, and Integrating Curriculum”. Served as liaison between UWM art education department and two Kenosha, Wisconsin, elementary schools. My role was to diagnose plans and programs concerning the integration of the visual arts into the general curriculum.
- 1991-1993 **Art Curriculum and Methods Instructor.** Cardinal Stritch College, Milwaukee, WI. Taught art education majors and supervised student teachers.
- 1990-1991 **Research Assistant.** UWM art education department. “An Inquiry into the Role of the Visual Arts in Early childhood Education”, a study in young children’s image preferences and the current practices involving art-like activities in 10 pre-school settings.
- 1989-1990 **Adjunct Instructor.** Art Education, School of Art, UWM. Student teacher supervisor.

Kindergarten-Twelfth Grade Teaching

- 1995-1998 **Art teacher.** High school, Port Washington/Saukville School District, WI.
- 1991-1995 **Art Teacher.** Middle School, grades 5-8. Port Washington/Saukville District.
- 1990-1991 **Art Teacher.** Middle School, grades 5-8. Whitnall School District, WI.
- 1985-1990 **Art Teacher.** Grades K-8. Woodlands Elementary School, formerly the Alverno College Campus Laboratory School, Milwaukee, WI.

Research and Publications

Articles

In print:

- **Vande Zande, R.** "Design Education as Community Outreach and Interdisciplinary Study" *Learning Through the Arts Journal issue 3*, November, 2007
- **Vande Zande, R.** "Design: Form and Function as Part of Art Education", *Art Education*, 60(4), July, 2007, pp. 45-51.
- **Vande Zande, R.** "Chairs, Cars, and Bridges: Teaching Aesthetics From Everyday Objects", *Art Education*, 60(1). January, 2007, pp. 39-42.
- **Vande Zande, R.** "The Design Process of Problem Solving". *Academic Exchange Quarterly*, Winter, 2007, pp. 150-154.
- **Vande Zande, R. & Martin, M.** "Seating by Design", *In the Middle: The Journal of the Saskatchewan Middle Years Association*, 25 (1). September, 2006, pp. 7-11.
- **Vande Zande, R. & Martin, M.** "Seating by Design", *Venture Forth: Saskatchewan Early Childhood Education Council Journal*, 37(3). Fall, 2006, pp. 1-7.
- **Vande Zande, R.** "The Advantages of a Rooftop Garden and Other Things" *The International Journal of Art and Design Education*, May, 2006, pp. 205-216.

In press:

- **Vande Zande, R. & Martin, M.** "An international chair lesson". *School Arts*, October, 2008.

Conference Proceedings

In print:

- **Vande Zande, R.** "The Natural Fit: Brain Function and Studying Design", *Learning and the Brain* conference proceedings, April, 2006, pp. 1-9.

Books

Under review:

- A textbook on design education entitled Design Education: Teaching about Everyday Things, being reviewed by Davis Publishing.

In progress:

- Converting my dissertation into a book on the history of design education in the public schools, 1870 to the present.

Dissertation

- “The Growth of Design in American Schools” (2002).

Curricular Publication

Chair Design Research.

Current research project based on a chair design lesson plan I wrote, which has been taught by teachers in 5 countries: France, Italy, Canada, United States, and Australia. Images of children’s designs <http://www.scs.sk.ca/van/chairs/chair%20design%20research.html>, (Pages on the Greater Saskatoon Catholic Schools website space, serving 15,200 students. These website pages were developed and then disseminated to 45 teacher participants at our NAEA conference presentation to invite them to be a part of this study.)

Professional Activity Consultation Work

- **Frank Lloyd Wright Wescott House Museum** in Springfield, OH, consultant on design education curriculum, July, 2007. Consulted with the Wescott House Board of Directors on design education components, existing programs in the United States, and a direction the museum could take. In addition, as the culminating event in their summer program on green architecture, I lectured to high school students on sustainable design then discussed how design affects them in everyday living.
- **Cuyahoga Community College and Cleveland Municipal School District** partnered to create the **DesignLab Early College High School, with a focus on Art and Design**. I have served as an advisory committee member and was hired as the consultant to direct the instruction of the students and faculty during the summer launch in July, 2008.
- **Cleveland Design District Organizer and Speaker**, May, 2007. This meeting, one in a series about the proposed Cleveland Design District, was held to explore the role of design education in this innovative design concept, “The Milan of the Midwest” . Participants included administrators from Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland Institute of Art, Cleveland State University, Kent State University, and The Human Fund, a non-profit organization that supports the arts in education.
- **Lakewood School District and the Beck Center for the Arts** development of a **regional arts academy**. Spoke on the value of design-based curricula to representatives from the school district, Beck Center, and Cleveland Institute of Art. I have been invited to be part of the Arts and Communications Summit meetings, Spring, 2007.
- **Bridge Basics Kit**. Curriculum kit, distributed nationally by the **National Building Museum**. Assisted in development of national curriculum, Summer, 2005.

International Baccalaureate

- Invited to serve as an **International Baccalaureate reviewer** for Firestone High School, 2008 and 2009.
- Invited to serve as an **International Baccalaureate reviewer** at Aurora High School, 2009.

Invited Speaker- national and state

- 2007 **Chairs, Fashion, and Advertising: Teaching Children about the Influences of Design**, Public Lecture at Wittenberg College, sponsored by the Wescott House Foundation.
- 2007 **Building Brighter Futures: Collaboration Between Habitat for Humanity and The Wescott House Foundation**, Springfield, OH, July 19. I spoke to a group of high school seniors with an interest in architecture and design on sustainable design in architecture.
- 2007 **Cuyahoga Community College**, Cleveland, OH. I spoke to the Metro Campus president and representatives from the Cleveland Public Schools about what design education is and how to consider curricular issues for the DesignLab High School.
- 2007 **Council on Policies Studies in Art Education**, Teacher's College, Columbia University, March, 2007. I was a featured speaker at the annual meeting. My presentation was entitled:
"Design Education as an Important Component to Art Education"
- 2007 **Lakewood Arts Academy**, Lakewood, OH, March 7. I spoke on the value of design-based curricula.
- 2007 **Art Educators of New Jersey Advisory Council and Division**, Somerset, NJ, October, 2006. I was a speaker at the leadership luncheon of the New Jersey art education organization, on approaches to teaching design K-12.

Invited Speaker- university

- 2008 **Guest lecture** for the Design in Technology course, TECH31087, KSU School of Technology, Lowell Zurbach, associate professor.
- 2008 **Guest lecture** for the Integrating the Arts, Music, and Technology course, KSU School of Music, Jay Dorfman, assistant professor

National Committee Positions, elected or invited

- 2006-present **Chair** Chair of the *Design Issues Group* of the National Art Education Association.
- Responsible for writing a bi-monthly newsletter column
- Organize and conduct meetings:
- July, 2008*, meeting at the National Building Museum, Washington, DC
 - March, 2008*, meeting at Longue Vue Museum, New Orleans
 - March, 2007*, meeting at the Cooper-Hewitt Museum, New York City.
 - August, 2006*, meeting at the National Building Museum, Washington, DC
 - March, 2006*, meeting at the Chicago Architectural Foundation, Chicago, Ill.
- 2004-present **Member** Education Committee of the Board of Trustees, National Building Museum, Washington, DC
- Assist in curriculum and programming decisions for multiple youth and family class offerings

2006-present **Member** Delegates Assembly Representatives, National Art Education Association

- Participate in legislative meetings for national association
- Present the annual report
- Presented a motion to make a name change from the *Built Environment Issues group* to *Design Issues Group* based on a broadened mission (2007)

State, invited

2008 **Member** Ohio Governor's *Institute on Creativity and Innovation in Education*.

1999-2000 **Writer** Task force member and writer of the *Wisconsin Art and Design Education State Curriculum*. This is the only state curriculum guide in the United States that includes design as part of the content of art education.

University, elected

2008 **Member** Faculty Senate, elected for 3 year term.

Grants

2007 **University Teaching Council** summer research grant to develop interdisciplinary curricular materials for the teaching of design education.

2006 **University Teaching Council** travel grant to attend and present a research paper at the International Society of Education Through the Arts conference, held in Viseu, Portugal.

2004 **University Research Council** grant for data collection about design programs in eight educational and museum institutions in the United States.

2004 **University Teaching Council** summer research grant to research and develop curricular materials on "The Principle Elements of Design Education".

2003 **Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers to Use Technology (PT3)** KSU College of education grant through the U.S. Department of Education. Obtained \$2500 for technology equipment and technician employment for art education division

2003 **University Teaching Council** Travel and Learning Support grant for attending a learning and the brain conference

2002-present **Research and Graduate Studies** research travel grants for financial assistance to present at National Art Education Association annual conferences.

Professional Awards

1998 **Kappa Delta Pi/John Lazenby Memorial Scholarship**, UWM education award

1997 **Kohl Fellowship Award** for excellence in teaching, One of 25 teachers selected in a regional search

1988-89 **Woodlands School Award** for innovative teaching.

Juried International and National Presentations

2007 - **EDRA 38 - Environmental Design Research Association**, annual conference, Sacramento, California, May 30- June 3
- "Teaching Sustainable (Green) Design for the Built

Environment Through Pre-K-12 Art Education". Joy Potloff, Bowling Green State University, presented our collaboratively developed materials.

- 2007 - **National Art Education Association**, annual conference, New York, Mar.13-18.
 - "Think Like a Designer" presented with Ann Lambson, National Building Museum and Mei Mah, Cooper Hewitt Museum.
 - "A Chair Lesson Taught in Five Countries" presented with Monique Martin, Canada; and Cheryl Lobe-Tharius, France.
- 2006 - **International Society of Education through the Arts**, Viseu, Portugal
 - "Teaching Sustainable Design to Youth"
- 2006 - **National Art Education Association**, Chicago, IL.
 - "Impressive Examples of Design Lessons as Community Outreach"
 - "A Viable Option to the Thesis: A Non-Thesis Master's Project"
- 2006 - **Learning and the Brain**, Cambridge, MA
 - "The Natural Fit: Brain Principles and the Study of Design"
 - Panelist: The place of the arts in education
- 2006 - **Scholarship of Teaching and Learning**, South Bend, IN
 - The Interconnectedness of Brain Principles and the Study of Design poster session.
- 2005 - **National Art Education Association**, Boston, MA
 - "Art Educators Teaching Design"
 - "Interdisciplinary Design Lessons"
- 2004 - **National Art Education Association**, Denver, CO.
 - "Teaching Design Education"
- 2003 - **University Teaching Council**, Kent, OH
 - "Brain Research and Teaching"
- 2003 - **National Art Education Association**, Minneapolis, MN.
 - "A Description of Functional Design Education"
- 2002 - **Ohio Art Education Association**, Dayton, OH
 - "Teaching Design Education as Functional Objects"
- 2001 - **Wisconsin Art Education Association**, Milwaukee, WI
 - "Design as a Curricular Component"
- 2001 - **Ohio Art Education Association**, Cleveland, OH
 - "The History of Design Education"
 - "Emerging issues in Design Education"
- 2001 - **National Art Education Association**, New York, NY
 - "The History of Design Education"
 - "Emerging Issues in Design"
- 2000 - **Wisconsin Art Education Association**, Madison, WI
 - "Emerging Issues in design and design education"
- 1999 - **Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development**, San Francisco
 - "How to Steer your District to Brain-Based Learning"
- 1999 - **Wisconsin Alliance of Arts Education**, Madison, WI

- "Effective Strategies to Engage Students in Relevant Learning"

- 1998 - **National Art Education Association**, Kansas City, MO
- Super Session, " Art Education in Urban Contexts"
- 1992-1996 - **National Art Education Association**
- 3 presentations on various topics
- 1993-1998 - **Wisconsin Art Education Association**
- 5 state presentations on various topics
- 1990 - **Milwaukee Area Teachers Conference**
- "The perceptions of color"
- 1990 - **Catholic Archdiocese Teachers Convention**
- " Art ideas for the elementary classroom"

Committee Participation

University

- 2007-present** **Member** University Education Policies Committee
- 2007-present** **Member** University Advisory Committee for Academic Assessment
- 2003-present** **Member** Professional Education Coordinators Council, College of Education
- 2003-present** **Member** Master's of Art of Teaching Committee, College of Education
- 2003-present** **Member** The University Council on Teacher Education Steering Committee
- 2004-2005 **Member** University Educational Policies Committee
- 2004 **Member** Democracy Symposium Committee
- 2004 **Member** Educational Psychology in Higher Education Learning Community

School of Art

- 2002-present** **Member** Faculty Advisory Committee for School of Art
- 2001-2006 **Faculty Advisor:** National Art Education Association Student Chapter, Kent State.
- Spring, 2004 **Member** Search committee assigned to submit suggested names for hire of tenure-track drawing faculty member
- 2004-2005 **Member** School of Art Foundations Program
- 2002-2004 **Ad Hoc Member** Inquiry Standing Committee for School of Education
- 2002-2004 **Member** Steering Committee of the University Council of Teacher Education
- Spring, 2003 **Member** Search committee assigned to submit suggested names for hire of Director of the School of Art
- Spring, 2003 **Member** Search committee assigned to submit suggested names for hire of three new tenure- track faculty members and one non-tenure track faculty member in Art Education Division
- 2001-2003 and 2006 **Member** Gallery Committee, School of Art, Kent State

Community

2003 **Advisor** Education Committee of the Akron Art Museum

Created and Implemented Credited Workshops

- 2007 College of EHHS: *Chairs, Fashion, and Automobiles: How the Interdisciplinary Study of Design Can Connect the Ohio Content Standards*
(2 credits)
- 2007 *Art and Design Education Study Abroad: Florence, Italy* (3 credits)
- 2006 *Art Education Study Abroad: Florence, Italy* (3 credits)
- 2005 Art Education Workshop: *Design Education: Applications Across the Curriculum*
(3 credits)
- 2005 *Art Education Study Abroad: Florence, Italy* (2 credits)
- 2004-
present Art Education Workshop then course: *The National Art Education Association Conference* (1-3 credits)
- 2004 Art Education Workshop: *Mexico City Study/Travel* (2 credits)
- 2004 Art Education Workshop: *Teaching Design* (2 credits)
- 2004 Akron Public Schools Staff Development Workshop: *"Incorporating the Academic Standards for the Visual Arts into Your Curriculum"*

Reviewer

- 2008 **University of Akron, Ohio, Faculty Tenure and Promotion**
- 2006-present **National Art Education Association**, referee national convention presentation proposals submitted to the *Design Issues Group*.
- 2006 **Teacher Work Sample Assessor**, College of Education, Health, and Human Service

Juror

- 2001-2008 **Judge** for Regional Scholastic Art Show
- 2001 **Judge** for Aurora High School Art Show