

Judith A. Gifford

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Education

- 1991, University of Wisconsin—Superior
Completed Wisconsin certification requirements for Elementary Administration
- 1988, University of Wisconsin—River Falls
Completed Wisconsin certification requirements for Grades K-8
- 1983, M.S., University of Wisconsin—Stout
Home Economics Education
Concentration—Early Childhood Education
- 1971, B.S., University of Wisconsin—Stout
Early Childhood Education

Professional Positions

2007-present, Director and Lecturer

Child & Family Study Center, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin
Direct daily operations of the CFSC, supervise teaching staff, graduate assistants, and assistant Teachers, along with teaching courses for students majoring in ECE at UW-Stout. Courses taught include DAP: Preschool, Administration of Early Childhood Programs, Math Curriculum: ECE, and Administration.

2006-2007, Lecturer

Early Childhood Education, School of Education, University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin
Supervised twenty-six student teachers and taught Observing and Guiding Young Children and Advanced Classroom Management for pre-service educators.

2003-2006, Substitute Teacher

Eagle County School District, Eagle County, Colorado

2000-2003, Adjunct Instructor

Colorado Mountain College, Vail, Colorado
Taught Instructional Methodology to continuing education students.

1991-1993, Elementary Principal

School District of the Menomonie Area
Responsible for effective instructional leadership and management of Knapp, Lucas, and North Elementary Schools. Worked with staffs to create effective school-wide enrichment programs focusing on problem solving, integrated thematic curriculum, and

Native American studies, as well as school wide behavior management systems.

1988-1991, Elementary Instructor

School District of the Menomonie Area

Primary responsibilities as classroom instructor for first and second grades and Gifted & Talented Building Coordinator. Accomplishments included implementation of the Tin Kid Pentathlon, a multi-faceted all-school event.

1985-1992, 1981-1982, Adjunct Instructor, Part-time

Chippewa Valley Technical Institute

Taught child development and early childhood courses to continuing education students.

1973-1985, Child & Family Study Center, University of Wisconsin—Stout

Responsibilities included ensuring developmentally appropriate classroom instruction for children from birth to five years, integrated thematic curriculum design, implementation and evaluation, and supervision of student teachers and college students enrolled in Early Childhood Education. Taught at all levels of early childhood education offered through the Child & Family Study Center programs and modeled developmentally appropriate practices. This included programs designed for infants, toddlers, two year olds three year olds, four year olds, and five year olds, as well as mixed age groupings.

1983-1985, 1980-1981, Instructor/Academic Staff

Department of Human Development, Family Living and Educational Services

University of Wisconsin—Stout

Courses taught: Child Guidance, Parent Education, Creative Activities for Young Children, American Study Tour of Child Development Programs, Kindergarten and Early Childhood Materials Development. Supervised Kindergarten student teachers in Menomonie, Chippewa Falls, and Eau Claire.

1984-1985, 1979-1980, Project Director/Specialist

Nutrition Education and Training Grant funded through the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

University of Wisconsin—Stout

Planned and implemented twenty-two nutrition education seminars for Wisconsin early childhood educators and child care services personnel throughout the state of Wisconsin

1972-1973, Director and Preschool Teacher

Evansville Elementary School, Evansville, Wisconsin

Directed and taught Title I Preschool program operated within the public school setting; program focused on self-concept as related to school achievement.

1971-1972, Teacher/Director

St. Croix County Head Start, Glenwood City, Wisconsin

West Central Wisconsin Community Action Agency

Responsibilities included curriculum design and implementation, classroom instruction,

supervision of staff, parent education, and home visitation.

Scholarly Activities

Courses taught at University of Wisconsin-Stout:

ECE-307 Developmentally Appropriate Practice-Preschool, 2008-2009

ECE-421 Administration of Early Childhood Programs, 2008-2009

EDUC-726 Administration, Summers, 2008, 2009

ECE-364 Observing and Guiding Young Children, 2006-2007

ECE-426 Advanced Classroom Management, 2006-2007

ECE-411 Early Childhood Curriculum: Math, Summer, 2007

Directorship:

Child & Family Study Center, 2007-present

Accreditation:

National Association for the Education of Young Children, 2009

Collaboration:

PK-12 Initiative, 2007-2008, served as advisor for a first year teacher

Grants:

UW-Stout Lab Modification Grant, 2009 Playground Renovation

UW-Stout Lab Modification Grant, 2008 Observation Booth Improvement

Wisconsin Arts Board Grant, 1992-1993 Infusion of Native American Art, Culture and Music into Fourth Grade Elementary Curriculum

Department of Public Instruction Grant, 1984-1985, Nutrition Education for Wisconsin Day Care Personnel

Continued Education and Specialized Training

NAEYC Accreditation Readiness Training, 2008

Pediatric First Aid & CPR Training, 2007, 2008.

Shaken Baby Syndrome Awareness training, 2007, 2008.

Sudden Infant Death Prevention training, 2007, 2008.

Recent Publications

Gifford, J. (2008). Using time management strategies to work smarter, not harder. *PACE: Practical Approaches for Continuing Education*, Volume 02, Number 04, 1-7.

Service to University Community

July, 2007- present Senate of Academic Staff

2007-present Search Committees for three positions

2008 Into the Book Group Leader for incoming Freshmen

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2007 Participation in HDFS Jail to create awareness of and prevention of Violence Against Women on campus

Recent Conference Presentations

"Marvelous Meetings: Making the Most of Your Morning Meeting," Early Childhood Education Conference, Menomonie, Wisconsin, 2008, 2009.

"The ABC's of Effective Guidance: Creating a Caring Community" and "Promoting Learning & Reducing Conflict: Effective Classroom Environments," Early Childhood Education Conference, Menomonie, Wisconsin, 2007.

"Trends in Guiding Young Children," Preconference Workshop, Early Childhood Education Conference, Menomonie, Wisconsin, 2007.

"The Lucas School Model: Integrated Thematic Instruction," Wisconsin Association of School Boards/Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators Conference, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1992.

Presented twenty-six sessions at local, regional, state, and national conferences of early childhood professionals.

Professional Development

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| November, 2008 | NAEYC Annual Conference, Dallas, Texas |
| June, 2008 | NAEYC Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development, New Orleans, Louisiana |
| June, 2008 | Faculty College, University of Wisconsin System, Richland Center, Wisconsin |
| April, 2008 | Early Childhood Conference, Menomonie, Wisconsin |
| November, 2007 | NAEYC Annual Conference, Chicago, Illinois |
| June, 2007 | NAEYC Institute for Early Childhood Professional Development, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania |
| April, 2007 | Early Childhood Conference, Menomonie, Wisconsin |

Professional Development Activities prior to 2007:

Instructional Leadership and Coaching Workshop, School District of the Menomonie Area, Menomonie, Wisconsin

International Study Seminar in schools located in Wales, Great Britain and Scotland: four weeks in summer, 1989, 1990.

Conferences sponsored by the Wisconsin Education Association, Wisconsin Association of Elementary Administrators, Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

Parents On Your Side workshop, River Falls, Wisconsin

Mathematics Their Way week-long workshop, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Cray Research Academy, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Consultant for the Stockbridge-Munsee Head Start, Stockbridge-Munsee Indian Reservation, Bowler, WI, for six years.

Member of Committee for Early Childhood Conference, University of Wisconsin—Stout
Advisor for Child Development Associate (CDA) candidates in Wisconsin.

Professional Organizations

National Association for the Education of Young Children, 2006-present
National Coalition of Campus Child Care Centers, 2007-present
Wisconsin Chapter of NCCCC, 2007-present
Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, 2006-present
Association for Childhood Education International, 2008-present

Community Involvement

Board of Directors, Family Resource Center, Dunn County, Wisconsin
Board of Directors, Eagle Valley Child Care Association, Eagle County, Colorado
Boy Scout Troop 232, Troop Committee and Cub Scout leader, Vail, Colorado
Church Council, Mount of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Vail, Colorado
District Accountability Committee, Eagle County School District, Colorado
Parent Teachers Association, Red Sandstone Elementary School, Vail, Colorado. Held offices of President, Treasurer, Wild West Days Representative, and Parent Coordinator for Reading Olympics.
Church Council, Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Menomonie, Wisconsin
4H Project Leader, Sunset Valley 4H, Dunn County, Wisconsin
Girl Scout leader, Menomonie, Wisconsin
Menomonie Theater Guild, Assisted in many past productions, served as Box Office Chair/Board of Directors/Properties Chair