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WORK HISTORY

1972-present **Consultant** (full time, 1973-1983, 1993-1998, 1999-present)
Writing, Editing, Translating, Publishing, Teaching Writing, Curriculum

Selected Clients: Arts Horizons NJ, Border Book Festival, CCA Teen Program (Santa Fe), Cedarcrest College, Ehime Prefecture (Japan), Elderhostel at College of Santa Fe, Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, Haiku International Assoc. (Japan), Japan Air Lines, Japanese Text Initiative (U. Virginia), Katydid Books, NJ State Council on the Arts, NM Arts Division, Playwrights Theatre of NJ, Recursos de Santa Fe, Santa Fe Community College, Santa Fe Public Schools, Sierra Club, Sherman Asher Publishing, SITE Santa Fe, Tumblewords, Yamagata Prefecture (Bashô Haiku School, 1987, Japan).

1998-1999 **Teacher** (part time, Mar-Jul 1998; full time 1998-99 school year)
Curriculum Development and Teaching English (department chair) (gr. 7-9)
New Mexico Academy for Sciences and Mathematics, Santa Fe

1983-1991 **Administrator**, Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs
County of Union, Elizabeth, New Jersey

1979-1990 **Instructor** (full time 79-80, part time 87-90)
English, Creative Writing, Communications
Union County College, Cranford, New Jersey

1977-1978 **Project Director**, Project CULTURE at Leesburg State Prison
New Jersey State Council on the Arts, Trenton, New Jersey

Other work experience includes retail clerk and management (hard goods); clerk, key operator, and manager in copy shops; research assistant (Dept. of Psychology, Yale University); and secondary mathematics teaching.

EDUCATION

Certificate with Honors, Japanese Language and Area Studies (36 graduate cr.)

Institute of Far Eastern Languages, Yale University, New Haven, CT

Bachelor of Arts, English Major (Departmental Honors), History Minor

Southern Connecticut State College, New Haven, CT

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Authors League

Haiku Society of America (various offices, including President, 1976)

BIOGRAPHICAL LISTINGS

Contemporary Authors *Marquis Who's Who in Entertainment*

Dictionary of International Biography, others

AWARDS AND HONORS

Sora Award, Haiku Society of America, 2007

Member, Selection Committee for the Masaoka Shiki Prize in International Haiku, Matsuyama, Japan, 2000-present

World Haiku Achievements Competition Grand Prize, World Haiku Festival, London, 2000

Translation Grant, Witter Bynner Foundation for Poetry, 1994

New Jersey Literary Hall of Fame, 1989

Merit Book Awards, Haiku Society of America, 1972, 1987, 1998

Fellowship in Poetry, New Jersey State Council on the Arts, 1977

SERVICE ON STATE EDUCATION COMMISSION

Governor's Task Force on Literacy in the Arts, New Jersey, 1987-89