



Experienced professional with over 25 years of experience working in the field of college admissions counseling and college admissions at the college and high school level, as well as the creation of professional development workshops and curriculum. Dedicated to working with first generation and underserved youth.

College Access Counseling: *President, 2007-current*

- Director of College for All program through the Illinois Network of Charter Schools
- College process curriculum & handbook development for Chicago Scholars (formerly Scholarship Chicago)
- Independent college access projects with underserved students and counselors

The University of Chicago Laboratory High School: *College Counselor, 2001-07; Department Chair, 2005-07*

- High School Admission Committee member, 2003-07
- May Project Coordinator, 2005-2007
- Chair, Committee on the Senior Year, 2003-05
- Senior Instructional Leadership Corps Coordinator, 2004-07
- All Schools Council Member, 2005-2007
- Curriculum Committee Member, 2005-2007
- Chair of four department search committees, 2006, 2007

Performance Communications Group (IL): *Associate VP, Academic Affairs & Government Relations, 2001*

Freelance Writer and Consultant 2000-present, including:

- Elmhurst College: departmental brochures
- *Chicago Journal*: features and restaurant reviews

Lipman Hearne, Inc. (IL): *Associate V. P., 1998-2000*

- Consultant to educational institutions on admission, communications/marketing strategies; writer, researcher, project manager

Amherst College (MA): *Assistant/Associate Dean of Admission, 1990-98*

- Recruited students and evaluated applicants from the United States & abroad
- Represented Amherst nationally and internationally at high schools and events
- Directed international admission evaluations 1995-98
- Wrote & edited publications including viewbook, departmental descriptions and recruitment materials
- Researched and developed Internet and Web communications, including first Admission website
- Revived and ran the Alumni Admission Volunteer Program
- Served as Admission Office liaison to the arts and athletic departments
- Served on Dean's senior staff and numerous College committees

Episcopal H. S. of Baton Rouge (LA): *English Teacher/Fine Arts Department Chair 1989-90*

- Taught full range of reading and writing skills, 9th–12th
- Chaired Fine Arts Department
- Directed and designed theatrical productions

The Hill School (Pottstown PA): *Instructor of English and Theater; Head of Theater, 1982-89*

- Taught British and American literature; grammar and writing; public speaking; theater, 9th-12th
- Developed a comprehensive performing arts program for this boys boarding school
- Produced and directed fourteen plays; advised writing and production of student work
- Helped design Hill's \$3.5 million arts center
- Served as hallmaster in a sophomore dormitory (five years)
- Coached squash and lacrosse (not very well)

Princeton University: *Graduate Student/Teaching Assistant, 1980-82*

- Taught Introductory Anthropology, ran precepts, designed and graded examinations
- Presented public lectures on fieldwork in Greece

Trinity Episcopal School (New Orleans LA): Instructor of English 1977-1980

- Taught 7th and 8th grade English
- Directed annual school play
- Helped develop comprehensive Upper School English curriculum

Education

BA, Anthropology, *magna cum laude*, Amherst College, Amherst MA
 MA, Anthropology, Princeton University, Princeton NJ
 MA, Theater, Northwestern University, Evanston IL

Honors and Awards

Amherst College Memorial Fellow, Princeton University
 Stanley J. Seeger Fellow in Hellenic Studies, Princeton University
 Klingenstein Summer Fellow, Columbia University
 Oaklawn Foundation Faculty Fellow (The Hill School) at Northwestern University (two summers)
 Summer Fellow, School of Speech, Northwestern University

Publications and Original Work

“Digesting Booklists,” *Independent School*, May 1978
 “Hill School Blues,” a satirical revue (music and lyrics), 1983
 “Art: Some Not-so-Random Notes,” *The Hill School Bulletin* 1985
 “Reading Albee,” *The Hill School Bulletin* 1987
 “Perspiration and Inspiration,” *The Hill School Bulletin* 1987
 “Take Charge of the College Essay,” *College Prep* 1992
 “Not Everyone Gets In,” *College Prep* 1993
 Book reviews, *Amherst* magazine, *IACAC Newsbrief*, and online *NACAC Journal*
Amherst Alumni Admission Volunteer Newsletter: founder, writer, editor, designer, publisher
AmherstGALA Newsletter: founder, writer, editor, designer, publisher
 “Footsteps in the Hall,” *Journal of College Admission*, Winter, 2008
 “At the Edge of Two Worlds,” *IACAC Newsbrief*, November 2007
 Numerous talks and presentations at NACAC, IACAC, and high schools around the country
 Frequently quoted in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *U.S. News*, *Newsweek*, and the *New York Times*
 Blog, College Counseling Culture, at www.collegeadvisor.blogspot.com (featured in *NY Times*, 9/21/09)
 Blogger for *Admitted*, the blog of the National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)

Personal Activities

Community: Citizenship tutor for Cambodian and Chinese refugees (Amherst)
 Founding member and president, Pioneer Valley Gay Men’s Chorus (Amherst)
 Crisis line volunteer & respite supervisor (paid), National Runaway Switchboard; (1998-present; Chicago)
 Interviewer/mentor of 8th grade applicants: Daniel Murphy Scholarship Foundation (Chicago)
 Former docent, Chicago Architecture Foundation
 Volunteer college counselor, Perspectives Charter H.S. (Chicago)
 Board President, 1350 W. Grand Condo Assn., 1999-2001
 Board President and Member, City as Classroom Charter School, 2004 (defunct)
 Member, NACAC Current Trends and Future Issues Committee, 2004-06

Professional: National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC)
 Illinois Association for College Admission Counseling (IACAC)
 American School Counselor Association (ASCA)
 The Education Conservancy, Board Member