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## RIDER UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

**Current Position** Chairperson  
**Department** Teacher Education  
**Specialty** Business, Vocational, and General Education; Curriculum and Instruction; Computer Technology and Instructional Media

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### Academic Background

1982	Doctor of Philosophy	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
1980	Educational Specialist	Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
1968	Master of Arts	Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI
1963	Bachelor of Science	Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

### Work Experience

2001-2004	Chairperson	Department of Undergraduate Education, Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ
1983- Pres.	Associate Professor	Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ
1980-1982	Graduate Research Assistant Graduate Teaching Assistant	The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN
1969-1983	Associate Professor	Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, MI
1968-1969	High School Business Teacher	Bullock Creek Schools, Midland, MI
1963-1968	High School Business Teacher	Millington Community Schools, Millington, MI
1963	Substitute Teacher K-12	Port Huron and Marysville Public Schools, MI
1958-1971	Full and Part-time Secretary, Administrative Aide, and Office Manager	Several Companies

### Selected Publications

2004	Capturing the Teachable Moment	LBEA Journal
2003	Lesson Planning the Key to Student Learning	Journal of Instruction for Church Schools
2002	Assessing Student Work	NJBTEA Observer
2001	Guidance: Too Little or Too Much	Delta Pi Epsilon Journal
2000	Withdrawing Guidance in Instruction	NABTE Journal
1999	Developing Active Learners	Journal of Instruction for Church Schools
1998	Assessment in Keyboarding and Document Processing	NJBEA Observer
1997	Integrating Computer Software/Activities	NBEA Journal
1996	The Computer: More than Word Processing	Delta Pi Epsilon Journal
1995	The Keyboarding Controversies	Viewpoint, Phi Delta Kappa

## Selected Presentations

2004	Lesson Planning the Key to the Teachable Moment	MPBEA, Reno, NV
2003	Leadership in Business Education	SBEA, Atlanta, GA
2002	Integrating Computer Skills	EBEA, Stanford, CN
	Integrating Software in the Classroom	MBEA, Grand Rapids, MI
2001	Guidance in Instructional Practices	NBEA, Anaheim, CA
2000	Leadership in Business Education	Pi Omega Pi, Dallas/Fort Worth, TX
1999	Assessment in Business Education	NJBTEA, Edison, NJ
	Assessing Business Education Subjects	MBEA, Detroit, MI
	Promoting Business Education in the Secondary School	NJBTEA, Atlantic City, NJ
1998	Records Management: Let's Go Paperless	EBEA, Washington, D.C.
	Human Relations in the Office	Revere Travel, Trenton, NJ
1997	Let's Go Paperless: Keeping Records	Rider Conference, Mt. Laurel, NJ
1997	Computer Keyboarding vs. Typewriting Instruction	NBEA, Las Vegas, NV
1996	Computer Assisted Instruction as an Instructional Tool	EBEA, Boston, MA
1995	What's New in Microcomputers	SNJBEEA, Mount Holly NJ
1995	Microcomputers As Instructional Tools	Rider Conference, Mt. Laurel, NJ

## Current Research Agenda

The dropout rate of students in urban schools has long been associated with the removal of vocational programs in urban settings. Current research focus is on the reasons students state for dropping out of secondary schools.

## Academic Honors and Awards

- 1997 Eastern Business Education Association Award for "Research Judged Best in the Eastern Region of the United States."
- 1987 Eastern Business Education Association Award for "Research Judged Best in the Eastern Region of the United States," with Jurist, R. G.
- 1984 Outstanding Research Award, Delta Pi Epsilon, National Council
- 1983 Outstanding Achievement Award, College of Education, The University of Tennessee
- 1982 Outstanding Vocational Student Award, Omicron Tau Theta, The University of Tennessee
- 1982 Outstanding Student Award, Phi Kappa Phi, The University of Tennessee
- 1978 Outstanding Research Award, Delta Pi Epsilon, Michigan State University
- 1971 Honored Faculty Award, Pi Omega Pi, Central Michigan University

## Other Professional Activities

- 2003-2005 Office Administration Advisory Committee, Middlesex County College
- 1997-1999 Pi Omega Pi National Representative to NBEA
- 1995-Present Advisory Board (Curriculum Specialist), Mercer County Special Services School District, Mercer Junior/Senior High School's Transition Employment Programs
- 1995-1997 Co-Editor, New Jersey Business Education Journal
- 1994-Present Sponsored, Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, Pi Omega Pi, Annual Technology Conference
- 1991-1999 New Jersey Business Education Association, Executive Board
- 1990-1999 Alpha Chi Chapter Representative to National Delta Pi Epsilon Research Meetings and Council Meetings
- 1989-1999 Alpha Chi Chapter, Delta Pi Epsilon, Sponsor, Rider University
- 1985-1999 Board Liason, EBEA and NBEA
- 1984-2002 National Council, Pi Omega Pi (served as Past-President, President, President Elect,

Editor of Here and There, New Chapter Organizer, Promotion and Public Relations Officer

1983-Present

Epsilon Epsilon Chapter, Pi Omega Pi, Sponsor, Rider University

1969-Present

Conducted numerous technology and teaching methods workshops in several states for many different organizations; served on multiple university, college, and department committees, chaired several conferences and conventions, held office in several professional organizations at State, Regional, and National level; supervised graduate theses, and supervised student teachers

**Courses Taught** (Some of them have been taught every year, and some of them have been taught off and on over the years):

EDU 010	Cohort Seminar
EDU 465	Student Teaching Supervision
BED 110	Alphabetic Shorthand
BED 201	Word Processing: Beginning
BED 202	Word Processing: Advanced
BED 203	Desktop Publishing and Graphics
BED 204	Spreadsheets
BED 205	DOS/Windows
BED 206	BASIC Programming
BED 209	Presentation Software
BED 211	Web-Page Development
BED 212	Office Administration
BED 213	Data Base Software
BED 245	Human Relations
BED 309	Instructional Media and Technology Management
BED 410	Principles and Strategies of Vocational and Cooperative Education
BED 415	Teaching Business Subjects
BED 490	Independent Research and Study
BSED 506	Administration and Supervision of Business and Vocational Education
BSED 509	Principles and Strategies of Vocational and Cooperative Education
BSED 530	Emerging Instructional Strategies in Business Education