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Education: Ph.D., May 2004
Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana
Major-Rhetoric and Composition
Cognate: English as a Second Language
Dissertation: Basic Writers and Learning Communities

M.A., August 1986, University of North Texas
Denton, Texas
Major-English; Minor-Education

B.B.A., May 1980, University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa
Major-Marketing

Practicums: Spring 86: Intensive English Language Institute, University of North Texas
Denton Public Schools ESL Adult Education

List of Major Accomplishments

- Served as Co-Liaison for the Foundations of Excellence Project
- Launched First Year Experience Learning Communities initiative at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne (IPFW)
- Centralized and Expanded Academic Support Services at IPFW
- Developed, marketed, and taught courses in Teaching English as a New Language (TENL) Certificate Program
- Developed first online writing courses at IPFW
- Expanded and coordinated English as a Second Language Program at IPFW

Employment:

**2007-present: Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Success and
Associate Professor: Department of English and Linguistics
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne**

- **Direct Academic Success Center, including:**
 - **Center for Academic Support and Advancement which includes:** Supplemental Instruction, Student Technology Education Programs (STEPS), Writing Center, Math Test Center, Reading and Learning Techniques courses, and academic support workshops

- **First Year Experience Program which includes:**
Faculty recruitment, integration of linked courses, and integration of curricular and co-curricular elements
- **Mastodon Advising Center which includes:** Advising for Undeclared; Exploratory; Pre-Business; Pre-Organizational Leadership and Supervision; and Pre-Education Students
- Obtain funding for CASA/FYE/MAC programming
- Develop and support retention initiatives
- Teach English as a Second Language (ESL) writing classes and TESOL/TENL certificate courses

2006-2007: Director of Academic Success Programs, Office of Academic Affairs

- **Direct the Center for Academic Support and Advancement**
- **Direct the First Year Experience Program**

2001-2006: Director, Center for Academic Support and Advancement (CASA, formerly Transitional Studies) and Assistant Professor, Department of English and Linguistics
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
Fort Wayne, Indiana

2000-2001: Interim Director of Transitional Studies (TRS)
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

1994-2000: Instructor and Coordinator of ESL Program
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
Classes Taught:

- Elementary Composition for both native and non-native speakers
- Entry level English courses for non-native speakers
- Freshman Composition Online
- Reading and Learning Techniques course
- Undergraduate and graduate level TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) courses

1991-1994: Visiting Lecturer, Department of English and Linguistics

1989-1991: Associate Faculty Member, Department of English and Linguistics
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne

1990-1991: Instructor, Future Academic Scholars Track (FAST) Program
Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne
Multicultural Services

Classes Taught:

- 8th, 9th, and 10th grade English and Communications and 9th grade Reading

1984-1986: Substitute Instructor and Tutor
Intensive English Language Institute at the
University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

1984-1986: Substitute Teacher
Denton Community School System
Denton, Texas
Middle school and high school levels

Personal Awards:

- Great Men and Great Women Diversity Award, Spring 2006
- IPFW International Student Organization (ISO) Outstanding Support and Service Award, 2005
- John P. Ulmer Award in Recognition of Extraordinary Service and Long Standing Commitment to Minority and/or Disabled Students at IPFW, 2004
- IPFW Administrative Excellence Award, 2004
- Phillip Kennell Award for Dedicated Services to International Students, 1997
- Who's Who among America's Teachers, 1994
- International Student Organization Recognition Award, 1993
- Future Academic Scholars Track (FAST) Teacher Recognition Award, 1990 and 1991
- DASEL Faculty Award for Service to Disabled Students, 1990

Department Awards (CASA):

- 2005 NCLCA (National College Learning Center Association) Frank L. Christ Outstanding Learning Center Award for four-year colleges and universities
- Learning Support Centers in Higher Education (LSCHE) Website Excellence Award, Honorable Mention in national competition, 2003 and 2004

Grants:

- IPFW Administrative Staff Council Professional Development Grant, 2002, 2006, and 2008
- IPFW Arts and Sciences Technology Grant, April 2000
- IPFW Library Special Needs Grant of \$3000, May 1999
- Ball State University Graduate Student Travel Award, 1997 and 1998
- INTESOL (Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Travel Grants, 1994-6, 1998, and 2002

Publications:

Darabi, Rachelle, and Barbara Jane Ehle. "Civic Engagement through First Year Experience Conversations." Monograph: Intersections of the American Democracy Project and the First Year Experience. National Resource Center for the First Year and Students in Transition and the New York Times. (In-press).

Darabi, Rachelle, Gayle Williams, and Sue Sciame-Giesecke. "Learning Communities: What Works?" Proceedings from the Conference on the President's Fund for Student Success in the First and Second Years of College. 2007: 59-61.

Darabi, Rachelle. "Basic Writers and Learning Communities." *Journal of Basic Writing* 25.1 (Spring 2006): 30-50.

Darabi, Rachelle. "Conference Reflections." National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA) Newsletter. Fall 2004.

Darabi, Rachelle. "Cross-cultural Interactions Online." *TESOLIN'* 20.1 (Winter 2001): 4-5.

Darabi, Rachelle. "Reflections on Cross-cultural Communication through Email." *TESOLIN'* 17.3-4 (Summer/Fall 1998): 9.

Darabi, Rachelle. "Writing Centers as Allies." *TESOLIN'* 15.4 (Winter 1996):14-15.

Darabi, Rachelle. "Conference Hopping." *TESOLIN'* 14.3 (Fall 1995): 1,6,8.

Darabi, Rachelle. "Sharing My Story." *TESOLIN'* 13.3 (Fall 1994): 1-4.

National Presentations:

April 2008. Annual Meeting of the Higher Learning Commission. "Foundations of Excellence at IPFW." Poster Session. Chicago, Illinois.

February 2008. Foundations of Excellence Winter Meeting. "Creating a Culture of Success through Integration of Academic and Student Affairs Units." San Francisco, California.

February 2008. National Conference on the First-Year Experience (FYE). "Intersections of the American Democracy Project and the First-Year Experience." San Francisco, California.

November 2007. National Learning Community Conference. "Keeping Students at the Center through Learning Community Faculty Development." Indianapolis, Indiana.

October 2007. National College Learning Center Association (NCLCA). "Pockets of Excellence Redesigned through Collaboration." Atlanta, Georgia.

June 2007. American Democracy Project National Meeting. “Civic Engagement through First Year Experience Conversations.” Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

March 2007. National Association of Developmental Education (NADE) Conference. “Learning Communities Help Students Put the Puzzle Together.” Nashville, Tennessee.

February 2007. National Conference on the First Year Experience. “The Power of an Hour: Building in Co-Curricular Time.” Dallas, Texas.

November 2006. National Learning Community Conference. “Faculty Development Leads to Creating and Maintaining Dramatic Innovations in Learning Communities.” Bay City, Michigan.

October 2006. College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) Conference. “Reading Sociology Write: The Benefits Learning Communities Offer Developmental Students.” Austin, Texas.

October 2006. NCLCA (National College Learning Center Association) Conference. “What’s in It for Me?” Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

June 2006. American Democracy Project National Meeting. “Engaging Students through First Year Experience Conversations.” Snowbird, Utah.

February 2006. National Conference on the First-Year Experience. “Transitioning Faculty into FYE through Faculty Development.” Atlanta, Georgia.

November 2005. National Learning Community Conference. “Starting Civic Engagement with Conversations.” Chicago, Illinois.

February 2005. National Conference on the First-Year Experience. “Collaborative Approach, Various Perspectives: Strong Community.” Phoenix, Arizona.

November 2004. National Learning Communities and Collaboration. “Various Perspectives: Strong Community.” Kansas City, Missouri.

October 2004. NCLCA Conference. “Smooth Sailing with Academic Support: Getting Students to Come In.” Baltimore, Maryland.

October 2004. NCLCA Conference. “Smoothing Rough Waters: Integrating Academic Support and First Year Experience Programs.” Baltimore, Maryland.

March 2004. NADE Conference. “One Gateway to Success is Mind over Matter.” St. Louis, Missouri.

March 2004. NADE Conference. "Staff, the Learning Center, Freshman Orientation: Gateway to Success." St. Louis, Missouri.

October 2003. NCLCA Conference. "Building Blocks of Success: Tying Freshman Orientation into Academic Support." Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

November 2002. Workshop on Assessment. CRLA (College Reading and Learning Association). Minneapolis, Minnesota.

October 2002. NCLCA Conference. "Gateways to the Future: Promoting Connections through Learning Center Experiences." St. Louis, Missouri.

March 2002. Conference on College Composition and Communication (CCCC). "A Cacophony of Voices: Including First-Year At-Risk Students in Assessing a Pilot Learning Communities Retention Initiative." Chicago, Illinois.

March 2002. NADE Conference. "A Learning Community for English as a Second Language Students." Orlando, Florida.

November 2000. International Online Conference on Teaching Online in Higher Education (TOHE). "Cross-cultural Interactions Online." Fort Wayne, Indiana.

April 2000. Teaching in Community Colleges Online (TCC). "Teaching Students to Publish Web Pages in a Writing Class." Hawaii.

November 1999. TOHE Online Conference. "Rethinking Teaching Writing Online." Fort Wayne, Indiana.

November 1998. CRLA (College Reading and Learning Association) Conference. "Two Classes Becoming Culturally Aware: One Step at a Time." Salt Lake City, Utah.

April 1998. CCCC. "Ideas, Historias, Cuentos: Personal Narrative Writing Styles of Angolan and American Students." Chicago, Illinois.

March 1997. NADE Conference. "Climbing to Greater Heights of Cultural Awareness." Denver, Colorado.

March 1996. CCCC. "Battling Boundaries: Inconsistencies in Evaluations of ESL Writing." Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

March 1996. International Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) Conference. "Student Centered Classrooms: Using Student Experts as Teachers." Chicago, Illinois.

March 1, 1996. NADE (National Association of Developmental Education) Conference. "Student Centered Classrooms: Using Student Experts as Teachers." Little Rock, Arkansas.

February 29, 1996. NADE. "Cross-cultural Communication through E-mail." Little Rock, Arkansas.

March 1995. CCCC. "The Cognitive Difficulties of ESL Students Decoding Evaluation Forms." Washington, DC.

February 1995. NADE Conference. "Building Mutual Respect through Cross-cultural Composition." Chicago, Illinois.

March 1994. CCCC. "Freshman Composition: Collaborative Investigative Projects on Videotape." Nashville, Tennessee.

March 1994. International TESOL Conference. "Videotaping as a Means of Easing Cross-Cultural Tensions." Baltimore, Maryland.

March 1992. CCCC. "Cooperative Teams for Cooperative Planning Support." Cincinnati, Ohio.

Regional Presentations:

October 1997. Midwest Regional TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) Conference. "The Personal Narratives of Angolan University Students." Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

October 1996. MIDTESOL Conference. "Increasing Awareness of ESL Issues in the University Community." Kansas City, Missouri.

October 1995. MIDTESOL Conference. "Cross-cultural Communications through E-mail." Cedar Falls, Iowa.

November 1994. Midwest Regional TESOL. "Utilizing Student 'Experts' in the Teaching Process." St. Louis, Missouri.

October 1992. Midwest Regional TESOL Conference. "Videotaping as a Means of Easing Cross-Cultural Tensions." Indianapolis, Indiana.

State and Local Presentations:

February 2008. Fort Wayne Teaching Conference. "Panel Discussion on First Year Initiatives at IPFW." Fort Wayne.

March 2007. Student Access and Success Conference. Lumina Foundation. "Foundations of Excellence." Indianapolis, Indiana.

April 2006. Student Success in the First and Second Years of College. Lumina Foundation. "Learning Communities: What Works?" Indianapolis, Indiana.

May 2006. Indiana Academic Advising Network--9th Annual Conference. "A Village within the Village: ESL Advising at IPFW." Fort Wayne, Indiana.

February 2006. 9th Annual Fort Wayne Teaching Conference. "Engaging Students through First Year Experience Conversations." Fort Wayne, Indiana.

February 2005. 8th Annual Fort Wayne Teaching Conference. "Teaching in First Year Experience Learning Communities." Fort Wayne, Indiana.

October 2003. Indiana Association of Developmental Education (INADE) Conference. "Preparing Students to Advance and Excel." Purdue North Central. Westville, Indiana.

February 2003. 6th Annual Area Dean's Conference. "Engaging Today's Learners." IPFW. Fort Wayne, Indiana.

November 2002. Enhancing Minority Attainment (EMA) Conference. "Advancing Academic Excellence. Conversations on Quality. IPFW Project for Sustaining Innovation." Kokomo, Indiana.

October 2002. INADE Conference. "Equipping Students to Learn in a World of Change through Learning Experiences in the Reading/Study Skills Classroom." Fort Wayne, Indiana.

February 2002. Educating the Global Community-Area Dean's Conference. "A Learning Community for English as a Second Language Students." Fort Wayne, Indiana.

October 2001. Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (INTESOL) Conference. "A Learning Community for English as a Second Language Students." Indianapolis, Indiana.

October 2000. INTESOL Conference. "Putting the Pieces Together for Students with Diverse Learning Styles." Indianapolis, Indiana.

September 1999. Indiana Teachers of Writing (ITW) Conference. "Redesigning our Teaching Lives to Accommodate Students with Diverse Learning Styles." Indianapolis, Indiana.

November 1998. First Annual Indiana Faculty Development Conference. IUPUI. "Matching Teachers with Technology." Indianapolis, Indiana.

October 1998. INTESOL Conference. "A Contrastive Study of the Narrative Writing of Angolan and American Students." Indianapolis, Indiana.

May 1998. Conference on Computers and Education. "Cross-cultural Communication through Email." Fort Wayne, Indiana.

November 1997. INTESOL Conference. "Increasing the Awareness of ESL Issues in the University Community in Collaboration with the Writing Center." Indianapolis, Indiana.

September 1997. ITW Conference. "Conversations on Establishing a Seamless Transition between High School and College Writing." Indianapolis, Indiana.

October 1996. INADE Conference. "Cross-cultural Communication through E-mail." Marion, Indiana.

September 1996. ITW Conference. "Writing from the Center: Using Collaboration to Center Students on Researched Writing." Indianapolis, Indiana.

November 1995. INTESOL Conference. "Making a Difference: Cross-cultural Communication through E-mail." Indianapolis, Indiana.

September 1995. ITW Conference. "Using Cultural Materials in the Writing Process." Indianapolis, Indiana.

November 1994. INTESOL Conference. "Incorporating Student 'Experts' in the Teaching Process." Indianapolis, Indiana.

November 1994. INTESOL Conference. "Videotaping Projects: Classroom to Theory and Back." Indianapolis, Indiana.

October 1993. INTESOL Conference. "Classroom Experiences in Cross-Cultural Settings." Greencastle, Indiana.

October 1993. ITW Conference-2 presentations. "Using Peer Critiques Effectively: The Computer Connection" and "Videotaping as a Means of Easing Cross-Cultural Tensions." Indianapolis, Indiana.

November 1991. INTESOL Conference. "Cross-cultural Classroom Projects." Greencastle, Indiana.

Other Relevant Experience:

Association of Deans and Directors of University Colleges and Undergraduate Studies. Conference attendee. San Antonio, Texas. March 2008.

Foundations of Excellence Consultant. Policy Center on the First Year of College. Fall 2007-present.

Association of American Colleges and Universities. Sharing Responsibility for Essential Learning Outcomes: New Partnerships across Departments, Academic Affairs, and Student Affairs. Savannah, Georgia, conference attendee. November 2007.

Camp Leader/Teacher. English-as-a-Second Language Summer Camp. Prince of Songkla University. Thailand. Summer 2007.

Diversity Showcase at IPFW. Organizer, 2007 and 2008.

Foundations of Excellence Campus Co-Liaison. 2006 to 2007.

Enrollment Management Conference. Snowmass, Colorado. Conference attendee, 2006.

IPFW Diversity Accomplishments Report 2005. Writer (Compiled and published in 2006).

American Democracy Project National Meetings, Portland, Oregon; Snowbird, Utah; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: 2005, 06, and 07.

National Conference on Race and Ethnicity (NCORE). Chicago, Illinois. Conference attendee, 2006.

Indiana University Conference on Diversity: Learning, Empowering and Networking. IUPUI. Indianapolis, Indiana. Conference attendee, 2005.

Purdue University Diversity Conference. West Lafayette, Indiana. Conference attendee, 2004.

Enhancing Minority Attainment Conference. Indiana University Kokomo. Kokomo, Indiana. Conference attendee 2001, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2007.

Indiana Faculty Leadership Institute attendee. Indianapolis, Indiana, 2001 and 2002.

Association of American Colleges and Universities Greater Expectations Institute attendee, 2002 and 2003.

Professional Service:

Treasurer. National College Learning Center Association Executive Board. 2007-Present.

Reviewer. Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Distinguished Master's Thesis Competition. Fall 2007.

Reviewer for *RELT*, Reflections on English Language Teaching, published by the Center for English Language Communication at the National University of Singapore, 2002-2006.

Recording Secretary. Indiana Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (INTESOL). 1999-2001.

University Service:

Indiana University System Service:

- Indiana University Advisory Committee on Students and Scholars from Abroad, 1996-2000
- Indiana University Task Force on Minority Attainment—Under Representation, 1994-1995

IPFW Service:

- Strategic Planning and Review Committee (SPARC), 2007-present
- Committee for the Five-year Review of the Dean of Arts and Sciences, spring 2008
- First Year Council Steering Committee, 2007-present
- First Year Council Curriculum Subcommittee, co-chair, 2008
- Adult Learner Subcommittee of Enrollment Management, 2007-present
- Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Search Committee, 2007
- Foundations of Excellence Campus Co-Liaison, 2006-2007
- Enrollment Management Council, 2006-present
- Academic Advising Council, 2006-present
- SOAR (Student Orientation Advising and Registration) Committee member, 2005-2007
- Diversity Accomplishments Report Writer-2006 (for the 2005 report)
- Diversity Showcase Participant and Organizer, 2004-present
- Diversity Council member, 2002-present
- Chancellor's Enrollment Management Team for the First-Year Experience, 2004-present
- First Year Experience Contact, Curricular, & Co-curricular teams founder and team member, 2004-2006
- Developmental Studies Subcommittee of the IPFW Faculty Senate, 1997-present
- Arts and Sciences Executive Committee, 2004-2006
- Teaching Online in Higher Education (TOHE) Online Conference proposal reader and organizing committee member, 1999-2005
- Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT) Advisory Board Member, 2002-2005
- Annual Associate Faculty Conference Planning Committee, 2002-2005
- Orientation Task Force, 2004

- SOAR (Student Orientation Advising & Registration) Volunteer Advisor, 2002-2004
- Conversations on Quality: Diversity and First Year Experience teams, 2002-2004
- Task Force on the First Year, 2001
- Retention Committee, 2000-2001
- International Studies Advisory Committee, 2000
- CELT and TEIG (Teaching Effectiveness Interest Group) Workshop presenter
- Multicultural Services Director Search Committees, 2003, 2004
- Center for the Enhancement of Learning and Teaching (CELT) Director Search Committee, 2004
- International Student Services Director Search Committees, Chair, 1999, 2001
- IPFW Child Care Director Search, 1995
- Arts and Sciences, Student Affairs Committee, 1996-1998

Department Service (Department of English & Linguistics):

- Two thesis committees in 2006
- Committee on Committees, 2001; Chair, 2002-2005
- Coordinating Committee (responsible for English department program review), 2002-2005
- Service on various department committees, 1991-present, including faculty review, promotion and tenure, undergraduate studies, external affairs (chair 1997), teaching effectiveness, composition committee, grade appeals, search committee member for Applied Linguist position
- TESOL Certificate Committee (responsible for development of sequence of courses for 18 hour certificate, development of original course syllabi and materials, marketing of program, and delivery of first TESOL courses)
- English as a Second Language placement essay reader, 1991-2007
- Developer of first online composition course, 1999
- Web Master, Department of English and Linguistics, 1996-2000
- Developer of first English department Web site, 1996

Public Service:

- Junior Achievement volunteer, 1995-present
- Project READ volunteer, 2004
- Croninger Elementary School essay contest judge, 1993-1998

**Professional
Memberships:**

- Association of Deans and Directors of University Colleges and Undergraduate Studies
- NADE-National Association of Developmental Education
- NCLCA-National College Learning Center Association
- INADE- Indiana Association of Developmental Education