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## **EDUCATION**

Harvard University Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, Massachusetts  
 Ed. D., June 1976, in Reading Research and Reading Education  
 Thesis committee: Jeanne Chall, Israel Scheffler, and Helen Popp  
 Thesis given a Distinction by all three readers; awarded a prize by the Committee on Degrees  
 Qualifying Paper for Ed. D. given a Distinction, March 1974. Advisor: Carol Chomsky

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan  
 B.A. with Distinction; concentration in French Literature  
 Honors: Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2007-        Professor of Education Reform, 21st Century Chair in Teacher Quality, Department of Education Reform, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.
- 2010        Evaluator of Quality Enhancement Plan for Troy University.
- 2009-2010.    Member, Validation Committee for the Common Core State Standards Initiative
- 2006-2008.    Member, National Mathematics Advisory Panel, appointed by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings.
- 2006.        Lead Consultant for a one-month UNESCO project with Afghanistan Ministry of Education to revise secondary school curricula (November/December 2006).
- 1999-2006.    Director, *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* National Institute for Secondary Teachers, summer institutes co-sponsored by the Center for Civic Education and the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation.
- 2004-2006.    Visiting Research Scholar, Northeastern University.
- 1999-2003.    Senior Associate Commissioner, Massachusetts Department of Education. In charge of revising state standards in mathematics, science, English/reading, history and the social sciences, technology, and preschool; teacher licensing regulations; and teacher tests in all subjects. Also planned and directed a two-year middle school mathematics intervention project in low-performing middle schools in Massachusetts (2000-2002).
- 1984-2001.    Research Associate, Harvard Graduate School of Education, affiliated with the Philosophy of Education Research Center (PERC), directed by Israel Scheffler.
- 1987-1999.    Director, *Writing, Reading, and Civic Education* Summer Institute, sponsored by the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation at the Harvard Graduate School of Education.
- 1996-1998.    Senior Research Associate, Boston University School of Education.
- 1991-1996.    Editor, *Research in the Teaching of English*, journal of the National Council of Teachers of English.
- 1992-2000.    Consultant for the United States Information Service to Polish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Romanian, and Ukrainian educators on the development of a civic education curriculum for their public schools.

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1980-1992. Instructor, Harvard Summer School. Taught graduate course on writing pedagogy.

1977-1981. Assistant Professor at Curry College. Coordinator of elementary education and coordinator of the Chapter 636 Curry College-Trotter School Pairing.

### **GRANTS and SCHOLARSHIPS**

December, 2008: Chairman's Grant of \$30,000 from National Endowment for the Humanities for Association of Literary Scholars and Critics-sponsored national survey of literary study in grades 9, 10, and 11.

1999-2007: yearly grants from the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation to the Center for Civic Education, California to direct *We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution* summer institutes.

1998: contract from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, in collaboration with a scientist, to produce criteria for NASA to use in evaluating the effectiveness of its education programs.

1986-1999: yearly grants from the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation to plan and direct a summer institute on civic education at Harvard Graduate School of Education for 50-70 participants.

1994: grant from Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation to examine how K-12 reading and literature programs incorporate multiethnic and multicultural works for the book *Losing Our Language*.

1984-1986: Mina Shaughnessy Scholarship from the Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, for work on a book on civic writing.

1985-1986: two grants from the Lincoln and Therese Filene Foundation to complete book on civic writing.

1977-1980: grant from Chapter 636 Program to develop a writing program for the Trotter School, Boston.

1979: grant from Chapter 636 Program to plan and direct one-week institute on teaching and assessing writing for 70 teachers, administrators, and parents in the Boston Public Schools.

### **RECENT PROFESSIONAL AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Member, Validation Committee for the Common Core State Standards Initiative, 2009-2010.

Member, National Mathematics Advisory Panel. Appointed by U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, 2006-2008.

Member, Massachusetts Board of Education. Appointed by Governor Mitt Romney, November 2006-July 2010

Chair, Sadlier National Mathematics Advisory Board, Wm. H. Sadlier, Inc. 2004-.

Member, Advisory Board, Center for School Reform, Pioneer Institute. 2005-.

Member, Advisory Board, Carus Publishing Company. 2004-.

Member, Content Expert Advisory Panel, Educational Resources Information Center (ERIC). 2004-.

Member, Academic Advisory Board, Curriculum Watch Committee, National Hadassah Organization, 2005-.

Member, Board of Directors, National Association of Scholars. 1999-.

### **INVITED ORAL AND WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

2003: "How Should American Students Understand their Civic Culture? The Continuing Battle over the 2002 Massachusetts History and Social Science Curriculum Framework." Invited written statement and testimony for a Hearing of the U.S. Senate Education Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, Senator Judd Gregg, Chairman, on September 24, 2003, on the quality of history books and state history standards and their influence on education.

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- 2007: "Viewpoints in California's English Materials." Expert witness report for a lawsuit, CV 05-06242, Association of Christian Schools International, et al., Plaintiffs, v. Roman Stearns, et al., Defendants. U.S. District Court, Central District of California.
- 2009: "Why Ohio Needs World-Class Content Standards for K-12, and How to Get Them." Invited written statement and testimony for a Hearing of the Ohio Senate Education Committee on April 15, 2009.  
<http://edexcellence.net/ohio/Stotsky2.pdf>
- 2009: "Teacher Licensing Standards, Teacher Quality, and Student Achievement in Urban Schools." Invited written statement submitted to the New Jersey State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and entered into the Committee's written record on May 8, 2009.
- 2009: "How to Develop Internationally Benchmarked Mathematics Standards (as well as Standards for Other Subjects)." Invited Written Statement and Testimony for a Hearing of the Joint Committee on the Public Schools, New Jersey State Legislature, June 3, 2009.

### PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

- 1995: Virginia Hamilton Essay Award for my article in the February 1994 issue of the English Journal; award given at the Eleventh Annual Virginia Hamilton Conference at Kent State University.
- 1993: F. Andre Favat Award for Distinguished Contributions to the English Language Arts from the Massachusetts Council of Teachers of English at its annual spring conference.
- 1980: Model Program Award from Chapter 636 evaluators for the writing program I established at the Trotter School, Roxbury, Massachusetts, as part of the Trotter School/Curry College pairing.
- 1980: Model Program Award from Chapter 636 evaluators for the city-wide writing institute I planned and directed for the Boston Public Schools.

### PUBLICATIONS

#### Books

What's at stake in the K-12 standards wars: A primer for educational policy makers. (2000). Editor of and contributor to a collection of essays. NY: Peter Lang Publishers.

Losing our language. (1999). NY: Free Press. Reprinted in paperback by Encounter Books (2002).

Connecting civic education and language education: The contemporary challenge. (1991). Editor of and contributor to a collection of essays. NY: Teachers College Press.

Undoing sex stereotypes: Research and resources for educators. (1976). Co-author with J. Amsler, V. Donovan, G. Legge, W.W. Legge, and R. Littenberg; senior authors, M. Guttentag & H. Bray. NY: McGraw Hill.

#### Monographs

FORUM 4: Literary Study in Grades 9, 10, and 11: A National Survey. (Spring 2010). Boston: Association of Literary Scholars, Critics, and Writers.

Literary Study in Grades 9, 10, and 11 in Arkansas. (March 2010). With two co-authors. Unpublished monograph.  
[http://coehp.uark.edu/literary\\_study.pdf](http://coehp.uark.edu/literary_study.pdf)

Foundations for success: Final report of the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. (March 2008). Co-author. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Education.

Report of the task group on conceptual knowledge and skills for the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. (March 2008). Co-author. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Education.

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Report of the task group on assessment for the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. (March 2008). Co-author. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Education.

Progress in Mathematics research base. (2006). NY: Wm. H. Sadlier, Inc.

The state of state English standards 2004. (2005). Washington, D.C.: Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

The stealth curriculum: Manipulating America's history teachers. (2004). Washington, D.C.: Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

State English standards: An appraisal of English language arts/reading standards in 28 states. (1997). Washington, D.C.: Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

Civic writing in the classroom. (1987). Bloomington, IN: Social Studies Development Center, Indiana University, in association with ERIC Clearinghouse for Social Studies/Social Science Education and the ERIC Clearinghouse on Reading and Communication Skills.

### **Book Chapters**

The case for broadening veteran teachers' education in the liberal arts and how we can do it. (2007). In C.E. Finn, Jr. & D. Ravitch (Eds.), Beyond the basics: Achieving a liberal education for all children (pp. 95-108). Washington, D.C.: Fordham Institute.

Moral equivalence in education: The use of the Holocaust in discrediting American society. (2004). In P. Hollander (Ed.), Understanding anti-Americanism: Its origins and impact at home and abroad (pp. 322-345). Chicago: Ivan Dee.

Can a state department of education increase teacher quality? Lessons learned in Massachusetts. With Lisa Haverty. (2004). In D. Ravitch (Ed.), Brookings papers on education policy, 2004 (pp. 131-180). Washington, DC: Brookings Institution.

How children learn science: Do we now know? Co-author with Paul R. Gross. (2000). In S. Stotsky (Ed.), What's at stake in the K-12 standards wars: A primer for educational policy makers (pp. 115-148). NY: Peter Lang Publishers.

The state of literary study in national and state English language arts standards: Why it matters and what can be done about it. (2000). In S. Stotsky (Ed.), What's at stake in the K-12 standards wars: A primer for educational policy makers (pp. 237-258). NY: Peter Lang Publishers.

The state of state standards in English language arts/reading. (2000). In C. E. Finn, Jr. & M. J. Petrilli (Eds.), The state of state standards 2000. Washington, D.C.: Thomas B. Fordham Institute.

The uses of literature in education for democratic citizenship: Lessons and suggestions from the American experience. (1999). In C. F. Bahmueller & J.J. Patrick (Eds.), Principles and practices of education for democratic citizenship: International perspectives and projects (pp. 209-230). The ERIC Clearinghouse for Social Studies/Social Science Education and the ERIC Adjunct Clearinghouse for International Civic Education in Association with Civitas: An International Civic Education Exchange Program, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Academic and pedagogical issues in teaching the Holocaust. (1999). In Carol Danks & Leatrice B. Rabinsky (Eds.), Teaching for a tolerant world: Essays and resources, Grades 9-12. Urbana, IL: National Council of Teachers of English.

From reading to writing: From elementary to graduate students. (1998). In H.T. McCracken & R.L. Larson, with Judith Entes (Eds.), Teaching college English and English education (pp. 163-173). Urbana, IL: NCTE.

Issues in developing civic education programs in Eastern European schools: An American perspective. (1997). In G. Kvieskiene (Ed.), Demokratijos Mokykla (pp. 86-92). Vilnius, Lithuania: Lithuanian College of Democracy. In English and Lithuanian.

Why today's basal readers may retard, not enhance, growth in reading. (1997). In L.R. Putnam (Ed.), Readings on language and literacy: Essays in honor of Jeanne S. Chall (pp. 259-286). Cambridge, MA: Brookline Books.

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Multicultural literature and civic education: A problematic relationship with possibilities. (1996). In R. Fullinwider (Ed.), Public education in a multicultural society (pp. 231-264). NY: Cambridge University Press,

Reflections on the Education for Democratic Citizenship in Poland project: An American's perspective. (1996). In R. C. Remy & J. Strzemieczny (Eds.), Civic education for democracy: Lessons from Poland (pp. 169-179). ERIC Clearinghouse for Social Studies/Social Science Education and the National Council for the Social Studies, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.

Participatory writing: Literacy for civic purposes. (1996). In A.H. Duin & C. J. Hansen (Eds.), Nonacademic writing: Social theory and technology (pp. 227- 256). NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates.

Writing: The royal road to reading comprehension. (1994). In S. Brody (Ed.), Teaching reading: language, letters, and thought. Milford, NH: LARC Publications. Revised for 2001 edition.

Ethical guidelines for writing assignments. (1992). In C.M. Hurlbert & S. Totten (Eds.), Social issues in the English classroom (pp. 283-303). NCTE: Urbana, IL.

Participatory writing: What citizens can write. (1991). In CIVITAS: A framework for civic education. Project of the Council for the Advancement of Citizenship and the Center for Civic Education, Calabasas, California.

Words move: The interwoven development of oral and written language in the school years. (2nd revised edition, 1989; 3rd revised edition, 1992). With D. Dickenson (senior author) & M. Wolf; in J. B. Gleason (Ed.), The Development of Language, Columbus, OH: Charles Merrill.

Understanding research on teaching the English language arts: An introduction for teachers. (1991). In J. Flood, J. Jensen, D. Lapp, & J. Squire (Eds.), Handbook of research on teaching the English language arts (pp. 123-131). NY: Macmillan. Revised for 2003 edition.

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A model of written language development for teachers. (1983). Reprinted 1988. In P. Stock (Ed.), FFORUM: Essays on theory and practice in the teaching of writing (pp. 194-200). NH: Boynton/Cook Publishers.

Teaching the vocabulary of academic discourse. (1987). In T. Enos (Ed.), A sourcebook for basic writing teachers (pp. 328-347). NY: Random House. Reprinted from Journal of Basic Writing, 2(3), Fall/Winter 1979, 15-39.

Research on reading/writing relationships: A synthesis and suggested directions. (1984). In J. Jensen (Ed.), Composing and comprehending (7-22). Urbana, IL: NCRE-ERIC. Reprinted from Language Arts, 60(5), May 1983.

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[http://www.mindingthecampus.com/originals/2010/09/shaky\\_new\\_standards\\_for\\_colleg.html](http://www.mindingthecampus.com/originals/2010/09/shaky_new_standards_for_colleg.html)

Common Core's standards still don't make the grade. With Ze'ev Wurman. (July 2010). White Paper # 65. Boston: Pioneer Institute. [http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/common\\_core\\_standards.pdf](http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/common_core_standards.pdf)

National standards still don't make the grade. Part I: Review of four sets of English language arts standards. With Kathleen Madigan and Ze'ev Wurman. (July 2010). White Paper #63. Boston: Pioneer Institute.  
[http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/100719\\_national\\_standards\\_part\\_I.pdf](http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/100719_national_standards_part_I.pdf)

The emperor's new clothes: National assessments based on weak "college and career readiness standards." With Ze'ev Wurman. (May 2010). White Paper #61. Boston: Pioneer Institute.  
[http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/100520\\_emperors\\_new\\_clothes.pdf](http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/100520_emperors_new_clothes.pdf)

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Why race to the middle? First-class state standards are better than third-class national standards. With Ze'ev Wurman. (February 2010). White Paper #52. Boston: Pioneer Institute. [http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/100223\\_why\\_race\\_to\\_the\\_middle.pdf](http://www.pioneerinstitute.org/pdf/100223_why_race_to_the_middle.pdf)

College students who can't do math or read well. With Ze'ev Wurman. (December 4, 2009). *Minding the Campus*. [http://www.mindingthecampus.com/originals/2009/12/by\\_sandra\\_stotsky\\_and\\_zeev.html](http://www.mindingthecampus.com/originals/2009/12/by_sandra_stotsky_and_zeev.html)

Who needs mathematicians for math, anyway? The ed schools' pedagogy adds up to trouble. (November 13, 2009). *City Journal*. <http://www.city-journal.org/2009/eon1113ss.html>

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New guidelines for teacher training: A needed attempt to reform the accreditation of teacher education schools lacks substance. (September 1, 2009). *Clarion Call*. Raleigh, NC: John Pope Center. [http://www.popecenter.org/clarion\\_call/article.html?id=2225](http://www.popecenter.org/clarion_call/article.html?id=2225)

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The Massachusetts math wars. (2007). *Prospects (UNESCO IBE)*, 37 (4), 489-500. <http://www.springerlink.com/content/05274297232479u2/fulltext.pdf>

Teacher licensure tests: Their relationship to mathematics teachers' academic competence and student achievement in mathematics. (2007). *Education Working Paper Archive*. University of Arkansas, Department of Education Reform.

How state boards of education can upgrade math teaching in the elementary school. (2007). *National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Newsletter*, February 2007, Volume 13, No. 2

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Who should be accountable for what beginning teachers need to know? (2006). *Journal of Teacher Education*, 57 (3), 256-268. <http://jte.sagepub.com/> and <http://jte.sagepub.com/content/vol57/issue3>.

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High school size and the education of all students in 9-12: What the research suggests. (2006). Texas Lyceum's 20<sup>th</sup> Public Conference Journal, 55-57.

It's academic: Teacher training in core subjects needs firm grounding in liberal arts. (2005). CommonWealth, 10 (3). <http://www.massinc.org/handler.cfm?type=1&target=2005-3/perspective.htm>

School-related influences on grade 8 mathematics performance in Massachusetts. (March 24, 2005). Co-authors R. Bradley & E. Warren. Nonpartisan Education Review, 1(1). Retrieved [date] from <http://www.npe.ednews.org/Review/Articles/v1n1.pdf>

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- Connecting writing and reading with a civic twist. (1994). Journal of Reading, October, 48 (2), 172-174.
- Teaching academic writing as moral and civic thinking. (1992). College English, November, 54, 794-808.
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## **MAJOR CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Member of the Massachusetts Board of Education. November 2006 to July 2010..

Founding member of the Brookline Civic Association and member of Steering Committee, February 1988 to 1990. 2005--.

Member of the Board of Trustees of the Brookline Public Library, 1984-1999. Chair of the Budget-Finance Committee, 1985-1986; Chair of the Board, 1986-1987; Vice-chair, 1995 to 1999. Chair of various other subcommittees.

Town Meeting Member, Precinct 12, Town of Brookline, 1984-1994.

Member of Search Committee for Headmaster of Brookline High School, 1993.

Chair of Town Government Study Committee, League of Women Voters of Brookline, 1983-1987.

Chair of Search Committee for K-12 English Director for Brookline Public Schools, 1978-1979.

President, League of Women Voters of Brookline, 1971-1973. Member of Executive Board, 1962-1971.