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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Published Novels:

Kayip Parca, (Altin Kitaplar, Istanbul, Turkey, 2014)

Missing Pieces, (Covenant, 2009)

Behind the Scenes, (Covenant, 2002)

Beneath the Surface, (Covenant, 2001)

Memoir:

Graduating from Religion, 2016 (not yet published)

Conference Presentations:

Keynote Speaker, "Zeugma: an Emergency on the Euphrates" for Cornell University's "A Celebration of Turkey"

"Tiny Peaces--Women in Southeast Turkey," 9 audiences

Spiral Dynamics--"Mountain Dewnamics," 4 audiences

"Images of Women in Early Christianity," 3 audiences

"Make Your Own Rules or How to Live Like a Pirate,"(Sunday Assembly Keynote, 2015)

"The Sliding Bubble of Now," 3 writers' conferences

"Midnight Madness: All-night Writing Workshop for High School Students" Wrote all materials and conducted 2 all-night writers' workshops for high school students

"Getting Kids the Help They Need," Juvenile Justice Task Force, Training Indiana Judges to use statewide resources

Editorials:

"Folic Acid Blues" (magazine article written after folic acid studies showed .4 mgs of Folic Acid can prevent neural tube defects)

"Why Are We In Iraq?" Turkish Daily News, 2003

Training Materials:

"A Blueprint for Success in Public Affairs"

Parent Advocacy, "How to Get What You Need--and What You Want"

Columns:

Guest columnist, Turkish Daily News (2002 to 2004)

About Town (weekly column in Worthington, Ohio)

Public Awareness Campaigns:

"Excavating Zeugma: Water vs. Cultural Heritage", Winner of World Water Forum Journalism Prize and a trip to Japan to write about water issues in relation to dam-building

"Wheelchairs for Peace"--a successful campaign to raise money to bring 244 wheelchairs to southeast Turkey (2003)

Tiny Peaces Television Interview, Fox News (2007)

"Getting Enough Folic Acid"--Television awareness campaign

"Same Difference: Your Classmates with Disabilities" wrote script and produced this film about how to treat students with disabilities (covers disability etiquette and preferred terminology)

"Finding Help for Your Child with a Disability" (Central Ohio Resource Directory) Parent training and television

campaign

**"Everyone Has a Disability" Skits and original songs for elementary schools with students who have differences
(Won the "Worthington Award" for school support in Worthington, Ohio)**

Suicide Prevention television campaign, Lafayette, Indiana (Purdue University)

Book Promotions:

Readings and book promotions, 12 audiences

Television presentation, Annual Istanbul Book Fair

Master's Thesis:

"Psycho-Social Etiologies of Female Sexual Dysfunction" (Fuller Theological Seminary)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Founded the state-level office of the Ohio Spina Bifida Coalition
- For the Turkish Prime Ministry GAP Project, wrote for the Turkish Daily News and publicized the archaeological excavation of Zeugma
- Wrote a newspaper series about Zeugma that won the top journalism prize from the 2003 World Water Forum, Kyoto, Japan
- Published four novels and wrote a memoir (as yet unpublished)
- Wrote and conducted parent trainings for families with disabled children
- Wrote and distributed a film called "Same Difference" for schools
- Founded Tiny Peaces to provide scholarships and training to women and girls in southeast Turkey
- Led a three-week study tour to Turkey
- Currently creating a documentary about the experience of the nineteen women who went to Turkey
- Conducted several public awareness campaigns about services for children with disabilities
- Testified on behalf of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990
- Testified in front of Ohio legislature about the impact of the "pre-existing conditions" insurance exclusion clause
- Founded SHIRT--"Start Health Insurance Reform Today" Ohio chapter of Hillary Clinton's national single payer campaign

EXPERIENCE

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Tempe, Arizona

Faculty Associate

08/2013 to Current

Taught REL 321, "Religion in America" for the College of Integrative Sciences and Arts.

CHANDLER SCHOOL DISTRICT

Chandler, Arizona

Substitute taught AP classes on a teacher-request basis only while writing novels and memoir.

08/2005 to 05/2012

Taught AP History, English, and Journalism classes

TURKISH PRIME MINISTRY

Ankara, Turkey

Writer and Publicist

09/2002 to 02/2004

Publicized and wrote news stories about the Zeugma Excavation for the 32- billion-dollar GAP project which built 22

hydroelectric dams in Turkey. As engineers prepared the ground for the dams, they often uncovered artifacts of one of the eight civilizations buried beneath modern Turkey. The two-thousand-year-old city of Zeugma, lost since the 1300s, was uncovered during the building of the Birecik Dam. To save the artifacts and perfectly preserved mosaics of Zeugma, it was important to publicize the excavations to attract help from conservators and research institutes around the world before losing the artifacts to the waters of the rising dams.

This work provided the inspiration for two novels--one translated into Turkish and in bookstores now.

Won a World Water Forum journalism prize and a trip to Japan for a five-part newspaper series about Zeugma.

HERITAGE ACADEMY

Mesa, Arizona

Teacher

08/1998 to 05/2001

Taught English, Literature, Creative Writing and supervised the publication of the monthly school newspaper, annual literary magazine, and the school yearbook at this top-performing charter school--one of the oldest in Arizona.

OHIO COALITION FOR THE EDUCATION OF HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Columbus, Ohio

Parent Advocate

10/1986 to 10/1989

As a parent of a child with spina bifida (among the first generation to live past childhood), trained parents to advocate for their children in the school system and with hospitals and caregivers. In charge of crisis intervention, training, legislative advocacy, public affairs, and writing about families raising children with spina bifida.

SPINA BIFIDA ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Washington, D.C.

Various positions in this national organization that advocates for persons with spina bifida

09/1982 to 09/1998

Executive Director, Ohio Spina Bifida Coalition, Columbus, Ohio

National Conference Organizer, 1996, Phoenix, Arizona

AXIS, writer for this magazine for persons with disabilities

President, Spina Bifida Association of Columbus, Ohio

JUVENILE JUSTICE TASK FORCE

Indianapolis, Indiana

Juvenile Justice Advocate

08/1978 to 05/1980

Created a referral system and trained judges to use this system when sending juveniles for services anywhere in Indiana.

LAFAYETTE CRISIS CENTER

Lafayette, Indiana

Executive Director

08/1977 to 05/1978

Supervised and trained 120 volunteers, administered the budget, and conducted suicide awareness campaigns for this crisis center associated with Purdue University. Worked with United Way and spoke to audiences about suicide prevention.

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS

Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California, USA

M.A. in Theology and studied the Nag Hammadi manuscripts at Claremont Graduate University.

M.A. in Marriage and Family Counseling

BACHELOR OF ARTS: SPEECH AND DRAMA

Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California, USA