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### Vision

To transform education for pre-k-12 students by empowering mentors and novice teachers to realize their full potential as effective teachers and emerging leaders

# **Professional Preparation**

1996 Doctor of Education - Teaching, Curriculum and Learning Environments Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA Doctoral Program in Teaching, Curriculum, and Learning Environments

#### Research

The cooperating teacher as teacher educator. Qualifying Paper for Harvard Graduate School of Education 1994.

How do four elementary cooperating teachers perceive and describe their roles as teacher educators? Harvard Doctoral Dissertation 1996

- **1978** Master of Education in Curriculum Development Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts
- **1972** Bachelor of Science in Teaching Bridgewater State College, Massachusetts

# **Health and Wellness Training**

- 2014 Certified Yoga Teacher Yoga Teacher Alliance Kind Yoga Cape Cod Workshops: Let Your Yoga Dance, Mindfulness Meditation, Using Your Senses to Minimize Anxiety and Stress, and alternative health and well-being.
- **2014** Qi-Gong Level 1

# Professional Contribution: MentoringinAction.com

# **2014 to Current - MentoringinAction.com** Founder and CEO

The Mentoring in Action Team is a group of dedicated teacher leaders who offer expertise and resources in the spirit of "paying it forward" to support the success of students.

# **Professional Appointments**

### 2011 to June 2014 - University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Program Director for Project SUCCESS: Mentoring in Action Massachusetts! Federal Race to the Top (RTTT) funds to support district lead mentor programs in 53 school districts state-wide working with beginning teachers hired by districts.

- Program design and implementation of a three-year model preparing and supporting district mentors. On-line modules include video components, portfolios, and reflective journals.
- Mentor skill development includes three full day workshops in teacher to sustain the model in the district using a "train the trainer" approach.
- Development of a Mentoring In Action Academy for program completers (in design phase for cohort 1).

#### 2006 to 2011 - University of Massachusetts Dartmouth

Program Director for *TEACH! SouthCoast* funded by the United States Federal Office of Innovation Transition to Teaching Program. Served as program designer, clinical faculty teaching courses, supervisor trainer, mentoring course instructor, recruiter, facilitator for leadership team, program team leader and district liaison.

- Program design to prepare recent college graduates and career changers for careers in math and science fields in middle and high schools in an alternative clinical practice cohort model
- Preparation of cooperating teachers to serve as host teachers and practitioner supervisors to meet state licensing requirements.
- Development of three credit graduate course to raise standards for cooperating teachers.
- Preparation and support for university program supervisors serving in clinical role to meet state licensing requirements as observers.
- Mentoring new clinical field placement director using NCATE guide
- Syllabi development for clinical based courses for teacher candidates

EDU 500 Introduction to Teaching EDU 526 Contemporary Issues in Teaching EDU 515 Clinical Practice (Student Teaching)

#### 1993 to 2006 - Boston College

Director of Professional Practicum Experiences & New Teacher Induction, Boston College, Lynch School of Education, Chestnut Hill, MA. Developed teacher licensing program in collaboration with academic faculty to coordinate successful NCATE and State reviews for practicum related requirements.

- Pre-and Full practicum requirements to meet NCATE and State licensing standards in formal syllabi format with credit
- Exhibit room for NCATE visits illustrating practicum related activities that met state and national standards for partnership
- International student teaching placements and program development England, Ireland, Scotland, Switzerland, France, Italy, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Philippines, and Native American Indian Reservations in the USA
- Preparation and support for cooperating teachers (three credit course)
   while the teachers are working with student teachers
- Development of a Partnership School model with liaisons from each school in teacher leadership roles
- Teacher leadership roles developed to bring schools into the university setting i.e. co-teaching models, guest presenters in courses, field trip assignments to schools, and ETC – Experience Teacher Corps.
- Following graduates into their first years of teaching with development of a Summer Start program to kick off first year.
- Development of year-long induction program at the university with monthly mentoring meetings led by district teachers

#### 1972-1993 - Middleboro Public Schools Massachusetts

Teacher, Henry B. Burkland School, classroom teacher, district union president, state wide-professional development coordinator for Massachusetts Teachers Association, workshop facilitator, teacher organizer, advocate for teacher leadership roles

# **Professional Presentations**

How to Design a Sustainable Mentoring Program. Paper presentation International Mentoring Association Conference, Phoenix, NM, March 2014.

What Happens When We Integrate Student Perspectives into Mentoring Conversations? Paper presentation University of New Mexico Mentoring Conference November 2013.

How do student perspectives influence mentoring conversations? Proposal accepted to present at New Teacher Center Symposium CA, February, 2013

Sustainable Mentoring Through a Lead Mentor Program Learning Forward (former NSDC) Boston, December, 2012.

*Preparing and Supporting Lead Mentors in a State–Wide On-line Mentoring Course.* New Teacher Center 13<sup>th</sup> Symposium Feb. 2012.

*Visible Learning: Classroom Management for Secondary Teachers,* New Teacher Center 12<sup>th</sup> Symposium, California January 2011

What is an effective teacher? National Teaching Excellence Institute- Lesley University June 2010

*Teach! SouthCoast: What is a practice-based program?* Transition to Teaching National Meeting. Washington. D.C. 2010

### Prior to 2010 - a sample of presentations for a variety of audiences

Mentoring: Preparing Special Education Teachers (for MA Dept. of Education)

Mentoring in Action for University Supervisors and District Teachers (Springfield College)

Are we too tired to be inspired? (Title III Conference 2005 – Keynote for aides working in classrooms)

Differentiated Mentoring MACTE (Massachusetts Assoc. of Colleges for Teacher Education)

Professional Development is More Than Inservice! Harvard Teachers' Network – Professional Development workshops for all teachers (Harvard University)

Cooperating Teachers as Leaders
AREA (American Educational Research Association) SIGs for teachers

Bridging the Gap: Creating Teacher Preparation that Works
ASCD (Association of Supervision and Curriculum
Development) Boston, San Antonio (administrators and directors)

Cooperating Teachers: Our Invisible Partners in Teacher Preparation ATE (Association of Teacher Educators) New Orleans, LA (higher education faculty in teacher education)

Supervision in Action: Cooperating Teacher Course
NSDC (National Staff Development Council), Orlando, FL (staff developers)

### **Books**

Radford, Carol Pelletier (2017). *Mentoring in Action: Guiding, Sharing, and Reflecting With Novice Teachers* 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. Corwin Press a Sage Company Thousand Oaks, CA.

Radford, Carol Pelletier (2017). The First Years Matter: Becoming an Effective Teacher 2<sup>nd</sup> editionCorwin Press a Sage Company Thousand Oaks, CA.

Radford, Carol Pelletier (2012). *Strategies for Successful Student Teaching* 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Boston, MA: Pearson Education Inc.

A guide for student teachers for the full practicum beginning with preparing for the first school visit through to the job search and the first classroom. Can be used with pre-practicum observations.

Radford, Carol Pelletier (2008). *The First Year Matters; Being Mentored in Action,* Boston, MA: Pearson Education Inc.

A reflective guide and journal for the first year of practice. A format for practical conversations and documentation of evidence to share with district mentors.

Pelletier, C.M. (2006). *Mentoring in Action, A Month-by-Month Curriculum for Mentors and Their New Teachers*. Boston, MA: Pearson Education, Inc.

A curriculum mentors use to guide weekly and monthly conversations with new teachers. A companion guide for the *First Year Matters*.

Radford, Carol Pelletier (2006) and Buonopane, Julia. *Mentoring Future Teachers*, Boston, MA: Pearson Education.

An advisement tool for university faculty to advocate and recruit for teacher education.

Pelletier, C.M. (2004) Strategies for Successful Student Teaching, A Comprehensive Guide, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon a division of Simon and Schuster. Pearson EducationTranslated into Chinese. (2002) China Light Industry Press.

A previous edition of the student teaching book translated into Chinese.

Pelletier, C.M. (2000). *A Handbook of Techniques and Strategies for Coaching Student Teachers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Allyn and Bacon a division of Simon and Schuster.

A guide for district cooperating teachers that provides practical ideas and a framework for working with a student teacher. A companion for Strategies for Successful Student Teaching.

Pelletier, C.M. (2000). *A Handbook of Techniques and Strategies for Coaching Student Teachers, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*. Allyn and Bacon a division of Simon and Schuster. Translated into Spanish (1998). *Formacion De Cocentes Practicantes, Manual de Tecnicas y Estrategias*. Editorial Troquel S.A.

# **Blogs and Online Articles**

**Corwin Connect** August 26, 2016 Mindful Mentoring for Novice Teachers

IMA International Mentoring Association Online Newsletter Vol I. Edition V. Can Mentors Be Trained Effectively Online? December 2015

**Mindful Moments** (in development on MentoringinAction.com) Featuring teacher leaders who are making a difference to support the development of novice teachers.

# **On-Line and Hybrid Courses**

2014-current 3 credit professional courses offered in collaboration with Gordon College

Becoming a Qualified Mentor and Leader: Train the Trainer graduate course Maintaining Your Balance: Supporting Novice Teachers After Year One Mindful Leadership in Action: Supporting Principals and District Leaders Teacher Leaders as Mindful Mentors: (in development)

Mentoring In Action! -three graduate credits hybrid course includes 3 face-to-face leadership classes and 15 on-line modules (offered by the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth 2010-2014). Modules include video introductions and lecture recaps as well as activities for individuals, small groups, and large groups. Guest speakers and an electronic portfolio also included. Course designed to meet Massachusetts' requirement for highly qualified mentors for districts.

# Online Professional Development Tools (all available on MentoringinAction.com)

Video Library

Mentoring in Action: e-Guide for using the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition book
The First Years Matter; e-Guide for using the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition book
Induction District Action Plan template and examples
Group Mentoring Strategies and Action Plan
Student Surveys and Protocols for Mentoring Conversations

# Professional Tools, Workshop Readings, Articles and Papers

#### Retreats

Mindful Mentoring in Action: Support Experienced Mentors. A day of sharing and exploring using yoga, meditation and reflection to refresh and revitalize mentoring programs.

### **Teaching and Mentoring Tools**

A Developmental Continuum for Teacher Preparation - the big picture illustrates preparing and supporting teacher candidates from student teaching to their first position and into teacher leadership roles.

An On-line Student Survey for Middle and High School – a series of questions students complete anonymously about the new teacher's practice. Questions relate to relationships, teaching strategies, and learning styles.

A Mentoring Conversation Protocol – used with the on-line Student Survey. Mentors review data from the on-line survey in aggregated format and follow a protocol to share the data and move the new teacher's practice forward using the students' perspectives to guide the goal setting for new teachers.

**Workshop Readings for Teacher Candidates, Cooperating Teachers, and Supervisors** – originally developed as chapters for an introduction to teaching textbook titled *Touch the Future Teach!* Copyright for chapters written now owned by the author Carol Pelletier Radford Ed.D.

- Touch the Future Teach! An overview of what is involved in beginning a journey into teaching. Four essential questions as well as a description of reflective practice
- Becoming a Teacher Includes what is an effective teacher and the role of teachers in student learning.
- Planning, Delivering and Assessing Instruction an overview of methods courses related to these topics as well as communicating with parents.
- Classroom and Behavior Management includes what are the dispositions of caring and competent teachers, how do effective teachers organize a

classroom? what are different approaches to behavior management? how can inquiry help teachers solve classroom management problems?

Becoming a teacher – next steps after course work. Beginning a pre practicum and full practicum experience.

Through the Eyes of Culturally Sensitive Teachers (with Carlos Diaz ,Florida Atlantic University). Case studies of cultural situations facing student teachers

*Education Matters* (with Gene Provenzo, University Miami) – key issues in education an aspiring teacher and supervisors should think about.

*Problems to Possibilities* – case study problems to discuss with other teacher candidates and/or cooperating teachers or supervisors.

*Linking Theory and Practice* – observation and interview tools to use in prepracticum courses

Read On, Log On, Write On! – book titles, web sites, and short reflections to write about in a journal

#### **Papers and Articles**

Pelletier, C.A. (1994). *Teacher Portfolio: Reflection in Action: An alternative to Teacher Evaluation*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. (New Orleans, LA).

Pelletier, C.A. (1994). *Teacher Portfolio: Reflection in Action: Creating Teacher Portfolios: The Dallin School Project.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. (New Orleans, 1994).

Pelletier, C.A. (1993). *Teacher book club as a means to professional growth*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association. (San Francisco, California).

Pelletier, C.A. (1992). Part 1 *Professional Development: Bringing teacher learning into our schools.* Teachers Network newsletter, published by the Teachers Network at Harvard University, Volume 9 Number 3, March 1992.

Pelletier, C.A. (1992). Part 2 *Professional Development: Bringing teacher learning into our schools.* Teachers Network newsletter, published by the Teachers Network at Harvard University, Volume 9 Number 5, April 1992.

Pelletier, C. A. (1991). Teacher's voices the missing link in education reform. Education Review a Change for the Better Volume 5 Number 1 Spring 1991 published by the National Union of Teachers London, England.

Pelletier, C.M. (1990). *Bridging the Gap: an empowerment program for teacher preparation: a site based model.* Paper presented at the annual meeting of American Educational Research Association. (Boston, MA April 1990).

Pelletier, C. (1989) *Teacher Empowerment*. Article in Teaching Voices Vol. III University of Massachusetts Boston.

# Video Technology as a Tool for Assessment and Documentation

Videos are developed to document programs and measure effectiveness from participants' points of view. All videos are used for teaching purposes or shared with funders.

### Sample Video Titles and Descriptions

- What Springfield Mentors are Learning in a Mentoring Course for stakeholders and funders for Teacher Incentive Funds (TIF)
- How Students' Perspectives Influence Mentoring Conversations a tape of a protocol for a mentoring conversation using data from an on-line student survey (in production)
- Feedback for Master Mentor Evaluators mentors share how on-line evaluators are helping them grow
- Modules for Teaching an On-line Course 15 mini lectures and recaps for a year-long course
- Advice for Beginning Teachers beginning teachers share tips with student teachers and new teachers
- What One Mentor Learned in the Mentoring Course for web recruiting and assessment by stakeholders.
- Writing Action Plans for District Mentoring Programs -cohort completers share how to design and implement an effective plan
- Through Students' Eyes: What is an Effective Teacher? high school students share what helps them learn.
- What I Learned in TEACH! SouthCoast program completers in exit interviews respond to 5 questions. Shared with funders and stakeholders.

Advanced Practicum Students – practicum students are taped in the TV studio responding to 4 questions counting as their final exam at the end of an extended practicum experience.

Cooperating Teachers Share What They Learned in a graduate course - portfolios and other insights

Advanced Cooperating teachers - taping a mentoring conversation

# **Professional Experiences with School District Focus**

### **Induction and Mentoring**

Foundations of Mentoring New Teacher Center Santa Cruz (5 day) Foundations of Mentoring with 4 BPS teachers (5 day)

Architect of BC Project SUCCESS with input from all stakeholders
Includes two day institute, monthly support sessions, and professional
development menu options for new and experienced teachers
Year 2 course designer for George Coz Barr Grant with Brighton High (2005)
Mentoring in Action course for BPS in-service credit with BPS 2006
Kick off Meeting and Closing the School year meeting with BPS 2005-2006

### Teacher Leadership and Renewal

Collaboration to develop Teacher Leadership doctorate Committee to design innovative teacher leadership Masters program Designer of E.T.C – Experienced teacher corps (17 BPS teachers)

### **Teacher Leadership Collaboration**

Teacher Leader Model Standards with CTQ Clinical Practice Team Stakeholders (DOE, all Teacher Unions, Ed. Adm. etc.) Local Partnership Schools for placing student teachers (40+ schools) Teacher leaders from BPS co-teaching and leading induction programs

#### Committees

#### University

Academic Standards and Educational Policy Committee Scholarships and Prizes Collaborative Fellows Grants University Field Directors (founding member)

#### School based

Curriculum committees: reading, language arts, math, social studies, report card revision, students activities, Invention Convention

#### State-wide

State Certification Task Force

Mentor Teacher Working Group- Principles & Roles Program Advisory Committee; Massachusetts Field Center for Teaching and Learning Lt. Governor's Blueprint 2000 Education Reform Committee for DOE Christa McAuliffe Scholarship/ Framingham State College

### National/International Experiences

International Student Teaching Office – Boston College National Staff Development Council – Boston Conference International Leadership Summit – Boston (Andy Hargreaves)

# **Program Development and Implementation**

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2011- 2012	Mentoring in Action Massachusetts! hybrid on-line and face-to-face program implemented to meet federal Race to the Top RTTT requirements.
2006-2012	TEACH! SouthCoast – an alternative teacher preparation program to recruit, prepare, and support math and science teachers in urban districts.
2004-2006	BC Project SUCCESS: An induction program for graduates of Boston College Carnegie initiative to follow graduates of teaching programs into their first year of teaching.
1993- 2006	BC Practicum Experience Partnerships - syllabi created to be consistent and aligned with NCATE and State standards.
1991-1992	Bridging the Gap: A Teacher Preparation Program for Universities – a state-wide teacher residency program to share cooperating teacher strategies with teacher preparation programs.
1994-2005	International Student Teaching Program – to organize the teaching abroad experience for seniors and graduate students who want to experience teaching in other cultures
	Building Bridges: A Professional Development Program (PDS Schools) ng a model for a district that creates teacher leadership roles partnering with a university.
1990	University of Massachusetts Boston: A Mentor Teacher Course (with Lee Teitel) designing a graduate course to prepare district mentors.

Plimoth Plantation – Museum Partnership for teachers and students using innovative teaching strategies and field trips to historic sites

### Management

Project Director Project SUCCESS (RTTT with MA Dept. of Education Director TEACH! SouthCoast University of Massachusetts Director of Office of Practicum Experiences & Teacher Induction Evaluator of 3 full time employees yearly Evaluator for program effectiveness by semester and submit annual reports Hiring 20-30 clinical faculty (supervise full practicum) Hiring with Associate Director 25-30 graduate students (supervise prepracticum)

#### Certification/Licensure

Official officer for Boston College (transcript endorsement) Information sessions for all exiting student regarding licensure Individual consultations with new and experienced teachers

### University Teaching and Professional Development

Online and hybrid courses with Gordon College TEACH SouthCoast Education courses and practicum syllabus Practicum Courses ED 131, 132, 133, ED 429, ED 250, ED 610 (1993-2006) Advanced Practicum Course ED 269 co-taught with BPS teacher (1993-2006) Cooperating Teacher Course – Supervision in Action SIA (2000-2006) Harvard Graduate School year-long assistantship with Roland Barth (1991)

### **Professional Development**

Program designer for a district based innovative K-12 in-service program Chair of Professional development program in Middleboro Chair of state-wide Professional Development for MTA

### **Budgets and Grants**

Project SUCCESS: Mentoring in Action Massachusetts
TEACH SouthCoast
Boston College: Induction for Project SUCCESS, Part-time faculty
supervision, Graduate Assistant, International student teaching
School Based: Professional Development and grant related budgets

### **Program Evaluation**

Project SUCCESS and Springfield Public Schools Evaluation
Mentoring in Action Massachusetts – yearly reports and on-line evaluation
Pilot program for Mentoring in Action at Global Charter School
TEACH! SouthCoast Federal grant evaluation reports
Carnegie Teachers for a New Era (TNE)
NCATE and State Accreditation evaluation committees and reports
School district related grants

West ED (used for Clinical Practice Team design meetings) Rand Corporation (evaluation of Teachers for a New Era) ABT outside evaluators for construction of research scales for TNE

# Recognition of Teaching and Leadership

Christa McAuliffe Fellowship 1990-1991

Association of Teacher Educators; Leader in Teacher Education:

State Award 1989 National Award 1990

Massachusetts Leader in Teacher Education Award 1989

Massachusetts Department of Education: Lucretia Crocker Fellowship 1988-1989

National Education Association: recognition in NEA Today & Washington Post 1989

New Bedford Standard Times "Hats Off Award" 1986

Loretta Quinlan Award for outstanding contribution to education profession 1985

### **Past Professional Affiliations**

American Educational Research Association

Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development

Association of Teacher Educators

Massachusetts Teachers Association

Massachusetts Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development

Massachusetts Association of Teacher Educators

National Education Association

Plymouth County Education Association: Board of Directors while teaching

Middleboro Education Association: president, negotiations committee, past president, secretary, building representative and committee rep

National Staff Development Council (Learning Forward)

Phi Delta Kappa (Bridgewater Chapter)