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PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS:

Contributor (1 of 60). Edwards, John. 2006. *Home-The Blueprints of Our Lives*. New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers.
Recipient: The Library of Michigan's 2005 Michigan Notable Books; I was one of twenty authors to receive this award.
Recipient: The 2004 Michigan Historical Society's Award of Merit for authorship of *The Indians of Hungry Hollow*.
Dunlop Jr., William J., and Fountain-Blackledge, Marcia L. 2004. *The Indians of Hungry Hollow*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.
Fountain-Blackledge, Marcia L., contributing author. 1995. *Our Children, Our Future, Kent County Standards for Children*. Grand Rapids, MI: Grand Rapids Foundation.
Speechwriter. State Senator, Glen Steil. 1995. Grand Rapids, MI.
Fountain-Blackledge, Marcia L., contributing author. 1994. *Our Native American Child, A Guide for Those Who Adopt and Their Supporters*. Lansing, MI: Children's Bureau, Michigan Department of Mental Health.
Fountain-Blackledge, Marcia L., contributing member and author. 1994. "Implementing Native American Task Force Plan". Grand Rapids, MI: Grand Rapids Public Schools.
Fountain-Blackledge, Marcia L. 1994. Hunter's Moon. *Grand Rapids Magazine*, October, p.68.

EDUCATION:

Robert McKee's Story Seminar and Robert McKee's Genre Seminars (Thriller, Horror, Comedy)
John Truby's BlockBuster Seminars
Post Master course work, Systems and Family Therapy, Art and Design Courses. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. 1977-1991.
Master of Science, Guidance Counseling and Personnel Services. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. May 1975.
Bachelor of Arts, Physical Education. Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. May 1974.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

- Most recently an adjunct IUK faculty member teaching psychology, communication and freshman seminar courses. Member of the Women's Studies Council.
- Consultant in both Kokomo and Grand Rapids presenting workshops, speaking engagements, and specialized consultation services on a variety of personal and professional growth topics including conflict resolution, business communication skills, management by objectives issues, employee motivation techniques, short and long term planning, and cultural diversity training. Freelance writing and editing.
- As Director of Human Services for the Grand Rapids Inter-Tribal Council developed and supervised programs with a special emphasis on women's issues, supervised human services personnel negotiated agency service contracts, supervised accreditation reviews, developed and managed human services budget.
- As Executive Director for Common Ground Clinic procured agency funding through diverse sources, developed and oversaw agency budget, supervised daily operations and personnel including over 70 community volunteers.
- As Private Practice Psychiatric Therapist maintained a caseload averaging 25 to 30 sessions per week including family, individual, and marital counseling modalities.

COURSES TAUGHT:

S104 Freshman Seminar: An overview course aimed at increasing retention rates in student population by fostering critical thinking skills, goal setting, networking skills; and exploring a multicultural perspective to education. My theme was Myths and Movies.

P216 Lifespan Development: Examine the biosocial, cognitive, and psychosocial development of the person from conception to death.

P234 Principles of Mental Health: Uses a critical thinking approach to examine the concepts of human adjustment in a socio-cultural context using a pedagogical and practical frame of reference.

S122 Interpersonal Communication: Explores the nature of interpersonal relationships from a multicultural and scholarly perspective with an emphasis on the student expanding his or her own repertoire of communication skills.

S340 Family Communication: Exploring the complex process of family communication using a multicultural framework integrating theory, research and promoting synthesis of the material to the application level of learning.

S121 Public Speaking: Theory and practice of public speaking; training in thought processes necessary to organize speech content, personality, components of effective delivery, and language.

S223 Business and Professional Speaking: Preparation and presentation of types of speeches and oral reports appropriate to business and professional occupations; group discussion and parliamentary procedures.

ACHIEVEMENTS & AWARDS:

Nisswi Ishkoden: Founder and President of this Native American Cultural organization. Grand Rapids, MI. 1993 to 1999.

Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians: Member. Federal Roll Number: 2027 c.r.

Southwestern Michigan Episcopal Diocese Task Force on Racism: Member. Grand Rapids, MI. 1994 to 1996.

Howard County Hospital Cheer Guild: Board of Director member. Howard County, IN. 1987 to 1989. 1997 to 2001.

Women Matter: Statewide project to bring Michigan women together, steering committee member and telecommunication presenter. Grand Rapids, MI. 1993 to 1994.

Grand Rapids Public Schools Native American Task Force: Member. Grand Rapids, MI. 1994 to 1996.

Our Children, Our Future: Steering committee member. Grand Rapids, MI. 1995.

Institute on Healing Racism: Member. Grand Rapids, MI. January through April 1995.

Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs: Grant reviewer. Detroit, MI. 1995.

Gerontology Network Services of Kent County: Board Member. Grand Rapids, MI. 1993 to 1995.

Family Life Center: Board of Directors. Grand Rapids, MI. 1994 to 1995.

Kent County Child Abuse Prevention Council: Board of Directors. Grand Rapids, MI. 1993 to 1996.

Healthy Start: Steering Committee Member. Grand Rapids, MI. 1993 to 1996.

Project Blueprint Steering Committee: United Way. Grand Rapids, MI. 1992 to 1995.

Families for Kids Steering Committee: Steering Committee member. Grand Rapids, MI. 1993 to 1995.

Speaker, Sandwich Board Series: Mental Health Association of Howard County. Howard County, IN. 1978 to 1992.

Indiana Adoption Coalition: Served as an advisor in the formation of this group. 1987

Presenter, Box Lunch Series: Women's Center. Kokomo, IN. 1984 to 1987.

Death and Dying Workshop Presenter: Indiana University Kokomo. Kokomo, IN. September 1980.

Diversity Training for a Better Work Environment: Pioneer Seed Corn Inc. Tipton, IN. May 1989.

Howard County Child Abuse Task Force: Member. Howard County, IN. August 1975 to 1979.

The Family Intervention Center: Member, Founding committee. Kokomo, IN. 1978 to 1979.