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Biographical information and insights

The basics:

B.A. Elmhurst College French/History
M.A. & Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison Educational Policy Studies.

I am trained as a historian whose area of specialization is education, especially the impact of the U.S. public school system on diverse groups such as immigrants, females, and students of color. My dissertation examined the role of the public school system in the acculturation of immigrant children in 19th-century Wisconsin.

Grant experience:

My career in grant writing and administration began more than twenty-five years ago, when I directed federally funded educational opportunity programs on the Iowa-Sac-Fox, Kickapoo, and Pottawatomie-Prairie Band reservations in Kansas and, after that, in the foothills of the Appalachians.

Since 1990 I have served as the director of grants offices at Duquesne University, Vassar College, and Minnesota State University. I have also been a proposal reviewer for the U.S. Department of Education, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Indiana and Pennsylvania state departments of education. I had the opportunity to teach graduate courses in grant writing at Ball State University and Minnesota State University.

I have also served as a volunteer grant writer, consultant and committee or board member for a variety of nonprofit organizations, including the Hudson River Aquarium and the John Heinz History Center.

Other miscellaneous but interesting information and experience you probably won't care about:

- A native of Chicago, I am new to Nashville and to Tennessee.
- I am an unshakable Chicago Cubs fan, no matter what.
- I once served as an apprentice clown but, tragically, couldn't master juggling.
- I have been to Antarctica.