

Curriculum Vitae for

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### Writing/Editing

#### **Writer** 2008—

Renovations Home Improvement and Design magazine  
Trader Corporation  
Saskatoon, SK

#### **Editor/Writer** 2008—

*Connections* magazine  
Alberta Association for Community Living  
Edmonton, AB

#### **Editor/Photographer** 2003—

*Life Landscapes* series  
Saskatchewan Association for Community Living  
Saskatoon, SK

#### **Editor/Writer** 2000–2005

*Living with FAS/E* newsletter  
Saskatchewan Fetal Alcohol Support Network  
Saskatoon, SK

#### **Department Manager** 2004—

Sexuality, [www.thequalitymall.org](http://www.thequalitymall.org)  
Research and Training Center on Community Living  
University of Minnesota's Institute on Community Integration

#### **Scriptwriter** 2002

*Choices* video  
Division of Media and Technology  
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

#### **Interviewer/researcher** 1999–2000

Website development  
Government of Saskatchewan  
dblack Communications  
Saskatoon, SK

**Editor/Writer 1982–**

*Dialect* magazine  
Saskatchewan Association for Community Living  
Saskatoon, SK

**Project editor 2001**

*Our Lives, Our Voices: Families Talk About Lives Worth Living*  
Canadian Association for Community Living  
North York, ON

**Editor/Writer 2001–**

*Y Lines* newsletter  
YMCA of Saskatoon  
Saskatoon, SK

**Scriptwriter 2001–2002**

*Your Child Has PDD/Autism*  
Video series, Parts 1, 2  
Division of Media and Technology  
University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK

**Managing Editor/Writer 1999–2002**

*Good Lifetimes* magazine  
PLAN Institute on Citizenship & Disability  
Burnaby, B.C. (regular feature included in *abilities* magazine, Toronto, ON)

**Consultant, Scriptwriter 1997**

*Transitions: Partnerships in Community Living* video  
Appliance Productions  
Saskatoon, SK

**Contributing Writer 2000–**

*On Campus News*  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, SK

**Consultant 1996**

*Percy, Me & Bobby McGee* video  
Light Over Canvas Productions  
Moose Jaw, SK

**Interviewer/Writer 1999–**

*NurseWatch: Focus on Health*  
newspaper series  
College of Nursing  
University of Saskatchewan  
Saskatoon, SK

**Researcher/Writer** 1989  
Meewasin Valley Authority  
Saskatoon, SK

**Information co-ordinator** 2000–2001  
Latimer appeal to Supreme Court Canadian Association for Community Living  
Toronto, ON

## **PUBLISHED WORK**

### **Books** (since 1990)

*Hear My Voice: Stories Told by Albertans with Developmental Disabilities Who Were Once Institutionalized*, (ed.). Edmonton, Alberta: AACL, 2006.

*Sexualität: Ein Ratgeber für Eltern von Kindern mit Handicap*. Melberg Schwier, K. und Dave Hingsburger. G&S Verlag GmbH, Zirndorf, Germany, 2005. (German translation)

*Life Landscapes: Siblings share their experiences of living with brothers and sisters with disabilities*. (ed). Saskatoon, SK: SACL, 2005.

*Breaking Bread, Nourishing Connections: Mealtimes for People With and Without Disabilities*. Melberg Schwier, K. and Erin Schwier Stewart. Baltimore, MD: Paul. H. Brookes Publishing, 2005.

*Life Landscapes: Saskatchewan advocate stories of success*, (ed.), Saskatoon, SK: SACL, 2004.

*Life Landscapes: The Saskatchewan Family Resilience Project*. Melberg Schwier, K. (ed). Saskatoon, SK: Saskatchewan Association for Community Living, 2002.

*Our Lives, Our Voices: Families Talk About Lives Worth Living* (2nd edition). Melberg Schwier, K. (ed). Toronto, ON: Canadian Association for Community Living, 2001.

*Sexuality: Your Sons and Daughters with Intellectual Disabilities*. Melberg Schwier, K. and Dave Hingsburger. Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing, 2000.

*A Parents' Guide to Inclusive Education: How to ensure your child receives the education you want and our communities need*. Melberg Schwier, K. (ed.) Saskatoon: SACL, 1998 (revised edition).

*Idea Man*, children's book with illustrations to sensitize adolescents about peers with disabilities. Eastman, PQ: Diverse City Press, 1997.

*The Right Stuff: A Plain Language Book About Basic Human Rights*. Melberg Schwier, K. (ed.). Saskatoon, SK: SACL, 1995. Reprint 1997.

*Foundations for Community Living: Putting the Human in Human Services*. Melberg Schwier, K.

(ed.). Saskatoon, SK: SACL, 1995.

*Reflections: Commemorative Booklet on the Occasion of SACL's 40th Anniversary.* Melberg Schwier, K. (ed). Saskatoon, SK: SACL, 1995.

*Couples with Intellectual Disabilities Talk About Living and Loving.* Rockville, MD: Woodbine House, 1994.

*Keith Edward's Different Day.* San Luis Obispo, California: Impact Publishers, 1992. (Author and illustrator). Original edition, 1988. North York, ON: Roeher Institute.

*Connections and Commitment*, conference proceedings (ed.), B.C. Justice Institute, October 1991.

*Weaving the Tapestry: Steps for Creating Supportive Communities.* Melberg Schwier, K. (co-writer). Regina, SK: Quality Leisure Committee, Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, 1991.

*Speakeasy: People with Mental Handicaps Talk About Their Lives in Institutions and in the Community.* Austin, TX: Pro-Ed, Inc., 1990.

## **Chapters in Books** (since 1990)

"Self before sex: Perspectives on support, self-esteem and sexuality" in *Adults with Down Syndrome*, Pueschel, Sig. Baltimore: Brookes Publishing, 2006.

"Solitude," in *Dear Sad Goat: A Roundup of Truly Canadian Tales and Letters.* Richardson, Bill (ed), Toronto, ON: Douglas and McIntyre, 2002.

"First Comes Love" in *Light for All: Worship Resources for Including People with Mental Illness and Disabilities.* Winnipeg, MB: Mennonite Central Committee Canada, 2001.

"First Comes Love" in *Inside I'm Dancing: Personal Stories of God's Healing and Design,* Saskatoon, SK: Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan, 2000.

"Percy Rothwell," in *Building a Strong Foundation in a Rapidly Changing Environment: Diversity and Inclusion—Approaches in Independent Living.* Houston, TX: ILRU, 1996.

"Ordinary Miracles: Testimonies of Friendships," in *Friendships and Community Connections Between People with and without Developmental Disabilities*, by Dr. Angela Amado. Baltimore, MD: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co., 1994.

"Special Needs Recreation: Foundations Course 1", Kelsey Institute, student module, Recreation Technology Program. Saskatoon, SK: SIAST, 1991.

"People with Mental Handicaps: Appreciating the Issues", Kelsey Institute, student module, Home Care/Special Care Program. Saskatoon, SK: SIAST, 1990.

## Articles (since 1990)

*Preserving treasured family history*, Parts I-II, Martensville Messenger, Martensville, SK: April-May 2008

Book review, "Battle Cries: Justice for Kids with Special Needs," in *International Journal of Disability, Community and Rehabilitation*, Vol 5, Number 1, 2006.

"Connecting with Community," in *Quality of Life Enhancements*, course manual, Saskatoon, SK: SIAST, 2006.

"Hairdresser to the Stars," Saskatoon, SK: *Planet S* magazine, April 28, 2005

"Sausage making: a family tradition in Bruno," Growing Saskatchewan magazine. Saskatchewan Council for Community Development, Spring 2005.

"Danger! Cane Toads Ahead! Touring Australia not for the feint of heart," Saskatoon, SK: *Planet S* magazine, July 8, 2004.

"Riomaggiore: Old World Charm," TripAdvisor, July 2004.

"A New Beginning: Former Valley View Resident Enjoys Life on the Outside," Saskatoon, SK: *Planet S* magazine, March 2004.

"Local Lord: Saskatonian Lands Role in Epic Movie Trilogy," Saskatoon, SK: *Planet S* magazine, December 2003.

"Astonishing Similarities Between Saskatchewan and New Zealand Educational Issues," *Green & White*, Saskatoon, SK: University of Saskatchewan, Fall 2003.

"Dave Hingsburger: The Art of Being Human," *abilities* magazine, Toronto, ON: Winter 2000.

"Update on the Latimer case," *abilities* magazine, Toronto: Fall 2000, pp. 24-25.

"Catching the bus on IU Route E," Bloomington, Indiana: *IU Alumni Magazine*, Jan/Feb. 2000.

"Life doesn't get much better," Wellington, New Zealand: *Community Moves*, 50th Year Commemorative Issue, Vol. 36, No. 3, October, 1999.

"Take your eyes off the road, see New Zealand by train," (not yet published), 1999.

"New Zealand's yesteryear tramline a rolling history lesson," (nyp), 1999.

"Communing with Hemingway's Key West cats," (nyp), 1998.

"Keeping your travel films safe," (nyp), 1998.

"Savouring the flavours of New Mexico: Hot stuff in Sante Fe," (nyp), 1998.

"Budding artist identifies with values, style of local musician," Saskatoon: *Free Press*, 1998.

"Diversity creates opportunity," Trenton, Nova Scotia: *Idea House News*, fall 1998.

"Saskatchewan woman turns old coats into cuddly heirlooms," Rosetown, SK: Rosetown Eagle, 1998.

"Great Expectations: When parenting at a distance moves in under the same roof," *abilities*, Summer 1996.

"Storytelling: The Power of Listening," *Developmental Disabilities Bulletin*, Vol 22, No. 2., 1994.

"Verstehen ist ein Kinderspiel," German translation of "Understanding is child's play," *Podium: Internationale Zeitschrift fur eine integrative Gessellschaft*, Colorado Springs: Kinder Ark, 1993.

"A Canadian Comes Home Again to New Zealand," *World Agri-News*, Edinburgh, Scotland: International Agricultural Exchange Association. No. 95, Vol. 24, June 1993.

"Teen's comments on 'retard' show ignorance," *Friday Edition*, Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 12, 1993.

"To the teenager in Kentucky Fried Chicken who was trying so hard to impress his girlfriend," *Down Syndrome News*, Vol. 17, No. 6. 1993.

"Connecting with community," *entourage*, North York, Ontario, Vol. 7, No. 2, 1992.

"Connecting with community," *Saskatchewan Woman's Chronicle*, Saskatoon, Sask., 1992.

"Understanding is child's play," *The Kaleidoscope*, Association for Community Living, Boulder, Colorado, July 1991.

"Understanding is child's play," *entourage*, G. Allan Roeher Institute, Toronto, Winter 1991.

"Reading and Refreshments: Two seniors in Canada prove it's never too late to learn," *New Ways*, Spring 1990.

"The Meewasin Valley Authority," *Saskatoon Mirror*, June, 1990.

## **Photos** (since 1990)

Various Photographs, Travel Shots, [www.canada.com](http://www.canada.com), 2007—

Cover and inside photographs in *Belonging: Giving Value to Every Person — A Guide for Communities*, by Dulcie McCallum. Dartmouth, NS: Nova Scotia ACL, 2005.

*Navigating the System: An Advocacy Handbook for Parents of Children with Intellectual Disabilities*. Saskatoon, SK: SACL, 2004. Photographs on Table of Contents page, pp: 1, 11, 23, 31, 36, 43, 47, 60, 71, 85, 95, 111, 125.

Photograph in *Looking Back: True Tales from Saskatchewan's Past*. Dederick, Paul and B. Waiser. Calgary, AB: Fifth House, 2003.

Photos, *The Road Map to the Future: A Financial Planning Guide for Families of People with Disabilities*. Saskatoon, SK: SACL, 2003.

Photos, *A Parent's Guide to Inclusive Education*. Saskatoon, SK: SACL, 2003.

Press photo series: TVaughn, musician press kit, 2002.

Photo, *The Trust*, vol. 36, no. 1. Regina, SK: Regina Association for Community Living, 2002.

Cover photo, *Caring Relationships: Helping People with Mental Impairments Understand God's Gift of Sexuality*. Grand Rapids, MI: CRC Publications, 2001.

Photo, "Caring Relationships: Helping People with Mental Impairments Understand God's Gift of Sexuality," *Horizons* magazine, Louisville, KY: Presbyterian Women for the Presbyterian Church, 2001.

## **Illustrations** (since 1990)

*The Secret of Sunnigdale Creek*, by Shaun Zachary Olson-Deobald. Belville, ON: Epic Press, 2007.

Illustrations, Health Policy Presentations by June Isaacson Kailes  
Western University of Health Sciences, Playa del Rey, CA, 2004—

Cartoon, "Mapping Community-Based Natural Learning Opportunities," *Young Exceptional Children* magazine, vol. 4, no. 4. Denver, CO: Division for Early Childhood, CEC, 2001.

Illustrations, *The Family Enhancement Outreach Training Project* (H324R990012), United States Department of Education, Washington, DC; 1999-2002; Principal Investigators Carol Trivette, Ph.D. and Carl Dunst, Ph.D., Orelena Hawks Puckett Institute, Morganton and Asheville, NC.

*Idea Man*, author/illustrator, Eastman, PQ: Diverse City Press, 1997.

Cartoons, *Planning...To Have a Life*. Galambos, Diane. North York, ON: Roeher, 1995.

*Keith Edward's Different Day*, (American edition), San Luis Obispo, California: Impact Publishers,

1992. (Author and illustrator). Original version, 1988, North York, ON: Roeher Institute.

Cartoons, *Leisure, Integration and Community*, by Peggy Hutchison, Judith McGill. Concord, Ontario: Leisurability Publications, Inc., 1992.

Title graphic, "Literacy education - in perspective," four-part series, *abilities* magazine. Toronto: Canadian Abilities Foundation, 1991.

Regular contributor, cartoons, *entourage*, Canadian Association for Community Living, Downsview, Ontario, 1989-1991.

Regular contributor, cartoons, *News & Notes* newsletter, American Association on Mental Retardation, Washington, D.C., 1988-1992.

## **Honours/Awards**

### **Putting Life in the Community Research Grant**

Saskatchewan Institute on Community Living, 2004

### **Joan Kershaw Publications Award**

Council for Exceptional Children in Canada, 1995

*Couples with Intellectual Disabilities*

*Talk About Living and Loving*

Bethesda, MD: Woodbine House

### **Henderson Memorial Research Grant**

Saskatchewan Association for Community Living, 2003

### **Gold Media Award**

Canadian Association for Community Living, 1991

*Speakeasy: People with Mental Handicaps Talk About Their Lives in Institutions and in the Community*

Austin, TX: Pro Ed, Inc.

### **Saskatchewan Arts Board Grant for Emerging Writers**

Saskatchewan Arts Board, 2003

Category C, Creative Works

### **Bronze Media Award**

Canadian Association for Community Living, 1991

*Dialect*

Saskatoon: SACL

### **Children's Literature Award**

Saskatchewan Writers Guild, 1996

*Idea Man*

Eastman, PQ: Diverse City Press

**Saskatchewan Literary Arts Award**

Saskatchewan Writers Guild, 1989

*Speakeasy: People with Mental Handicaps Talk About Their Lives in Institutions and in the Community*

Austin, TX: Pro Ed, Inc.

**National Media Award**

Canadian Association for Community Living, 1994

*Couples with Intellectual Disabilities*

*Talk About Living and Loving*

Rockville, MD: Woodbine House

**Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Media**

National Down Syndrome Congress, 1987

*Dialect*

Saskatoon: SACL

**Award of Merit**

Association for Media and Technology in Education in Canada (AMTEC), 1990

"River City" interactive video

Saskatoon: Meewasin Valley Authority/University of Saskatchewan

**Memorial Award**

Media Club of Canada, 1986

*Dialect*

Saskatoon: SACL

**Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Media**

National Down Syndrome Congress, 1990

*Dialect*

Saskatoon: SACL