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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**President, *Safety Rules!***, Syracuse, NY Serving the school transportation community through consultation, writing, instructor training, and presentations. 2004-present

**Teaching Assistant**, Syracuse University, School of Education - Disability Studies Program.  
2005-2007

**Executive Director**, Pupil Transportation Safety Institute, Syracuse, NY Directed PTSI for 15 years. Led the organization during that time to 2,000% increase in revenue and 1,000% increase in staff during the last 10 years. Responsible for organizational and program development, creating and publishing materials, research, organizational and financial management. Regular speaker and author in the industry conferences and publications. 1990 - 2004

**Graduate Assistant**, Syracuse University, School of Education, Adult Education Program  
Syracuse, NY 13244 1989 - 90

**Supervisor**, Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES, School Transportation Safety Program Auburn, NY 13021 Served 227 school districts in Central and Western New York as transportation safety resource through program development, direct instruction, and publications to parent group, school administrators, school boards, bus drivers, and students Coordinated training and continuing education of School Bus Driver Instructors and Master Instructors 1985-1989

**Weekend Terminal Manager and Bus Driver**, Leon Franklin Inc. Irving Avenue Syracuse, NY 13210. Managed weekend operation demand response para-transit system Worked as bus driver during the week for severely physically and emotionally challenged children 1979-1985

## **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

### **Syracuse University**

Doctoral Candidate, 2005-present School of Education, Disability Studies Program

Master of Science Degree, 1996 School of Education, Adult Education Program

Bachelor of Arts, Religion Major, 1983 Theta Chi Beta - Religion Department Honorary

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**State University of New York at Albany** 1986 – 1988 Administration of Pupil Transportation

### **Penn State University**

Pupil Transportation Supervisor Course 1986, 87

Accident Investigation Course 1989

Advanced Accident Investigation Course 1989

### **New York State Education Department Bureau of Management**

**Services** - School Bus Driver Training Program

School Bus Driver Instructor 1988

Master Instructor 1992

Master Instructor Trainer 1999-2001

### **Long Island University, Institute for Pupil Transportation**

Director of Pupil Transportation Certificate

Financial Analysis      Pupil Transportation Law

Communications      Pupil Transportation Management

### **Federal Transit Administration Transportation Safety Institute**

Operational Bus System Safety Awareness Course 1994

## **RELEVANT CERTIFICATION**

### **New York State Education Department**

School Bus Driver Instructor #90-298

Master Instructor #92-2

### **New York State Department of Motor Vehicles**

19-A Certified Examiner #SYR1386

Commercial Driver License Class B with Passenger, School Bus, and

Tank Endorsement

### **Federal Transit Administration Transit Safety Institute**

Alternative Fuels Safety Awareness Instructor 1993

Transit Bus Driver Instructor 1999

### **American Society of Safety Engineers**

Professional Member 1998-present

### **National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician, 2003

## MAJOR PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS

“**Transportation**” heading in **Encyclopedia of American Disability History**, publish date June 2009

**School Bus Travel Training: Least Restrictive Environment Now, Independent Mobility for a Lifetime**, Easter Seals Project Action—Council of University Transportation Centers Student Research Fellowship in Accessible Transportation, 2008

[District Safety Review](#), New York State Education Department, co-author, 2004

[Building a Community Bus](#), Washington State Department of Transportation, primary author, 2003

[Relative Risk of School Travel](#) Member, Transportation Research Board Committee commissioned to analyze the relative risk of travel to school by mode. 2003

**Punctuality, School Site Safety Planning, and Staff Training** Transporting Students with Disabilities consultation, Washington, DC, 2002 - 2003

[North Carolina](#) **Special Needs Transportation Survey**, Primary Author 2000

[Special Needs Transportation Training Curriculum](#), Pupil Transportation Safety Institute, co-author, 2001

[School Bus Attendant Training Curriculum](#), Pupil Transportation Safety Institute, co-author, 2004

[Head Start Driver and Monitor Preservice Training: for new drivers and monitors](#), Pupil Transportation Safety Institute, co-author, 2002

[Head Start Driver and Monitor Inservice Training: Attitude Matters](#), Pupil Transportation Safety Institute, co-author, 2004

**School Bus Crash Data Analysis**, Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee, Federal Highway Traffic Safety Project, 1999-2000

**Transit Bus Driver Instructor** Train-the-Trainer Curriculum Development , New York State Department of Transportation, RTAP Division

**Master Instructor Train-the-Trainer Curriculum Development** Project, New York State Education Department, 1999

New York State **Basic Course of Instruction for School Bus Drivers**, Editor and Co-author,

1998

New York State School **Bus Definition Analysis** Prepared analysis of the laws and regulations of the three state agencies and federal government governing school transportation in New York and provided recommendations for legislative change, 1996

**Seat Belts on School Buses** Manual on the use of seat belts on school buses, New York State Education Department grant, 1994

**Bus Safety, Safe Routes -- Safe Stops** Manual outlining procedures for safe and efficient school bus stops and routes New York State Education Department. Led statewide series of workshops. 1992

**School Safety Planning: for Vehicle and Pedestrian Traffic** Manual for districts to use in developing safe traffic patterns on school sites. Statewide series of workshops. 1990

**“Around The State”** Editor, Newsletter providing school transportation safety information to superintendents, transportation directors, driver trainers, and school boards 1987-89

NAPT 505 **School Facility Planning** Course Development, 2000

NAPT 101 **School Transportation orientation** Course Development, 2002

NAPT 202 **Presentation Skills** Course Development, 2003

**Numerous articles and commentaries in industry press**

## **NATIONAL , REGIONAL, and STATE CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

**Disability Studies in Education** Poster Session, "Transportation: The Forgotten Related Service" Chicago, 2007

**Society for Disability Studies** "Intersectionality as a Traffic Safety Metaphor" Seattle, 2007

**National Association for Pupil Transportation** Conference, 1995, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2008

**Association of School Business Officials International**, 2001

**National Conference on Transporting Students with Disabilities**, 1996-2004

**National Safety Council National Conference**, 1996-2004

**All-Canada Conference, British Columbia**, 2002

**Southeastern States Conference**, 1998

**National Head Start Association Annual Training Conference**, 1996-2002

**School Transportation News School Transportation Expo**, 1995-2004

**School Transportation News Mid-America Conference**, 1998

**Northeast School Transportation Safety Institute**, 1993, 1996, 1998

**Colorado** State Transportation Association Conference, 1996

**Illinois** State Association Conference, 1998, Keynote Address – Safety and Attitude

**Iowa** State Transportation Association, 2000, 2002

**Massachusetts** State Transportation Association, Keynote Address – Managing Your Attitude, 2003

**Missouri** State Transportation Association Conference, 2005

**Montana** State Association Conference, 1997, 1999, 2002

**New Jersey** State Transportation Association, 2001, 2004

**New York State** Association for Pupil Transportation, 1989-2004, 2007-2008

**New York State** School Bus Contractors' Association, 1991-1998

**New York State Departments of Education and Transportation**, ongoing

**North Carolina** State Transportation Association Conference, 2005

**Oregon** State Transportation Association Conference, 2000, 2002

**South Carolina** State Transportation Association Conference, 2005

**Texas** Regional Transportation Conference, Keynote Address – Emerging Issues for Drivers and Attendants, 2003

**Utah** State Transportation Association Conference, 1996

**Virginia** State Transportation Association Conference, 2005

**Washington** State Transportation Association, 2002, 2003

**Wisconsin** State Transportation Association, Keynote Address – Future of School Transportation, 2003, 2004

## **HONORS, SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, INVOLVEMENT**

**Peer Review for Transportation Research Board Synthesis Survey on School Bus Safety**, 2008

**STN 25 Fascinating School Transportation Personalities**, 2003

**Head Start Transportation Safety Workgroup**, 2002-2003

**Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration** Safe School Trips Roundtable, 2001–2003

### **New York Association for Pupil Transportation**

Friend of NYAPT Award, 2001

Certificate of Appreciation for Institute Development Committee Chair 1988, 1990

**Transportation Research Board** School Transportation Safety Committee, 2000–2002

**School Bus Fleet** Magazine Editorial Advisory Committee, 1996-present

**Conference on Transporting Students with Disabilities and Preschoolers** Advisory Committee, 1996-2004

**National Safety Council**, School Transportation Section, Executive Committee, 1996–present  
Section 1st Vice Chair, 1999 Section Chair, 2000 – 2003

### **New York State Education Department**

Commissioner of Education's School Bus Driver Instructor Advisory Committee, 1996 – 1998, 2004-2008

Commissioner of Education's Advisory Committee on School Transportation 1994-1998 (Chair 1994-1997), 1987-1989

Commissioner of Education's Master Instructor Advisory Committee, 1994-1996

Certificate of Appreciation for assistance with development of the School Bus Driver Instructor Training Program 1988

New York State Comprehensive School Bus Driver Safety Training Council 1998-2005

**New York State State Fair Display** Developed and coordinated School Bus Safety display at the State Fair with over 200 volunteers providing bus safety information to over 20,000 fairgoers  
1987 - 89

### **CURRENT ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

**Disability Studies in Education** 2007-present

**Society for Disability Studies** 2006-present

**American Society of Safety Engineers**, 1998 - present

National Academies of Science **Transportation Research Board** School Transportation Subcommittee, 2004-present

**National Association for Pupil Transportation** 1986 - present

**National Association of State Directors of Pupil Transportation Services**, Associate Member  
1999 - present

**New York Association for Pupil Transportation**, 1986 - present

**National Conference on School Transportation**, Accident Data Writing Committee, 1999 -  
2005, chair 2000-2004

**National Head Start Association**, 1995 - present

**National Safety Council**, School Bus Section of the Transportation Division, 1995 - present