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***Education***

1995      **Doctoral Degree**, Adult and Continuing Education/Educational Administration,  
Graduate School of Education, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

1995      **Certificate in Women's Studies**, Rutgers University Graduate School

1985      **Master's Degree**, Adult and Continuing Education, Michigan State University

1980      **Bachelor's Degree**, Communications Studies, University of Iowa

*Additional coursework at Bowen School of Law, University of Arkansas at Little Rock 2000-2001*

***Employment***

2011 – present    **Founder**, Words To Grow On. Little Rock, AR

2008 – 2010    **Health Literacy Consultant**, Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Little Rock, AR

2005 – present    **Founding President and CEO**, Brain Child Press, Inc., Little Rock, AR

2002 - 2006    **Executive Director**, Women's Foundation of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR

2000 - 2002    **Senior Researcher**, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR

1999 – 2000    **Director and Associate Professor**, Center for Research on Teaching and Learning  
University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR

1998 - 1999    **Interim Director and Assistant Professor**, Center for Research on Teaching and  
Learning, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR

1995 - 1998    **Assistant Professor**, Center for Research on Teaching and Learning, University of  
Arkansas at Little Rock, Little Rock, AR

1994 - 1995    **Research Consultant/Adjunct Assistant Professor**, Center for Applied Research and  
Education, Arkansas Children's Hospital, Little Rock, AR

1990 - 1992    **Education Consultant**, New Brunswick Tomorrow Community Development  
Corporation, New Brunswick, New Jersey

- 1989 - 1990 **Special Aide to the Assistant Dean for Academic Services**, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey
- 1987 - 1989 **Director**, Volunteer Services Program and Galveston AIDS Project, Galveston County Health District, Galveston, Texas
- 1987 **Substitute Teacher**, Trinity School, Galveston, Texas
- 1986 -1987 **Community Prevention and Awareness Coordinator**, Michigan Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Detroit, Michigan
- 1986 **Public Education Coordinator**, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Washington, DC
- 1984 - 1986 **Outreach Library Coordinator**, Michigan Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Lansing, Michigan
- 1982 - 1984 **Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator**, Interim House-YWCA Shelter for Battered Women, Detroit, Michigan
- 1981 - 1982 **Community Liaison Representative**, Emergency Telephone Service/Suicide Prevention Center, Detroit, Michigan

### ***Honors and Awards***

- 2011 **Preferred Choice Award (Teaching Aid - Picture Books). Creative Child Magazine** for: *A Visit to the Farmers' Market/Una Visita al Mercado de los Granjeros*
- 2011 **Seal of Excellence (Teaching Aid - Picture Books). Creative Child Magazine** for *Vegetables Count*
- 2011 **Seal of Excellence (Teaching Aid - Picture Books). Creative Child Magazine** for *I See a Star: Amazing Shapes to Find on Your Plate*
- 1998 - 2000 **Kellogg Fellowship: Cyril O. Houle Scholars in Adult and Continuing Education Program**, W. K. Kellogg Foundation
- 1999 **Nominee, Faculty Excellence Award in Research**, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 1996 **Faculty Project Award**, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 1994 **Winner, Dissertation of the Year/Graduate Student Research Award**, 35th Annual North American Adult Education Research Conference

- 1991- 1992 **Charles Sumner Crow Graduate Student Scholarship**, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University
- 1990 - 1991 **Ruth and Stanley Kosensky Graduate Student Scholarship**, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University
- 1990 – 1991 **Graduate Student Research Scholarship**, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University
- 1989 – 1990 **Alumni Association Scholarship**, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University
- 1989 – 1990 **Graduate Student Research Scholarship**, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University
- 1987 **Achievement Award for Innovative Programming in Health**, National Association of Counties
- 1988 **Special Recognition for Innovative Programming** National Association of County Health Officials

### *Community and Academic Leadership*

- 2013 – present **Governor’s Advisory Council Member**, Division of Community Service and Nonprofit Support, Arkansas Department of Human Services
- 2012 – present **Advisory Board Member**, Zero to Three Court Team for Safe Babies Project: AR Pilot
- 2012 – present **Advisory Board Member**, Arkansas Campaign for Grade Level Reading
- 2012 – present **Advisory Board Member**, Brain Insights
- 2012 – present **President**, Arkansas Literacy Councils, Inc. Little Rock, AR
- 2001 – present **Member, Board of Directors**, Reach Out and Read Arkansas, Little Rock, AR
- 2001 – 2011 **Co-Founder and Board Chair**, Reach Out and Read Arkansas, Little Rock, AR
- 2010 – 2012 **Vice President, Board of Directors**, Arkansas Literacy Councils, Little Rock, AR
- 2010 – 2011 **Member, Steering Committee**, Arkansas Partnership for Health Literacy, Little Rock, AR
- 2007 – 2010 **Member, Board of Directors**, Arkansas Literacy Councils, Little Rock, AR
- 2009 **Finance Committee**, Dismantling the Cradle to Prison Pipeline Conference, Little Rock, AR

- 2000 – 2006 **Girls of Promise Conference Committee**, Women’s Foundation of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR
- 2006 **Invited Participant**, U. S. Department of Education, Strategic Planning Meeting on Girls in Math and Science, Washington, DC
- 2002 **Advisory Panel Member**, Health Literacy Caucus for the National Institute for Literacy, World Education, Inc., Boston, MA
- 2000 – 2002 **Grants Committee**, Women’s Foundation of Arkansas, Little Rock, AR
- 2000 – 2003 **Member, Board of Directors**, Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Program
- 2001 – 2002 **Advisory Panel**, Literacy and Health Initiative White Paper, National Institute for Literacy/World Education
- 2001 **Consulting Editor**, Canadian Journal for the Study of Adult Education
- 2000 **Reviewer**, NHSA Dialog: A Research-to-Practice Journal for the Early Intervention Field
- 1997 - 2000 **Editorial Board**, Adult Education Quarterly
- 1998 – 2000 **Chair, Professional Awards Committee**, Commission of Professors of Adult Education
- 1997 - 2000 **Grant Reviewer**, Arkansas Commission on National Service - Americorps Program
- 1997 - 2000 **Member, Core Curriculum Assessment Committee**, Office of the Provost, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 1996 – 2000 **Co-Chair, Research and Theory Special Interest Group**, Commission of Professors of Adult Education
- 1999 **Consulting Editor**, ERIC Digests
- 1999 **Conference Review Panel Member**, Academy of Human Resource Development
- 1999 **Organizer and Moderator: Social Philosophy Colloquy**, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education
- 1998 **Grant Development Working Group**, Office of the Chancellor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 1998 **Retreat Planning Committee**, Office of the Dean, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

- 1998            **Nominations Committee**, Commission of Professors of Adult Education
- 1997 - 1998    **Member, AAACE Strategic Planning Team**, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education
- 1997 - 1998    **Member, Vision Committee**, College of Education, UALR
- 1997            **Participant, Retreat on Service Learning & Community**, Office of the Chancellor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 1997            **Chair, Grievance Review Board**, Office of the Chancellor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 1997            **Member, Grant Development Working Group**, Office of the Chancellor, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 1997            **Member, Faculty Excellence Award Committee**, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock
- 1997            **Consulting Editor**, ERIC Digests
- 1997            **Co-Chair, Newcomer's Breakfast**, 38th Annual Adult Education Research Conference, Oklahoma State University
- 1996 -1997     **Member, Minority Recruitment Committee**, College of Education University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR)
- 1996 -1997     **Member, Urban Grant Committee**, Office of the Chancellor UALR
- 1995 -1997     **Member, Academic Policies Committee**, College of Education, UALR
- 1995 -1997     **Secretary/Treasurer**, Commission of Professors of Adult Education
- 1995            **Coordinator, Orientation for Newcomers**, 36th Annual Adult Education Research Conference, University of Edmonton
- 1995 -1996     **Member, Task Force on Equity in Science Education**, Arkansas Department of Higher Education
- 1995            **Member, Grant Review Committee**, FIPSE Comprehensive Program Competition U.S. Department of Education
- 1995            **Co-Chair, Promotion/Publicity Committee**, Commission on Adult Basic Education Annual Conference
- 1994            **Facilitator, Orientation for Newcomers**, 34th Annual Adult Education Research Conference, Penn State University

- 1990 -1992 **Chairperson, Steering Committee:** James E. Burke Award for Teaching Excellence, New Brunswick Tomorrow, New Brunswick, New Jersey
- 1990 -1991 **Communications Chair,** Student Unit, American Association for Adult and Continuing Education
- 1990 -1991 **Member, Steering Committee,** North American Educators of Adults for Democratic Social Change - Northeast Region, New York, New York
- 1990 -1991 **Student Senator - Student Advisory Committee,** Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University Senate, Rutgers University
- 1991 **Student Representative, Grievance Committee,** Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey
- 1989 **Chairperson and Founding Member,** Volunteer Management Network, Galveston, TX
- 1988 – 1989 **Member, Support Services Task Force,** Community Care for AIDS, Inc. Galveston, Texas
- 1987 - 1989 **Member, Galveston Coalition on Aging,** Galveston, Texas
- 1985 **Member, Community Affairs Committee,** Council Against Domestic Assault Lansing, Michigan
- 1984 - 1985 **Member, Task Force on Domestic Violence,** City of Lansing, Michigan
- 1984 - 1985 **Member, Women’s Advisory Committee,** Office of the Vice President for Administration and Public Affairs, Michigan State University
- 1984 - 1985 **Representative, Council of Graduate Students,** Michigan State University
- 1983 - 1984 **Secretary, Board of Directors,** Michigan Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Detroit, Michigan
- 1983 - 1984 **Secretary, Board of Directors,** Southeastern Michigan Anti-Rape Network, Detroit, Michigan
- 1983 - 1984 **Member, Social Services Advisory Committee,** Project Head Start Detroit, Michigan
- 1983 - 1984 **Member, Programming Committee,** YWCA of Metropolitan Detroit Detroit, Michigan
- 1982 - 1983 **Member, Planning Committee,** Regional Conference on Domestic Violence Columbus, Ohio

### ***Funded Research***

**“Father Involvement in the Lives of Head Start Children and Participation in Head Start”  
(Co-PI with Dr. Robert Bradley)**

Amount Awarded: \$449,406

Sponsor: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Head Start Division

**“When ‘Accommodation’ is Resistance: Towards a Critical Discourse on the Politics of Adult Education”**

Amount Awarded: \$40,000 Fellowship

Sponsor: W. K. Kellogg Foundation

**“Faculty Development and Students with Disabilities: An Evaluation”**

Amount Awarded: \$73,000

Sponsor: Office of Disability Services, UALR, & U. S. Department of Education

**“The Arkansas K-4 Crusades - A National Science Foundation Initiative”**

Amount Awarded: \$30,000

Sponsor: Arkansas Department of Higher Education

**“Evaluation of the Arkansas School Health Education Curriculum”**

Amount Awarded: \$112,000

Sponsor: Arkansas Department of Education

**“Project Encourage: An Advocacy Program for Adult, Reentry Students in Higher Education”**

Amount Awarded: \$10,000

Sponsor: FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education)

**“A Scholarly Approach to the First Year Experience: A Collaborative Approach to Developing a Pilot FYE for Adult, Nontraditional Students”**

Amount Awarded: \$12,350

Sponsor: Office of the Provost, University of Arkansas at Little Rock

### ***Publications: Picture Books and Teaching Materials***

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (Fall, 2011). *My Doctor's Visit*. Little Rock, AR: Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (Fall, 2011). *Mi Visita al Médico*. (Spanish edition) Little Rock, AR: Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (Fall, 2011). *Loʻlok Tatkeō Eo Aō*. (Marshallese edition) Little Rock, AR: Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (Fall, 2010). *A Visit to the Farmers' Market / Una Visita al Mercado de los Granjeros*. Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (Fall, 2010). *I See a Star! Amazing Shapes to Find on Your Plate*. Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (Fall, 2010). *Vegetables Count*. Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2008). *A Very Purple Pepper: Colors to Know So You Can Grow*. Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2007). *Let's All Eat Veggies!* Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2007). *All About Farmers' Markets: A Teaching Guide for Classrooms, Camps, and Community Programs*. Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2006). *A Visit to the Farmers' Market*. Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2006). *Una Visita al Mercado de los Rancheros*. Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books

### **Forthcoming Picture Books**

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. *I Hear a Siren*. Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. *Baby has a Book*. Little Rock, AR: Brain Child Books.

### ***Video Productions***

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (In production). *If You Love Me, Read to Me* (An educational waiting room video.) Executive Producer, Director, Writer.

Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2005) *The Women's Foundation of Arkansas: An Overview*. Executive Producer.

### ***Publications: Scholarly Books***

Sheared, Vanessa & Peggy A. Sissel. (Eds.) (2001). *Making Space: Merging Theory and Practice in Adult Education*. New York, NY: Bergin and Garvey, Greenwood Publishing.

- Hansman, Catherine, and Peggy A. Sissel. (Eds.) (2001). *Negotiating The Politics of Adult Education. New Directions in Adult and Continuing Education*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, Inc.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (2000). *Staff, Parents, and Politics in Head Start: A Case Study in Unequal Power, Knowledge, and Material Resources*. New York: Falmer Press.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (Ed.) (1996). *A Community-Based Approach to Literacy Programs: Taking Learners' Lives into Account. New Directions in Adult and Continuing Education*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, Inc.

### ***Publications: Scholarly Book Chapters***

- Sissel, Peggy A. (2001). "Thinking Politically: A Framework for Adult and Continuing Education." In: Catherine Hansman and Peggy A. Sissel (Eds.) *Negotiating The Politics of Adult Education. New Directions in Adult and Continuing Education*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, Inc.
- Sissel, Peggy A., Catherine Hansman, and Carol Kasworm. (2001). The Politics of Adults in Higher Education. In: Catherine Hansman and Peggy A. Sissel (Eds.) *Negotiating The Politics of Adult Education. New Directions in Adult and Continuing Education*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, Inc.
- Sissel, Peggy A. "When 'Accommodation' is Resistance: Towards a Critical Discourse on the Politics of Adult Education." (2001). In: R. Cervero and K. Watkins (Eds.), *Houle Scholars Monograph Series, #1*. Athens, GA: University of Georgia Press.
- Sissel, Peggy A. & Vanessa Sheared. (2001). "Opening the Gates: Reflections on Power, Hegemony, Language, and the Status Quo." In: V. Sheared and P. Sissel (Eds.), *Making Space: Merging Theory and Practice in Adult Education*.
- Sheared, Vanessa, & Peggy A. Sissel. (2001). "What Does Research, Resistance, and Inclusion Mean for Adult Education Practice: A Reflective Response." In: V. Sheared and P. Sissel. (Eds.) *Making Space: Merging Theory and Practice in Adult Education*.
- Kasworm, Carol, Lorilee Sandmann, & Peggy A. Sissel. (2000) "Adults in Higher Education." In: E. Hayes and A. Wilson, Eds. *Handbook of Adult and Continuing Education*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, Inc.
- Sissel, Peggy A. and Marcia Drew Hohn. (1996). "Health and Literacy Communities: Potential Partners in Practice." In: P. Sissel, (Ed.), *A Community-Based Approach to Literacy Programs: Taking Learners Lives into Account. New Directions in Adult and Continuing Education*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey Bass, Inc.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1996). "Reflection as Vision: Prospects for Literacy Programming." In: P. Sissel, (Ed.). *A Community-Based Approach to Literacy Programs: Taking Learners Lives into Account. New Directions in Adult and Continuing Education*. San Francisco, CA: Jossey Bass, Inc.

***Publications:  
Journal Articles and Published Proceedings***

- Sissel, Peggy A. (2000). "Our Students, Ourselves: Higher Education, Adult Learners, and the Politics of Adult Education." Preconference Monograph: *41st Annual Adult Education Research Conference, Vancouver, BC, June, 2000*.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1999). "Building Success of Adult Learners in Our Institutions: Lessons from Research and Practice." *Theory and Practice: A Selection of Papers from the Focus on Learning Conference, Spring, 1999*.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1997). "Participation and Learning in Project Head Start: A Socio-Political Analysis." *Adult Education Quarterly*, 47 (3-4) 123-139.
- Sissel, Peggy A., Margaret Birdsong, and Barbara Silaski. (1997). "A Room of One's Own:" A Phenomenological Investigation of Class, Age, Gender, and Politics of Institutional Change Regarding Adult Students on Campus." In: *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, R. Nolan, Editor. Stillwater, OK. May 16-18, 1997.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1997). "A Feminist Analysis of Educational Scholarship on Women: Twenty Years of Adult Education Literature." ERIC Document # ED400466.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1994). "Parents, Learning, and Project Head Start: A Socio-Political Analysis." *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, M. Hyams, J. Armstrong & E. Anderson, (Eds.), Knoxville, TN (1994 AERC Graduate Student Award Winner).
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1993). "A Feminist Analysis of Educational Scholarship on Women: Twenty Years of Adult Education Literature." *Proceedings of the 34th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, D. Flannery, (Ed.), University Park, PA
- Sissel, Peggy A., Catherine McKinney, John Peters, Thomas Heaney, and Shawna Butterwick. (1991). "Adult Education and Social Change: Questions for Scholarship and Practice." *Proceedings of the 32th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, M. Langebach (Ed.), Norman, OK
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1990). "Adult Education as Response to a Changing World: The Lessons of Chautauqua." *Journal of Lifelong Learning Research*. 2 (1) 31-37.

***Publications: Evaluation Reports***

- Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2002). *Volumes to Go Before We Rest: The Crisis of Low Literacy in Arkansas*. Little Rock, AR: AR Well Child READS!

- Sissel, Peggy A., Polly A. Davis, and Annette Greenland. (1999). *Resources Available to School Health Education Programs: A Report of Selected Agencies and Organizations in Arkansas*. Little Rock: Center for Applied Studies in Education, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
- Sissel, Peggy A., Polly A. Davis, and Joey Tan. (1998). *Implementation of the K-4 Crusades: An Evaluation of Use in Arkansas Schools*. Little Rock: Center for Research on Teaching and Learning, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1998). *An Interim Evaluation of the Accomplishments, Results, and Implications of Project Encourage*. Little Rock: Center for Research on Teaching and Learning, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock. February, 1998.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1998). *Final Report: A Scholarly Approach to The First-Year Experience: An Interdisciplinary Faculty Working Group*. Curriculum Grant Development Program, Office of the Provost, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1997). *Results of the Follow-Up Survey to Assess Quality Indicators in Reading Recovery*. Little Rock: Center for Research on Teaching and Learning, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1996). *Reading Recovery: Results of the Quality Assurance Pilot Survey, Spring/ Summer 1996*. Little Rock: Center for Research on Teaching and Learning, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
- Sissel, Peggy A., Robert Kennedy, Robert Bradley, & Ravic Ringlaben. (1996). *Student Team Learning in the Pulaski County Special School District: An Initial Evaluation*. Little Rock: Center for Research on Teaching and Learning, College of Education, University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1995). *Falling Through the Cracks: An Ethnographic Study of the Get Smart Delta Health Insurance Project*. Little Rock: Center for Applied Research and Evaluation, Dept. of Pediatrics, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences.

### ***Publications: Magazine Articles and Editorials***

- Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2012) "A Teachable Moment: Start at the Beginning to Tackle Illiteracy," Guest Writer Op-Ed, *Arkansas Democrat Gazette*, December
- Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2008) "Just What the Doctor Ordered: Read to Baby," *Little Rock Family*, April.
- Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2008) "Connecting with Kids: Ten Reasons Why Your Market Should." *Farmers' Markets Today*,
- Sissel-Phelan, Peggy A. (2007) "Connecting with Kids: Making Calories Count in Your Community," *Farmers' Markets Today*, November.

Sissel, Peggy A. (1989). "Documenting Volunteer Participation: Recording and Reporting Techniques for Volunteer Coordinators." *Voluntary Action Leadership*. Spring, 20-24.

Sissel, Peggy A. (1988). "For the Record: Effective Volunteer Management Through Documentation." *Voluntary Action Leadership*. Fall, 21-23.

### ***Research Presentations at Juried Conferences***

Sissel, Peggy A. (2000). "Our Students, Ourselves: Higher Education, Adult Learners, and the Politics of Adult Education." *41st Annual Adult Education Research Conference, Vancouver, BC, June, 2000*.

Sissel, Peggy A. (1999). Situating Adult Learners as "Working Class": Structural Factors Promoting the Marginalization of Adult Learners in Higher Education. *Working Class Academics 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference*. Little Rock, AR. June, 1999.

Sissel, Peggy A. (1999). Building Success of Adult Students in Our Institutions. *Focus on Learning Conference*. University of Arkansas, March, 1999.

Sissel, Peggy A. (1998). Building Student Success: A First Year Experience Course for Adults in Higher Education. *American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Annual Meeting*, Phoenix, AZ.

Sissel, Peggy A., Margaret Birdsong, and Barbara Silaski. (1997). "A Room of One's Own:" A Phenomenological Investigation of Class, Age, Gender, and Politics of Institutional Change Regarding Adult Students on Campus." In: Stillwater, OK. May 16-18, 1997.

Sissel, Peggy A, James M. Robbins, & Frank L. Farmer. (1996). "Perceptual Differences of Barriers to Health Care for Children in Two Delta Communities." *Southern Society for Pediatric Research*, New Orleans, LA.

Robbins, James M., J. Michael Tilford, Peggy A. Sissel, Frank L. Farmer, & S. Manjanatha. (1996). "Predictors of Health Care Utilization Among Children in the Mississippi Delta." *Southern Society for Pediatric Research*, New Orleans, LA.

Sissel, Peggy A. (1995). "Adult Literacy and Health: Are We Overlooking the Link?" *Commission of Adult Basic Education Annual Conference*, Little Rock, AR

Sissel, Peggy A. & James M. Robbins. (1995). "Health Services Research in Schools: Findings from an Ethnographic Study of the Get Smart Delta Health Insurance Project." *Southern Society for Pediatric Research*, New Orleans, LA.

Sissel, Peggy A. (1994). "Parents, Learning, and Project Head Start: A Socio-Political Analysis." *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, M. Hyams, J. Armstrong & E. Anderson, (Eds.), Knoxville, TN (1994 AERC Graduate Student Award Winner).

- Sissel, Peggy A. (1993). "A Feminist Analysis of Educational Scholarship on Women: Twenty Years of Adult Education Literature." *Proceedings of the 34th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, D. Flannery, (Ed.), University Park, PA
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1993). "Going Through Changes: Parents, Learning, and Project Head Start." *American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Annual Meeting*, Dallas, TX
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1992). "Scholarship on Women: Informing the Future by Reviewing the Past." *American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Annual Meeting*, Anaheim, CA
- Sissel, Peggy A., Catherine McKinney, John Peters, Thomas Heaney, and Shawna Butterwick. (1991). "Adult Education and Social Change: Questions for Scholarship and Practice." *Proceedings of the 32th Annual Adult Education Research Conference*, M. Langebach (Ed.), Norman, OK
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1990). "Adult and Continuing Education as Primary Response to an Epidemic: An Analysis of AIDS Education and Prevention Efforts in the U.S." *American Association for Adult and Continuing Education Annual Meeting*, Salt Lake City, UT
- Sissel, Peggy A. (1990). "Feminist Teaching Practices and AIDS: Analysis of Training Programs for AIDS Volunteers Using a Feminist Pedagogical Framework." *National Women's Studies Association Annual Conference*, Akron, OH
- Sissel, Peggy A. & Ralph D. Morris. (1988). "Innovative Programming in Public Health: Using Volunteers in Public Health Programming." *American Public Health Association Annual Meeting*, Boston, MA

### ***Invited Talks***

- "Social Learning Theory: An Overlooked Tool for Promoting Optimal Child Development," Zero to Three Court Team for Safe Babies Project: AR Pilot
- "Baby's Brain, Language, and Literacy: The Role of Reading in Infant Development" American Association for Family and Consumer Sciences, Alexandria, VA February, 2013
- "Food, Fun, and Families: Essential Ingredients in the Fight Against Childhood Obesity" Harding University, Searcy, AR November, 2012
- "WOW: Language, Literacy, and the Lives of Babies." Infant and Toddler Extravaganza, Little Rock, AR February, 2012
- "Words To Grow On: Supporting Reading Readiness." St. James Preschool, Parents Group, March, 2012
- "Independent Publishing: the Importance of Niche Marketing." Arkansas Pen Women Society, Little Rock, AR April, 2012
- "What Good is a Writer . . . Without a Reader?" White County Writers Festival, Searcy, AR September, 2011

- “Best Practices in Health Literacy: Plain Language.” Arkansas Public Health Association Annual Conference, Hot Springs, AR May, 2011
- “Baby’s Brain, Language, and Literacy: What Every Caregiver Needs to Know.” Infant and Toddler Extravaganza, Little Rock, AR February, 2011
- “Health Literacy.” Community Health Centers of Arkansas Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR May, 2010
- “Parent Involvement and Politics: Introducing *Parents Help in Lots of Ways*” Arkansas Literary Festival, Little Rock, AR April, 2010
- “Vegetables Count.” Arkansas Literary Festival, Little Rock, AR April, 2010
- “Designing Children’s Picture Books.” Arkansas Literary Festival, Little Rock, AR April, 2010
- “Brain Development and Reading to Infants.” HIPPIY Annual Conference, Little Rock, AR March, 2010
- “Introduction to Reach Out and Read.” Arkansas Children’s Hospital, General Pediatric Clinic, Nurses In-service training. Little Rock, AR (2009)
- “If You Love Me, Read to Me: The Importance of Books for Babies.” Little Rock School District Parenting Institute, Little Rock, AR (2008)
- “Publishing Children’s Books on Health and Wellness.” Pulaski County Special School District, Crystal Hill Elementary, Maumelle, AR (2008)
- “Women in Philanthropy: Historical Perspectives on Women’s Giving” Central Arkansas Association of Fund-Raising Professionals, Little Rock, AR (2005)
- “Women’s Work: Math and Science of Course!” Annual Meeting of the American Association of University Women, Central Arkansas Chapter, Conway, AR (2005)
- “Gender Equity – Salary Equity: The Critical Role of Math and Science: ” NOW, Pulaski County Chapter, Little Rock, AR (2005).
- “Early Literacy Intervention: The Importance of Books for Babies.” Arkansas Library Association, Ferndale, AR (2004)
- “Literacy and Health: Implications for Practice.” Central Arkansas Dietetic Association, Little Rock, AR (2004).
- “A Healthy Partnership: Linking Family Literacy and Food Pantries. Arkansas Hunger Coalition, Little Rock, AR (2004).
- “Literacy and Health: Applying Research to Practice.” An Introduction to Practicum for Graduating Professionals in Dietetics. Allied Health Professions, UAMS. Little Rock, AR (2004)

- “Literacy and Health” Making the Link. Community Forum #4. AR Well Child READs!, Jonesboro, AR (2003)
- “Literacy and Health” Making the Link. Community Forum #3. AR Well Child READs!, Pine Bluff, AR (2003)
- “Literacy and Health” Making the Link. Community Forum #2. AR Well Child READs!, Little Rock, AR (2003)
- “Literacy and Health” Making the Link. Community Forum #1. AR Well Child READs!, Little Rock, AR (2003)
- “Thinking Critically About Capacity: Reflections from Research and Practice.” San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA. May, 1999.
- “Still Marginal Though Majority: Situating Adult Learners in Higher Education.” Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. April, 1999.
- “Thinking Critically About Capacity: Reflections from Research and Practice.” Invited Lecture: Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. April, 1999.
- “When ‘Accommodation’ is Resistance: Towards a Critical Discourse on the Politics of Adult Education” Scholars Retreat, Cyril O. Houle Scholars in Adult and Continuing Education Program, Athens, GA (March, 1999).
- “Politics and Research on Adults in Higher Education - A Panel Discussion.” Research and Theory Special Interest Group. Annual Meeting of the Commission of Professors of Adult Education, Cincinnati, OH November, 1998)
- “Building Student Success: A First-Year Experience Course for Adults.” Harvill Higher Education Conference, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. November, 1998.
- “Project Encourage: Adult Student Advocacy.” Harvill Higher Education Conference, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. November, 1998.
- “The Meaning of a Mission: Head Start, HRD, and Implications for Staff Development in Educational Settings.” Iowa State University, Ames, IA, April, 1998.
- From “Nontraditional” to the “New Majority:” Situating Adult Learners in Higher Education for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” Iowa State University, Ames, IA, April, 1998.
- “Is Questioning the Answer? Linking Collaborative Critical Reflection to Organizational Transformation.” Iowa State University, Ames, IA, April, 1998.
- “When ‘Accommodation’ is Resistance: Towards a Critical Discourse on the Politics of Adult Education” Scholars Retreat, Cyril O. Houle Scholars in Adult and Continuing Education Program, Athens, GA (March, 1998).

“Father Involvement in the Lives of Head Start Children and Participation in Head Start.” Head Start-University Partnership Research Meeting, Alexandria VA, November, 1997.

“The Politics of Inclusion in Adult Education: Merging The Ivory Tower and the Capitol Dome – A Panel Discussion.” Annual Meeting of the Commission of Professors of Adult Education, Cincinnati, OH (October, 1997)

“Making Space: Adult Education Scholarship and the Response to the Black and Blue Book.” Commission of Professors of Adult Education Annual Meeting. Kansas City, KS. (March, 1996)

“Women and People of Color: Student Evaluation and Assessment Issues.” American Association of Adult and Continuing Education Annual Meeting. Kansas City, KS (March, 1996)

### *University Teaching Experience*

#### **Courses Taught**

Psychology of Adult Learning

Organization and Administration of Adult Education

Directed Readings in Educational Administration

#### **Academic Guest Lectures**

Program Evaluation in Education, “Qualitative Data Analysis in Evaluation.” (July, 1999).

Special Topics in Adult Education, “Situating Adults in Higher Education.” (October, 1998).

Introduction to Research Methods, “Qualitative Research: Alternative Paradigms of Reality, New Frames of Thought.” (March, 1996).

Doctoral Seminar, Doctoral Program in Educational Administration, “Qualitative Research: Alternative Paradigms of Reality, New Frames of Thought.” (November, 1996).

Introduction to Research Methods, “Qualitative Research: Alternative Paradigms of Reality, New Frames of Thought.” (October, 1995).

Teaching Adults, “Learning Styles and Teaching Styles: Ramifications for Adult Education.”(April, 1995).

#### **Advisor to Masters and Doctoral Committees**

Mary E. Guinn. (1997). The Effects of Academic Preparation on Leadership Effectiveness of Novice Elementary Principals in the State of Arkansas. Doctoral Dissertation

Stacy E Williams. (1998). Case Study of the Attitudes, Beliefs, and Perceptions of Public and Non-Public first Year Elementary School Principals as They Relate to Parent Involvement. Doctoral Dissertation.

Leslie Dudley Corbell. (2000). A Case Study of Approaches to Advocacy with Parents for Gifted and Talented Programs. Master's Thesis

### ***Professional Consulting***

Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care, Head Start Health Literacy Intervention Project.  
Little Rock, AR (2008 - 2010)

New York City Greenmarket Program, Youth Education. Office of the Mayor, New York,  
New York. (2008)

Pulaski County Single Parent Scholarship Program (2005- 2006)

Arkansas Health Department, WIC Program (2004 – 2005)

Arkansas Department of Economic Development (2003)

River Bear Farms - NFT Hydroponic Project, Little Rock, AR (2002)

National Institute for Literacy (2001 - 2002)

World Education (2001)

Office of Disability Support Services, UALR (1999-00)

Arkansas Department of Education – Office of Comprehensive School Health (1998-00)

Southern Coalition for Health Literacy (1998)

K-4 Arkansas Science Crusade, Department of Higher Education (1997-8)

WESTAT Corporation, Delta Nutrition Intervention Research Initiative Validation Study (1997)

Gender and the First-Year Residency Study, Area Health Education Centers (AHECs),  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (1997)

Area Health Education Centers (AHECs), Literacy and Health Project, University of Arkansas  
for Medical Sciences (1997)

Reading Recovery, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (1996-8)

Department of Psychiatry, Physician Perceptions of Psychiatry Standards/Practice Guidelines,  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (1997 - 1998)

Office of Campus and Community Partnerships, Service Learning Project, University of Arkansas at  
Little Rock (1996)

Adult Student Campus Connection, University of Arkansas at Little Rock (1995)  
Pulaski County Special School District (1995-7)

Department of Psychiatry/VA Medical Center, Development of A Schizophrenic Assessment Module, Triplet Study, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (1995-6)

USDA Delta Nutrition Research Program. Little Rock, AR (1995)

Project Get Smart, Department of Pediatrics, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (1994-6)

Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) Telemedicine Evaluation, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (1995)

New Brunswick Public School District (1990-2)

Middlesex County Head Start (1991-2)

New Jersey Association for Lifelong Learning (1990)