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EDUCATION

MLS: School of Library & Information Science, Long Island University. 2003.

BA: Pace University. 1998. *Magna Cum Laude*

SPECIAL INTEREST

Early brain development/critical period of early childhood development birth-1 year/ parent-child informal interactions/infants and informal learning experiences/early childhood community agencies serving the underserved.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Kent State University's Reinberger Children's Library Center 2017-Present * Develop an annual strategic plan for the Reinberger Children's Library Center (RCLC) that aligns with Kent State University's Priorities and University-Level Initiatives. *Organize, plan and convene conferences, events and symposia related to children's services in libraries, Pre-K-12 schools and community agencies. *Direct and collaborate with the RCLC Advisory Board and youth faculty to increase the School's visibility, rankings; provide platforms to share research, policy development, and field-related information, such as symposia, conferences, forums. *Heighten visibility on social media via FaceBook, Pinterest, YouTube and various social networking platforms; present on activities and initiatives at various conferences and events; publish on collection in practitioner/research journals. *Serve as a liaison to department heads of the University and other functional groups to coordinate and implement on-campus partnerships, outreach partnerships and donor relations with regards to the RCLC. *Represent the Reinberger Children's Library Resource Center on various regional and state committees (e.g., Virginia Hamilton Advisory Board, Arnold Adoff Poetry Award Committee/Special Collections Advisory Boards, etc.). *Design and oversee expenditures of RCLC budget allocations within the constraints of approved annual budget; Managed/Coordinated 8 large federally funded grants, totaling over 2million dollars; work with iSchool Business Manager to monitor private funds related to the RCLC.

ACADEMIC/TEACHING EXPERIENCE 1996-Present *Ongoing guest

lectures/tours/presentations/workshops featuring the collections and use of the RCLC, 2017 - present

* Instructor, Kent State University, College of Communications and Information: Teach First Year Experience undergraduate course, 2018 to present.

* High School Teacher, Croton Harmon High School, Croton Harmon New York, 1999-2001: Taught technology, such as digital video editing to grades 9th – 12th, supervised senior Capstone projects.

*Workshops with National First Ladies Library (NFL), (February 2007 & March 2007)

*Writer/Producer, 1996-Present: Reinberger Reviewers, a kid book review series on YouTube; Produce, direct and edit educational videos to enhance curriculum and parental involvement; Instructional design work for digital productions, news writing and advertising; Freelance work for Lancit Media Productions (Producers of Reading Rainbow), an Emmy Award winning children's television production company; Outbound Discovery Channel's Discovery Kids; American Cancer Society

ADDITIONAL POSITIONS HELD 1989-2017 Project/Grant Coordinator/Freelance

Writer/Producer/Instructional Design/Children's Librarian /Media Specialist/High School

Instructor/Preschool Director/Preschool Teacher

PUBLICATIONS

Young Adult Book: Unraveling. Delacorte Books for Young Readers. July 2008. (Starred reviewed in Publishers Weekly: <https://www.publishersweekly.com/978-0-385-73540-7>)

JOURNAL ARTICLES/BLOG CHILDREN'S BOOK REVIEWS

Article Series (5 Peer-reviewed): Baldini, M. & Harper, M. (2008-2011). Making Correlations. *Knowledge Quest* 36(4, 5).

<http://www.ala.org/ala/aasl/aaslpubsandjournals/kqweb/kqarchives/volume36/364/354harper.cfm>

Baldini, Michelle (2017-Present): Ongoing book review and blog posts for Reinberger Children's Library Center. <https://reinbergerchildrensbookreviews.org/>

Baldini, Michelle (2016). Research Opportunities Abound at the Reinberger Children's Library Center: A Collection of Special Collections. School Library Connection.

Baldini, M., & Martens, M. (2016). Out of the Box and Into the Book: Innovative Library Partnerships to Close the 30 Million Word Gap. *Children and Libraries*, 14(1), 12. doi: 10.5860/cal.14n1.12

Brodie, Carolyn S., **Baldini, M.**, Byerly, Greg (2007). Institute for Library and Information Literacy Education. *School Library Media Activities Monthly*, 23(5), 23-25.

Baldini, M. (2007). Correlation Project: How to Correlate a Collection to Standards: An ILILE

Demonstration Project. Baldini, Michelle (2008). Principal's Project: ILILE's Newest Initiative.

School Library Media Activities Monthly, 25(15),

Baldini, Michelle (2008). The Principal's Project: helping administrators to better understand the role of the certified library media specialist. *Ohio Media Spectrum*, 60(1), 24-27.

Baldini, Michelle (2006). ILILE Supplies Educational Resources, Information Literacy Tools and Important Data for a New Ground-Breaking Study. *OELMA Ohio Media Spectrum*, 58(1), 20.

Invited Papers/Presentations/Invited Book Talks and Signings

Ongoing guest lectures/docent tours/presentations/workshops featuring the collections and use of the RCLC, 2017 – present/Ohio Educational Library Media Association. Columbus, OH. Fall 2016/Virginia Hamilton Conference on Multicultural Literature for Youth, Kent, OH. Spring 2014/Paper presented at the Virginia Hamilton Conference on Multicultural Literature for Youth, Kent, Ohio. Spring 2013/Ohio Author Book Fair for Hudson Library & Historical Society. April 2011/Kent State University Bookstore. November 2008/AuthorPaloosa event for Ohio Educational Library Media Association. October 2008/Borders, Chapel Hill Mall. Akron, Ohio, 2008/Joseph-Beth Booksellers. November 2008/Barnes & Noble. Shaker Heights, Ohio. December 2008./Barnes and Nobel, Mohegan Lake, NY. March 2008./Northeast Ohio Regional Library System's Teens and

Libraries 2007, 2008/Professional Writing Partnerships Ohio Educational Library Media Association Annual Conference Fall 2008/Ohio Educational Library Media Association, October 2007, Dayton, Ohio./Institute for Library and Information Literacy Education AASL 13th National Conference, Exploratorium Fall 2007/ Ohio Educational Library Media Association. Dayton, OH. Fall 2007/Ohio Educational Library Media Association, Fall 2007./North East Ohio Regional Library System Summer 2006./

Professional Certifications/Awards/ Memberships/Appointments/Service

Permanent New York State Teaching Certification/School Library Media Specialist/Teaching Certification for Ohio State/Public Librarian's Professional Certificate/2013 Mothers, Mentors & Muses Honoree/2008 Starred review, Publishers Weekly/International Directory of Special Collections in Children's and Young Adult Literature Board Member (2019– Present)/Virginia Hamilton Conference on Multicultural Literature for Youth Board Member (2009 – Present)/Arnold Adoff Poetry Award for New Voices (2015 – Present)/American Library Association (2006 – Present)/Association for Library Service to Children (2006 – Present)/Society of Children's Book Writers & Illustrators (2006 – Present)/Marantz Picturebook Research Symposium Advisory Board (2015 – Present)/Young Adult Library Services Association (2008 – 2016)/American Association of School Librarians (2006 – 2016)/Ohio Educational Library Association (2006 –2016)/Liaison-ILILE-OELMA (2006-2016)/Grace House Committee Member (2018-present).