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Education:

Master of Education
Boston College, 1980
Special Education and Rehabilitation: Vision Studies

Bachelor of Science
University of Massachusetts at Amherst, 1979
Psychology and Teacher Education: General Science

Summary:

Accomplished administrator, community organizer, grant writer and program developer with 28 years of experience in the content areas of Education and Rehabilitation. Established the
Northeast

Regional Center for Vision Education with a fundraising portfolio that has resulted in bringing to
the

University over 7 million dollars of federal, state, and private resources while advancing three nationally accredited online degree programs in visual impairments.

- Program Administration
- Fundraising: State, Federal and Private
- Budget Management
- Community Organizer
- Grant Writing and Fundraising
- Curriculum Development
- Capacity Building
- Community Partnerships
- National Recognition Federal Office of Rehabilitation Service Administration
- National Recognition Federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

University Experience

2008-2009

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION TEAM
GRADUATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

This special appoint by the Dean of the College of Education and approved by the faculty and Provost was established was established in response to a immediate need for a Department Chair while a national open rank position was posted and an individual hired. This one year appointment requires academic oversight of 900 graduate students 15 faculty and 10 academic programs.

2003-2008

**DIRECTOR; NORTHEAST REGIONAL CENTER FOR VISION EDUCATION,
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON, INSTITUTE FOR
COMMUNITY INCLUSION, GRADUATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

This current position was established in 2003and serves to support the primary administration of the center while monitoring federal state and local priorities. The fiscal responsibilities include supporting an annual budget of approximately\$800,000. The Center employs 7 full time staff and provides scholarship opportunities to 100-120 graduate students annually. Accomplishments include the establishment of a state faculty line advancing the sustainability of the academic programs while maintaining continued support of community partnerships and financial contributions. Outcomes of most recent grant and contract efforts include:

- 1.5 million dollars in federal support (2008-2012)
- 6 New England State Education Agency contracts totaling \$150,000 (FY 08-09)
- Boston Public Schools of \$500,000 2007-2010.

1992-2003

**COORDINATOR; VISION STUDIES ACADEMIC PROGRAMS
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BOSTON, INSTITUTE FOR
COMMUNITY INCLUSION, GRADUATE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION.**

Fundraising, development and administration of federally funded graduate pre-service program in Orientation and Mobility, Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments and Rehabilitation Teachers. Accomplishments include 11 years of continuous and expanded federal and state support, academic program development and community engagement.

- Fundraising and Development: Teacher of Students with Visual Impairments Program and associated Masters Degree
- Successful University Review with Massachusetts Department of Education state licensure approval 2002
- Fundraising and Development: Orientation and Mobility Graduate Certificate and associated Masters of Education Degree
- Successful University Review with Orientation and Mobility National Professional Accreditation AERBVI 1993-2009
- Fundraising and Development: Rehabilitation Teachers Curriculum
- Rehabilitation Teachers: National Professional Accreditation AERBVI 1995- 1998. Program was put on hold due to higher priorities and decreased federal resources. This program is being re-introduced with a recent new federal award 2008-2013

University Teaching and Recent National Presentations

University of Massachusetts-Boston, 1992-present: SPE 641,640, 698 and 613

National OSEP Project Directors Conference 2008 Washington DC “Meeting the Need for Low Incidence Pre-service Personnel”

National OSEP Project Directors Conference 2007 Washington DC “Maximizing Regional Resources to meet Low Incidence Needs”

University of Northern Colorado, National Center for Low Incidence Disabilities Staff Meeting, Greeley Colorado September 2006 Implementing The National Plan for Pre-service Personnel in Visual Impairments

American Foundation ft Blind, 2005 Josephine Taylor National Leadership Conference “Maximizing Regional Resources to meet Low Incidence Needs”

New England State Directors of Special Education, September 2004, Implementing the National Plan for Pre-service Personnel in Visual Impairments.

Association for Education and Rehabilitation Visual Impairments, Atlanta Georgia July 2004, Northeast Regional Center For Vision education at the University of Massachusetts

Direct Services Experience

1986-1992 **DIRECTOR, ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY SERVICES; MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND**
 Supervised and directed the provision and purchase of Orientation and Mobility services to legally blind clients throughout the state within the Vocational, Social and Independent Living programs funded by the state agency. Within the position I served as a consultant to community organizations cities and towns on access related issues as they pertain to visual impairment. Managed fiscal operations within the department with an operating budget of \$146,000, and a staff of seven part time employees.

1980- 1986 **DIRECT SERVICES, MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION FOR THE BLIND.**
 Supported individual written rehabilitation plans of adults who are visually impaired or blind.

Federal Awards:

2008 -2013	Rehabilitation Service Administration <i>New England Regional Distance Education Program</i> <i>Vision Rehabilitation Therapists and Orientation Mobility</i> \$500,000 R.McCulley, L. Bozeman
2008-2012	Office of Special Education Programs <i>New England Regional Distance Education Program:</i> <i>Low Incidence Teachers of Students Visual Impairments</i> \$800, 000 R.McCulley L Bozeman
2007-2011	Office of Special Education Programs New England Regional Distance Education Program: Low Incidence Teachers of Students Visual Impairments \$800, 000 R.McCulley L; Bozeman
2003-2008	Office of Special Education Programs New England Regional Distance Education Program: Low Incidence Related Services Orientation and Mobility \$1.25 million R.McCulley W. Kiernan
2002-2007	Office of Special Education Programs New England Regional Distance Education Program: Low Incidence Teachers of Students Visual Impairments \$1.5 million R.McCulley W. Kiernan
1998-2002	Office of Special Education Programs Teacher Preparation Related Services Orientation and Mobility \$450,000 R. McCulley, W Kiernan
1995-1998	Rehabilitation Service Administration

	Experimental and Innovative Training R.McCulley, W.Kiernan	\$300,000
1993- 1996	Rehabilitation Service Administration Long-Term Training Grant: Rehabilitation Teacher .Teaching R.McCulley, W Kiernan	\$300,000
1992-1996	Office of Special Education Programs Teacher Preparation Related Services Orientation and Mobility R. McCulley, W. Kiernan	\$400,000
1992-1995	Rehabilitation Service Administration Long-Term Training Grant: Orientation and Mobility R McCulley, W Kiernan	\$300,000
State Contracts		
2008-2009	Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	\$40,000
2008-2009	Massachusetts Department of Secondary and Elementary Education Summer Institute: Sustaining Braille Proficiency	\$40,000
2008-2009	New Hampshire Department of Education Pre-service and Professional Development VI	\$40,000
2007-2008	Massachusetts Department Of Education State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	\$50,000
2007-2008	Sherlock Center Rhode Island College State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	\$15,000
2006-2009	Vermont Association FT Blind and Visually Impaired State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	\$30,000
2006-20097	New Hampshire Department of Education Pre-service and Professional Development VI	\$30,000
2006-2007	Sherlock Center Rhode Island College State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	\$15,000
2006-2007	Massachusetts Department of Education State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	\$50,000
2006-2007	Connecticut Department of Education State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment	\$30,000

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2003-2004	Massachusetts Department of Education State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	\$30,000
2003-2004	Massachusetts Department of Education Summer Institute: Learning Media Assessment	\$30,000
2003-2004	Massachusetts Department of Education	\$30,000

Summer Institute: Teaching Mathematics VI

2003-2004	Maine Department of Education	\$30,000
	State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	
2002-2003	New Hampshire Department of Education Pre-service and Professional Development VI	\$30,000
2002-2003	Connecticut Department of Education State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	\$30,000
2002-2003	Massachusetts Department of Education Pre-service and Professional Development VI	\$30,000
2001-2003	Maine Department of Education State support of Regional Pre-service Visual Impairment Program	\$30,000
2001-2003	New Hampshire Department of Education Pre-service and Professional Development VI	\$30,000
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Other Contracts:

2007-2010	Boston Public Schools	\$500,000
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Direct service contract to supplement the professional resources available to the Unified Related Services Office of Boston Public Schools. Funding utilized for paid student residency program in urban school settings.

2004-2007	Boston Public Schools	\$460,000
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1998-1999	Vision Foundation Contract	\$20,000
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Contract providing rehabilitation supports to adults with visual impairments related to AIDS

Private Foundation Grants/Gifts

2007-2008	Rhode Island Foundation: E-Mentorship Grant	\$ 40,700
2007 -2008	Alden Foundation: Vision Technology Fund	\$ 10,500
2007-2008	Alice Dorr Foundation Funds: Vision Technology	\$5,000
2007-2008	Marcy Scott Donation: Vision Technology Fund	\$6,000

University Service:

Institute for Community Inclusion Management Team	2000-2008
Department of Curriculum and Instruction: Curriculum Review Committee	2007-2009
Faculty Search Committee Vision Studies: Dr Laura Bozeman	2005-2006
Cultural Diversity Sub Committee	2004-2005
Faculty Senate: Institute Representative	1998- 2000
Faculty Senate Office of Secretary	1997-1998

Related Community Service while employed at the University of Massachusetts

Regional Professional Association Board Member: NEAER	1995-2005
Regional Professional Association NEAER: Awards Committee	1995-2002
Volunteer National Professional Association University Review Committee AERBVI	1997-1999
National Professional Association Sub Committee on Distance Education	1996 - 1997
National Professional Association AERBVI Board:	1995 - 1996
National Professional Association Division 9AERBVI Regional Director	1992 - 1995

Awards and Nominations

Chancellors Achievement Award Nomination: Honorable Mention	2008
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University Continuing Education Association Faculty Award	2004
Regional Professional Association NEAER: Excellence in Rehabilitation Award,	1999

PUBLICATIONS

Bozeman, L.A. & McCulley, R.M. (2009, under review). Teaching Orientation to Children and Adults. *Foundations of Orientation and Mobility, Volume II, Chapter 2.*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles and Abstracts

Bozeman, L.A. & McCulley, R.M. (2008, under review). Maximizing resources: Meeting the critical need for highly-qualified teachers in visual impairment. *AER Journal: Research and Practice in Visual Impairment and Blindness.*

McCulley, R. M. (2008). Maximizing resources to address low incidence needs. *Proceedings of the OSEP Project Directors Conference.* Washington, D.C.