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CURRICULUM VITAE

**ACADEMIC DEGREES**

- 1988 Doctor of Philosophy (Educational Psychology)  
University of Connecticut, U.S.A. (Awarded August 1988)  
Major Areas: Curriculum Development; Research and Evaluation;  
Special Education: Gifted  
Theory and Research in Curriculum  
Curriculum Seminar  
Doctoral Seminar  
Investigating Special Topics  
Futuristics in Education  
Computers in Education  
Teaching and Learning in an Information Society  
Quantitative Methods in Research I,II  
Methods and Techniques of Educational Research  
Education of the Gifted  
Creativity  
Methods and Materials of Teaching the Gifted  
Summer Institute on the Gifted  
Practicum: Gifted Education  
Dissertation Preparation
- 1978 Bachelor of Arts Honours in Psychology (**Graduate Degree**)  
University of South Africa (Awarded April 1978)  
Personality and Developmental Psychology  
Psychopathology and Social Pathology  
Clinical and Social Psychology  
Research Methodology
- 1974 Bachelor of Education (Professional **Graduate Degree** in Educational Psychology) University of Natal, South Africa (Awarded March 1974)  
Psychology of Education  
Philosophy of Education  
Educational Retardation (Special Education)  
Juvenile Delinquency (Alternative Education)  
Educational and Psychological Guidance and Counseling

- 1972 Secondary Teachers Diploma (Includes National Certification)  
University of Cape Town (Awarded December 1972)  
Class Teaching  
History of Education  
Methodology of Education  
Psychology of Education  
Theory of Education  
English Methodology  
School Psychology  
Career Guidance  
Creative Drama, Art, Music
- 1968 Bachelor of Arts (Undergraduate Degree)  
University of Natal, South Africa (Awarded March 1972)  
English I II III  
Psychology I II III  
Sociology I  
Philosophy I  
Afrikaans/Nederlands I  
German  
Speech and Drama I
- 1979-1980 Fine and Applied Art
- Vrije Academie Voor Beeldende Kunsten, The Hague, Netherlands.
  - Drawing, Etching, Ceramics, Lithography, Photography, Textiles, Sculpture
- 1969 Private Secretaries Certificate
- Witwatersrand Technikon, South Africa (Awarded December 1969)
  - Shorthand, Typing, Commercial English, Afrikaans, Department, Communication, Office Management

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

### **FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE LOAD**

1997- Current Department of Educational Studies, University of Central Florida:

#### **2003-2011**

#### **Instructor**

Courses Taught:

- EDG2701 Teaching Diverse Populations 3 semester units
- EDF2085 Introduction to Diversity for Educators 3 semester units
- EDF4603 Critical Issues in Education 3 semester units
- EDF4603 Analysis of Ethical, Legal and Safety Issues in Schools (3)
- EDF6608 Social Factors in Education 3 Semester units
- EDF6886 Multicultural Education 3 Semester units

- EGI 6051 Understanding the Gifted/Talented Student 3 semester units
- EGI 6245 Program planning/methodology for gifted students (3)
- EGI 6246 Education of Special Populations of Gifted Students (3)
- EGI 6305 The Nature and Development of Creative Thinking (3)
- SDS 6426 Guidance and Counseling of Gifted and Talented Individuals (3)
- Coordinator of IMAGE Office of International, Multicultural and Global Education, Diversity Week Program for College of Education.(1999-2005)
- Coordinator of Masters in Curriculum and Instruction: Gifted Education Program and Endorsement Certificate in Gifted Education
- Preparation for Online Learning – conversion of courses for Gifted Education to online format from Fall 2005 for certificate program; conversion to W format for EDF4603; EDF6886; conversion of courses to M format: EDG2701; EDF2085.
- Conducted Study Abroad Programs: Netherlands (2005); South Africa (2006); United Kingdom (Summer A 2010. 2011).

### **1999-2003 Visiting Instructor**

#### **Courses Taught:**

- EDG2005. Introduction to Education 3 semester units
- EDG2701 Teaching Diverse Populations 3 semester units
- EDF4603 Critical Issues in Education 3 semester units
- EDF6608 Social Factors in Education 3 Semester units
- EDF6886 Multicultural Education 3 Semester units
- EGI 6245 Program planning/methodology for gifted students (3)
- EGI 6246 Education of Special Populations of Gifted Students (3)
- EGI 6051 Understanding the Gifted/Talented Student 3 semester units
- Coordinator of Office of Global/Multicultural Education, Diversity Week Program for College of Education.
- Coordinator of Masters in Curriculum and Instruction: Gifted Education Program
- Co-Principal Investigator: 2002-3 DOE Challenge Grant: Working on Gifted Issues (WOGI)

### **1997-1999 Adjunct Faculty**

- EDG2005. Introduction to Education 3 semester units
- EDG4321. Teaching Strategies I 3 semester units
- EDF3930. Teaching Diverse Populations 3 semester units

### **1993-1994 Project Coordinator,**

- Conn Chair for Gifted Education, University of Lamar, Beaumont, Texas.
- TEA/Javits Grant: Project Step-Up/Evenstart. In collaboration with Beaumont Independent School District implemented grant in 5 Title I Schools: Identification, assessment and evaluation of children, development of curriculum materials and teacher training, planning and implementation of adult literacy/education program. Administration of grant: documentation, budget, report.
- Survey of Gifted Education Programs in Texas

- Leadership Training in Aldine School District
- Designed and Implemented "Kollege for Kids" Saturday School for Gifted
- International Students Winter Leadership Program.

**1980-1992 Director, Head of Department**

- Schmerenbeck Educational Centre for Gifted and Talented Children; University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa

**1981-1984 Lecturer**

- Department of Education, University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa,

**1977-1979 Education Officer and Teacher Pre-K, K to 5.**

- Randburg Town Council,, South Africa
- Windsor-West and Blairgowrie Centre : Organized preschool program, after-school education
- Management of Centre: budget, reports, staffing, teaching.

**1974-1976 Teacher and Counselor 6-12.**

- Port Shepstone High School, Natal, South Africa in English; Guidance and Counseling;
- Blairgowrie High School, South Africa in English; Guidance and Counseling;

**OTHER COLLEGIATE ASSIGNMENTS**

- Coordinator of Masters in Teacher Leadership: Gifted Education Program  
<http://education.ucf.edu/gifted>
- Coordinator of Certificate in Gifted Education Program  
<http://education.ucf.edu/gifted>
- Co-Principal Investigator: 2002-3 DOE Challenge Grant: Working on Gifted Issues (WOGI) <http://www.unfwogi.com/>

**NON-TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS**

- Member of the Council for the Morgridge International Reading Center 2010-2012
- Chairperson of CIRCLE (Collaboration for International Research, Communication and Learning in Education) 2010 – 2011; 2011 - 2012  
<http://education.ucf.edu/international>
- Coordinator of IMAGE Diversity Week Program for College of Education – 1999-2004.
- Coordinator of Service Learning for Introduction to Diversity for Educators
- Lead Teacher for Multicultural Education and Introduction to Diversity for Educators
- Designed and Implemented ESOL activities for Introduction to Diversity for Educators; completed 60 hours of ESOL Training, Bilingual.
- Faculty Development – Attended FCTL Institutes: Summer 2011: Collaborative Study Abroad to New Zealand (Philosophy Department), Summer 2010

- (Development of Field Experience Course for International Programs), Summer 2009 (ESOL Modules Revision); 2007 Modification of the course EGI6305, The Nature and Development of Creativity, to a Study Abroad format with an international focus. 2005 (Service Learning). 2006 (Infusion of NAGC/NCATE Standards into Gifted Program); 2005 (Study Abroad – collaborative project with Biology).
- Technology: Completed IDL Certificate Fall 2004 developing EGI6041 Understanding Gifted and Talented Student; Mentor to ADL Summer 2011
  - Use of WEBCOURSES for all courses, Development of websites:
    - Multicultural Education <http://education.ucf.edu/multicul>
    - International Education website <http://education.ucf.edu/international>
    - Gifted Education Program <http://education.ucf.edu/gifted>
  - Completed LIVETEXT training 2004
  - Advisor: Elementary Education Students 2009; Gifted Education Certificate, Masters. Doctoral Students (Committee) – current.
  - Development of Netherlands, Nijmegen Study Abroad Program for Summer A 2005 Modification of syllabus and curricula for Study Abroad to Online format for courses:
    - EDG2701 Teaching Diverse Populations; EDF4603 Critical Issues in Education; EDF6886 Multicultural Education; EDF6608 Social Factors in Education
  - Development of South African Study Abroad Program for Summer A 2006 Modification of syllabus and curricula for Study Abroad to Online format for courses:
    - EDG2701 Teaching Diverse Populations; EDF4603 Critical Issues in Education; EDF6886 Multicultural Education; EDF6608 Social Factors in Education
  - Development of MARJON, Plymouth, UK Study Abroad Program for Summer 2010 Modification of syllabus and curricula for Study Abroad to Online format for courses:
    - EDG2701 Teaching Diverse Populations; EDF4603 Critical Issues in Education; EDF6886 Multicultural Education; International Service Learning.

## **RESEARCH**

### **FUNDED GRANTS**

- Challenge Grant with Osceola County 2010-2011: FORGE (Fostering Opportunity and Renewal in Gifted Education).
- Coordination/Implementation Committee, 2002-2005 US Department of Education, FIPSE (Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education) To develop ways of preparing teachers to work with underachievement by allowing teacher candidates global mobility to enable them to learn specific approaches for assisting at-risk students.
- International Internships - Children At-Risk in Education (C.A.R.E.)

- Learning to work with failing children-A curriculum of social inclusion
- Coordinator, 2003-2004 Multicultural Stories Project, LIFE Grant, UCF. Office of International, Global and Multicultural Education IMAGE,
- Coordinator, Data Analysis 1993-4 Federal Javits Grant, (Project STEP-UP) at Lamar University, Texas
- Project Coordinator 1993-4 of Texas Education Agency Grant, (EVENSTART), Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas
- Co-Principal Investigator 2002-2003: Secured and developed Challenge Grant, Working on Gifted Issues (WOGI) for Florida Department of Education through the Panhandle Consortium (PAEC) updating the Gifted Endorsement Certification Modules for State of Florida

### UNFUNDED PROPOSALS

- 2011 Challenge Grant for Seminole County – Global Innovations for Teachers (GIFT).
- Dr Gillian Eriksson; Dr Trae Stewart (2009) ASPIRE : Accelerating Student Potential Initiative Through Rewarding Enrichment
- 2005 International Grant – Project PROTOCOL – Dr K. Biraimah; Dr J Kaplan; Dr R Hewitt, Dr W Gaudelli. Dr G Eriksson – Not Funded.
- In Planning: 2005 Project ENHANCE: Educating Needed High Ability Immigrant Children through Enrichment. Principal Investigator. Collaborative Grant with Volusia County Gifted Education Programs.
- 2004 Local Coordinator: DISCOVER, Problem-Based Learning, and School-Wide Enrichment in Math and Science. National Science Foundation. C. J. Maker, PhD, Professor, University of Arizona, Principal Investigator; R. H. Zimmerman, Professor, University of Florida, Co-Principal Investigator – Not funded.
- 2005 Relocation of Headquarters for the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. April 2005. *Faculty : Eriksson Sluti, Dr K. Biraimah, Dr J Platt, Dr D. Leinsing, Dr S Martin – Not funded.*
- Relocation of the Future Problem Solving Program to UCF. July 2005. Marianne Freedman. Currently in Planning.

### RESEARCH

2008 - An examination of critical issues impacting “underserved gifted/high ability” students, their identification and education – a comparative research study. South Africa. Professional Development Leave Report – Fall 2008

2008 – Eriksson, G; Smolenaers, L. An examination of the reading achievement scores of bilingual and multilingual gifted and non-gifted students. Collaborative Research with Orange County Public Schools – Gifted Education.

2007 – A study of authentic assessments and diverse methods of teaching Critical Issues in Education.

2004-2005 The Impact of Appropriate Curriculum Extension on the Creative Productivity of Gifted Global Nomads.

2004-2005 The Effectiveness of Undergraduate International Internship Exchange Programs.

1998-1999 Meeting the needs of Adjunct Faculty through online data information. Collaborative Project with Dr Bruce Wilson, Political Science. Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.

1993 Analysis of the impact of enrichment program on the achievement and abilities of Title I underserved gifted and talented students. Project Step-Up (Javits Grant) and Project Step-Up/Evenstart (Texas Education Agency)

1988 Dissertation: University of Connecticut  
"A Study of the Creative Productivity of High-Ability Students Mediated by Locus of Control and Self-Efficacy Through a Forecasting Network Intervention"

1988 A Study of the television viewing behavior and creative thinking of high ability students (University of the Witwatersrand).

1984 The effect of a thinking skills program on the locus of control, self-concept and creativity of gifted students (University of Witwatersrand)

1983 A comparison of two approaches to training communication skills in socio-economically disadvantaged, minority high-ability students. (PACE High School, SOWETO, South Africa).

1983 The effect of an enrichment program on the self-concept of gifted students. (Schmerenbeck Educational Center, South Africa).

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **EDITORSHIPS**

Gifted Education International, Associate Editor, ABA Publishers, OXON, U.K.  
2000-current

Editorial Board: Evaluation and Research in Education (Taylor & Francis: Routledge) International Peer Reviewed Journal. 2009-current  
<http://www.tandf.co.uk/journals/09950-0790>

Eriksson, G. I. (2011) EDITOR. Special Issue: New Technologies and Virtual Learning. Gifted Education International. Vol 28. No.1.

Eriksson, G; Shaughnessy, M. (2008) EDITOR. Special Issue: Twice Exceptional Gifted. Gifted Education International. Summer.

Wallace, B; Eriksson G. (2006). EDITOR. Diversity in Gifted Education; International Perspectives and Global Issues. Oxon, U.K.: Routledge – Taylor & Francis

Discovering Diversity, EDITOR. IMAGE Journal of the Office of International, Multicultural and Global Education, Volumes 1-4, 2002-2005

Manuscript Reviewer: Tomlinson et al (2003) The Parallel Curriculum Part 2, National Association for Gifted Children,

Revision of textbook for 7<sup>th</sup> Edition: content and index for Clark, B. (2006) Growing Up Gifted. Pearson Merrill Prentice-Hall.

Manuscript Reviewer: Karnes, F.A.; Stephens, K.R.(2008) Achieving Excellence: Educating the Gifted and Talented. Upper Saddle River, NJ. Prentice-Hall.

## **BOOKS AND CHAPTERS**

Harris, C; Eriksson G (2009) Proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children. World Council for Gifted and Talented Children.

Eriksson, G. ; Smolenaers L. ( 2008). Excellence in Disguise: an examination of the reading achievement scores of bilingual and multilingual gifted and non-gifted students. Conference Proceedings : International Centre for Innovation in Education (ICIE) : Excellence in Education 2008: Future Minds and Creativity Conference Location: Descartes University, Paris, France

Eriksson, G.I.S. (2006) Applying Multicultural and Global Education Principles to the Education of Diverse Gifted and Talented Children. In Wallace, B; Eriksson G. (2006). *Diversity in Gifted Education; International Perspectives and Global Issues*. Oxon, U.K.: Routledge Taylor & Francis

Eriksson, G.I.S. (2006) Gifted World Citizens and Global Nomads; Developing Intercultural Excellence. In Wallace, B; Eriksson G. (2006). *Diversity in Gifted Education; International Perspectives and Global Issues*. Oxon, U.K.: Routledge Taylor & Francis

Wallace, B. (1983) *TASC: Thinking Actively in a Social Context*. Oxford: AB Academic Publishers. Completed research, editing and graphics.



Eriksson, G.I. (1993) A Global Village Beyond 2000: Networking with Gifted Disadvantaged Children In Wallace, B (Editor) *Worldwide Perspectives on Gifted Disadvantaged Children*. Oxon, U.K.: ABA Educational Publishers.

Eriksson, G. I. (1990) From Future Shock to Futures Possibilities for Gifted and Talented Students. In Taylor, C.W. *Expanding Awareness of Creative Potentials*. University of South Africa. p. 287-293

Eriksson, G.I. (1984) *Reflections on Giftedness*. A guide for students, parents and teachers. Pretoria, South Africa: Haum Educational Publishers

Eriksson, G. I. (1983) In Communication with educationally deprived and culturally different gifted children. In Editor: Roldan, A.H. *Gifted and Talented, Children, Youth and Adults, Their Social Perspectives and Culture*. P. 391-409. Proceedings of the Fifth World Conference on Gifted/Talented.

Dr Gillian Eriksson for Working on Gifted Issues Grant for Florida Department of Education (2007) Teaching Special Populations of Gifted and Talented Students. Statewide Training Modules for Endorsement Certificate in Gifted Education . (Designed, developed and wrote the training module for this course to be used by local school districts in training their teachers)

#### **Journals/Articles: Refereed:**

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2011) Virtually There - Transforming Gifted Education through New Technologies, Trends and Practices in Learning, International Communication and Global Education. . Gifted Education International, Vol. 28 No. 1.

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2009) Authentic and Virtual Global Connections: The Transformation of Gifted Education. Gifted Education International, Vol. 26 No. 3.

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2009) Authentic and Virtual Global Connections: The Transformation of Gifted Education. Gifted Education International, Vol. 26 No. 3.

Dr Carole Ruth Harris, Dr Gillian Eriksson, Dr Zenita Cunha; Dr Guenther: Dr Shoshana Rosemarin.(2009) Gifted Immigrants and Refugees – The Gold Unmined (USA; Brazil; Israel; South Africa.). Proceedings of the 18<sup>th</sup> World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children, (Promoting the Dream) Vancouver, Canada, August 3-7, 2009.

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2009) Review of Book: Wallace, B (2009) Footsteps Through The Mist. TASC International. Gifted Education International. Vol. 27; No. 1.

Eriksson, G.I. (2010) Authentic and Virtual Global Connections. Special Issue: Global Awareness. *Gifted Education International*

Eriksson-Sluti G.I. ; Zuromski, J. (2004) The Creative Personality and the Creative Process: A Case Study. *Gifted Education International*. Vol 17.

Eriksson-Sluti, G. I. (2001) Overcoming Giftism: Stereotypes in Gifted Education. *Gifted Education International*, Vol.15 (2) 2001

Eriksson-Sluti, G. I. (1991) The Television Curriculum: Are gifted students amusing themselves to death? *Gifted Education International*, Vol 7.

Eriksson, G. I. (1990) Choice and Perception of Control: The Effect of a Thinking Skills Program on the Locus of Control, Self-Concept and Creativity of Gifted Students. , Vol. 6, P135-142.

Eriksson, G.I. (1989) Developing Creative Thinking Through an Integrated Arts Programme for Talented Children. *Gifted Education International*, Vol.6.p8-15

Eriksson, G.I. (1988) Thinking in Visual Images in the Information Age - The Changing Faces of the School. *Gifted Education International*. Vol.5.p97-103

Eriksson (1987) An Educational Centre for Growth. *Gifted Child Today*, July-August, p. 25-28.

Sluti, G. I. (1986) *Primary Pathways: Educating the Young Gifted Child K-3*. Providence, R.I.: Rhode Island State Board of Education.

Eriksson, G. I. (1986) A Glance towards a futuristic school for gifted students. *Gifted International* (Journal of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children).

*Non-Refereed:*

Newsletter – Inserts 2007 - UCF Information Technologies & Resources, (2007) New Online Courses: Gifted Education Graduate Certificate. Volume 12, No.3, February 2007, p.4

Eriksson, G.I. (2007) Summer Program for Teachers of the Gifted In England. World Gifted. Newsletter of the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. Spring 2007.

FLAG (2007) Florida Well Represented at World Council for Gifted Conference: The Global Challenge: Differentiating Online Training for Teachers of the Gifted. Florida Association for Gifted Newsletter, Fall 2007, p.8

Sluti, G. I. (Editor) (2000-2002) *Outlook* Newsletter of Office of Global/Multicultural Education.

Eriksson, G. I. (1984) Editor: *Metamind: A Journal of Gifted and Talented Children*, Schmerenbeck Educational Centre, University of the Witwatersrand.

Eriksson, G. I. (1983) *Series: Approach to: 1: Identifying Gifted Students* Schmerenbeck Educational Centre, University of the Witwatersrand.

Eriksson, G. I. (1983) *Teaching Gifted Students*: Schmerenbeck Educational Centre, University of the Witwatersrand.

## **SERVICE**

### **CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS**

Dr Gillian Eriksson, Dr Margaret Sutherland, Dr Dorothy Sisk (2011) Enabling Excellence in Highly Able/Gifted students from At-Risk Populations. 19<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children. Prague, Czech. August 8-12.

Dr Gillian Eriksson, Dr Christine Weber (2011) Using Technology to Transform the Thinking and Training of Teachers of the Gifted: A Comprehensive Statewide Plan. 19<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children. Prague, Czech. August 8-12.

Dr Enrique Puig, Dr Sandra L Robinson, Dr Michael Grego, Dr Gillian Eriksson (2011). An International Resources to Support the Professional Leave and Leadership necessary to sustain and expand success in schools – The Morgridge International Reading Center. ICET Conference, Glasgow, Scotland. July 11-14.

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2011) Using Technology to Build Content Knowledge, Enhance Vocabulary and Strengthen Comprehension – Responding to Globalization. International Reading Association Conference. Orlando, Florida.

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2011) The World at your Fingertips: Challenging thinking through global education online. International Reading Association Conference. Orlando, Florida.

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2010) Differentiating with the Seven Principles of Thinking according to Leonardo da Vinci – Integrating Gifted Education and the Arts using the Enrichment Triad Model. AND Creative integrated experiential activities on the Renaissance Theme with research by participants using laptop computers. Osceola School for the Arts, Project FORGE.

Dr Gillian Eriksson, Dr Richard Cash, Dr Kathy Hargrove, Dr Julia Roberts (2010) Worldly Wise: International Trends, Practices and Advocacy - World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. National Association for Gifted Children 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention: Great Minds Leading the Way. Atlanta, GA.

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2009) An examination of Resilience and the Development of Excellence in Diverse Populations Facing Extreme Challenges in South African Schools. Florida Association for Gifted Children Annual Conference. Orlando, FL

Dr Carole Ruth Harris, Dr Gillian Eriksson, Dr Zenita Cunha Guenther: Dr Shoshana Rosemarin (2009) Gifted Immigrants and Refugees: The Gold Unmined. 18<sup>th</sup> World Conference - World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. Vancouver, Canada

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2009) Redefining Giftedness Within a Contemporary African Context. 18<sup>th</sup> World Conference – World Council for Gifted and Talented Children. Vancouver, Canada

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2009) Surfing with Penguins, Riding Wooden Clogs, or Hiking King Arthur's Castle: The Experience and Impact of Study Abroad Programs on Future Teachers. International Education Week. UCF College of Education

Dr Gillian Eriksson (2009) Diverse Populations Facing Extreme Challenges in South African Schools. International Education Week. UCF College of Education

Eriksson, G (2009) Redefining Giftedness in a Contemporary African Context. 18<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children. Vancouver, Canada.

Eriksson, G (2009) Gifted Immigrants and Refugees: The Gold Unmined in South Africa. Symposium on Gifted Immigrants and Refugees. 18<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children. Vancouver, Canada.

Eriksson, G.I. (2009) An Examination of Resilience and Development of Excellence in Diverse Populations Facing Extreme Challenges in South African schools. SENG – Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted/Florida Association for Gifted Conference, Orlando,

Eriksson, G.I. (2008) Developing Inter-Cultural Excellence and Creative Productivity in graduate online Gifted Education programs. International Centre for Innovation in Education (ICEE) : Excellence in Education 2008: Future Minds and Creativity Conference. Descartes University, Paris, France

Eriksson, G.I.; Smolenaers, L. (2008). Excellence in Disguise: an examination of the reading achievement scores of bilingual and multilingual gifted and non-gifted students. International Centre for Innovation in Education (ICEE) : Excellence in Education 2008: Future Minds and Creativity Conference. Descartes University, Paris, France

Eriksson, G.I. (2008) International Education: Developing a Study Abroad Program – Faculty Development - COE Faculty. UCF Teaching Academy

Eriksson, G.I. (2008) Teaching Gifted and Talented Students- Teachers from Independent Schools in Johannesburg. St. David's Maritz College Inanda, Sandton, South Africa

Eriksson, G.I. (2008) Developing Curriculum for Gifted and High-Ability Students

Teachers from Schools in Johannesburg. St. David's Maritz College Inanda, Sandton, South Africa

Eriksson, G.I. (2008) Developing an Advocacy Group for High Ability Students Gifted Education Teachers Meeting. St. David's Maritz Inanda, Sandton, South Africa

Eriksson, G.I. (2008) The use of Visual Thinking and Problem-Solving in Mathematics Project HOPE (Help Our People Excel) Teachers Institute. Alberton Teachers College, Gauteng, Johannesburg

Eriksson, G.I. (2008) Reaching for your Dreams: Making learning relevant October 2, 2008 Address to Teachers and Principals Palmview High School, Kwazulu/Natal. South Africa.

Eriksson, G.I. (2008) Nature of Intelligence and Creative Problem Solving Palmview High School, South Africa: High Flyers Club

Eriksson, G.I. (2008) UCF Gifted Endorsement Certificate: Differentiating Online Training for Teachers of the Gifted and Talented. Trinity Academy in Melbourne, Brevard – UCF Gifted Endorsement Certificate: Differentiating Online Training for Teachers of the Gifted and Talented February 15 2008.

Eriksson, G.I. (2007) Supporting the Self-Esteem Needs of Marginalized Gifted Children.. Florida Association for Gifted Annual Conference (FLAG). Tampa, FL

Eriksson, G.I.; Kirsch, L. (2007): Virtually Learnt: Differentiating Online Training for Teachers of the Gifted. 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Minneapolis, MN

Eriksson, G.I.; Kaplan, S; Roberts, J; Cash, R (2007) What in the World is Going on in Gifted Education. 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Minneapolis, MN

Eriksson, G.I. (2007) The Challenges of Migrant, Immigrant and Refugee Children in our Local Schools. UCF Diversity Week: Diversity Initiatives Office. UCF Teaching Academy.

Eriksson, G.I. (2007) Developing Creative Productivity: The Diverse Abilities of Gifted and Talented Children. Diversity Week. UCF Teaching Academy 130

Eriksson, G.I. (2007) The Global Challenge: Differentiating Online Training for Teachers of the Gifted: 17<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children. Warwick University, England.

Eriksson, G.I.; Wallace, B; Harris, C.; Maree, J. (2007) Global Diversity Issues in Gifted Education: Gender, Socioeconomic Class, Culture *17<sup>th</sup> Biennial World Conference for Gifted and Talented Children*. Warwick University, England.

Eriksson, G.I. (2006). Developing Gifted World Citizens: A Global Gifted Program. *Florida Association for Gifted Annual Conference (FLAG) Daytona, FL*

Eriksson, G.I. (2006): The Impact of Socio-economic Status on Acceptance of LGBT Students in Urban/Suburban Schools. *53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Charlotte, NC.*

Eriksson, G.I.; Clark, B; Kaplan, S; Roberts, J; Hargrove, K (2006): *International Perspectives: The Impact of The World Council for Gifted and Talented Children*. *53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) Charlotte, NC.*

Eriksson, G.I. (2006) *The World in our classrooms: Understanding diverse religious perspectives and cultural heritage*. UCF Diversity Week .Diversity Initiatives. UCF Education.

2005: “*Live 8 Issues: Educating children in Africa Today*” Diversity Week Presentation. October 17<sup>th</sup>, University of Central Florida.

2005 “*Developing Gifted World Citizens: A Global Gifted Program.*” Florida Association for the Gifted Annual Conference. October 14-15 Lake Buena Vista, Florida

2005 *The Development of Early Giftedness*” Invited Presentation with Dr Barbara Clark. Preconference workshop. World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children. August 6-10. Hyatt, New Orleans.

2005 “*From Multicultural Competence to Global Excellence: The Challenge for Educating Gifted Students.*” World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children. August 6-10. Hyatt, New Orleans.

2005 Participation in Professors Forum. Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) National Conference. April 2-4, 2005. Orange County Convention Center, Orlando.

2004 “*Open Frames: Developing a Multicultural Perspective in Gifted Education.*” Florida Association for the Gifted (FLAG) 2004 State Conference; Sheraton World, Orlando

2005 Attended International Faculty Summer Institute May 2-5, 2005

2004 "A Global Education Project: Computer Pals Around the World." Florida Association for the Gifted (FLAG) State Conference; Sheraton World, Orlando. October 12-15 2005.

2004 "Critical Issues in Comparative Education in South Africa." Invited Presentation – Comparative International Education Class. College of Education.

2003 Attended Faculty Summer Institute for Service Learning.

2002 Programs for Developing Thinking. Conference on Thinking. Harrowgate, England. June 9-11th.

2001 "The Challenges of New Technology Environments in Multicultural Gifted Education" and with Casado, M and Wallace, B. "Discrimination and Diversity in Gifted Education Around the World" at 14th Biennial World Conference of World Council for Gifted and Talented Children in Barcelona, Spain.

2002 Invited Presentation "Multicultural Education" at the University of Central Florida, LIFE Program, December 3rd.

2002 The World Council and International Programs. National Association for Gifted Children, Denver, Colorado, November 1-3.

2002 CIES 46th Annual Meeting: The Social Construction of Marginality: Globalizations Impact on the Disenfranchised. March 7-10th.

2001 World Education Federation Conference, April 23-27, Sun City, South Africa. Attendance.

2001 National/State Research Center for Gifted and Talented Conference, March 30-31, Buena Vista, Orlando. Attendance.

2001 Presented with Dr B Gustaffson "Making the Most of a School Treasure: Infusing Multicultural Education Through Cultural Immersion and Reflection" 35th Annual Conference, Association for the Advancement of International Education (AAIE) March 5-8, Miami.

2000 "Gifted Children Around the World" Presentation for Diversity Week, University of Central Florida. October 9-13

2000 Presented "The Use of Technology for the development of cultural and microcultural awareness projects" and Panel: "Integrating Global and Multicultural Perspectives" Second Annual Southern Comparative and International Education Society (SCIES) Conference, University of Central Florida, October 26-28, Orlando

2000 55th Annual ASCD Conference, New Orleans, March 25-27. Attendance.

- 2000 Teaching for Intelligence Conference, Buena Vista, Orlando, March 12-14. Attendance.
- 1994 Presented "*Curriculum for High Potential Minority Disadvantaged*" 40th NAGC Conference, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1994 Presented "*Project Step-Up, Systematic Training for Educational Programs for Underserved Gifted Pupils*". Javits. Conference, Washington. D.C.
- 1993 Presented "*Gifted Education for the Future: Networking as a Teaching Strategy*" and "*Maximizing Personal Choice and Educational Opportunity in a Transition Curriculum for the Gifted Disadvantaged Child*" at the Tenth World Congress on Gifted and Talented Education in Toronto, Canada.
- 1991 Presented Symposium with Wallace, B. on "*Gifted Children in Third World Countries*" and paper with Murray C. "*Developing Creative Productivity in the Streetwise Gifted Disadvantaged Child: The Creative Productivity*" at (th World Conference on Gifted And Talented Children, The Hague, Holland.
- 1990 Keynote: "*Developing Giftedness*" at Conference on Gifted Education for Indian Education Department, (House of Delegates) in Pretoria, South Africa.
- 1987 Paper "*Futurizing the Curriculum for Gifted Students; Workshop "Developing Visual Thinking in Gifted Students"*" 7th World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- 1986/1987/1988 Presented at CONFRATUTE Summer Institute, University of Connecticut:  
     "*Developing Communication Skills in Disadvantaged Gifted Students*"  
     "*A Futures Curriculum*"  
     "*Educating Gifted Students in the Independent School*"
- 1987 "*Models and Realities of Educating Gifted Students today*" Children of Gold Conference, Johannesburg College of Education.
- 1986 Panel on International Education (Dr Harry Passow) "*Gifted Students In South Africa*" National Association for Gifted Students Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 1986 Invited Presentation "*Strategies used for educating gifted students at an Educational Centre*" at California State University, Los Angeles.
- 1986 Invited Presentation "*Enrichment Practices with Gifted Students*", University of South Florida, Tampa.



1986 Invited Presentation "*Educating black gifted students in South Africa*" College of Education, Columbia University, New York.

1986 Invited Presentation "*Education of disadvantaged gifted in South Africa*" by President of World Council, at the National Association for Gifted Children Conference, Denver, Colorado.

1985 Paper "*Outward Knowledge, Inward growth: the role of choice in motivating gifted students to learn*" presented at 6th World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children in Hamburg, Germany

1984 Paper "*Developing creative thinking in talented children*" Conference on Thinking, Harvard University, Massachusetts.

1984 Paper "*An Integrated Creative Arts Programme for exceptionally talented children*" Ingenium 2000 International Conference on Educating Gifted, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.

1983 Paper "*In communication with educationally deprived and culturally different gifted children*" 5th World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children, Manila, Philippines.

1981 Paper "*The Relevance of integrative courses to competent learning and creative living*" 4th World Conference on Gifted and Talented Children, McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

*Recent Consultant Activity.*

2011 Developed collaboration with Casselberry Elementary to place students for service learning for EDF2085, and for an Advocacy Project focused on meeting the needs of students in poverty.

2010 Initiated the development of SITED – Students for International Teaching and Education with Zachary Anderson. Developed name, objectives, and entry for website <http://education.ucf.edu/international/SITED>

2010-2011 Founding member of organizing committee for the charter school for gifted children in Seminole County. Developed the curriculum design. Academic Advisor: Galileo School for Gifted Learning.

2010 Developed Advocacy Project in two sections of EDF2085 for Haitian students and teachers in response to the earthquake in conjunction with the local Refugee Agency. Member of the HOPE FOR HAITI UCF Committee.

2007: Development of cohort and regional Brevard County program in gifted education for Trinity Academy in Melbourne, to train teachers from private schools for gifted

certification. Collaboration with Dr Denise L. Young, Associate Vice President, CEO of Cocoa and Palm Bay Campuses.

2007/2011: Collaboration with Queanbeyan High School Australia on the International Student Writer's Project of CPAW, Computer Pals Around the World:website:  
<http://www.queanbeyan-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/iww-2008/index.htm>

2008 - In South Africa: Acted as Consultant on Educating Gifted and High Ability Students to the following:

Project HOPE "Help Our People Excel" Director Eva Biebuyck, Craighall Park, Johannesburg 14-16 October 2008  
St. Davids Maritz Inanda School, Enrichment Specialist, Sue Soulsby, Sandton.September 3 2008  
St Peters School, Renzulli Learning Team Susan Handley, Bryanston, Sandton. November 17 2008  
Placements in Education, Director, Alison Pappenfuss, Weltevreden Park, Gauteng  
Palmview High School, Principal, Phoenix, Kwazulu/Natal

## **AFFILIATIONS AND POSITIONS**

- World Council for Gifted and Talented Children, member 1980-2010. Elected U.S.A. delegate 2005-2013; South African Delegate Committee 1981-1993.
- Computer Pals Around the World, International President, 2004-2012
- Coordinator, International Writer's Week, Computer Pals Around the World. 2003-2010
- Science Fair Judge and supervision of students (Page Private School) Orange County Science Fair.2005
- Member of International Committee Trinity Preparatory School 2004-2009
- Coordinator, American Secondary Schools for International Students and Teachers, ASSIST Program, Orange County 2004-2009. <http://www.assist-inc.org>
- Evans Elementary School. Introduction and orientation of CARE student internships, January 2005
- Florida DOE Gifted Advisory Board 2007
- Gifted Coordinators - University Committee - Central Florida Counties, Conference Committee, 2004-2010
- National Association for Gifted Children, member, 1997-2010,

- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, member , 2000-2009
- Florida Association for Gifted Children (FLAG), Member 2002-2010
- Comparative and International Education Society (CIES) 2001-2003
- Executive Committee 2001-2002 Working on Gifted Issues Grant, DOE Challenge Grant
- Executive Member: South African Association for Gifted Children 1980-1990
- Member: Institute for Invention, Innovation, Research and Development (1980-1990)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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| 2010      | Award for Internationalization UCF for Haitian Projects Nov. 13th.   |
| 2008      | Awarded Professional Leave in Fall 2008  |
| 2008      | Certificate awarded for dedication as a Minority Programs in Education Mentor                              |
| 2004      | Distinguished Service to Diversity and Multicultural Education – Diversity Initiatives Office, UCF.        |
| 1985-1986 | Fulbright Scholarship<br>Awarded by United States Information Service for Doctoral Study                   |
| 1985-1986 | International Student Scholarship<br>Awarded by Delta Kappa Gamma  |
| 1985      | Fellowship<br>Department of Educational Psychology, University of Connecticut                              |
| 1973      | Postgraduate Scholarship<br>Awarded by Natal Education Department  |
| 1982-1984 | Great Achievers Award "Who's Who in South African Women"<br>Sponsored by Fair Lady Magazine, South Africa. |

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