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Department: Secondary Education

Academic Rank: Lecturer

Year Retired: 2004

City of Residence: Los Gatos

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Birthplace: Minneapolis  Birth Year: 1948

Marital Status: Married  Spouse or Partner’s Name: Craig Thomas

Children’s Names:

No. of Grandchildren: No. of Great Grandchildren:

Colleges or Universities Attended: Year Degree
University of California at Berkeley 1970 BA
California State University Hayward 1983 MS Ed
California State University Hayward 1986 Admin Cred
University of San Francisco 1994 EdD

Teaching Experience: From To
High School Literacy & English Teacher - Hollister, Fremont 1972 1977
Educational Publishing 1977 1979
High School Literacy & English Teacher - Fremont, CA 1979 1990
University of San Francisco Lecturer 1995 1996
DeAnza Community College 1996 1997
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Administrative, Business, or Professional Experience (other than teaching):
High School Assistant Principal 1990-1995 Fremont, CA

Selected Publications:
"Reading Effectiveness" Scholastic Publishing
"Reading Efficiency " Scholastic Publishing

Personal Commentary (please limit comments to one page):
I had the pleasure of living in New York and completing writing and reading projects for Scholastic Publishing. I also spent a year there as a district literacy coordinator for a K-8 school district. I taught high school from 1972-1990. From 1990-1995, I was a high school assistant principal.

My most enjoyable contribution to Secondary Education at SJSU was as the Single Subject Intern Director from 1999-2005. With colleagues, I taught the summer seminar and the two year intern seminar. I also helped interns locate jobs and served as a liaison with district HR personnel. It was very exciting to visit so many schools and see inspired new teachers in their varied settings.

I have enjoyed retirement immensely. The highlight for me has been travel, studying Spanish, and having lunch with friends. And I do have the time to read whatever and whenever I want to do so.

I am so appreciative of my teaching experience at San Jose State University. I frequently have images of my days there: Sweeney Hall elevators look the same to me as when I got my credential there in 1972; the rooms and offices and views from the offices seem familiar. But my primary memories are centered on my colleagues and my students. The satisfying aspect of retiring from teacher education is that I know where to visit former students in their current teaching
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