# SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**1994-present Consultant**, self-employed. Provide expert analysis, writing/editing, training, research, and leadership to governments, nonprofit organizations, universities, and businesses. **Details: pages 2-3.** 

**1990-present Writer**, freelance. Wrote 150+ articles for anthologies, magazines, journals, webzines, monthly *Denver Post* disability column, and a book *Survival Strategies for Going Abroad: A Guide for People with Disabilities*. **Details: pages 4-10.** 

**1988-present Trainer/Speaker**, self-employed. Presented 120+ keynote speeches, lectures, workshops, trainings, conference sessions, class presentations for a wide range of audiences. **Details: pages 11-15.** 

**2004-06 Grant Administrator,** Colorado Dept. of Health Care Policy & Financing. Directed systems change grant to improve Medicaid community care. Recommended policies, managed budgets/contracts, facilitated meetings, wrote reports and publications, organized statewide mental health summit.

**1984-present Advocate/Volunteer**. Develop advocacy and media projects, speak out on social issues, serve on boards and advisory groups, engage in community organizing and activism. **Details: pages 16-17.** 

1986-present Poet/Artist. Write/publish/perform poetry, create/exhibit digital art. Details: pages 18-20.

**2003 Co-Instructor**, *Culture*, *Gender & Global Communications*, University of Denver. Shared teaching duties for grad/undergrad course. Planned syllabus, lectured, led discussions, assigned/graded papers.

**1998-99 Interim Executive Director**, Disability Center for Independent Living (DCIL). Ran an independent living center. Hired/supervised staff; developed/oversaw programs; managed budget.

**2000-01 Advocacy Editor**, CanDo.com. Coordinated disability rights coverage; monitored issues; wrote news, feature and opinion articles; recruited writers; assigned and edited articles.

**1989-90 Director**, Denver Commission for People with Disabilities. Advised the Mayor and city agencies on disability issues; administered programs to improve access for citizens with disabilities.

**1989** Accessible Housing Specialist, Denver Commission for People with Disabilities. Designed and implemented programs to increase accessible housing and to educate developers, landlords, and tenants.

**1985-87** Home Health Program Coordinator, H.A.I.L., Inc. Developed programs to support disabled people in managing services; did advocacy around services and rights; supervised home care workers.

### **EDUCATION**

2008 Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, Antioch University Los Angeles, with concentrations in creative nonfiction and poetry.

1995, 1993, 1992 Flight of the Mind. Studied poetry, journalism, and memoir at week-long workshops.

1992 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Colorado College.

1983-84 Thomas J. Watson Fellowship to research England's disability rights movement.

1983 Bachelor of Arts in History, Colorado College. Graduated cum laude, Colorado College. Named Phi Beta Kappa and Outstanding History graduate. Extracurricular activities included tutoring writing, and editing and reporting for campus newspaper.

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# **CONSULTING**

**2007-2008 Organizing/Health Policy Consultant**, Service Employees International Union. Conducted outreach and educational campaigns with disability and consumer constituencies, provided strategic research and writing, provided training and meeting facilitation, advised on Colorado health care policy.

**2006 Curriculum Consultant**, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute. Provided review comments and recommendations on development of materials for consumer direction training courses.

**2001-present** Client/Witness Consultant, Fox & Robertson, P.C. Conducted interviews, wrote and edited memos for law firm.

**2004-05 Editor/Writer**, Daily Summaries, Ad Hoc Committee on United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities. Coordinated on-site coverage of meetings; wrote/edited detailed summaries; supervised team of three writers.

- Daily Summaries of the Sixth Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, August 2005. http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/rights/ahc6summary.htm
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- Daily Summaries of the Third Session of the Ad Hoc Committee on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities, May/June 2004. http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/enable/rights/ahc3summary.htm

**2005** Access Consultant, Girls Inc. Metro Denver. Reviewed programs/policies, made recommendations.

- 2004 Focus Group Coordinator, Colo.Dept.of Health Care Policy & Financing. Organized, facilitated, documented six client focus groups to guide improvements in Medicaid attendant service programs.
  Report: *Improving Infrastructure: Voices of Attendant Services Users*.
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- **2003 Researcher**, Assistive Technology Project, Calif.Foundation for Independent Living Centers
   Issue Paper: *The Effectiveness of Assistive Technology in Accessing Health, Wellness, and Medical Care: What We Know Now.* http://www.atnet.org/CR4AT/PositionPapers/Health.html
- **2002 Focus Group Coordinator/Co-Author**, evaluation of the Mental Health Ombuds Program of Colorado. Organized, facilitated, documented 10 client/family focus groups statewide.
- **2001 Researcher/Writer,** You're at the Controls! training curriculum, Colo.Assistive Technology Project.
- **2001 Content Producer**, Education for Disability & Gender Equity. Wrote text, tests, and exercises for federally-funded high school curriculum website; organized student focus groups.
- **2001 Guest Resident/Instructor**, Unit One, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. Designed and presented week-long teaching module on disability rights and culture for first-year college students.
- **1996 Researcher/Author**, *Varied Voices: A Survey of Denver's Disability Community* for the Denver Foundation.

**1996 Materials Producer,** AssisTech Advocates. Created factsheets and a video outline about people with disabilities' rights related to assistive technology; provided training to service providers.

**1995 Researcher/Co-Author**, *Leadership Development Strategies for Women with Disabilities: A Cross-Cultural Survey*, researched at the NGO Forum on Women, funded by National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research

1995 Access Consultant/Author, access brochure for Elitch Gardens Amusement Park, Denver, CO.

**1994-95** Access Consultant, City of Arvada, CO. Organized and facilitated citizen access committee; helped develop ADA Title II transition plan to guide the upgrades in building and street/sidewalk access.

**1994-95** Access Consultant, Arvada Center for the Art and Humanities. Organized committee to develop access plan.

**1994-95** Access Consultant, City of Lakewood, CO. Organized and facilitated citizen access committee, and developed ADA Title II transition plan to guide the city's curb cut program.

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# Books, Anthologies, Encyclopedias

- Survival Strategies for Going Abroad: A Guide for People with Disabilities. Full-length book offering stories and advice about international travel. Eugene, OR: Mobility International USA, 2005.
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- "Self-Sufficiency," entry in *Encyclopedia of Disability*, Sage Publications, 2005.
- "Choosing Disability," essay reprinted in *M Experiencing Race, Class, and Gender in the United States*, ed. Roberta Fiske-Rusciano. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2004.
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# **TRAININGS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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- **6/12-13/08** "Stronger Together" Summit co-facilitation, two-day meeting between disability activists and labor organizers, Washington, DC.
- **2/15/08 "Disabled and Proud: Connecting to the Disability Culture"** workshop, Conference on Inclusive Education, Denver, CO.
- 10/5/07 "Help and Power: My Story of Becoming Independent" lecture/reading, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.
- 10/4/07 "Women, Disability, and Activism" guest lecture, College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.
- 10/3/07 "From Stereotyping to Solidarity: How to Think Critically about Media Images of Difference" College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.
- **5/16/07 "Disability, Violence, and Resistance"** training, San Francisco Women Against Rape, San Francisco, CA.
- **4/17/07 "Women, Disability, and Media"** guest lecture, "Gender, Culture and Global Communications" class, University of Denver, Denver, CO
- 3/7/07 "Activism" guest lecture, "Women and Disability" class, University of California, Berkeley, CA.
- **12/12/06** "Writers at the Intersection of Race, Identity, Story and Form" colloquium/panel, Antioch University, Los Angeles, CA.
- **4/19/06 "Disability Rights and the Media"** guest lecture, "Gender, Culture and Global Communications" class, University of Denver, Denver, CO.
- **4/26/05 "Disability Rights and the Media"** guest lecture, "Gender, Culture and Global Communications" class, University of Denver, Denver, CO.
- 3/31/05 "Seeing the Invisible Woman: Experiences of Women with Disabilities" panel, Shepard Symposium for Social Justice, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
- **3/30/05 "Disability and Justice: We're All in this Together"** workshop, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY.
- **5/21-23/04** "Getting Proud by Practicing" facilitated weekend retreat for disability activists and allies, The Leaven Center, Lyons, MI.
- **4/14/04 "Media and Disability Issues"** guest lecture, Culture, Gender and Global Communication class, University of Denver, Denver, CO.
- 3/31/04 "Disabled Women's Activism" speech, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.
- **3/30/04 "Medical Discrimination and Assisted Suicide"** speech, University of Denver Law School, Denver, CO.
- 3/24/04 "Disabled Women's Activism" speech, Auraria Campus, Denver, CO.
- **3/23/04 "Disabled Women's Activism"** speech, US Department of Agriculture National Information Technology Center, Fort Collins, CO.
- **2/19/04 "Ethics and Alternative Media"** panel, University of Denver School of Communications Summit, Denver, CO.
- **10/23/03 "Empowerment and Advocacy"** presentation, Ninth International Noninvasive Ventilation Conference: "From ICU to Home," Orlando, FL.
- **10/18/03 "Caregiving Issues"** workshop and "**Dykes, Disabilities and Discrimination"** panel, NOW/AAPD Women with Disabilities and Allies Forum, Bethesda, MD.

- **9/23/03 "Activism and Leadership"** workshop, CO Developmental Disabilities Planning Council retreat, Denver, CO.
- 8/9/03 "Solidarity Not Charity: Organizing for Disability Rights and Queer Liberation" presentation, Communities Against Rape and Abuse, Seattle, WA.
- **6/18-22/03 "Solidarity Not Charity: Organizing for Disability Rights and Queer Liberation"** workshop, LadyFest Out West, Denver, CO.
- **6/12/03 "Am I My Sister's Keeper? Feminism and the Caring Conundrum"** presentation, Society for Disability Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- **3/29/03 "Defending Disability Rights: Olmsted and the Fight for In-Home Care"** panel, National Lawyers Guild Southwest Regional Conference, Boulder, CO.
- 2/20/03 "Alternative Media" panel, University of Denver, Denver CO.
- 3/03 "Rights for the Disabled" speech, PFLAG's March meeting, Denver, CO.
- 1/21-23/03 "Community Organizing for Disability Rights" training, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, Sacramento and Garden Grove, CA.
- **11/26/02 Guest lecture**, Disabilties in Contemporary American Society class, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- 11/6/02 Guest lecture, Disability Studies class, University of Victoria (by phone).
- 10/24-25/02 "Better Off Dead?, or Not Dead Yet?" workshop, Tenth Annual Uniting New Mexicans Against Adult Abuse Conference, Rio Rancho, NM.
- 8/23/02 "Report on the Queer Disability Conference" panel and "A Disabled Dyke's View of the Health Care System" presentation, LGBTI Health Summit, Boulder, CO.
- 6/8/02 "Just Help: Strategies for Creating Equitable, Empowering, Personal Assistance Services" presentation, Society for Disability Studies 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Oakland, CA.
- **6/3/02 "Queer Care"** presentation, Queer Disability Conference, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA.
- **5/10/02 "Disability in the Media: Who Controls Our Story?"** keynote speech, University of Denver's Forum on Disabilities in Communication, Denver, CO.
- **4/30/02 Guest lecture**, Disabilties in Contemporary American Society class, University of Colorado, Boulder,
- 4/8/02 Guest lecture, Culture, Gender & Global Communication class, University of Denver, Denver, CO.
- **3/12/02 "The Evolution of the ADA, Work Incentives and Workforce"** panel, 2002 National Workforce Inclusion Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2/11/02 "Work Incentives and PushTheSystem.com" training, The Legal Center, Denver, CO.
- **12/11/02 Guest lecture**, Disabilties in Contemporary American Society class, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- 10/31/01 "Alternative Media" panel, University of Denver, Denver, CO.
- **10/4/01 "You Get Proud by Practicing"** presentation, "Creating Community" statewide conference, Colorado Springs, CO.
- 9/6/01 Keynote speech, "Smart, Sexy, Healthy" conference, Banff New Media Institute, Alberta, Canada.
- 8/22/01 "Disability Culture" presentation, VSA Accessibility Conference, Arvada, CO.
- **6/11/01 "Consumer Perspectives"** panel, National Conference on Consumer-Directed Services, Washington, DC.
- **5/3/01 "Political Activism and Agendas for Social Change"** presentation, Culture, Gender & Global Communication course, University of Denver, Denver, CO.

- 6/00 "Not Dead Yet" and "Community Organizing" workshops, Partners in Leadership, Denver, CO.
- 5/1/00 "What's Your Story?, Defining Ourselves, Naming and Changing Our World" keynote speech, Syracuse University Facilitated Communication Institute Annual Conference, Syracuse, NY.
- 3/1/00 "Disability Awareness" training, Colorado Assistive Technology Project, Denver, CO.
- 2/28/00 "Women's Health" panel, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- 2/21/00 "Not Dead Yet" panel, Channel 58, Denver Community Television, Denver, CO.
- 2/14/00 "Not Dead Yet" presentation, Partners in Policymaking, Denver, CO.
- 1/7/00 "Not Dead Yet" training, Denver Center for Independent Living, Denver, CO.
- 1/5/00 "Work Incentives Improvement Act" training, Colorado Bar Association's Disability Law Committee, Denver, CO.
- **12/10/99 "Political Activism"** presentation, Culture, Gender & Global Communication class, University of Denver, Denver, CO.
- 10/17/99 "Disability Rights Issues" presentation, Washington Park United Church Of Christ, Denver, CO.
- 7/99 "Sex, Desire and Ability" workshop, Lesbian Community Project, Portland, OR.
- **6/28-30/99 "Consumer Empowerment In Service Delivery"** keynote address and workshop, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Oregon Inservice on Developmental Disabilities, Corvallis, OR.
- 6/23/99 Guest lecture, Marguerite Brodie Memorial Lecture, Portland, OR.
- 6/19-20/99 Keynote speech, 24<sup>th</sup> Gay, Lesbian, Bi, Trans Pride Celebrations, Portland, OR.
- 5/13/99 Guest lecture, Ethics class, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- **5/7/99 "Women's Political Activism"** presentation, Culture, Gender & Global Communication class, University of Denver, Denver, CO.
- 2/6/99 "Clarifying the Roles of Self-Advocates, Parents and Allies in the Public Policy Arena" presentation, Partners in Policymaking, Denver, CO.
- 1/8-9/99 "Community Organizing" workshop, Partners in Leadership, Denver, CO.
- 12/4/98 "The Disappeared" keynote speech, TASH Conference, Seattle, WA.
- **8/1-2/98 "Community Organizing"** two-day training, Western States' Community Strategic Training Initiative, Portland, OR.
- 5/9/98 "History of the Independent Living Movement" presentation, Partners in Leadership, Denver, CO.
- **3/19/98 "Ethics: The Experience of Patients"** panel, University Of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO.
- 2/7/98 "Self-Advocacy" and "History of the Independent Living Movement" presentations, Missouri Partners in Policymaking, Jefferson City, MO.
- 1/30/98 "Community Organizing" presentation, Partners in Leadership, Denver, CO.
- **10/17/97 "Physician Assisted Suicide: Many Issues, Many Voices"** panel discussion, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO.
- **9/24/97 "Self-Employment as a Vocational Goal Training"** panel, CO Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Conference, Breckenridge, CO.
- **8/27/97 "What Progressives Need to Know about Disability Issues"** Training, Chinook Fund Board of Directors, Denver, CO.
- 6/13/97 "Disability Culture" presentation, Partners in Leadership, Denver, CO.
- **4/17/97 "Disability Perspectives"** training, physician assistants' class, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Denver, CO.
- 4/2/97 "Disability Culture" panel, Disability Culture Forum, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- 3/5/97 "Lesbian/Gay Issues" training, Denver Public Schools, Denver, CO.

- 2/26/97 Speech, Annual All School Career Day, West High School, Denver, CO.
- 2/21/97 "The Value of an Integrated Education," Inclusion Conference Denver, CO.
- 2/14/97 "Laying a Foundation for Your Child's Future" and "Not Dead Yet: Resisting Physician-Assisted Suicide" trainings, Partners in Leadership, Denver, CO.
- 11/7/96 "Disabled Women's International Symposium and NGO Forum in Beijing, China" presentation, Ralph Waldo Emerson Center Gathering, Denver, CO.
- 10/18/96 "Addressing Disability" training, Counseling Department, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- **10/7/96 "Sexism, Racism and Classism in the Media"** panel, "Women and Communication" conference, University of Denver, Denver, CO.
- 7/27/96 Keynote address, Colorado Progressive Coalition's First Organizing Conference, Greeley, CO.
- **6/14/96 "Leadership Development Strategies for Women with Disabilities"** Presentation, Conference of the Society of Disability Studies, Oakland, CA.
- 6/7/96 "Community Organizing" training, Partners in Leadership, Denver, CO.
- 3/27/96 "Greater Independence with Attendant Services" training, Liberty Resources, Philadelphia, PA.
- **3/25/96 "Women with Disabilities: Beijing and Beyond"** presentation, Ms. Foundation for Women, New York City, New York.
- 3/18/96 "Disabled Women's International Symposium and NGO Forum in Beijing, China" presentation, First Annual Disability Culture Forum, Boulder, CO.
- 3/15/96 "Disability Culture" panel, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- 2/19/96 "Adapting to Disability: How to be Your Own Advocate for Choice and Independence" workshop, South Carolina Independent Living Council and The Disability Action Center, Charleston, SC.
- **2/17/96 "Building Alliances Among Diverse Communities"** workshop, Fifth Annual Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual College Conference of the Southeastern US, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 2/16/96 "Voices of Diversity: Living Out in the South" keynote address, Fifth Annual Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual College Conference of the Southeastern US, Tuscaloosa, AL.
- 1/27/96 "The History of the Independent Living Movement" training, Alabama Partners in Policymaking, Birmingham, AL.
- 11/95-1/96 "Attendant Management" training, Personal Assistance Services of Colorado, Denver, CO.
- 12/8/95 Presentation, Cherry Creek High School Human Rights Awareness Day, Greenwood Village, CO.
- **11/29/95 Panel, "**Beijing and Beyond: Colorado Perspectives on the Global Woman" conference, Denver, CO.
- **11/6/95 "Connecting Across Barriers at Beijing"** presentation and discussion, American Friends Service Committee, Denver, CO.
- 11/4/95 "What Really Happened...Another View: UN Fourth World Conference on Women Beijing, 1995" presentation, US-China Peoples Friendship Association, Aurora, CO.
- **9/93 Panel**, Interfaith Conference on Children Who Have Special Needs in Religious School Settings, Denver, CO.
- **5/20-21/93 "Violence Against Women with Disabilities"** presentation, Relationship Violence in Oppressed Populations Conference, Denver, CO.
- **10/11/90 "Recruiting and Employing People with Disabilities"** presentation, Colorado Public Personnel Association, Denver, CO.
- 5/90 "Preventing Violence Against People with Disabilities: Strategies for Independent Living Centers" training, National Council and Independent Living, Washington, DC.

- **5/4/90 Panel**, Consumer Responsiveness Session sponsored by RESNA Technical Assistance Project, Washington, DC.
- **4/12/90 Guest lecture**, Curriculum Planning for Students with Special Education Needs, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.
- 3/15/90 "Disability Rights" presentation, Affirmative Action Committee meeting, Aurora, CO.
- 2/26/90 "What Is Attitudinal Accessibility? The Unseen Barriers, How to Recognize Them, and What to Do About Them" speech, Denver Center for Independent Living, Denver, CO.
- 1/25-26/90 "From Service to Empowerment: Roles and Responsibilities of Provider and Consumer" presentation, Colorado Interagency Conference, Colorado Springs, CO.
- **10/24/89 Speech**, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's commemoration of "National Disability Employment Awareness Month," Denver, CO.
- 10/89 Speech, First Annual Symposium on Accessibility and Outdoor Recreation, Denver, CO.
- **9/23/89 "Power in the Independent Living Center"** keynote speech, Colorado State-Wide Conference on Independent Living, Greeley, CO.
- **9/13-15/89 "Disability Awareness"** speech/panel, Association of HUD Management Agents' Seventh Annual Seminar and Trade Show, Denver, CO.
- 8/29/89 Guest appearance, Gary Tessler Show on KBX 710, Denver, CO.
- **6/20/89 "History of the Independent Living Movement"** presentation, University of Colorado Health Services Center, Denver, CO.
- 6/8/89 Training, AARP's Guardianship Program Training, Denver, CO.
- 5/24/89 Training, City and County of Denver's Police Recruit Training, Denver, CO.
- 4/29/89 Training, ESP's Disability Awareness Training Program, Denver, CO.
- **3/29/89 Guest lecture**, Curriculum Planning for Students with Special Education Needs, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

#### ADVOCACY AND VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS

**2008 Member,** Centennial Care Choices Panel. Appointed by Governor Ritter to develop approaches to improving access to affordable health care for Coloradans.

**2008 Member,** Long Term Care Advisory Committee, Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. Appointed by HCPF Director to advise on issues related to long term care.

**2007 Intern**, California Regional Oral History Office. Studied oral history theory and methodology, designed an oral history project, conducted and recorded in-depth interviews.

**2006 Participant**, Assisted Reproductive and Genetic Technologies conference. Contributed a feminist and disability rights perspective at a three-day reproductive justice summit.

**2007 Judging Panel Member**, SuperFest Disability Film Festival. Participated in second level of jury process evaluating documentary and dramatic film submissions.

**2003-04 Co-Producer,** Disabled Women's Section, Feminist International Radio Endeavor (FIRE). Produce, collect and organize audio and text content for Internet-based broadcast project at <a href="http://www.fire.or.cr/disabilities/notas/dis-home.htm">http://www.fire.or.cr/disabilities/notas/dis-home.htm</a> covering disabled women's issues and activism.

2003-04 Outreach Assistant, Denver Film Society. Helped develop database of community groups.

**2002** Co-organizer, Queer Disability Conference, the first-ever national gathering of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, and intersexed people and their allies. Worked on fundraising, publicity and promotion; oversaw registration; helped coordinate housing and logistics.

**2001 Website Owner/Editor**, PushTheSystem.com. Created multi-functional website to support consumers' management and self-advocacy related to employment and benefits.

**1998-Present Board Member/Activist,** Not Dead Yet, national grassroots organization opposed to medical discrimination and assisted suicide. Play active leadership role in preparing and presenting educational sessions; advising organizational leadership on policy and strategy; participating in media campaigns; organizing demonstrations, including action at the White House to protest starvation of a Florida disabled woman.

**2000 Panel Reviewer**, Health Care Financing Administration. Evaluated competitive grant proposals under the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Improvement Act of 1999.

**1999 Panel Reviewer**, U.S. Department of Education. Evaluated discretionary grant proposals for recreation programs for people with disabilities.

**1998-2000 Board Member, PEAK Parent Center.** 

- **1998** Co-organizer, Claiming Our Bodies Conference for disabled women. Helped develop agenda, recruit speakers, coordinate publicity, and manage logistics.
- **1997** Co-organizer, Changing Borders Conference for disabled women. Helped develop agenda, recruit speakers, coordinate publicity, and manage logistics.
- **1997 Organizer,** PASS Participants' Rights Campaign, a grassroots movement of disabled people whose dreams had been thwarted by the Social Security Administration's employment rules. Recruited participants; coordinated protests; wrote press releases; held news conferences; negotiated with SSA officials; participated in meetings and public forums. As a result of this strong and vocal grassroots movement, SSA was forced to issue new, more user-friendly rules.
- **1997 Panel Reviewer**, U.S. Department of Education. Evaluated recreation grant proposals.
- 1997 Participant, International Leadership Forum for Women with Disabilities, Bethesda, MD.
- **1996-1998 Member**, American Friends Service Committee Nationwide Women's Program.
- 1996 Participant, Disability and Genetics conference, Chicago, IL.
- **1996 Panel Reviewer**, U.S. Department of Education. Evaluated independent living grant proposals.
- **1996 Judge**, *New Mobility's* Disability Film Festival.
- **1995** Participant in the Non-Governmental Organizations' Forum on Women, Beijing, China.
- **1993 Panel Reviewer**, U.S. Department of Education. Evaluated independent living grant proposals.
- **1991-2003 Organizer,** annual protests against the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon's negative stereotypes of disabled people. Developed press releases, flyers and posters; held news conferences; coordinated recruitment and logistics for demonstrations; created Web protest resources.
- **1990-Present** Member, Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition. Participate in community meetings and actions; testify at State Legislature; play leadership role in Medicaid advocacy; support enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **1989-91 Board Member**, Denver Center for Independent Living. Served one term as board president.
- 1985 Active participant in the Non-Governmental Organizations' Forum on Women, Nairobi, Kenya.
- **1985** Co-Founder, Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities.
- **1984** Co-Founder, Handicapped Organized Women, Denver chapter.

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# **POETRY PUBLICATIONS**

- "Sunflowers," wordgathering.com, Spring 2007.
- "Sunflowers" and "Fear of Speaking," *Something Close to Beautiful: Poems of Disability*, Philadelphia: Inglis House Poetry Workshop, 2005.
- "A Mother Tells," Kaleidoscope, Summer/Fall 2004.
- "You Get Proud By Practicing," New Internationalist, January/February 2004.
- "Fertility Goddess," *Bigger Than the Sky: Disabled Women on Parenting*, London: The Women's Press Ltd., 1999.
- "You Get Proud By Practicing," *Promising Community Partnerships: Stories about People and Their Community Connections*, Indiana Employment Initiative, 1999.
- "New Moon, High Tide," Howlings: Wild Women of the West, Spring/Summer 1997.
- "Her Gift to Me Is a Window," *Pushing the Limits: Disabled Dykes Produce Culture*, Canada: Women's Press, 1996.
- "You Get Proud By Practicing," On the Road to Autonomy: Promoting Self-Competence in Children and Youth with Disabilities, Baltimore: Paul H. Brookes Publishing Co., 1996.
- "Tao of Sit-Skiing," Howlings: Wild Women of the West, Winter 1996.
- "And She Will Also Want to Draw the Water," *Howlings: Wild Women of the West*, Fall 1996.
- "If Women," Storyletters, Fall 1996.
- "Evidence," Howlings: Wild Women of the West, Summer 1996.
- "Cage," Howlings: Wild Women of the West, Fall 1995.
- "Dusk," Howlings: Wild Women of the West, Summer 1995.
- "Lunch Break," *The Ragged Edge: The Disability Experience from the Pages of the First Fifteen Years of The Disability Rag*, Louisville, KY: Advocado Press, 1994.
- "A Mother Tells," *Kaleidoscope: International Magazine of Literature, Fine Arts, and Disability*, Special Issue 1994.
- "You Get Proud By Practicing," Friendly Woman, Summer 1994.
- "canyon," Sinister Wisdom, Spring/Summer 1993.
- "The Barricade," Merge, December 1992.
- "The Cops Vs. ADAPT," Journal of Progressive Human Services, 1992.
- "The Barricade," *Mouth*, July/August 1993.
- "A Life like the Earth," Writing for Our Lives, Fall/Winter 1992.
- "Lunch Break," Disability Rag, July/August 1992.
- "Petunias," Disability Rag, May/June 1992.
- "In the Way," *Incitement*, July 1992.
- "In the Way," Merge, June 1992.
- "The Invisible Woman," Choices for Independence, Spring 1992.
- "The Square," Merge, August 1991.
- "You Get Proud By Practicing," Choices for Independence, Summer 1991.
- "Don't Hold Hands While They Feed You," Spew, 1991.
- "The Prostitutes of Nairobi," Slipstream, 1990.
- "Progress," Sinister Wisdom, Spring 1988.

#### **POETRY READINGS**

Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD) annual conference, Reno, NV, July 2008

Antioch University MFA in Creative Writing graduate student reading, Los Angeles, CA, June 2008.

Disability Culture Celebration, Chicago, IL, July 2007

Capitol Action Day, Sacramento, CA, May 2007

PEAK Parent Center 20th Anniversary Celebration, Denver, CO, January 2006

VSA International Arts Festival, Washington, D.C., June 2004

Creole Art Gallery, Lansing, MI, May 2004

Painted Bride Arts Center, Philadelphia, PA, November 1998

Missouri Partners in Leadership training, Springfield, MO -- February 1998

Howlings celebration, Mercury Café, Denver, CO, May 1997

Disability Culture Forum, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, April 1997

Women & Intercultural Communication class, University of Denver, Denver, CO, March 1997

Inclusion Conference, Denver, CO, February 1997

Tattered Cover Bookstore, Denver, CO, August 1996

Disability Pride Celebration, Denver, CO, July 1996

Disability Culture Forum, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, March 1996

Out in the South Conference, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL, February 1996

Non-Governmental Organizations Forum on Women, Beijing, China, September 1995

Partners in Leadership training, Denver, CO, April 1994

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM, October 1994

Lammas Bookstore, Washington, DC, April 1994

Atlantis Community/Denver Public Library, Denver, CO, April 1994

Women's History Month, Auraria Higher Education Ctr., Denver, CO, March 1994

Delafield's Coffee House, Denver, CO, March 1994

Macalaster College, St. Paul, MN, October 1994

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN, October 1994

"Bridge to Freedom" ADAPT action, Washington, DC, May 1993

A Celebration of Pride, Washington, DC, April 1993

Festival of Cultural Arts, Auraria Higher Education Center, Denver, CO, April 1993

The Better Worlde Galleria, San Diego, CA, November 1992

Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO, September 1992

Flight of the Mind Workshop, McKenzie Bridge, OR, July 1992

Delbert's Cafe, Eugene, OR, July 1992

Conant & Conant Booksellers, Portland, OR, July 1992

Red and Black Books, Seattle, WA, July 1992

Pacific Northwest Women's Music/Cultural Jamboree, Bellingham, WA, July 1992

"Women with Juice" gathering, Berkeley, CA, June 1992

A Woman's Place, Salt Lake City, UT, June 1992

Center for Independence, Grand Junction, CO, June 1992

The Book Garden, A Women's Store, Denver, CO, June 1992

Fundraiser, Boulder Center for People with Disabilities, Boulder, CO, May 1992

<sup>&</sup>quot;whole city weekday hot blues," Urbanus, Summer 1988.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Comedy," Leviathan, January 1981.

<sup>&</sup>quot;Growth," Leviathan, November 1980.

Disability Rights Action Committee, Salt Lake City, UT, May 1992

The Hothouse, Chicago, IL, May 1992

Independence '92 Conference, Vancouver, Canada, April 1992

Invergarry Adult School, Vancouver, Canada, April 1992

Fundraiser, Colo. Cross-Disability Coalition, Mercury Cafe, Denver, CO, April 1992

Cafe Lena, Portland, OR, October 1991 and July 1992

PrideFest '91, March & Rally, Denver, CO, June 1991

March & Rally against the Persian Gulf War, Denver, CO, January 1991

Fundraiser, Domestic Violence Initiative for Women with Disabilities, Denver, CO, April 1990

Conference, President's Cmte. on Employment of People w/Disabilities, Denver, CO, October 1987

#### **ART EXHIBITS**

VSA International Arts Festival. Washington, DC, June 2004.

Summer exhibit, VSA Access Gallery, Denver, CO, May 2004.

"Welcome to the Machine: Computer Generated Art" exhibit, VSA Access Gallery, Denver, CO, 2003.

"Disability: Reclaiming Self Through Art" exhibit, Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities,

Arvada, CO, April/May 1998.

"Disability: Reclaiming Self Through Art" exhibit, Smokebrush Center for Arts and Theater, Colorado Springs, CO, June/July 1998.

"Disability: Reclaiming Self Through Art" exhibit, University of Southern Colorado Fine Art Gallery, Pueblo, CO, August 1998.

# **AWARDS**

2007 Horace Mann Scholarship from Antioch University Los Angeles.

2001 TASH Images Award for Exemplary Achievement in Media, New Media - Internet category.

1999 "Extraordinary Woman" Award from the Colorado Domestic Violence Initiative.

1998 President's Award, President Clinton and President's Cmte.on Employment of People w/Disabilities.

1997 Kathy Vincent Leadership Award from the Colorado Cross-Disability Coalition.

1996 EDI Award in Print Journalism from National Easter Seals Society for article "China Diary."

1993 Women on the Move award from the League of Women Voters of Denver.

1992 Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from Colorado College.