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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Free Aiki Dojo and Golden Bears Aikido at UC Berkeley

Dojo cho (Founder - Chief instructor), 2009 to present

- Traditional Aikido martial arts curriculum
- Original curriculum delivery - Martial Nonviolence[®] training for bodymind conflict facilitation
- Public teaching three mornings a week with private lessons, demonstrations, and tutorials

Association Building Community (ABCglobal) 501(c)3

President, 2001- present

Executive Director, 2001-2004

Co-founder 1999

Co-Director, Guardians of Peace

Past Director, Saving Sounds program

- Facilitation of an intentional, distributed community dedicated to teaching and practicing the Process Arts (the field of group process study, design, and facilitation) and opening doors for local community initiatives. Facilitation of over ten years of circles and meetings, from founding through incorporation, inclusion and leave-taking of members, life transitions (births, weddings, deaths), three offices in Oakland, San Leandro, and Berkeley - over 1500 hours
- Co-facilitation of weekly public co-creative space in our office in downtown Oakland - over 60 hours
- Co-created community building facilitator training for 10-20 participants in a remote location
- Co-facilitation of Dedicated Weekly Group - over 100 hours
- Co-facilitation of monthly community building circle - over 300 hours
- Co-facilitation of creative alliance groups with other organizations including Artship, Citizen Deliberative Councils, more
- Community mediations for ABC members - over 100 hours

- Professional mediation between associated members and external entities as a substitute for legal proceedings - over 100 hours
- Development and implementation of the plan and vision of the Council (Board) with strong cooperative leadership
- Created and maintained all web design and IT infrastructure, wifi and PC network, email listserves and groups, online presence through Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, Tribe, LiveJournal, WiseEarth, etc.
- Project planning, facilitation, and presentation services donated to local non-profits: First United Methodist San Leandro, St. Paschal Baylon Church, San Leandro Unified School District, among others

Aiki Extensions Inc. (AE) 501(c)

AE contracted ABC so that I might create an AE administration and the position of Executive Director 2008

- Direction of an international network dedicated to understanding the learning and teaching of martial arts as peace practices and extending the "arts of peace" metaphor
 - beyond the training environment in the form of process arts and
 - into concrete projects to benefit those most vulnerable and in need in African and South America
- Co-creation and implementation of the Strategic Plan and vision of the Board with strong cooperative leadership
- A clear overview of all projects with a compassionate dedication to meeting deadlines
- Develop and monitor budgets, projections & balances, support for audit, monitor all bank activity, evaluate opportunities, and participate in the creation of all proposals
- Oversight & maintenance of databases, support of initiatives, campaigns, and events
- Generating and monitoring publicity content, advertising, production, and distribution
- Member education
- Negotiates agreements with umbrella organizations, monitors project performance, and oversees maintenance of records
- Documenting organizational history and reinforcing institutional memory through auto-critical processes
- Remote location leadership, teaching, and team direction

Moving On Center School for Participatory Arts and Research (MOC) 501(c)3

Director of Administration 2000-2003

- International program with worldwide in-house and associate (contract) faculty
- Coordinated all operations under the supervision of Co-directors in Oakland, CA and New York, NY
- Managed all office functions, daily financial tracking and coordinating budget development with Treasurer and bookkeeper, student records and recruitment
- All facility I.T. infrastructure and web design, communications, purchasing
- Executive Assistant to Executive Director

- Event planning and coordination
- Liaison to facility and residents council, mediation and dispute facilitation,
- Employee hiring, management, firing process, and all Human Resources functions including payroll and tax reporting, institution insurance, more...

Education

M.A. and Ph.D. Pacifica Graduate Institute, Mythology Studies & Depth Psychology

B.A. University of Dallas, Liberal Arts – Department of Theater

Certifications

- Community Mediation – State of California, Marvin Schwartz J.D.
- Aikido, Martial Art of Peace, 4th degree black belt, Instructor
- Community Building Facilitator – Leadership Training, Foundation for Community Encouragement (F.C.E.) – M. Scott Peck M.D.
- Children’s Theater, History of Theater, Musical Theater, Voice, Improvisation as Social Action – Dallas Theater Center

Professional Associations

- Modern Language Association
- Peace and Justice Studies Association
- Pacific Coast Theological Society
- American Academy of Religion
- International Association for Jungian Studies
- Foundation for Mythological Studies
- Foundation for Community Encouragement (FCE)
- Aiki Extensions
- Peace Dojos International - Steering Committee
- California Aikido Association
- National Coalition for Dialogue and Deliberation

Related Associations

- Training For Change, Inc.
- Alumni Associations: DCW Montessori, Dallas Theater Center, St. Alcuin Montessori, Jesuit College Prep Dallas, University of Dallas, Pacifica Graduate Institute
- Epworth UMC Community
- Moving On Center School for Participatory Arts and Research

Formal Recognition

Recommended for and inducted by Huston Smith into the Pacific Coast Theological Society at the Graduate Theological Union

Promoted to 4th degree Aikido black belt, Aikikai International, by Sensei Kayla Feder 6th dan

Publications and Primary Websites

- <http://culturesmith.com>
- <http://processarts.net>
- <http://abcglobal.net>

Dissertation

The Myth of Peace: a culture of peacemaking, the process arts, and the emergence of a global communitarian mythology