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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY:

As principal of POETRYCONSULTS, my objective is to build and sustain strategic partnerships, create opportunities for self-expression and literacy development, impact team-building in communities and organizations, and promote the mission, values, and vision of a school, community, organization or company through innovative strategies.

Using more than a quarter century of skills in partnership development, business, writing, teaching, arts education, and leadership, I have worked in schools, non-profits, museums, libraries, and community centers.

HIGHLIGHTS

Strategic Partnerships	Event Planning	Creative Strategist
Fundraising	Literacy/Arts Education	Development
Team-Building	Project Management	Entrepreneurship

EXPERIENCE

Owner, POETRY CONSULTS	02/1991 - present Los Angeles, CA
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- Develop and facilitate poetry workshop for team-building and collaboration.
- Develop and facilitate poetry workshop for mindfulness and leadership.
- Developed, designed standard based lessons for poetry workshops for English Language Learners and their teachers, and after-school GATE programs.
- Co-develop & co-produce an inter-generational poetry workshop, *Poetic Generations*, with the historic Alex Theatre.
- Develop art and poetry lesson for Family Festival at The Getty in conjunction with the exhibit, *Gospels of Gladzor*.
- Produce professional development for teachers at the Fowler Museum at UCLA in conjunction with the exhibit, *In Extremis: Death & Life in 21st Century Haitian Art*.

- Featured in the book *Dynamics of a Teaching Artist Residency: Mentorship, Collaboration, Assessment* by Lynn Waldorf, pgs. 37-82.
- Produce exhibits as founder and co-director, Armenian Dress & Textile Project.
- Publish poetry in national and international journals and perform poetry in venues in Los Angeles and nationwide.

Manager, Board & External Relations
Los Angeles Education Partnership

01/2011 - 07/2018
Los Angeles, CA

- Identify and cultivate donor prospects, and assess linkages. Conduct research to update and expand individual and corporate donor base.
- Strategize organizational growth with Board and senior leadership to develop donor cultivation and partnerships.
- Manage, develop, and lead quarterly meetings of the organization's Resource Council made up of business and industry professionals to provide direction with volunteer recruitment, donor cultivation and sponsor development.
- Write, edit, and produce fundraising and marketing materials.
- Co-produce annual fundraising event, including logistics, marketing, communication, sponsorship, silent auction acquisition and honorees to support the organization's unrestricted funds to sustain projects in schools in Los Angeles,
- Conduct research for board development. Maintain correspondence and relationships with current Board and develop Board Manual.

Coordinator, Partners in Science & Industry
Los Angeles Education Partnership

06/1993 - 04/2000
Los Angeles, CA

- Managed workshop activities for teacher and scientist/engineers partners to conduct real world applications for students in K-12 classrooms.
- Recruited and paired over 70 scientists and engineers with Los Angeles teachers through a NSF-funded education program, Partners in Science and Industry.
- Placed science and math teachers in internships at business and industry sites throughout Los Angeles to produce relevant classroom lessons through IISME, Industry Initiatives for Science & Math Education.
- Senior Editor for SMART publication: Science & Math Resources for Teachers.

Editor & Publications Distribution Manager
National Academy of Sciences

08/1985 - 08/1989
Washington, D.C.

- Distributed publications produced by National Research Council scientists in collaboration with international scientists on topics relating to third world development.
- Edited newsletter for Board on Science and Technology for International Development/BOSTID, a department of the National Research Council.
- Produced brown bag lunch series for scientists, engineers and staff at the National Research Council, Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences

AWARDS & GRANTS

Artist in Residence/AIR Grants, Department of Cultural Affairs, Los Angeles, CA
Individual artist grant, Arts and Culture Commission, Glendale, CA
Artist Resource for Completion grant, The Durfee Foundation, Santa Monica, CA
Folk Arts Fund, California Arts Council, Sacramento, CA
Artist in Education, Demonstration Grant, California Arts Council, Sacramento, CA
Humanities for All, California Council for the Humanities, CA

HIGHLIGHTED PARTNERS & POETRY SITES

Alex Theatre/Poetic Generations
Armenian Tree Project
Avenue 50 Gallery
Bravo Medical Magnet
Chamlan Armenian School
Clark Magnet High School
Disney/Manifest-HER
Edison Elementary
Fowler Museum at UCLA
Glendale Public Library
Glendale Unified School District
Glendale Youth Alliance, Inc.
Hacienda/La Puente Unified School District
J. Paul Getty Museum
Los Angeles Education Partnership
Los Angeles Times
Los Angeles Unified School District
Upward Bound

EDUCATION

B.A.: Political Science, Stockton State College, NJ, 1985.