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EDUCATION

Wayne State University
1987

Detroit, Michigan. M.A.T., Master of Arts in Teaching, in Science Education. My Master's thesis was entitled, "Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Discovery Room as a Teaching Tool."

University of Michigan
1982

Ann Arbor, Michigan. B.S. in Anthropology and Zoology. A program emphasizing the evolutionary and behavioral aspects of biology.

EXPERIENCE

President
2002 - present

POW! (Paul Orselli Workshop, Inc.) Baldwin, NY
I founded POW! to develop exhibits and educational programs for clients in both formal and informal learning environments. I have consulted with clients in North America, Europe, Africa, and the Middle East, including some of the world's most noted museums and entertainment venues. (www.orselli.net)

Adjunct Faculty
2011 – 2014

Bank Street College of Education New York, NY
I developed and taught the graduate class in Exhibition Development and Evaluation for the Museum Education department at Bank Street College.

Director of Exhibits
1996 - 2003

The Long Island Children's Museum. Garden City, NY
I was responsible for the exhibit development, planning and completion of the exhibit galleries and programs at the Museum's permanent site which opened in February 2002. My primary duties involved the design, prototyping, and maintenance of exhibit components and galleries in the 40,000 square foot facility.

Exhibits Director
1993 - 1996

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum. Ann Arbor, MI
My responsibilities included the creation and development of new permanent and traveling exhibitions, as well as the maintenance and coordination of existing exhibit components.

Exhibit Developer
1991- 1993

The Austin Children's Museum. Austin, TX.
In this position, I was responsible for the design and installation of all science and technology related exhibits. I also oversaw the schedule, budget, and production of various traveling exhibition projects. A notable example was the DOE and NSF funded energy exhibit, "GO POWER."

Exhibits Director

The Discovery Museums. Acton, MA.

1990-1991

Education Director

1987 –1990

As the first Education Director in the award-winning Science Discovery Museum, I was responsible for the development and implementation of all education, exhibit, and staffing programs. I managed a staff that grew from myself to over 50 managers, floor staff, and volunteers. In 1990, I became the Director of Exhibits for both the Children's Discovery Museum and the Science Discovery Museum.