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**Education**

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| 1992 | University of San Francisco  M.R.A., Rehabilitation Administration, McLaren School of Business |
| 1974 | California State College, Sonoma  B.A., Psychology |

**Work Experience**

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| 2000–present | **AboutDisability**  Penngrove, California |
| 2011–present | **Host**, ["Telling Our Stories"](http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/telling-our-disability-stories/id484686470) podcast  Accessible Technology Coalition, Center for Accessible Technology, Berkeley |
| 2012–Spring | **Lecturer**, Psychosocial Aspects of Disability  Sonoma State University |
| 2001–2007 | **President,** Disability Associates  Cotati, California |
| 2002–2005 | **Coordinator**, Technology Policy Division  World Institute on Disability, Oakland, California |
| 1997–2000 | **Coordinator/Instructor,** High Tech Center  **Specialist**, Visually-impaired students  Santa Rosa Junior College, Santa Rosa, California |
| 1992–1997 | **Vice President,** American Disability Access and Compliance  Santa Rosa, California |
| 1995–1997 | **Director,** Compliance and Risk Management  Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California |
| 1987–1997 | **Director**, Alcohol and Drug Education Program  Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California |
| 1975–1997 | **Director** and **Co-Founder**, Disability Resource Center  Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California |

**Teaching & Curriculum Development**

Psychosocial Aspects of Disability  
 Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, Spring Semester 2012   
 Independent Study, School of Industrial Design  
 Academy of Art University, San Francisco, 2008–2010  
["DP4VP: Disaster Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations"](http://www.sonoma-county.org/health/ph/phpreparedness/workshop/) Co-authored with Diane Brown: 2009, County of Sonoma Public Health  
"ITTATC Consumer Training, Version 1.0"  
  ["Module 1: How to Find and Buy Accessible IT"](http://www.ittatc.org/training/Deliverables/ctkit.php?prevpage=/training/materials.php)  ["Module 2: Tech Access for All"](http://www.ittatc.org/training/Deliverables/ctkit.php?prevpage=/training/materials.php) Tusler, et al (uncredited), 2003, Information Technology Technical Assistance and Training Center,  
 Georgia Institute of Technology  
"How to Find and Buy Accessible Technology"  
 Co-authored curriculum with Deborah Kaplan: 2003, World Institute on Disability  
Disability & Society, Counseling Department, 3 hours  
 Created and established: 2000, Santa Rosa Junior College  
Orientation, Disability Resources Department, .5 hours  
 Developed curriculum and taught: 2000, Santa Rosa Junior College  
Adapted Software & Hardware, JAWS/Naturally Speaking, 2 hours  
 Developed curriculum and taught: 1999–2000, Santa Rosa Junior College  
Adapted Word Processing, 3 hours  
 Taught: 1998–2000, Santa Rosa Junior College  
Adapted Keyboarding, 2 hours  
 Developed curriculum and taught: 1997–1998, Santa Rosa Junior College  
Craving Ecstasy: Addiction and Recovery Lecture Series  
 Organizer and lecturer: 1992–1997, Sonoma State University  
Psycho-Social Issues of Disability, 4 hours, Psychology, Gerontology, and Sociology  
 Developed curriculum and taught: 1981–1991, Sonoma State University

**Publications**

[Equal Access, Equal Opportunity: 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, 2015](http://www.nxtbook.com/faircount/ADA/ADA25/index.php?device=accessible&pg=42), commemorative publication for ADA25th, We Shall Overcome photo, p 39  
["The Great Blue Man Debate,"](http://www.newmobility.com/2014/12/accessibility-symbol/) New Mobility, December 2014  
["Porgy's Long Journey,"](http://www.newmobility.com/articleView.cfm?id=12211) New Mobility, October 2012  
["How to Make Technology Work: A Study of Best Practices in United States Electronic and Information Technology Companies"](http://www.dsq-sds.org/article/view/551/728)Disability Studies Quarterly, Vol 25, No 2, 2005  
[How to Create Disability Access to Technology: Best Practices in Electronic and Information Technology Companies](http://www.aboutdisability.com/book/index.html), World Institute on Disability, 2005.  
 ["Accessible House Exchange: The Internet, England, & My Summer Vacation,"](http://www.disabilityworld.org/09-10_01/access/housetrade.shtml) Disability World, Issue 10, September-October 2001.  
["Book Review: Encyclopedia on the Disability Rights Movement,"](http://www.disabilityworld.org/07-08_01/resources/review.shtml) Disability World, Issue no. 9, July-August 2001.  
[New Paradigm of Disability Bibliography](http://www.aboutdisability.com/bib.html), [http://www.AboutDisability.com/bib.html](http://www.aboutdisability.com/bib.html), 2000, Editor, internet publication sponsored by the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities and Presidential Task Force on the Employment of Adults with Disabilities, Department of Labor.  
"Disability Empowerment," special issue of the Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation 9 (1997), co-editor with Stephen French Gilson, and Paul Wehman  
"Ethnographic research in disability identity: self-determination and community," Stephen French Gilson, Anthony Tusler, Carol Gill. Journal of Vocational Rehabilitation 9 (1997) 7-17.  
"Access to Alcohol and Other Drug Intervention and Treatment for People with Disabilities," Creating Linkages with the Disability Community: Meeting Proceedings. Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, September 1994.  
"Variations on the Theme of Disability," compiled by the Association for Higher Education and Disability, 1993.  
"Help That Hurts," Irving K. Zola and Anthony Tusler, The Marin Institute for Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems, Winter, 1993, reprinted in CAPED *Communiqué,* Winter , 1994.  
["Raised Expectations,"](http://www.aboutdisability.com/papers/ADA.html) *Solidarity*, July 1993.  
"A Call to Action: Alcohol, Other Drugs, and People with Disabilities," Anthony Tusler, Dennis Moore, Jo Ann Ford, *Alcohol, Drugs, and Disability*, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention 1992 Summer Issue Forum (in press).  
"Disability as a Cultural Issue" *Alcohol, Drugs, and Disability*, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention 1992 Summer Issue Forum (in press).  
"Self-Determination by People with Disabilities to Solve the Alcohol and Other Drug Problems in Their Community," *The Seed*, Spring 1992.  
"Assimilation," *Spinal Network*, submitted.  
["Access in Education: Assisting Students from Dependence to Independence,"](http://www.aboutdisability.com/papers/AccessAHEAD.html) Dale Brown, Bill Clopton, Anthony Tusler, *Journal of Postsecondary Education and Disability*, Summer 1991.  
"Two Tales of Recovery: That First Step is the Hardest," *Spinal Network*, Winter 1991.  
"Disabled Resonates," *Disability Rag,* August 1990.  
"When Experience is the Bond," *California Alcohol Forum*, interview by DeMiranda, 1989.  
"Acceptance or What Would I Do If I Woke Up Able-bodied?"  
 *Forte*, Sonoma State University; *Exceptional Society News*, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Spring 1994.  
*Forte,* Disability Resource Center, Sonoma State University  
 "Tokenism," "Disability: The Insiders View,""Why It Is Hard to Speak Up," "Survival".  
*Disability and the Arts2*, monograph, 1985.

**Professional Affiliations**

U.S. Department of Education, Higher Education Center for Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Violence Prevention  
 Fellow, February 2012–July 2012  
International Association for the Study of Popular Music–US  
 Member, 2009–present  
California Alcohol and Drug Programs, Continuum of Services System Re-Engineering (COSSR) Task Force  
 Member, 2005–2009  
 California Department of Rehabilitation, State Rehabilitation Council  
 Member, 2001–2005  
President’s Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, Communications Subcommittee  
 Member, 1999–2003  
Disability History Museum & Learning Resource Center  
 Member, Advisory Committee, 1998–present  
Disability Media Project  
 Member, Planning/Organization group, 1999–2000  
Society for Disability Studies  
 Member, Board of Directors, 1995–1999  
 Secretary, Board of Directors, 1996–1999  
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, United States Department of Health and Human Services  
 National Advisory Council, 1993–1998  
Institute on Alcohol, Drugs, and Disability *formerly* *Coalition for Disability and Chemical Dependency* President, Board of Directors, 1990–present  
 Co-chair, "Alcohol, Drugs, and Disability: A National Symposium," Stanford, 1991  
Coalition for Disability and Chemical Dependency  
 Founding Member, Board of Directors, 1986–1990  
Association of Handicapped Student Service Programs in Post-Secondary Education (AHSSPPE)  
 Member, 1980–1994  
 National Conference Planning Committee, 1984, 86 & 95  
 Chair and Founder: Disability Studies SIG, 1987  
California Association of Post-Secondary Educators of the Disabled (CAPED)  
 Founding member, Board of Directors, 1975–1977  
 Member 1975–1994  
 State Conference Planning Committee, 1987 & 89

**Training Provided**

ONTRACK Program Resources, NICOS Chinese Health Coalition, and Center for Applied Research Solutions, Sept 2012–present  
 "Working with People with Disabilities: Culturally Competent Strategies for Individuals and Institutions"  
County of Sonoma Public Health, Feb–April, 2009  
 "Disaster Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations" Seven countywide trainings  
Kaiser Foundation Rehabilitation Center, Grand Rounds, 2007  
 "Disability: Alcohol & Drugs"  
Butte County Department of Behavioral Health  
 "Providing Drug and Alcohol Treatment and Recovery Services for those with Cognitive Disabilities"   
Sonoma County Adult and Aging Division, 2006  
 "Disability and Human Services: A Conversation"  
Sonoma County Public Health Manager's Meeting, 2001  
 "Disability in History and the Work Place"  
Sonoma County Public Health Grand Rounds, 2000  
 "Disability in History and the Work Place"  
Santa Rosa Junior College, Student Employees Training, 1999 & 2000  
 "Diversity Issues in the Workplace"  
Rehabilitation Association of Hawaii, 1994 Annual Conference, October, 1994  
 "What Do You Do With a Drunk 26?" and "Refuting the Deficit Model of Disability"  
Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education, US Dept of Education, Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education, 1992  
 Environmental prevention strategies for new grantees  
Massachusetts Coalition for Citizens with Disabilities, 1991  
 "So, What’s the Problem?: The Disability Rights Movement Meets Alcohol and Other Drugs"  
San Diego County Alcohol Services, 1990  
 "Alcohol and Other Drug Problems Among People with Disabilities"  
Marin Institute for the Prevention of Alcohol and Other Drug Problems, 1990  
 Management staff on disability issues in alcohol and other drug services

**Presentations**

International Association for the Study of Popular Music–US, Cincinnati, 2011 Conference, Cincinnati, OH, March 9-13, 2011  
 “Look Who’s Taking You(r) Home: Two Tales of Love and Jealousy”  
2010 Western Region Disability Conference, Fresno CA, 2010  
 "Return the Power: Disability Emergency Preparedness Training" multimedia presentation  
 "Too Long to Wait to Build a Community: The Cross Disability Civil Rights Movement" multimedia presentation  
Disability History Summit & Webinar, College of Marin, 2010  
 "My Disability History (& Some of Yours), multimedia presentation  
Access Advisors Open House and Disability Arts Festival, de Young Museum, 2010  
 "Toulouse-Lautrec & Disability Culture" multimedia presentation  
University of Redlands, 2009  
 "History of Bowling," Sound Director, play  
Access Advisors Open House and Disability Arts Festival, de Young Museum, 2009  
 "Goin' to the Dance: Disability & Desire" multimedia presentation  
   
 California Alcohol and Drug Program, 2006 Meeting  
 "Serving People with Disabilities" breakout session  
 Testimony to committee of the California Public Utilities Commission February 2000Market Rules to Empower Telecommunications Consumers and to Prevent Fraud  
   
 testimony, public hearing on municipal broadband and the underserved, Oct 2006  
 Santa Clara University’s Center for Science, Technology, and Society and the Broadband Institute of California  
San Francisco  
 Broadband  
Society for Disability Studies, 2005 Annual Meeting  
 "Disability and Popular Song" multimedia presentation.  
CSUN 2003 http://www.csun.edu/cod/conf/2003/proceedings/175.htm  
 Findings of the Disability & Technology Bridge: Best Practices  
 CAPED Unity, 1989  
 Technology Access: Marketing Universal Design Anthony Tusler, Richard Peel  
Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, 1999 Recovery Community Support Program Grantees Meeting  
 Kick-off panel, "What the Disability Community Has Learned."  
NC5, 1998 Annual Conference, May, 1998  
 "Devil or Angel? Voice Recognition on the Campus"  
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention Western Grantees Meeting, January ,1994  
 "Disability Issues in the Community"  
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention 1993 Prevention Conference, February, 1993  
 Mini-Plenary co-presenter on "The Cultural Continuum: The Evolution from Unawareness Toward Sensitivity to Competence,"  
 Co-presenter on "Prevention That Works for People with Disabilities"  
First Midwest Conference on Preventing Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Among Youth with Disabilities, Keynote on "Youth and the Culture of Disability," November 1992  
Office of Substance Abuse Prevention, Issue Forum on Substance Abuse and Disability  
 Plenary on "Disability as a Culture," June, 1992  
Healthy People/Healthy Environments: The Secretary’s National Conference on Alcohol-Related Injures  
 College Policies for Preventing Alcohol Injuries, March, 1992  
Alcohol Policy 8  
 Coalition Building With People With Disabilities, March, 1992  
Region III, Rehabilitation Continuing Education Program  
 Planning and presentations at "Substance Abuse and Persons with Disabilities: Employment Strategies, December, 1991  
Independent Living: Preparing for the 21st Century  
 "Alcohol, Drugs, and the Disabled," Oakland, California, September, 1991  
Institute on Alcohol, Drugs, and Disability (IADD)  
 Keynote presentation at "Alcohol, Drugs, and Disability: A National Policy Symposium," Stanford, 1991  
Drug Prevention Programs in Higher Education, Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)  
 "Consortia in Alcohol and Other Drug Prevention Activities"1990  
 California Meeting, Convener, 1990  
College Outreach Opportunity League (COOL)  
 Invited presentation at National Conference, Stanford, January 1988  
 "Volunteering in Disability Services"  
Association on Higher Education and Disability (AHEAD)  
 Presentations at National Conferences,  
 "Disability Studies: going Beyond Social Services to a Diversity Model," concurrent session with Gene Chelberg, 2001  
 "Environmental Illness/Multiple Chemical Sensitivity in Post Secondary Education: Responsibilities & Liabilities, " panel convener, 1995  
 "Sexuality and Disability," pre-conference workshop with Barbara Faye Waxman, 1992  
 "Asexual Without Consent: Reclaiming Our Personhood" 1990  
 "A Vision of the Future: From Pity to Pride," 1990  
 "Disabilities Studies Research," 1988  
 "Professionals in Disabled Student Services: How Important is Peerness," 1988  
 "Teaching Disability Studies," 1988  
 "Addiction in Post-Secondary Education," July 1987  
 "Evolution of Disability Studies at Sonoma State University," 1983  
California Association of Post-Secondary Educators of the Disabled (CAPED)  
 Presentations at State Conferences  
 "The Role of the Non-disabled in Disability Services, panelist, 1987  
 "Teaching Disability Studies," 1987  
 "Addiction in Post-Secondary Education" October, 1986  
 "Substance Abuse in Disability Programs" October, 1985

**Consulting**

Center for Applied Research Solutions  
 Curriculum development, 2006–present  
County of Sonoma In Home Support Services  
 Develop and write "Disaster Preparedness for Vulnerable Populations, 2009  
Disability Rights Advocates  
 Broadband accessibility for people with disabilities, testimony before California Public Utitlities Commission sub-committee, 2006  
California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources  
 Disability Access Project, curriculum development and developmental disabilities training, 2001–2010  
Marin County Office of Aging  
 Grass-roots disability group organizing and facilitating, 2002–2005  
 San Francisco State University  
 Program Review and Planning, 2001  
Resource Center on Substance Abuse and Disability, VSA Educational Services  
 Material review, September, 1991–1993  
Community Alcohol and Drug Prevention Technical Assistance Project, EMT Group, Inc.  
 Consultant Pool, 1991–present  
Dominican College  
 Handicap compliance and implementation, December 1990  
Results Group, Sonoma County Jewish Federation  
 Planning and facilitation for long range planning, March 1989  
University of San Francisco, Lone Mountain Campus  
 Handicap compliance, January 1989  
County of Marin, San Francisco Foundation v. County of Marin et al, re: Beryl Buck Will  
 Percipient witness, May 1986  
Ken Frankel, Phoenix Theater  
 Handicap compliance, December, 1985

**Photography**

Sonoma Marin Fair, Differently Abled, crafts  
Sonoma County Fair, Differently Abled  
Bryn Mawr Artability  
Gallery 825, LAAA & Reeve Foundation  
Core 8  
Sea & Heaven Gallery  
De Young Museum  
Petaluma Arts Center

**Interviews** **& Media**

Pushing Limits, KPFA, Berkeley, 2008  
 Half hour of disability music and commentary  
"Accessibility of Disability," Adweek, March 2007  
 "Capturing the Disability Market," Northbay Biz, February 2006  
"Don't Need No Doctor" part 2, BBC-UK, 2006  
 Disability and music in the UK and USA  
Something Completely Different, KRCB Rohnert Park/Cotati, 2006  
 Two hours of disability music and commentary  
"[Tapping Into the Disability Market](http://www1.pressdemocrat.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20051024/NEWS/510240372/1074/BUSINESS/)," Santa Rosa Press Democrat Q & A, October 24, 2005  
The search for clothes that fit, San Jose Mercury, November 200

**Community Activities**

California State University Educational Equity Advisory Council  
 1993–1997  
California State University Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on Disability Services  
 1991–1995  
Sonoma State University, Committee on Alcohol and Drugs  
 Founding Chair: 1986–1995  
Sonoma State University Academic Senate, Faculty Policies Committee,  
 Member: 1985–1987  
 Chair: 1986–1987  
Disability Work Group, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention  
 1992–present  
Disability Advisory Committee, California Alcohol and Drug Programs  
 1990–1992  
Sonoma County AIDS Commission  
 Commissioner, 1991–1995  
Sonoma County Barrier Awareness Day  
 Co-Chair, 1990  
 Advisory Committee, member 1990–1993  
 Guide, 1986–present  
Sonoma County Disability Task Force on Alcohol and Other Drugs  
 Founding Member, 1989–1992  
Leadership Santa Rosa, Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce  
 Participant, 1989/90  
United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Bay Area  
 President: Board of Directors, 1985–88  
 Member: Board of Directors, 1982–88  
Community Resources for Independence  
 Advocacy Advisory Committee Founding Member, 1987–present  
 Member, 1975 to present  
 Founding Member, Board of Directors, 1975–1979  
Goodwill Industries of Sonoma County  
 Member: Board of Directors, 1979–87  
United Cerebral Palsy Association of the Northbay  
 President: Board of Directors, 1979–80 and 1980–81  
 Member: Board of Directors, 1977–85

**Professional Development**

Computer Graphics, Photoshop  
 Santa Rosa Junior College, 3 units, Spring 2000  
Introduction to FileMaker Pro  
 Santa Rosa Junior College, 3 units, Spring 1999  
Assistive Computer Technology (ACT) for Windows  
 Dragon Naturally Speaking  
 JAWS for Windows 95  
 High Tech Center Training Unit of the California Community Colleges 1997–1999  
   
"The Basics of Managing Workers’ Compensation Claims," Sacramento State University Foundation, 1996  
Advanced Level "Implementing Environmental Strategies for the Prevention of Alcohol Related Problems" University of California, San Diego, 1990, 1991, & 1994  
"Implementing Environmental Strategies for the Prevention of Alcohol Related Problems" University of California, San Diego, 1988  
"Train the Trainers," Rehabilitation Administration, University of San Francisco, 1986

**Grants and Contracts**

Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, US Dept of Health & Human Services  
 Conference Grant, 1990, $89,000, Board President  
Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education, US Dept of Education  
 Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education, Institution, 1987, $91,000,  
 Author and Project Director  
 Alcohol and Drug Prevention and Education, Consortium, 1989, $36,000, Project Director  
Xerox Corporation  
 Kurzweil Reading Machine  
 1982, $29,000, Author  
California Department of Rehabilitation  
 Establishing Grant, Community Resources for Independence  
 1977, $92,000, Co-author  
 Transition Program, Workability IV  
 1992, $62,000, Project Director

**Recognition**

San Francisco Mayor’s Disability Council, Award for Excellence, 2008  
A Celebration of Disability Culture-Local Hero. In recognition of dedication and commitment ot Northern California communities. KQED, Kaiser Permanente and AT&T.  
 2006  
Community Resources for Independence, Founder, 1976  
 Community Resources for Independence 30th Anniversary Gala, 2006  
 Citation for Outstanding Contributions to the Bibliography "A New Paradigm of Disability"  
 The President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities, 2000  
Lifetime Achievement Award for Dedication to the Field of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment and Prevention  
 National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Directors/National Prevention Network, 1994