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EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Psychology, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, 1966
- M.S.W., Rutgers University School of Social Work, New Brunswick, NJ, 1985
- M.A., Social Psychology, New School for Social Research, New York, NY, 1963
- B.S., Mathematics/Psychology, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY, 1961

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
School of Social Work
Las Vegas, NV
Professor 1997-present
Professor and Director 1997-98
Chair, Child Welfare Concentration in the MSW Program 2000-present

Led faculty in redesigning the MSW curriculum, instituting an Advanced Standing MSW track, gaining new space and equipment, hiring four new faculty members, and gaining conditional accreditation for the MSW program. Initiated the development of the child welfare concentration in the MSW program, and the expansion of the School's Title IV-E funding to include faculty child welfare research. Taught MSW courses in social welfare policy, child welfare policy, and cultural competence, and BSW courses in social policy and administration.

Salem State College
School of Social Work
Salem, MA
Professor Emeritus 1997-present
Professor 1987-97
Chair, Children and Family Services Concentration
in the MSW Program 1987-94
Chair, MSW Curriculum Committee 1991-94

- Executive Director, Center for Applied Research and Development, in the
Schools of Human Services 1995-97
Developed advanced year curriculum courses in Children and Family Services Concentration for new MSW program. Taught MSW courses in social welfare policy, child welfare policy, and human behavior/theory in children and family services. Supervised MSW student research projects. Taught BSW courses in social welfare and child abuse and neglect. Served as field liaison for MSW students. Served as coordinator and editor of MSW program self-study that led to accreditation.
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville
College of Social Work
Knoxville, TN
Visiting Associate Professor 1986-87
Taught Ph.D. courses in administration/planning and philosophical and historical perspectives of social work, MSSW courses in social welfare policy, administration, and community organization, and BSSW courses in social welfare institutions.
- Rutgers University
School of Social Work
New Brunswick, NJ
Visiting Lecturer 1985-86
Taught MSW courses in social welfare policy.
- Susquehanna University
Psychology Department
Selinsgrove, PA
Assistant Professor 1973-75
Taught undergraduate courses in social psychology, social conflict, history and systems of psychology, and general psychology. Supervised student research.
- State University of New York at Albany
Psychology Department
Albany, NY
Assistant Professor 1966-73
Taught graduate and undergraduate courses in social psychology, group dynamics, social conflict, perception, and cognitive processes. Directed graduate student research and doctoral dissertations. Introduced new courses on social conflict and nonviolence, and helped to establish an interdisciplinary peace studies program.
- Wayne State University
Psychology Department
Detroit, MI
Teaching Associate/Research Assistant 1963-66

Taught and conducted research in perception and cognition.

AGENCY EMPLOYMENT

New Jersey Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Newark, NJ Policy and Planning Specialist	1984-86
Developed caseload size standards and analyzed and implemented changes necessary to speed up the service delivery system.	
Vera Institute of Justice New York, NY Director of Child Welfare	1982-83
Administered training program on child abuse prevention in foster homes for child welfare workers. Developed training curriculum in child home safety for child welfare workers.	
Association for Children of New Jersey Newark, NJ Research Associate	1981-82
Evaluated the operation and impact of New Jersey's Child Placement Review Act and Child Placement Review Boards.	
New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services Trenton, NJ Special Assistant to the Director	1979-81
Program Development Specialist, Bureau of Research	1975-79
Influenced and participated in major policy and program decisions for this state child welfare agency. Reported to and advised the agency Director. Was responsible for finding ways to reform the state's child welfare and foster care system. Initiated and developed innovative preventive service programs. Prepared issue and policy papers. Initiated new state laws and regulations.	
Was instrumental in establishing a statewide Emergency Fund for families in child protection cases, and caused the development of New Jersey's Emergency Payment Authorization Law to prevent child placement. Initiated modification of the regulations governing the Public Welfare Emergency Assistance program, to enable it to be used to return children from foster care. Played a significant role in gaining higher foster care payment rates, and in bringing about a substantial reduction in the size of New Jersey's foster care population.	
Conducted research on child abuse and neglect that led to the development of new social services, prompted the formulation of new legislation, and received national attention. Performed and supervised program evaluation research. Developed the rationale and philosophical framework for child protection standards and decision-making guidelines.	

Prepared testimony presented at Congressional Hearings on the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. Served as: State Liaison Officer to the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect; a member of the State Legislature's Juvenile Justice Task Force; and a reviewer of grant proposals for the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, and of programs submitted to the American Psychological Association for its 1979 Annual Convention.

New York City Department of Welfare
Brooklyn, NY
Social Caseworker

1961-62

Managed caseload of AFDC and OAA cases.

BOOKS

Pelton, L.H. (2005). Frames of Justice: Implications for Social Policy. New Brunswick, NJ: Transaction Publishers.

Pelton, L.H. (1999). Doing Justice: Liberalism, Group Constructs, and Individual Realities. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.

Pelton, L.H. (1989). For Reasons of Poverty: A Critical Analysis of the Public Child Welfare System in the United States. Westport, CT: Praeger.

Pelton, L.H. (Ed.). (1981). The Social Context of Child Abuse and Neglect. New York: Human Sciences Press. Re-issued in paperback, 1985.

Pelton, L.H. (1974). The Psychology of Nonviolence. Elmsford, NY: Pergamon Press.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Pelton, L.H. (2005). Book review: J.E.B. Myers, A History of Child Protection in America, Xlibris Corporation, 2004. Children and Youth Services Review, 27(5), 561-565.

Pelton, L.H. (2004, July 25). Op Ed article: Our state's child welfare crisis: The system is broken and needs immediate attention. Las Vegas Review-Journal, p. 3J.

Pelton, L.H. (2003). Biblical justice. Journal of the American Academy of Religion, 71(4), 737-765.

Pelton, L.H. (2003, August 12). Op Ed article: Once before, they came for the "idlers" and the "loafers": Homelessness in Southern Nevada. Las Vegas Review Journal, p. 9B.

Pelton, L.H. (2002, February 10). Op Ed article: The shame of Las Vegas: The homeless among us. Las Vegas Review-Journal, p. 1D.

- Pelton, L.H. (2002). Reply to Richard Holody. Journal of Social Work Education, 38(1), 201-203.
- Pelton, L.H. (2001). Social justice and social work. Journal of Social Work Education, 37(3), 433-439.
- Pelton, L.H. (2001). Response to William M. Epstein. Family Preservation Journal, 5(2), 77-78.
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- Pelton, L.H. (2000). Misinforming public policy: The illiberal uses of social science. Society, 37(5), 61-69.
- Pelton, L.H. (2000). Book review: J. Waldfogel, The Future of Child Protection, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1998. Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare, 27(1), 184-187.
- Pelton, L.H. (1999). Welfare discrimination and child welfare. Ohio State Law Journal, 60(4), 1479-1492.
- Pelton, L.H. (1999). Soziale Gerechtigkeit und erfolgreiche Soziale Arbeit (Social justice and successful social work). In H.-U. Krause (Ed.), Einen Weg finden: Diskurs über erfolgreiche Soziale Arbeit (Finding a Way: Discourse About Successful Social Work) (pp. 73-81). Freiburg, Germany: Lambertus-Verlag.
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- Pelton, L.H. (1998). Invited commentary: How we can better protect children from abuse and neglect. The Future of Children (Center for the Future of Children, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation), 8(1), 126-129.
- Ueno, K., Pelton, L.H., and Gil, D.G. (1998). Traps seen in measures taken for child abuse and neglect in the U.S.A.: Ignored economic reasons. Social Welfare Studies (Shakai Fukushi Kenkyu), No. 71, 85-91. (In Japanese.)
- Pelton, L.H. (1997). Child welfare policy and practice: The myth of family preservation. American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 67(4), 545-553.
- Pelton, L.H. (1996, May 17). Letter to the Editor: The debate about student diversity. The Chronicle of Higher Education, p. B4.

- Pelton, L.H. (1996, February 23). Letter to the Editor: The U.S. Role in the New World Order. The Chronicle of Higher Education, p. B6.
- Pelton, L.H. (1995, September 19). Op Ed article: To save children, revamp DSS. The Boston Globe, p. 15.
- Pelton, L.H. (1994). The role of material factors in child abuse and neglect. In G.B. Melton and F. D. Barry (Eds.), Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect: Foundations for a New National Strategy (pp. 131-181). New York: Guilford Press.
- Pelton, L.H. (1994). Has permanency planning been successful? No. In E. Gambrill and T.J. Stein (Eds.), Controversial Issues in Child Welfare (pp. 266-272). Needham Heights, MA: Allyn and Bacon.
- Pelton, L.H. (1994). Is poverty a key contributor to child abuse and neglect? Yes. In E. Gambrill and T.J. Stein (Eds.), Controversial Issues in Child Welfare (pp. 16-22, 26-28). Needham Heights, MA: Allyn and Bacon.
- Pelton, L.H. (1993, September). The role of material factors in child abuse and neglect: Executive summary. In U.S. Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect, Neighbors Helping Neighbors: A New National Strategy for the Protection of Children (pp. 110-113). Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office.
- Pelton, L.H. (1993). The fate of the welfare state. Readings: A Journal of Reviews and Commentary in Mental Health, 8(3), 20-24.
- Pelton, L.H. (1993). Enabling public child welfare agencies to promote family preservation. Social Work, 38(4), 491-493.
- Pelton, L.H. (1992). Book review: R.P. Barth and D.S. Derezotes, Preventing Adolescent Abuse: Effective Intervention Strategies and Techniques, Lexington, MA: Lexington Books, 1990. Journal of Adolescence, 15(3), 327-328.
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- Pelton, L.H. (1991). Ideology, terminology, and the politics of family violence. Readings: A Journal of Reviews and Commentary in Mental Health, 6(3), 12-17.
- Pelton, L.H. (1991). Beyond permanency planning: Restructuring the public child welfare system. Social Work, 36(4), 337-343.

- Pelton, L.H. (1991). Response to Malcolm Bush and Jeanne Giovannoni. Children and Youth Services Review, 13(3), 230-234.
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- Pelton, L.H. (1990-91). Poverty and child protection. Protecting Children, 7(4), 3-5.
- Pelton, L.H. (1990). Resolving the crisis in child welfare: Simply expanding the present system is not enough. Public Welfare, 48(4), 19-25, 45.
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- Pelton, L.H., and Bricker-Jenkins, M. (1988). Child protection and family preservation. In M. Bricker-Jenkins (Ed.), Resource Handbook for Assessment, Tennessee Department of Human Services Certification for Social Counselors.
- Pelton, L.H. (1987). The institution of adoption: Its sources and perpetuation. Journal of Social Work and Human Sexuality, 6(1), 87-117. Also published in D. Valentine (Ed.), Infertility and Adoption: A Guide for Social Work Practice. New York: Haworth Press, 1988.
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- Pelton, L.H. (1987, June/July). Poverty and Policy. Record, Tennessee Department of Human Services, 50, 12-13.
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- Pelton, L.H. (1982). Personalistic attributions and client perspectives in child welfare cases: Implications for service delivery. In T.A. Wills (Ed.), Basic Processes in Helping Relationships (pp. 81-101). New York: Academic Press.
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- Pelton, L.H. (1979). Interpreting family violence data. American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 49, 194, 372.
- Pelton, L.H. (1978). Child abuse and neglect: The myth of classlessness. American Journal of Orthopsychiatry, 48, 608-617.
- Reported in Psychology Today Magazine, December, 1978.
 - Translated into German and reprinted in Familiendynamik, 1979, 4, 303-317.
 - Reprinted in J.V. Cook and R.T. Bowles (Eds.), Child Abuse: Commission and Omission. Toronto, Canada: Butterworths, 1980.
 - Reprinted in L.H. Pelton (Ed.), The Social Context of Child Abuse and Neglect. New York: Human Sciences Press, 1981, 1985.
 - Reprinted in S. Antler (Ed.), Child Abuse and Child Protection: Policy and Practice. Silver Spring, MD: National Association of Social Workers, 1982.
 - Reprinted in A.C. Donnelly and K. Oates (Eds.), Classic Papers in Child Abuse. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2000.
- Pelton, L.H. (1978). Some problems of knowledge regarding child abuse and neglect. Presented at the Conference on Child Welfare Policy, DHEW Region III Child Abuse and Neglect Resource Center, Institute for Urban Affairs and Research, Howard University, Washington, DC, March 30-31. Published in Conference Proceedings.
- Pelton, L.H. (1977). Child abuse and neglect and protective intervention in Mercer County, New Jersey: A parent interview and case record study. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services. Published in slightly modified form in L.H. Pelton (Ed.), The Social Context of Child Abuse and Neglect (pp. 90-136). New York: Human Sciences Press, 1981, 1985.
- Pelton, L.H., Miller, H., and Smith, C. (1975, March). The economics of teaching. Change Magazine.
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- Pelton, L.H., and Esposito, N.J. (1970). A comparison of two methods of college teaching in an introductory course in psychology. In J. Leese, R.M. Clark, and R. Kelley (Eds.), Facilitating Study of College Teaching. Albany, NY: State University of New York at Albany, Center for Curriculum Research and Services.
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Pelton, L.H. (1969). Mediation construction vs. mediational perception in paired-associate learning. Psychonomic Science, 17, 220-221.

Esposito, N.J., and Pelton, L.H. (1969). A test of two measures of semantic satiation. Journal of Verbal Learning and Verbal Behavior, 8, 637-644.

Pelton, L.H., Solley, C.M., and Brent, S.B. (1969). The stability and attraction of perceptual organizations in the reversible figure-ground phenomenon. Perceptual and Motor Skills, 28, 938-951.

Pelton, L.H., and Solley, C.M. (1968). Acceleration of reversals of a Necker cube. American Journal of Psychology, 81, 585-588.

Pelton, L.H., and Esposito, N.J. (1968). Experimental separation of function and task in functional fixedness problems. Psychological Reports, 23, 391-394.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Pelton, L.H. (1982). Displaced children: Has review made a difference in New Jersey? Draft report for the Association for Children of New Jersey.

Pelton, L.H. (1980). Report to the Director: Recommendations on placement alternatives and prevention programs for adolescents under DYFS supervision. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services.

Pelton, L.H. (1978). Children in need of decisions: Foster children and the alternatives of continued foster care, return home, and adoption. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services.

Pelton, L.H., and Fuccello, E. (1978). An evaluation of the use of an emergency cash fund in child protective services. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services.

Pelton, L.H. (1976). An alternative model for casework practice in the child welfare system. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services.

Pelton, L.H. (1975). The conflict dynamics of parent-agency interaction in child abuse and neglect cases. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

Pelton, L.H. (1999). Group constructs and individual realities: Implications for social policy and social work practice. Presented at the conference, "Toward Practice Theory and Theory-based Practice of Social Work," in honor of Reinhart Wolff on his 60th birthday, at the Alice Salomon School of Social Work, Berlin, Germany, October 20.

Pelton, L.H. (1988). The dysfunction of the dual role structure of the public child welfare system. Presented at the Festschrift Program in honor of Charles M. Solley, at Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, May 6.

Pelton, L.H., and Claymon, C.T. (1986). A population/problem based MSW curriculum for administration: Rationale, model, and application to child welfare. Presented at the Community Organization and Social Administration Symposium, Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Miami, FL, March 9.

Pelton, L.H. (1978). Characteristics and proximal causes of child abuse and neglect and resultant harm. Presented at the 49th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Washington, DC, March 29-April 1.

Paterson, G.E., and Pelton, L.H. (1971). Brightness contrast as a function of subjective perceptual organization. Presented at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, New York, April.

OTHER PAPERS

Pelton, L.H. (1984). Unemployment, poverty, and child abuse and neglect (19 pp.).

McManus, M., and Pelton, L.H. (1975). Participant observation in a state institution for the mentally retarded (19 pp.).

Pelton, L.H. (1975). The control of violence in nonviolent movements (20 pp.).

Pelton, L.H. (1974). A perspective on violence (65 pp.).

THE FOREGOING BOOKS, OTHER PUBLICATIONS, TECHNICAL REPORTS, AND PAPERS HAVE BEEN CITED IN HUNDREDS OF ARTICLES, BOOKS, AND REPORTS BY OTHER AUTHORS.

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Consulting Editor, <u>Social Work</u>	1999-present
Contributing Editor, <u>American Journal of Orthopsychiatry</u>	1991-present
Associate Editor, <u>Children and Youth Services Review</u>	1990-present
Consulting Editor, <u>Arete</u>	1989-97

Occasional reviewer for Families in Society, Social Service Review, Child Abuse and Neglect: The International Journal, and Journal of Adolescence.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

National Association of Social Workers

JOURNAL DEDICATION

Special Double Issue of Children and Youth Services Review: Family preservation and child protection: Striking a balance. 1994, 16(5/6).

"With appreciation to Leroy Pelton who represents the fine tradition and great promise of critical scholarship and research in child welfare."

GUEST LECTURESHIPS

Pelton, L.H. (1999). "The Fate of the Public Child Welfare System in the United States." Presented at Tokyo Metropolitan University in Japan, July 22.

Pelton, L.H. (1999). "The Social Contexts of Child Abuse and Neglect in the United States." Presented at Mukogawa Women's University in Japan, July 17. Co-sponsored by Ryukoku University.

Pelton, L.H. (1991). "Poverty and Child Abuse." Presented in East Berlin, Germany, May 28. Sponsored by the Berlin School of Social Work, and supported by the German Marshall Fund of the United States under its "Guest Lectureships by Distinguished Americans at German Universities" program.

GRANTS OBTAINED

Co-authored proposal for funding of emergency shelter for 130 homeless people at the Salvation Army's Owens Avenue complex in Las Vegas, NV. Funding was received from the City of Las Vegas (\$24,000) and from Clark County (\$24,000) for the operation of the shelter for a three-month period in 2002.

Co-authored grant proposal for which the state of New Jersey was awarded \$3.5 million, by the Health Care Financing Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, for the first year of a demonstration project (beginning in 1982) to train and employ welfare (AFDC) recipients as homemakers and home health aides to prevent the institutionalization of the elderly, developmentally disabled, mentally ill, and children at risk. New Jersey was one of only two states to receive this grant.

Authored four grant proposals which secured a total of \$334,648 for the New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services from the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the federal Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention and Treatment Act for:

1. specialized emergency homes for abused and neglected adolescents (1978: \$108,331);
2. continuation of the statewide Emergency Fund (1978: \$45,600);
3. development of child protection standards and guidelines and a parents' rights informational booklet (1976: \$72,416); and
4. special training for child protection workers (1976: \$108,301).

RECENT GRANTS REVIEW EXPERIENCE

Reviewer for the National Science Foundation	2002
Served as grants reviewer of child welfare research proposals for the Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.	1992

CONSULTANT EXPERIENCE

Institute for Families in Society, University of South Carolina Consultant to the National Study Group on Child Protection, formed to design child-safety strategies for use in community child protection systems, under a grant from the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. Wrote the report, "Incorporating Economic and Material Assistance into Neighborhood-Based Approaches to Child Protection," and met with the group on July 19-21 at the Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, SC.	1996
United States Advisory Board on Child Abuse and Neglect Under a contract from the federal government, wrote the report, "The Role of Material Factors in Child Abuse and Neglect," one of six research review background papers commissioned by the Board to inform the development of its national prevention strategy. Published in G.B. Melton and F. Barry (Eds.), <i>Protecting Children from Abuse and Neglect: Foundations for a New National Strategy</i> (pp. 131-181). New York: Guilford Press, 1994.	1992
Greater Boston Legal Services Retained as advisor and potential expert witness in the case of MacFarland (formerly Lynch) v. Weld, a broad challenge to the operations of the child welfare and foster care systems in Massachusetts.	1992
Massachusetts Department of Social Services Developed standards and guidelines for foster care placement decision-making and for "reasonable efforts" to prevent the need for placement.	1991

Tennessee Department of Human Services Wrote chapter on "Child Protection and Family Preservation" as part of a certification training program for social counselors.	1987
Juvenile Justice Disposition Commission, New Jersey State Legislature and the Administrative Office of the Courts, Trenton, NJ Developed report on "Mental Health Services for Juvenile Offenders."	1986
Virginia Banerjee Associates, Skillman, NJ Developed "Impact Evaluation Design for the Michigan Foster Care Review Board System."	1985

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chair, Organizing Committee, UNLV School of Social Work's 7 th Annual Child Welfare Conference	2004
Presentation on homelessness to the US VETS AmeriCorps team in Las Vegas	Oct. 5, 2004
Co-founding member of Nevada Advocates for Children's Welfare (NACW)	2003-present
UNLV Advisory Board to the UNLV Law School Clinical Programs, Member	2003-present
President and co-founding member of Southern Nevada Advocates for Homeless People (SNAHP)	2002-present
Planning Committee for the 1999 Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Member	1998-99
Implementation Committee for Family Centered Casework Practice Training, Massachusetts Department of Social Services, Member	1992-93
Special Committee on Family Support and the Child Welfare System, Member and Retreat Participant (An ad hoc committee in Massachusetts organized by the Children's Advocacy Network and the Office for Children Statewide Advisory Council to consider the state of the child welfare system in Massachusetts and to make recommendations to restructure the system.)	1991-97
National Association of Social Workers, Massachusetts Chapter, Children's Issues Committee, Member	1988-97
The Anchorage, Inc., Beverly, MA, Member, Board of Directors	1988-91
New England Consortium on Family Reunification, Member	1988-90

Middlesex County (NJ) Child Placement Review Board, Member

1985-86

RECENT LEGISLATIVE TESTIMONY

Testimony Concerning the Foster Care System within the Department of Social Services, before the Massachusetts Senate Committee on Post Audit and Oversight, August 2, 1995.

Testimony via affidavit, submitted by invitation to Western Massachusetts Legal Services, Inc., in opposition to the Massachusetts AFDC federal waiver request, May 11, 1995.

RECENT TELEVISION AND RADIO APPEARANCES

Face to Face with Jon Ralston (Topic: "Homelessness"), Cable Channel Las Vegas 1, Las Vegas, NV, July 14, 2004.

DayOne Las Vegas (Topic: "Homeless People"), Cox Cable Channels 1 and 39, Las Vegas, NV, September 2, 2003.

Your Day (Community Matters segment, hosted by Dr. Gary Melton; Topic: "Economic Security and Safety for Children"), South Carolina Educational Radio Network, Clemson, SC, April 22, 2002.

NewsNight with Margie Reedy (Topic: "The Foster Care Crisis in Massachusetts"), NECN, and WGBH (PBS), Channel 2, Boston, MA, April 29, 1996.

Knoxville Wants to Know (Topic: "Child Abuse"), WMYU "U 102" FM, Knoxville, TN, June 14, 1987.

Campus Assignment (Topic: "Family Violence"), CTN, Channel 28, Princeton area, NJ, December 9, 1984.

Public Hearing (Topic: "The Rising Rate of Child Abuse"), WCBS, Channel 2, New York, April 23 and 24, 1983.

Mainstream (Topic: "Child Abuse"), WNET (PBS), Channel 13, Newark, NJ, December 18 and 19, 1982.

RECENT CONFERENCES

INVITED PARTICIPANT:

National Incidence Study (NIS) (of Child Abuse and Neglect) Research Focus Group Meeting, sponsored by the U.S. Children's Bureau, held in Alexandria, VA, June 26-27, 2000.

INVITED SPEAKER:

Leading Social Indicators in Nevada: Quality of Life in the Silver State. Justice and Democracy Forum Series, UNLV Center for Democratic Culture, UNLV School of Law, November 5, 2004.

Annual Conference of the Nevada Chapter, National Association of Social Workers, October 16, 2004, held in Henderson, NV.

Meet the Authors Panel on Policy Issues, Council on Social Work Education 46th Annual Program Meeting, held in New York, NY, February 26-29, 2000.

Conference on the Implications of Welfare Reform for Children: An Examination of Law and Social Science, Ohio State University College of Law, Columbus, Ohio, March 12-13, 1999.

State Liaison Officers' Meeting, National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, held in Arlington, VA, May 5-7, 1997.

Symposium on the Third National Incidence Study on Child Abuse and Neglect, sponsored by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, held in Washington, DC, February 24-26, 1997.

Staff Development Day Conference on Social Welfare Policy, sponsored by Catholic Charities (Archdiocese of Boston), held at Bentley College, Waltham, MA, October 4, 1996.

Washington State Child Protective Services Symposium convened by the Governor and organized by the Northwest Institute for Children and Families, School of Social Work, University of Washington, held in Tacoma, WA, June 10-11, 1996.

International Conference on Article 27(1) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, sponsored by the University of South Carolina's Institute for Families in Society, held at the Wild Dunes Resort, Isle of Palms, SC, May 18-21, 1996.

Colloquium on Child Welfare, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley, October 24, 1994.

Discussion on Political Philosophy, School of Social Welfare, University of California, Berkeley, October 21, 1994.

County Welfare Directors Association of California Annual Conference, in Eureka, CA, October 17-20, 1994.

Chronic Neglect Symposium, sponsored by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Chicago, IL, June 27-28, 1993.

Ohio's Third Annual Summit Conference on Juveniles, in Columbus, OH, March 24-27, 1992.

Ninth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Denver, CO, September 14-17, 1991.

Eighth International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Hamburg, Germany, September 2-6, 1990.

Protecting Children--Charting the Course: Annual Conference of the American Association for Protecting Children, American Humane Association, in Tacoma, WA, November 2-5, 1988.

First Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Spring Forum, sponsored by Child and Family Services of Knoxville, in Knoxville, TN, April 27, 1987.

Aspects of Nonviolent Action: Fourth Annual Workshop for Teachers, sponsored by the Princeton Fellowship of Reconciliation and the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies, at Rider College, Lawrenceville, NJ, January 29, 1985.

Sixth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Baltimore, MD, September 25-28, 1983.

Conference on Psychological Parenting Theory and Child Welfare Decision Making, Rutgers University School of Law, Newark, NJ, April 30, 1983.

Symposium on the Politics of Nonviolent Action, sponsored by the Center for Libertarian Studies, at Henry George Auditorium, New York, February 26, 1983.

Conference on Violence in the Urban Family, at State University of New York Downstate Medical Center, College of Nursing, Brooklyn, NY, May 7, 1982.

Nonviolent Resistance: A Workshop for Teachers, sponsored by the Princeton Fellowship of Reconciliation and the New Jersey Council for the Social Studies, at Rider College, Lawrenceville, NJ, March 3, 1982.

Advocacy for Our Children's Future: Annual Conference of the Association for Children of New Jersey, at Trenton State College, November 10, 1981.

Colloquium on Child Abuse and Neglect, Department of Psychology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, March 13, 1981.

Do Children Count? Annual Conference of the Association for Children of New Jersey, in North Brunswick, NJ, May 28, 1980.

Colloquium on Perceived Psychological Freedom: Personal and Social Consequences. Presented by the Liberty Fund and the Institute for Humane Studies, in Toronto, Canada, April 18-20, 1980.

Fourth National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, in Los Angeles, October 7-10, 1979.

Office of the Public Defender's Juvenile Court Training Seminar, New Jersey Department of the Public Advocate, at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ, May 29, 1979.

Third National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, in New York, April 16-19, 1978.

MODERATOR OF:

Panel on "Issues in the Parenting of Adolescents," at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the American Orthopsychiatric Association, in Boston, MA, May 1-4, 1996.

Session on child protection services, at the Eighth International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Hamburg, Germany, September 2-6, 1990.

Session on reporting child abuse and neglect, at the Eighth International Congress on Child Abuse and Neglect, in Hamburg, Germany, September 2-6, 1990.

Session on welfare reform, at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, in Atlanta, GA, March 7, 1988.