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Summary of Experience

- Local, national and international program leadership and management with educational reform and innovation initiatives in the not for profit and corporate sectors
- Cross-sectoral partnership brokering and facilitation
- Australian and international research and evaluation (with an emphasis on collaborative and participatory research practices)
- Eighteen years in the education sector with three years as a principal and eight years as curriculum and department leader
- Extensive experience designing and conducting professional learning programs for teachers including whole school change, leadership, protocols, multiliteracies, authentic learning and digital portfolios, policy development, action research, pedagogical approaches to ICT use.
- International experience working with teachers, higher education and business in Asia and the USA
- A range of research interests and publications focusing on women and leadership, technology and educational change, multiliteracies, social ecology approaches to reform, communities of practice.
- Over four years experience working in higher education.

Education

- 1999-02** PhD: Technology and Education Change: Making the Links. Victoria University
- 1995-97** Master of Science: Educational Leadership and Technology, Policy and Management, University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, USA.
- 1987-90** Graduate Diploma in Educational Administration, Hawthorn College of Education, Melbourne, Victoria.
- 1983-84** Bachelor of Education (Primary), Ballarat University College, Ballarat, Victoria
- 1982-83** Diploma of Teaching (Primary), Ballarat University College, Ballarat, Victoria.
- 1981** Trained Special Teachers Certificate, Melbourne College of Education, Melbourne, Victoria.
- 1977** Certificate in Education of the Intellectually Handicapped, Burwood State College, Burwood, Victoria.

Recent Conference Presentations and Publications

- Yelland, N., O'Rourke, M., Harrison, C., & Lee, L., (2008). Rethinking learning in early childhood. Open University Press, Buckingham.
- O'Rourke, M. (2007). Multiliteracies: Pathways to excellence. Keynote presentation at the Australian Literacy Educators Association State Conference: Multiliteracies, the conversation continues. Oct.
- O'Rourke, M. (2007). Creativity and imagination. In *Early Childhood Education: An International Encyclopaedia*, New, R.S & Cochran, M. (Eds). Pp 887-894.

- Lee, L. & O'Rourke, M. (2006). Information and Communication Technologies: Transforming views of literacies in early childhood settings. *CEYE: Early Years*.
 - O'Rourke, M. (2005). *Creativity in schools*. Paper presented at Backing Our Creativity: National Education and the Arts Symposium, Australia Council for the Arts, Melbourne.
 - O'Rourke, M. (2005). *Multiliteracies for 21st century schools*. ANSN Snapshot No. 2, May 2005, pp 1-14.
 - O'Rourke, M. & Harrison, C. (2004). The introduction of new technologies: New possibilities for early childhood pedagogy. *Australian Journal of Early Childhood*, Vol 29, No 2, June 2004.
 - O'Rourke, M. (2004). Digital learning portfolios: A critical look. *Australian Screen Education*, 37, 98-102..
 - O'Rourke, M. & Ashen, L. (2003). Keynote Address: *Teacher Professional Learning and the Development of Multiliteracies Pedagogy*. RMIT Professional Practice Conference: Melbourne.
 - O'Rourke, M. (2002). Engaging students through ICTs: A multiliteracies approach. *TechKnowLogia*, April-June. www.TechKnowLogia.org.
 - O'Rourke, M. & Dalmau, M.C. (2002). *Towards a social ecology for the middle years*. Discussion paper for the Victorian Schools Innovation Commission: Melbourne.
 - Cherednichenko, B., Davies, A., Kruger, T., & O'Rourke, M. (2001). *Collaborative practices: from description to theory*. Paper presented at the Australian Association for Research in Education, Fremantle, WA.
 - O'Rourke, M. (2001). Engaging Students through ICT: A Multiliteracies Approach. *Teacher Learning Network Journal: Change, Growth and Innovation*, Vol 8 No 3 Spring 2001, pp. 12-13.
 - O'Rourke, M. (2001). Keynote Address *Multiliteracies, ICT and Engaging Students in the Middle Years*. ICT in Education Victoria Conference: Middle Years Discovery Day: Hoppers Crossing.
 - O'Rourke, M. (2001). Young Children and Technology. *Professional Voice: The Learning Curve*. September 2001, Vol 1, Issue 2, pp. 26-28.
 - Jurema, A. & O'Rourke, M. (1998). *IT Literacy in Education: Encouraging critical use*. Paper presented at the Australian Conference for Computers in Education. Adelaide, SA.
 - Jurema, A. & O'Rourke, M. (1997). *An International Approach to Developing Information Technology (IT) Literacy in Schools based on Critical Consciousness*. Paper presented at the Computer Support for Co-operative Learning Conference, Toronto, Canada.
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Work History

- 2007-08** **Executive Director: EdPartnerships International Trust.** Design, management and facilitation of education partnerships with systems of education and schools with a focus on improving learning and achievement.
- 2005-07** **Executive Director: Australian Centre for Effective Partnerships.** Brokered, managed and facilitated cross-sectoral partnerships, professional learning programs and research with education, community, government and corporate sectors.
- 2002-07** **Director: Global Futures (Aus): Client list**
Victorian Schools Innovation Commission: Program Leader for Creative and Cultural Education Initiatives; Broker and manager of statewide refugee partnership; VSIC research advisory team; Social ecology approaches to reform and innovation.
- Australian National Schools Network:** State Coordinator and National Project Manager for:
- Digital Portfolios and KidSmart;
 - Leader of Asia-Pacific Evaluation of IBM KidSmart Early Learning program (Australia, China, India, Japan, Vietnam).
 - National Facilitator: Protocols Facilitator Training Program. Responsible for conducting all Protocols Training programs for the Victorian Dept of Education through the ANSN.
- Victoria University:** Maribyrnong LLEN Mentor Evaluation.
- Catholic Education Office (2004):**
- Action research
 - Digital portfolios
 - Multiliteracies
- Murdoch University** – Multiliteracies research coordinator (2003 – 2006)
- Gold Creek School** – Multiliteracies professional learning
- Lowanna College** – Technology and educational change professional learning
- Lodden Campaspe Mallee Region (Dept of Education)** – Student Futures
- Western Metropolitan Region (Dept of Education)** – Multiliteracies
- Department of Education and Training** – Strategic Partnerships: Digital Portfolios
- Learning to Learn (Dept Education and Children's Services South Australia) 2004** – Protocols
- University of South Australia 2003** – Multiliteracies
- 2001** Director: ICC Australia Client list
State Co-ordinator Australian National Schools Network. Specific Responsibilities:
National and Asia-Pacific Professional Development: KidSmart (Australia, China)
 Project Manager: Authentic Learning and Digital Portfolios
- 2000** **Project Manager and Facilitating Researcher: PD Partnerships Project** (pilot for IBM

Reinventing Education)

Director: ICC (Australia) Educational Consultancy. Provided consultancy to three primary schools, the Australian National Schools Network, Vietnam Reinventing Education Project, IBM and Global Multimedia.

Sessional Lecturer: Victoria University

- 1999 Project Manager: IBM Reinventing Education Project, Australia**
Sessional Lecturer: Victoria University
Education Consultant: Bacchus Marsh Primary School and Global Multimedia – leading change in education with ICT.
- 1998 Manager: Moonee Ponds Central Professional Development Centre**
Sessional Lecturer, Victoria University
- 1995-97 Graduate Teaching Fellow:** University of Oregon, Eugene, Oregon, USA
Training and Development Provider: Sony Disk Manufacturing, Eugene, Oregon, USA
Instructor: University of Oregon Gifted and Talented Program
Part-time teacher: Willamette High School, Eugene, Oregon, USA
- 1992 Awarded International Teaching Fellowship,** Willamette High School, Eugene, Oregon, USA. Resource Room teacher Grades 9-12.
- 1978-91 Principal:** Shield St School; Djerriwarrh Special Developmental School
Teacher: Bacchus March Primary School, Deer Park Primary School, Shield St School, Djerriwarrh Special Developmental School, Pleasant Creek SDS.

