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EDUCATION

Ph.D., English (1984). Kent State University. Specialty: Medieval British literature.
M.A., English (1979). Kent State University.
B.A., English (1978). State University of New York at Buffalo.

Protégé, Millennium Leadership Institute (June 2011). Graduate of this presidential leadership institute sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.
Fellow, American Council on Education (2002 – 2003). One of 36 Fellows selected by ACE for this leadership program. Placement: Mount Union College (Alliance, Ohio).

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

President, State University of New York at Fredonia (2012-present).

Serve as chief executive officer and work collaboratively with the Cabinet on each of the four divisions: Academic Affairs, Advancement, Finance and Administration, and Student Affairs. Other direct reports are the Director of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment and the Chief Diversity Officer. Represent the university in SUNY and at national meetings. Work with alumni, donors, and foundations to promote the university and raise funds. Hold rank as Professor in the Department of English.

Vice President for Academic Affairs, State University of New York at Fredonia (2005 – 2012).

Served as the chief academic officer and assumed chief executive officer duties in the President's absence. Held rank as Professor in the Department of English. Responsible for all academic programs, Academic Affairs budget, strategic planning, accreditation, capital campaign and donor/alumni relations, implementation of academic policy for undergraduate and graduate programs, allocation of faculty and staff positions and hiring for these positions, recommendations for personnel actions, information technology, library services, grants administration and research, honors program, general education, faculty development activities, campus assessment, Registrar's Office, academic leadership in college governance, institutional research and planning, Rockefeller Arts Center, Office of Student Creative Activity and Research (OSCAR), Fredonia Academic Community Engagement (FACE) Center, and the Learning Center. Served as representative of the university on academic matters to constituencies within and outside the institution. Traveled to Bulgaria, Turkey, India, and Korea on behalf of the university.

* This *curriculum vitae* reflects several name changes: Virginia Schaefer (until 1980), Virginia Schaefer Carroll (1980 – 2002), and Virginia Schaefer Horvath (2002 – present).

Dean of Academic and Student Services, Regional Campuses, Kent State University (2001 – 2005).
Coordinated academic programs and student services for seven regional campuses. Participated in budget, enrollment management, and goal planning for each regional campus and worked with a team of administrators and staff in personnel, facilities, articulation, and other matters. Served on contract negotiation teams and led some specialized and regional accreditation processes.

Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Planning, Kent State University (2003 – 2005).
Developed and implemented a process for involving more than 1,400 people in strategic planning. Prepared summary materials, speeches, all drafts of the plan, and website text. Prepared materials for a tool box of resources for unit-based discussions, including a video/CD overview of the process and goals. Assisted governance groups and units, as requested, in implementation.

Regional Campuses English Coordinator, Kent State University (January 1997 – August 2001). Served as liaison between the English Department and faculty on seven regional campuses, represented the regional campuses at meetings and organized faculty development efforts.

Administrative Assistant, Graduate College, Kent State University (1983 – 1984). In a special Graduate Fellowship, served on graduate program review committees; writing a newsletter with a circulation of 7,000; and assisting in the development of grant proposals, research projects, and a successful proposal for a Master in Liberal Studies degree program.

BOARD EXPERIENCE

Board of Trustees, The Buffalo Seminary, Buffalo, New York (2012 – present).

Board of Trustees, Lake Erie Regional Health System of New York, Dunkirk, New York (2012 – present).

Board of Directors, Faculty Student Association, State University of New York at Fredonia (2005 – 2012).

Executive Board, Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Northern Chautauqua, Fredonia, New York (2006 – 2010; Vice President, 2007 – 2008; President, 2008 – 2009).

National Board of Directors, Kent State University Alumni Association, Kent, Ohio (1996 – 2003).

Board of Directors, Virginia Hamilton Conference on Multicultural Literature for Children, Kent, Ohio (1997 – 2000).

Board of Directors, Ohio River Regional Arts Guild (1989 – 1992; Treasurer, 1990 – 1992).

TEACHING POSITIONS

Professor, English (1999 – 2001; maintained faculty rank while serving as Dean). Kent State University Stark Campus.

Associate Professor, English (1991 – 1999). Kent State University Stark Campus (at the East Liverpool Campus until August 1993). Earned Distinguished Teaching Award, 1991.

Assistant Professor, English (1985 – 1991; tenured, 1991). Kent State University East Liverpool Campus.

Temporary Faculty, Japanese (1996 – 1997). Kimpton Middle School. Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools. Munroe Falls, Ohio.

Visiting Professor of British Literature (1992 – 1993). Shimane University. Department of English. Matsue-shi, Shimane-ken. Japan.

SCHOLARSHIP

Full details of scholarly/creative accomplishments are listed on the complete curriculum vitae.

Publications: 12 refereed articles, 1 book, 2 poetry chapbooks, 31 reviews, 13 poems; featured in 3 interviews/articles

Exhibitions: 3 completed, 1 forthcoming

Honors/Awards: Kent State University Distinguished Teaching Award; Poets' League of Greater Cleveland Poetry award; Golden Key International Honour Society; SUNY Fredonia Alma Mater Society

Consulting/Workshops: Consulting or workshops offered at 8 colleges/universities; 9 at conferences/professional meetings

Grants: 4 external grants/awards (\$410,000); 4 internal awards (\$18,500)

SELECTED SERVICE

College/university: strategic planning, academic quality initiatives, capital campaigns, specialized and regional accreditation, information technology, assessment, personnel review, contract negotiation, teaching evaluations, faculty development, curriculum development, new program development, general education, shared governance, international programs, student recruitment and retention, marketing/public relations, diversity, faculty and staff hiring, policy development, conflict resolution

Community: community arts groups, environmental action groups, League of Women Voters, Literacy Volunteers of America, congregational leadership and programs (Unitarian Universalist)

Other service: evaluator for regional accreditation, chair of state-wide higher education organizations, organizing and chairing panels at disciplinary conferences, leadership in state and national organizations

INTERESTS

Photography, writing, needlework, soapmaking, hiking, baking, cycling, reading, beginning dulcimer playing.

PERSONAL

Born in Buffalo, New York, in 1957. Married to Brooke K. Horvath, professor at Kent State University. Two daughters (Emily and Caitlin) and two stepdaughters (Susan and Jordan).