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Education and Training

Ph.D., English Education, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 1999.

Master of Arts, English Literature, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA, 1983.

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, 1979.

Bachelor of Arts, Elementary Education, Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, IN, 1979.

Professional Certification, Pennsylvania Department of Education, Secondary English Education and Elementary Education, 1979.

Positions Held

Dean, School of Social Sciences, Communication, & Education, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, 2006-present.

Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, May 2007-January 2008.

Assistant to the President for Institutional Advancement and Media Relations, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Greensburg, PA, 2004-2006.

Senior Assistant to the President, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Greensburg, PA, 2003-2004.

Assistant to the President, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Greensburg, PA, 2000-2003.

Director, Children's Literature Certificate Program, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Greensburg, PA, 2002-2006.

Assistant Professor of English, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Greensburg, PA, 1999-2006.

Instructor of English, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, Greensburg, PA, 1989-1999.

Awards and Honors

Chancellor's Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Pittsburgh, 2002.

Distinguished Professional Development Award, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, 2002.

President's Award for Excellence, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, 1998.

Distinguished Service Award, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg, 1995.

McDermott Award for Excellence in Teaching, Saint Mary's College, 1979.

Professional Affiliations

- Office of Women in Higher Education, American Council on Education, 71st National Leadership Forum participant, June 2008.
- Office of Women in Higher Education, American Council on Education, Pennsylvania Network Forum participant, October 2006.
- American Educational Research Association
- Arts-Based Education Research Special Interest Group
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education
- National Council of Teachers of English
- Lambda Pi Eta
- Kappa Delta Pi
- Phi Kappa Phi

Publications, Presentations and Conference Papers

Spore, Mary Beth (2010). "Dying to Get to Know You: Narrative Strategy in *The Book Thief*." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2010). "Why *These* Monsters Now?" Westmoreland County Association of School Librarians, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2009). "Picturing America: The Portrayal of Children in Children's Literature: 1900-1950." Country School Association of America, Latrobe, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2009). "Responsibility and Reconciliation in the Face of *Trouble*, a Young-Adult Novel by Gary D. Schmidt." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2009). "Design as Social and Emotional Darkness in Young-Adult Literature A Critical Analysis of Jack Gantos' *The Love Curse of the Rumbaughs* and *Desire Lines*." College English Association, Pittsburgh, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2008). "The Other Jack Gantos: *Desire Lines* and *The Love Curse of the Rumbaughs*." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2007). "Descent into Young-Adult Darkness: Suicide, Guilt, and Depression in Green's *Looking for Alaska*." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2006). "Exploring Decision Making: Mary Jemison in Lenski's *Indian Captive*." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Fogle, Rick A., Spore, Mary Beth, & Carter, Parris L. (2006). "Honoring Academic Excellence: An Academic and Student Affairs Recognition Program." American College Personnel Association annual convention, Indianapolis, IN.

Spore, Mary Beth (2005). "Hidden Away from the World: An Exploration of Child Characters Sequestered from Their Everyday World." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2004). "The History in Historical Fiction for Children and Young Adults." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth, and undergraduate students (2004). "From *The Chocolate War* to *The Rag and Bone Shop*: A Critical Examination of Cormier's Contribution to Young Adult Fiction." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2003). "The Whole Truth: Laurie Halse Anderson's Novels *Speak*, *Fever 1793*, and *Catalyst*." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth, and undergraduate students (2003). "Critical Approaches and Curricular Ideas in Linda Sue Park's *A Single Shard*." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth, and undergraduate students (2003). "With a Critical Eye: Seeing a Work Through Many Lenses." Pennsylvania College English Association Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth; Harrison, Marsha; Haggerson, Nelson (2002). *Stories of the Academy: Learning from the Good Mother*. New York: Peter Lang.

Spore, Mary Beth; Fogle, Rick; Carter, Parris (2002). "Recognizing Excellence: Pitt-Greensburg's DaVinci Society." Pennsylvania College Personnel Association, Carlisle, PA. Presentation October 7, 2002.

Spore, Mary Beth (2002). "Critical Approaches in the Middle-school Classroom." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth, and undergraduate students (2002). "Multiple Critical Perspectives on Karen Hesse's *Witness*." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Pryor, Caroline R., Haggerson, Nelson L., & Spore, Mary Beth (2002). "Evaluation in Curriculum of Research: Perspectives on mentoring the professoriate." American Educational Research Association National Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2001). "Future Vision, Present Warning: Lois Lowry's *Gathering Blue*." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (2001). "Review of *Expanding Curriculum Research and Understanding: A Mytho-poetic Perspective* by N. Haggerson" (New York: Lang, 2000) for *International Journal of Humanities and Peace*, Spring 2001 edition.

Spore, Mary Beth (2001). "Inviting Women to Come Inside: The Archetypal Good Mother in the Academy: A Readers' Theater Production." Arts-Based Educational Research Special Interest Group of the American Educational Research Association annual meeting, Austin, TX.

Spore, Mary Beth; Harrison, Marsha; Haggerson, Nelson (2000). "Inviting Women to Come Inside: The Archetypal Good Mother in the Academy." Annual Meeting of the Arts-Based Educational Research Special Interest Group, Austin, TX.

Spore, Mary Beth, & Harrison, Marsha (2000). "Expanding Curriculum Research: Arts-based Educational Research (ABER) and Beyond to the Mytho-poetic" *Expanding curriculum research and understanding: A mytho-poetic perspective* by N. Haggerson. New York: Lang.

Spore, Mary Beth (2000). "Revealing Moral Maturity: Spinelli's Crash, Maniac, & Palmer." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth, & Harrison, Marsha (2000). "Stories of the Academy: Learning from the Good Mother." American Educational Research Association National Conference, New Orleans, LA.

Spore, Mary Beth (1999). "Storytelling Workshop." UPG Humanities Village Presentation, Greensburg, PA.

McMahon, Patricia, & Spore, Mary Beth (1998). "The Bitter Wisdom of Revisiting Chicago: Understanding the Research of Arts-based Educational Research." American Educational Research Association National Conference, San Diego, CA.

Spore, Mary Beth (1998). "Reading Aloud to Children." Workshop presented at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg for students organizing the "Read for Life" program in Hempfield Area Elementary Schools.

Spore, Mary Beth & McMahon, Patricia (1998). "An Endless Recruiting of Witnesses: Fiction Illuminating a Professional Context." American Educational Research Association, National Conference, San Diego, CA.

Spore, Mary Beth (1998). "Experiential Wisdom: Sharing Good Ideas." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth (1998). "High Aspirations: Portraying Experiences with Underprepared College Students." *Forum for Reading*, 28, 25-38.

McMahon, Patricia, & Spore, Mary Beth (1997). "A Way to Travel Through the Human Heart: Fiction in Educational Research." American Educational Research Association, National Conference, Chicago, IL.

Spore, Mary Beth (1997). "What's So Funny: Looking at Humor in Children's Books." University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference, Greensburg, PA.

Garman, Noreen, & Spore, Mary Beth, et. al. (1996). "Disturbing Our Universe: The Dissertation as Personal Narrative." American Educational Research Association, National Conference, New York, NY.

Spore, Mary Beth (1996). "Narrative portraiture—truth or fiction?" American Educational Research Association, National Conference, New York, NY.

Spore, Mary Beth, & Lucci, Michael (1993). "Interdisciplinary Teaching: Accent on Gender Equity." National Council of Teachers of English, National Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Spore, Mary Beth, & Lucci, Michael (1993). "Let's Talk about Sets." National Conference of Teachers of Mathematics, Northeastern Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

Other Professional

Host, "Good Books in Your Neighborhood: A Celebration of Regional Children's Book Writers and Illustrators." Fred M. Rogers Center, Latrobe, PA, September 2008 and September 2009.

Chair, Saint Vincent College Vice President for Academic Affairs Search Committee, May 2007-February 2008.

Participant, Fall 2006 Executive Forum of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Council on Education (ACE) Network based on the recommendation of Saint Vincent College President Jim Towey. The ACE Network is a program offered the Office of Women in Higher Education, and the theme for the 2006 Forum was *Women Leaders of the 21st Century: IDEALS*.

Chair, Saint Vincent Advisory Board for Graduate Studies in Education, 2003-2006.

Leader, study-abroad trip for fourteen students to Scotland to study Celtic mythology and legend, May 2004.

Leader, study-abroad trip for fifteen students to Ireland to study oral storytelling techniques, May 2003.

Reviewer, special thematic issue of *Teacher Education Quarterly* devoted to arts-based research in teacher education, 2002. Eds. Carol Mullen and Thomas Nelson.

Reviewer, special issue of *Qualitative Inquiry* devoted to arts-based research, fall 2001. Eds. Carol Mullen and Susan Finley.

Paper accepted for the Conference on Curriculum and Pedagogy (scheduled to be held October 10-13, 2001) but cancelled due to 9/11/01 travel difficulties. Paper proposal was entitled "Equality or Excellence: The Paradox of Underprepared Students at the University."

External Consultant, the Composition Program at California University of Pennsylvania, May 2000.

Courses Taught*

English Composition 6000	College Preparatory English*
English Composition 0010	College Composition 1*
English Composition 0020	College Composition 2*
English Composition 0030	College Composition 3*
English Literature 1640	Literature for Children*
English Literature 1645	Critical Approaches to Children's Literature*
English Literature 1647	Literature for Adolescents*
English Literature 1649	Topics in Children's Literature: Historical Fiction*
English Writing 1380	UPG Press*
English Writing 1381	UPG Press*
Freshman Studies 0600	College Skills Seminar*
GCLM 633	Advanced Studies in Children's Literature**
GCLM 663	Literature for Young Adults**
ED 320	Teaching Reading and Language Arts 4-6
EL 129	Young Adult Fiction
EL 130	Children's Literature and Media
EL 259	Critical Approaches to Children's Literature

Community Service

University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg Children's Literature Conference Board Member, 1997-present.

Executive Board Member, Prevention Projects, 2006-present.

Guest Speaker, Greensburg Hempfield Community Library, 11/05, 3/06, 10/06, 2/07, 12/07, 3/08, 10/08, 4/09, 11/09, 2/10.

United Way Women's Leadership Council, 2007.

Guest Speaker, Butler Council of the Keystone State Reading Association, 11/3/05.

Guest Speaker, Aquinas Academy, 11/11/04.

*Courses taught at the University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg 1983-2006

**Graduate courses

Keynote Speaker, Westmoreland County Association of School Librarians, 3/27/03.

Greensburg Central Catholic High School Board Member, 1998-2003.

Queen of Angels Regional Catholic School English Consultant, 1990-1998.

National Education Week Guest Speaker, Norwin School District, fall 1994.

Diocese of Greensburg Transition Team 1991-1992.

Greensburg Central Catholic High School Capital Campaign Chair 1991-1992.

Greensburg Central Catholic High School Alumni Board 1990-1992.