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Highly rated Facilitator, Consultant, Award-Winning Storyteller, Finalist TED Talks Talent Search

Anti-Racism Conversations Co-facilitator, Courage to Care, LLC

March 2020 to Present

- Co-facilitate conversations on systemic racism, white privilege to understand impacts on organizations' interpersonal relations, policies and procedures to create change.

Founder/Facilitator, Narrative Therapy Practitioner Steer Your Story www.steeryourstory.com

January 2019-Present

- Steer Your Story provides specific tools and techniques to assist people to shift from limiting beliefs and problem saturated views to a preferred narrative highlighting their skills and abilities which leads to higher productivity, healthier life choices and more balanced mental health.
- Based on Narrative Therapy, Master's Narrative Therapy 2021 + 60 CE credits from Canadian Counselling & Psychotherapy Association through Vancouver School of Narrative Therapy.
- 2019 tour United States and Canada: Highlights: Colorado Coalition for the Homeless, Crisis Intervention Program of YWCA, Steadfast House (female veterans), Veterans Restoration Quarters.
- Participants include survivors of: abuse, addiction, childhood sexual trauma, domestic violence, homelessness, trafficking, and war. www.steeryourstory.com/survivors-tour

Consultant & Facilitator, World Bank, Communications & Business Skills, Washington DC

February 2015 – Present

- Psychological Safety Certified Facilitator 2022
- Develop, design and facilitate courses including: TED Techniques 6 week online intensive, Presentation Skills, Storytelling for Mentors. Currently, rated, 6.89 out of 7.
- Coach senior staff and teams in effective engaging content creation and presentation skills.
- Facilitate courses and coaching for intact teams throughout World Bank Group.
- To date trained over 1800 staff from upper management to Regional & Country Directors and a VP.
- Co-Facilitated team retreat for 125 staff: Leadership Learning and Innovation April 2016.

Cause-Focused Facilitator, Storyteller, Speaker, Worldwide 2004 – Present

- Recent client highlights: Financial Health Network, GIZ, MIT, Colorado Coalition for the Homeless.
- Curate and create programs & workshops based on needs assessment and client requests.
- Conduct global in-person interviews & intensive on-line research to create content.
- Worldwide Highlights: First American accepted to perform Iran, Kanoon International Storytelling Festival. Accra, Belfast, Berlin, Bogota, Copenhagen, London, Nairobi, Naples, New Orleans, New York City, Paris, Romania, Warsaw & Washington DC
- Develop & deliver keynotes, seminars, workshops. Selected highlights:
 - Mending What's Broken: How Narrative World View & Kintsugi can help us put the pieces back together
 - Connected Across the Divide
 - Cultural Understanding
 - Every Day Superheroes: Identify skills, connect to challenges, create a plan of action, implement
 - How to Use Cultural Stories to Teach Narrative Writing with Diverse Students

Lead Facilitator, CGI Member, [Artfully Aware](http://ArtfullyAware.com) April 2013 - December 2014

- Interviewed and collected life stories from community leaders, educators, entrepreneurs, innovators, farmers, and students in Haiti, Ghana & Kenya to shift the narrative from pity/poverty model to

highlight innovation potential and possibility.

- Co-created 2 books: [Perseverance & Possibility in Kenya](#) and [Ghana Is...](#)
- Utilized various on-line platforms, social media, guest lectures/keynotes to share best practices, encourage knowledge transfer & program replication.

Head of Children's Services/Children's Librarian, Upper Perkiomen Valley Library, Red Hill, PA 215-679-2020 1999 - 2005

- Created & delivered all Children's Services, outreach & programming for birth to age 18.
- Increased event attendance from 3,000 children to 12,000 children within 3 years.
- 3 weekly story hours 50 weeks/year, monthly Book Clubs, created & facilitated Junior Friends Club, monthly special events, Summer Reading Program, coordinated SIS.

Lead Interview Researcher: SHARE Ovarian Cancer Study, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Epidemiology & BioStatistics, Philadelphia, PA J. A. Grisso, Project Head

September 1994 - December 1999 (grant funded 5 year Study)

- Coordinated visits in 25+ hospitals in 15 counties interviewed 1000 of 1500 ovarian cancer patients and community-based controls to assess common causes/factors.
- Highest response rate in recruiting participants ever recorded in the department.
- Selected to train other Research Interviewers.
- First non-nursing Master's Level staff hired, creating new trend to hire non-nursing staff.

Volunteer Experience:

Healing Story Alliance: Executive Committee and Programming Committee

September 2021 to Present

Creator/Facilitator at Literacy Outreach Belize, Belize, Central America,

September 2005 - December 2012 (7 years 4 months)

- Sold home & possessions to create/facilitate project.
- Created and donated literacy programs for 33,000 students. Trained 800+ teachers and librarians.
- Traveled to 75+ villages, 125 schools assessing needs based on interviews.
- Co-created literacy programs and decolonized training manuals incorporating local cultural learning.
- Created Documentary Teacher Training video within Belize with Belizean teachers. Distributed throughout Belize & available on Youtube: [Teacher Training](#)
- Published book: [A Bridge of Stories](#)

Board Member at The Storytelling Center of New York City: 2010

Education:

University of Melbourne (Australia): Master's Narrative Therapy and Community Work, graduated High Honors. 2021

Vancouver School of Narrative Therapy: 60 CE credits Canadian Counselling and Psychotherapy Association, February & September 2020

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill 9 credits, Master's Performance Studies, 1989 - 1990

Kutztown University of Pennsylvania 1989 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Speech and Theatre magna cum laude

Honors and Awards:

National Storytelling Network's International Story Bridge Award

[Finalist TED Talks 2013 Talent Search](#) (TED@NewYork)

Seth Godin altMBA: Madam CJ Walker Award for contributing most to the growth of other students