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PRÉCIS (SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES)

Coach and Consultant, 1991-present

Calling coach, integrating intuitive training in identifying and following calling with training and advising in identifying and removing blocks to calling of time, money, focus, and mindset while seeing these as areas our calling is growing and will challenge us on an ongoing basis—making strategic use of that knowledge. Certified by the Money Coaching Institute as a money coach with individuals and organizations. Since 2011, DBA [RAISING CLARITY](#).

Deeply experienced community and national **organizer; major-gifts fundraiser; integrated annual development planner; strategist and organizational and Board developer**. My [consulting](#) has been awarded as part of grants by the Peace Development Fund, Environmental Support Center and Institute for Conservation Leadership. See samples of my fundraising publications [here](#).

Public Intellectual: Published Philosopher and Translator, Independent Researcher and Presenter, Editor, 1986-present

I deliver useable ideas in unusual forms at the intersection of **academic/non-academic community knowledge interactions** (see, for example, the Adaptation Network, immediately below); and **structural injustice**, especially sexism and racism ([semiotically in legislative history](#)), ([philosophically, in climate change policy](#)); [equity in science decisionmaking; the Beloved Community; public “uptake” of science](#). I’m the [translator](#) of four books from French, and an accomplished developmental and copy [editor](#), including for works of [science popularization](#).

Founder, National Climate Change Network, 2006-2011

Using doctoral research focus (see below) as a platform, founded the **Adaptation Network: Building Resilience in a Changing Climate** (a project of the Earth Island Institute), which was a pioneering “one-stop shop” climate-change adaptation in the US. See the opening interview in [“Ready or Not: Even if We Stopped Burning All Fossil Fuels Today, We are Locked into Some Climate Changes. Time to Get Prepared.”](#)

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Principal Investigator & Project Manager, Work Colleges Consortium, 2002-2005

As co-PI of three-year Collaborative Research Project, connected six-campus national network of faculty and student researchers and ensured work and work-product coordination. Helped refine research in light of interim findings. Participated in and helped plan six on-site network meetings. Tracked and managed \$329,000 budget. Did majority of editing and writing of final research reporting.

Doctoral Teaching Fellow, Florida State University (Educational Foundations), 1995-2001

Designed multidisciplinary dissertation and committee to examine academic resistance to engagement with lay knowledges. [Dissertation](#) established an academic basis for collaborative engagement with non-academic knowledge communities. Taught: undergraduate survey course in education using a socio-economic and knowledge-community lens; graduate seminar in educational philosophies.

Founder and Organizer, Florida Women's Foundation, 1988-1991

Founded public grants-making institution as part of the National Network of Women's Funds, responding to needs witnessed in prior position. Recruited Board and Advisory Council diverse in age, class, ethnicity, politics, and expertise. Handled all written appeals, large donor asks, budgeting, promotions, and additional writing. Raised \$100,000 seed donation plus annual operating budget. Built close relationships with 100+ new donors.

Network Organizer, Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice, 1986-1988

Coordinator, trainer, and partnership-builder. Planned national and state-wide demonstrations, retreats, and camps. Learned to fundraise through relationship-building with large, medium, and small donors by writing appeals and proposals; fundraising events; individual solicitation.

EDUCATION

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Democracy and Ecology, Center for Humans and Nature, Chicago, Illinois, 2002-2003.

Ph.D., Philosophy of Education, Florida State University, Tallahassee, 2001.

Graduate Certificate in Linguistics, *Université de Paris-V*, France, 1982.

B.A., French/Creative Writing, Johnston College, California, 1981.