

Valerie Leach Hodge

EDUCATION

M.A. University of Washington, Seattle, Washington, Geography, 1978

B.A. Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota, Geography, 1976

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

UNIVERSITY AMBASSADOR, Miami University, 2006-Present

Responsible for representing the University in a wide variety of contexts, including meeting with students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the University, traveling with the President on behalf of the University, hosting events and entertaining alumni and donors, and in general participating in activities that advance the interests of Miami University.

DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH, Bellevue Community College, 1995-2006

Responsible for designing and conducting College-related research which supports institutional decision- and policy-making by the President, senior administrators, faculty, and the Board of Trustees. This research is used in the College's planning process, student learning outcomes assessment, enrollment management, and evaluations of institutional effectiveness, among other areas.

ACTING DIRECTOR, DISTRICT RESEARCH, Seattle Community College District, 1992-93

Conducted research projects for the District, including publication of a 1990 Census profile, organized by campus and District service areas to be used for planning, community response, and grant-writing information. Conducted an Environmental Scan and External Assessment for Seattle Vocational Institute in conjunction with their six year program and facilities plan, used as a basis for legislative funding decisions. Served as a contact with business and industry and as a research and information resource for the campuses.

RESEARCH COORDINATOR, Seattle Community College District, 1991-1992

Conducted an Environmental Scan for the District which was used to inform the District's strategic planning process, for program planning, and as a resource document for both the District and the campuses in various planning activities throughout the year. In conjunction with the Scan, both short-range and long-range research plans for the District were constructed which served as a guide to research activities and as a point of discussion among administrative staff about the direction the District's research activities should take.

CONSULTANT, Seattle Community College District, 1990

Conducted a long-range study of demographic and economic trends affecting enrollments in the Seattle Community College District. Information at several geographic levels and from a variety of sources was used to demonstrate the existing and likely future demand for educational services provided by the District. This study was used successfully by the District as a justification for increased and differentiated enrollments over the next biennium.

RESEARCH CONSULTANT, Institute for Public Policy and Management, University of Washington, 1988-1989

Conducted a Social and Health Needs Assessment for a social service umbrella organization in King County. The study was used by the agency to justify their expenditures to funding sources and to plan for the future needs of their service area.

Project manager for a state-wide study on school district data collection and reporting in Washington. This study, the purpose of which was to both reduce and improve reporting by the school districts, included a survey of all school districts in the state, intensive interviews in sixteen districts, and extensive interviews with state-level agency staff, legislative staff, and legislators.

PROJECT DIRECTOR, Greater Puget Sound Higher Education Study, Greater Puget Sound Higher Education Consortium, 1985-1986

Conducted a study of the changing demographic and economic structure of the greater Puget Sound region and the implications of those changes for higher education for the Greater Puget Sound Higher Education Consortium, the nine major four-year institutions in the greater Puget Sound area. Responsibilities included computer database design, all research and analysis, supervision of data entry staff, presentations to the Provosts of the nine institutions, and writing of the final report. Evidence from this study was used in the formulation and development of the branch campus plan for Puget Sound public four-year institutions.

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, Washington State Temporary Committee on Educational Policies, Structure and Management, 1983-1985

Conducted research and analysis on a wide range of topics dealing with education reform in Washington. Responsibilities included preparation of policy papers, development of recommendations and legislation for education reform, organization of public meetings, and testifying before legislative committees.

MANAGER, CUSTOMER SUPPORT DIVISION, CORGRAPHICS Corporation (formerly CDS Associates), 1981-1982

Managed the development and implementation of operations policies and procedures for start-up customer support division of a Seattle computer graphics firm. Responsibilities included development of forms, contracts, proposals, all contact with customers, and interface to technical staff.

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE, CDS Associates, 1979-1981

Project Manager for three long-range planning studies for school districts in Washington. Responsibilities included data gathering, population projections, analysis of the information for school district planning purposes, report writing, and public presentations.

Conducted a survey of 4,000 employers in King and Snohomish counties, sponsored by the King-Snohomish Manpower Consortium. Responsibilities included project management, design and administration of a questionnaire on employer attitudes toward vocational education programs, in-

person and telephone interviews of employers, management of the data processing procedures and organization and writing of the final report.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

President, Pacific Northwest Association of Research and Planners (2001-02)

President, Washington Association for Research and Planning (2004-05)

Chair, Professional Development Committee and Member, Board of Directors, The Association of Washington Community and Technical College Administrators (1997-2001)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Member, Kenmore Junior High PTA Board, 1996-2000 (Vice-president, 1999-2000)

Member, Arrowhead Elementary PTA Board, 1994-1996 (Secretary, 1994 and President, 1995)

Member, McDonald Highlands Homeowners' Association Board, 1987-1989

Member, Board of Directors, Washington Literacy, 1985-1988