

## **EDUCATION**

EdD, Educational Leadership and Comparative Education, 1999  
Seattle University, Seattle, WA

M.A., Education, 1983  
Claremont Graduate University, Claremont, CA

B.A., Literature, 1978  
University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

## **PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS and EMPLOYMENT**

2000-Present: Founder, Teachers Without Borders. Seattle, WA

2017-Present: Guest Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel. Brussels, Belgium

2013-2017: Assistant Visiting Professor, Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD

2012-2013: Global Education Consultant, Cisco Systems. San Jose, CA

2012: Lecturer, Carlson Center, University of Washington. Seattle, WA

1994-2000: Principal, Helen Taylor Bush School. Seattle, WA

1986-1994: Dean and Principal, Oakwood School. Los Angeles, CA

1983-1984: Instructor and "Foreign Expert." Henan University. Kaifeng, China

1980-1982: Dean, Oakwood School. Los Angeles, CA

## **LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS**

Peace Prizes awarded in 2018 (Luxembourg Peace Prize) and scheduled for 2019 (Amadiyyah Muslim Peace Prize)

Education and integrated development through Ministry of Education capacity building, teacher networks, and teacher professional communities of practice

Strategic design of sustainable educational reform through community building, partnerships, and teacher development

Scale and customization of educational leadership programs for schools, Ministries of Education, NGOs, and global agencies, including – but not limited to – strategic planning and implementation; mobilization of staff to achieve lasting and sustainable impacts

Effective and efficient technology solutions for teacher development, curriculum, and knowledge management for all stages of the education lifecycle

Consulting for corporations, non-profit organizations, foundations, and global agencies: assessment of progress throughout the K-higher education cycle; education leadership in policy development and implementation; systems

Design and supervision of large-scale education initiatives, including global support networks, educational sustainability, institutional strengthening, and teacher communities of practice

Education delivery and teacher leadership for disaster risk reduction through prevention and planning, intervention, and educational reconstruction

## **AWARDS and HONORS**

2019: The Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace. Ahmadiyya Muslim Association. London, United Kingdom

2018: Luxembourg Peace Prize: "Outstanding Peace Education." Schengen Peace Foundation and the World Peace Forum. Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

2015 and 2016: "Global Innovation Award." Education We Want. Lucknow, India

2014: "Fedex Award Runner Up." Education for Disaster Prevention Innovation competition

2013: "Special Commendation." The White House Equal Futures Partnership. Girls' Quake Science and Safety Initiative on earthquake education in developing countries

2013: "Winner, People's Choice Non-Profit." Verizon Foundation

2012: "Exemplary Resource." Organization of American States. Teachers Without Borders Peace Education program

2010: "Champion of African Education Award." Ashoka/W.F. Hewlett Foundation. Millennium Development Ambassadors Program in sub-Saharan Africa

2009: "Seattle Best Non-Profit Award." Best Education and Teacher Association

2006: "Invitee." Cisco's selection for attendance at the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony

2003: "Desmond Tutu Special Recognition." TWB Teaching and Learning Centers

2006-2008: "National Finalist." Volvo for Life Award. Innovative use of technology in education

2007: "Special Commendation." The U.S. Peace Corps. For service to teachers in Honduras

2006: "Giraffe." Exemplary community leaders who "stick their neck out"

1997: "Fred Mednick Faculty Resource Center." The Bush School

1983: "California Outstanding Educators Award." Johns Hopkins University Gifted and Talented Program

## **KEYNOTES and PRESENTATIONS**

2019: "Keynote." Fourth Annual Education Solutions Conference. Center for Global Education, USA. Washington, D.C.

2019: Peace Laureate Speech upon acceptance of Ahmadiyya Muslim Prize for the Advancement of Peace. Ahmadiyya Muslim Association. London, United Kingdom

2018: "Jan Tucker Memorial Lecture." Keynote: National Council of the Social Studies, annual conference. Chicago, Illinois

2018: "Teachers as Peacemakers." Acceptance speech for Luxembourg Peace Prize. Luxembourg City, Luxembourg

2017. "Global Education and Second Language Learning: An Academic Accelerator." Keynote for Arizona Teachers of English as a Second Language. Tucson, Arizona

2016. "Global Teacher Networks and Education in Emergencies." Redelijk Eigenzinning Address. Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels, Belgium

2016. "Teaching Without Borders." Virginia Wesleyan College. Keynote: First Annual Symposium on International Education. Norfolk, VA

2016. "Comparative Perspectives on Global Urban Education." Panel: Brussels Study Institute. Panelist: Grasping Global Cities' Societal Challenges. Brussels, Belgium

2015. "Teacher Professional Development Priorities in Latin America and the Caribbean." Speaker: Organization of American States: Meeting of Latin American and Caribbean Ministers of Education. Panama City, Panama

2014. "Global Teacher Development in Latin America and the Caribbean." Keynote: Virtual Educa: Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

2014. "Satellites and Education in Emergencies." Speaker: Google Headquarters. Vint Cerf Plenary Interplanetary Network Conference. Mountain View, California

2014. "Girls' Earthquake Science and Safety Initiative." The White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Washington, DC

2013. "Global Education and the Student Voice in International Affairs." Keynote: Model United Nations. Taipei, Taiwan

2013. "Teacher Efficacy and Global Development." Speaker: Harvard University. Harvard International Development Conference, Boston, MA

2013. "Education in Emergencies." Moderator and Panelist. Emergency Aid and International Development Forum.

Washington, DC

2013. "Global Networks and Teacher Professional Development." Speaker: Cisco Systems. Annual Board of Trustees Meeting. San Jose, California

2012. "Open Educational Resources and Global Teacher Networks." Speaker: W.F. Hewlett Foundation. Hewlett Grantee Annual Meeting. Palo Alto, CA

2012. "China's Science Inquiry Methods: A Connection to Student Achievement." Keynote: Qing Yang Bureau of Education Conference. Chengdu, China

2012. "Global NGOs in Higher Education." Speaker: University of Pennsylvania. School of Education Guest Lecture Series (2012). Philadelphia, PA

2011-2013. "Education, Creativity, and the Mind." Blouin Creative Leadership Summit. New York City, NY

2011. "Global Teachers, Global Change." Keynote: East Asia Regional Council of Overseas Schools. Annual Conference. Borneo, Malaysia

2010. "Building Education from Below the Ground and Up." TEDx. Denver, CO

2010. "Literacy, Leadership, and Open Educational Resources." Speaker: United States Agency for International Development. Annual Literacy Conference. Washington, DC

2010. "Global Teaching; Local Solutions." Speaker: Oxford University. Beyond Borders Conference. Oxford, UK

2010. "An Appeal to Graduates: Share What You Learn." Graduate School Commencement Address. Northern Colorado University. Greeley, CO

2009. "Online Platforms and Teachers as Change Agents." Speaker: Stanford University. Carnegie Association for the Advancement of Teaching Staff Professional Development Lecture Series. Palo Alto, CA

2009. "MOOCs for Teacher Professional Development." Speaker: W.F. Hewlett Foundation. Annual Grantee Meeting on Open Educational Resources. Palo Alto, CA

2008. "Education, Islam, and Development" Speaker: Federal Parliament. Special Session on Education and Development. Ontario, Canada

2007. "Open Teacher Development in Closed Societies." Keynote: Open Educational Resources Conference. Utah State University. Logan, UT

2006. "Educational Reform in Pakistan." Presentation: President's Office. Islamabad, Pakistan

2005. "Teacher Leaders" Panelist with Jane Goodall and President Oscar Arias. Government of Costa Rica. San Jose, Costa Rica

## **EXPERTISE and RESEARCH ENGAGEMENTS**

Leadership of nonprofits and global networks in education and international development

Comprehensive educational reform through community building, partnerships, and teacher development

Scale and customization of educational leadership programs for schools, Ministries of Education, NGOs, and global agencies, including – but not limited to – strategic planning and implementation; mobilization of staff to achieve lasting and sustainable impacts

Effective and efficient technology solutions for teacher development, curriculum, and knowledge management for all stages of the education lifecycle

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## SELECTED GRANTS and CONTRACTS

2017-2020: Key Expert for Inter-American Development Bank funded grant managed by Vrije Universiteit Brussel. \$4,457,157 for Basic Education Improvement Program to the country of Suriname, in partnership with Teachers Without Borders

2016: Inter-American Development Bank. \$15,350 (extension into large-scale, multi-year project pending): development of stakeholder workshops and design of open-access educational standards for the country of Suriname

2015: Adobe Foundation. \$5,000 for general operating support

2003-2015: Cisco Foundation. \$2,800,000. Online platforms for teacher development; science inquiry curriculum and training; teacher professional development in Ghana, India, Jordan, Mexico, Nigeria, South Africa; emergency education in China and Haiti;

2013: Verizon Foundation. \$75,000. Employee giving campaign. Winning entry

2012: CVS Foundation. \$50,000. Bullying education

2007-2012: W. F. Hewlett Foundation. \$2,480,000. Open educational resources and global teacher networks; organizational capacity and board development for Teachers Without Borders; earthquake science and safety in Haiti, India, Pakistan, Tajikistan

2011: Rockefeller Foundation. \$75,000. Organizational capacity

2007-2010: Agilent Foundation. \$175,000. Science inquiry training; earthquake relief

## PUBLICATIONS

Mednick, F. (2018). Outside my window: My eyewitness view of teacher leaders changing the world. (in negotiation).

Mednick, F. (2015). "Research briefing for the eighth ministerial of education ministers." Inter-American Council for Integral Development – Organization of American States

Mednick, F. (2014). "The rise of non-formal education." New Horizons for Learning, at Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD

Mednick, F. (2014). "Inequality and social inclusion in the Americas: working to create educational opportunities for all" (chapter). In "Inequality and social inclusion in the Americas: 13 essays." Organization of American States: Secretary General. Washington, DC.

Mednick, F. (2013). "Science inquiry methods in China." Chengdu, China: Ministry of Education

Mednick, F. (2012). "Teacher development in Latin America." San Jose, CA: Cisco Systems

Mednick, F. (2011) "Old dogmas and new tricks" (Chapter). Commonwealth minister's 2011 briefing book. London, UK: Henley Media Group Limited

Mednick, F. (2010). "To Haiti from China: With sorrow and love." New York: Louis Blouin Foundation (blog)

Mednick, F. (2008). "Education and Islam." Gather.com

Mednick, F. (2004). "Lesson 42: Excerpts from rebel without a car." (chapter). Biederman, L. Parent school. Forward by Penelope Leach, Ph.D. New York: M. Evans and Company, Inc.

Mednick, F. & Jain, V. (1999). "Qualities of an educated teen for the 21st century: Reflections on the study-process in Udaipur." Udaipur, India: Shikshantar Publishers

Mednick, F. (1996). Rebel without a car: Surviving and appreciating your child's teen years. Minneapolis, MN: Fairview Press. Rebellen ohne führerschein: Wie sie die pubertät ihres Kindes überleben. Beltz Publishers. Berlin, Germany

Mednick, F. (1995). "Lessons." Notes Plus and Ideas Plus: National Association of Teachers of English

Mednick, F. (1985). From newcomers to naturalists: Early American literature. Kaifeng, China: Kaifeng University Press

## REFERENCES

JANE GOODALL, PhD

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## **MEMBERSHIPS, BOARDS, JURIES, COMMITTEES**

CCTV News: On-call expertise on education for China's largest television network, through CGTN America

Education Fast Forward: A collaboration with OECD, Imagine Education, Digital Promise, and Polycom: Fellow

Edvance Foundation: Board Member (2018-2020)

Exxotek: Advisory Board for artificial intelligence natural language recognition platform

Fulbright Association: Reviewer

Global Classroom, Ltd.: Advisory Board

Global Washington: Advisory Board

International STEM Society for Human Rights: Advisory Board

Journeys in Film: Advisory Board

Literacy Information and Communication System (LINCS): STEM consultation

National Institute for Technology in Liberal Education (NITLE): Advisory Board

Vishal Himalaya Foundation: Board Member