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EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION

Hephzibah High School, Hephzibah, Georgia, 1986

Georgia Southern College, Statesboro, Georgia,
Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation/Therapeutic,
1990

Augusta College, Augusta, Georgia, Post-Baccalaureate
coursework for Special Education, 1994-1995

RECOGNITION

Anthony J. Raymond Award, Protection and Advocacy
for People with Disabilities, 1998

Certificate of Appreciation for Service, City of Columbia
Mayor's Committee on the Employment of People with
Disabilities, 1998

Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Advocacy,
Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities,
1999

Employee of the Year, Southeast Disability and
Business Technical Assistance Center, 1999

Employee of the Year, Southeast Disability and
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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Toastmasters International, TechMasters, Georgia Tech,
Competent Toastmaster (CTM), Vice-President of
Education for 2004-2005 term, 2003-2005

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2006-Present **Director of Training and Technical Assistance, DBTAC: Southeast ADA Center**, Burton Blatt Institute, Syracuse University, Atlanta, Georgia (Satellite location)
- 2001-2006 **Program Manager/Assistant Project Director, Southeast Disability & Business Technical Assistance Center, Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access (CATEA)**, College of Architecture, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1999-2001 **Assistant Project Director, Southeast Disability & Business Technical Assistance Center**, United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) National, Atlanta, Georgia
- 1995-1999 **Protection and Advocacy for Individual Rights (PAIR) Coordinator and Advocate**, Protection and Advocacy for People with Disabilities, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina
- 1993-1995 **Pre-School Special Education Service Provider**, Richmond County Board of Education, Augusta, Georgia
- 1992-1993 **Service Coordinator and Home Based Interventionist**, Aiken County Board of Disabilities and Special Needs, Aiken, South Carolina
- 1991-1992 **Activity Director**, Lake Crossing Health Center, Appling, Georgia
- 1990-1991 **Activity Director**, Northhaven Health Care Center, Knoxville, Tennessee

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CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

ADA Title II Tutorial, Online Tutorial designed as an educational tool to orient ADA coordinators to their roles, DBTAC: Southeast ADA Center, Launch scheduled for October 2007.

Weiss, Sally, James de Jong, Shelley Kaplan, and Pamela Williamson. 2005. *Serving Customers with Disabilities in Air Travel*. Edited by Mary Morder. Atlanta, Georgia: Georgia Tech Center for Assistive Technology and Environmental Access.

ADA Basic Building Blocks, www.adabasics.org, Online course designed for the general public, Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, Launched August 2003.

Basic ADA Building Blocks, Online course for National ADA Leadership, Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center, Launched July 2002.

At Your Service: Welcoming Customers with Disabilities, www.wiawebcourse.org, Online course for the US Department of Labor, January 2002.

COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES

Idea Exchange: Sharing Our Training Wealth, Discussion Facilitator for the network of ten ADA & IT Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs), August 23, 2004.

Promoting Accessible Information Technology in the Education Setting, Discussion Facilitator for the network of ten ADA & IT Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs), November 14, 2003.

Building A Network That Will Outlive You, Discussion Facilitator for the network of ten ADA & IT Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs), August 19, 2003.

Training the New Technical Assistance Specialist, Discussion Facilitator for the network of ten ADA & IT Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs), June 12, 2003.

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COLLABORATIVE ACTIVITIES,
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Effective Strategies for Implementing DBTAC Core Functions, Discussion Facilitator for the network of ten ADA & IT Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs), March 11, 2003.

Idea Exchange: Sharing Our Training Wealth, Discussion Facilitator for the network of ten ADA & IT Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs), August 23, 2004.

Promoting Accessible Information Technology in the Education Setting, Facilitator for the network of ten ADA & IT Technical Assistance Centers (DBTACs), November 14, 2003.

PUBLICATIONS

Williamson, P.R. (2007). The Full Promise of the ADA: Restoring the Original Intent. *ADA Pipeline*, Volume 16, No. 1, Page 1.

Williamson, P.R. (2007). ADA Restoration Act: A Course Correction. *Coalition Quarterly*, Summer 2007, Pages 16-17.

Williamson, P.R. (2007). Technical Assistance Corner. *ADA Pipeline*, Volume 16, No. 1, Page 7.

Williamson, P.R. (2005). *Hurricane Resources for Individuals with Disabilities*, Southeast Disability and Business Technical Assistance Center. October 2005.

Kaplan, S. & Williamson, P.R., (2004). *The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and Child Care*. Submitted to *Spinning Wheel*, September 2004.

Williamson, P.R., *Training the New Technical Assistance (TA) Specialist—A Model Plan*, June 2003.

Kaplan, S. & Williamson, P.R., (2000). *Reflections on the ADA*. Enabled Online, www.enabledonline.com, October/November 2000.

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MEDIA INTERVIEWS

Research Horizons, A publication of the Georgia Institute of Technology, September 29, 2005, Article (*In the Hurricane's Wake*) in Vol. 23, No. 1, Fall 2005.

Disability Compliance Bulletin, September 29, 2005, Article (*Center provides answers to assistive technology, compliance issues*) published in Vol. 31, Issue 3, October 13, 2005.

PRESENTATIONS

It's Your Vote!, Co-Presented with Donna DeStefano, Todd Hash, Shara Winton, Kevin Lofton, and Phil Schoggin, Tennessee Disability MegaConference, Franklin, Tennessee, June 17, 2006.

From the Files: Case Studies in Employment under the Americans with Disabilities Act, Co-Presented with Donna DeStefano, Tennessee Disability MegaConference, Franklin, Tennessee, June 17, 2006.

Commonly Asked Questions About Child Care Centers and the Americans with Disabilities Act, Family Café Conference, Orlando, Florida, June 2, 2006.

Air Carrier Access Act Overview, National ADA Symposium and EXPO, St. Louis, Missouri, April 12, 2006.

From A to D: How To Create & Maintain an Effective Network, Co-Presented with Donna DeStefano and Floyd Stewart, Tennessee Disability MegaConference, Nashville, Tennessee, June 3, 2005.

Access to Information Technology for Students with Disabilities, Co-Presented with Donna DeStefano, Tennessee Disability MegaConference, Nashville, Tennessee, June 2, 2005.

The Reasonable Side of "Reasonable Accommodation", Co-Presented with Donna DeStefano and Floyd Stewart, Tennessee Disability MegaConference, Nashville, Tennessee, June 1, 2005.

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PRESENTATIONS, Continued

Knoxville Mayor's Council on Disability Issues Television Panel, Knoxville, Tennessee, April 13, 2005.

Information Technology Access for Students, Faculty, and Staff with Disabilities, Diversity in Disabilities – It Transcends (DID IT '05), Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, March 17, 2005.

Information Technology Access for Students, Faculty, and Staff with Disabilities, Co-Presented with Curtis Edmonds, Southeast Center Director's Association Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, January 6, 2005.

Get Into the "Act"—An Overview of the Southeast DBTAC ADA Network, Co-Presented with Shelley Kaplan, Southeast DBTAC Annual Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, December 15, 2004.

Diversity and Disability—Thinking Outside the Box, Co-Presented with Cheri Hofmann, GT 1000—Adjustment to College Life—Freshmen Seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, October 27, 2004.

Disability Law and U.S. Public Policy, CATEA Presentation for Disabled Children's Association representatives, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Atlanta, Georgia, August 13, 2004.

ADA Train the Trainer, Kentucky ADA Outreach Network Statewide Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, March 31, 2004.

ADA Basic Building Blocks—An ADA Overview, Kentucky ADA Outreach Network Statewide Meeting, Louisville, Kentucky, March 30, 2004.

Air Travel and Customers with Disabilities: Providing Good Customer Service, Air Tran Training Headquarters, College Park, Georgia December 2, 3, 16, 17. 2003.

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PRESENTATIONS, Continued

Finding Your Place in the Southeast DBTAC ADA Network, Southeast DBTAC Annual Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi, December 11, 2003.

Social Relationships and Friendships, Co-Presented with Betsy Wynne, University of Georgia Institute on Human Development and Disability, Athens, Georgia, September 16, 2003.

Communication Crisis--Effective Communication and the ADA in Hospitals, TechMasters, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, Georgia, July 17, 2003.

Access to One-Stop Career Centers and Youth Services, Co-Presentation with Nancy Duncan, President, Georgia ADA Exchange, Touch the Future Assistive Technology Conference, Augusta, Georgia, October 16, 2002.

The ADA and Childcare, Co-Presentation with Wil Morales, Atlanta Area Headstart, Atlanta, Georgia, August 6, 2002.

Southeast DBTAC ADA Network Update, North Carolina ADA Network Statewide Meeting, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, May 22, 2002.

Overview of the ADA, Section 504, and Electronic and Information Technology, Co-presentation with Regina Ratterree, South Carolina Employment Security Commission, South Carolina Partners in Policy Making, Columbia, South Carolina, January 11, 2002.

Benefits and Responsibilities of Being Part of the Southeast DBTAC ADA Network—Promoting the Network and Your Part In It, Co-Presented with Wil Morales, Southeast DBTAC Annual Conference, Biloxi, Mississippi, December 10, 2001.

Air Travel and Customers with Disabilities: Providing Good Customer Service, Air Tran Training Headquarters, College Park, Georgia July 25, 2001.

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PRESENTATIONS, Continued

Participating in the Southeast DBTAC ADA Network: An Overview of Resources and Core Functions, North Carolina ADA Network Statewide Meeting, Raleigh, North Carolina, March 8, 2001.

ADA Train the Trainer, North Carolina ADA Network Statewide Meeting, Raleigh, North Carolina, March 7, 2001.

An Overview of the ADA, Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, and Section 255 of the Telecommunications Act, Atlanta HEARS, SHHH Chapter, Atlanta, Georgia, February 15, 2001.

Overview of the Southeast DBTAC ADA Network, North Carolina ADA Network Statewide Meeting, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 19, 2000.

Ten Years of the ADA: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, Southeast Society of Human Resource Managers, Atlanta, Georgia, August 7, 2000.

The ADA, Employment, and Reasonable Accommodations, Touch the Future Assistive Technology Conference, Macon, Georgia, May 4, 2000.

The ADA and Childcare, Atlanta Area Headstart, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2, 2000.