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Education

- Degree earned 2006 **Antioch New England Graduate School**; Keene, NH.
M.Ed, elementary and early childhood certification in ME and NH
- Degree earned 1998 **Hamilton College**; Clinton, NY.
B.A. in Biology and English, Diploma Cum Laude, Dean's List 1997, 1998
- 1996-1997 **Northeastern University**; Boston, MA. (NW, Caribbean, NE)
East/West Marine Research Program, junior year abroad
- Degree earned 1994 **St. Paul's School**; Concord, NH.
Diploma Magna Cum Laude, distinctions in English and History

Professional Experience

- 2015-present **Adjunct Faculty, Antioch University**; Keene, NH and Santa Barbara, CA.
Develop and teach workshops on nature-based early childhood education, as well as outdoor and place-based teaching methods. Teach a graduate level courses titled: "Risk Management in Nature-Based Early Childhood Programs" and "Teaching in Winter," as well as organizing the annual "In Bloom in Maine" Nature-based Early Childhood conference
- 2011-present **Founder/Director, and Teacher Juniper Hill School for Place-Based Education**; Alna, ME. Director of a nature-based, place-based, pre- and elementary school on 42 acres in rural Maine. Responsibilities include, and are not limited to: educational leadership, curriculum development, employment, staff development, enrollment and admissions, campus facilities management, fund raising, and fiscal management. I am also the teacher of a parent-child program and used to teach preschool and elementary grades as a lead teacher.
- 2009-2011 **Quebec-Labrador Foundation; The Questing Program**; Waldoboro, ME.
Place-Based Education Coordinator in a program which brought place-based education directly into 25 schools in the Midcoast/Muscongus Bay Watershed region with a tool called Questing (quests are community treasure hunts) by training teachers and then supporting the implementation process.
- 2009-2011 **Kinderheart Yoga**; Walpole, ME.
Owned the business and operated yoga classes for children ages 2-10 years old. Curriculum rooted in seasonal and place-based concepts, as well as growth of caring in social relationships. Taught 3-5 classes a week.
- January-June 2008 **Bank Street School for Children**; New York, NY.
Co-head teacher of a 4 and 5 year old classroom; responsible for all aspects of students and classroom life (including parent conferences and reports for each child). Implemented a major social curriculum focusing on caring relationships with self, others, and the "world" of these young children, as well as an integrated (science, art, writing), place-based study of an area of Riverside Park near the school called Big Rock. Developed a planting curriculum with the children that worked on explicit skills in mathematics and science: measurement, shapes, sorting, observation, change over time, inquiry.
- 2006-2007 **F.A.R.M.S. Program**; Lincoln County, ME.
Focus on Agriculture in Rural Maine Schools committee member, working on pilot program for getting local food into area schools.
- 2005-2008 **School Unions #74 and #49**; Lincoln Co Unity, ME

- Substitute teacher for grades K-8, also prepared special programs for teachers, parents, and families on diverse subjects.
- Sept. 2005-Dec. 2005 **Boothbay Regional Elementary School**; Boothbay, ME.
Master's in Education candidate, elementary certification internship in a 4th grade classroom and district wide substitute.
- 2003-2005 **Sheepscot Valley Children's House**; Wiscasset, ME.
Co-teacher in a Montessori-based preschool.
- 2003 **Union #74 School District**; Damariscotta, ME.
Long-term substitute teacher for grades K-8, long term substitute in the spring for the 3rd/ 4th grade at South Bristol School.
- 2003, 2004 **Union #74 Adult Education**; Damariscotta, ME.
Developed/ taught community-based Vernal Pools classes.
- 2002-present **Pine Island Camp**; Belgrade Lakes, ME. (summers)
Director, Whitehead Island Program for 9-14 year old urban boys.
In addition, I helped to facilitate and teach adult educational programs for the Whitehead Light Station (summers 2008-2010).
- 2002 **Department of Marine Resources Aquarium**; Boothbay, ME.
Senior marine educator. Fisheries and natural history interpreter.
- 1999-2002 **The Chewonki Foundation (CEE and Camp Chewonki)**
Interim Co-Director and Assistant Director of the Outreach Program, Outreach Educator, Environmental Educator, and Camp Naturalist. Taught all ages, pre-K to adult, in the Outreach Program. Taught primarily grades 4th through 8th in the Environmental Education Program. Camp is boys ages 9-13.
- 1998 **Tanglewood 4-H Learning Center**; Lincolnville, ME.
Environmental Educator and Field Naturalist (K-4th grades).
- 1995-1997 **Darling Marine Center**; Walpole, ME. (summers)
S.U.R.E. Intern and Research Assistant.

Professional Activities

- October 2019 **Opt-In Conference, sponsored by the ME Association of Non-Profits and the Quimby Family Foundation**
"Spark Talk" speaker, one of four presentations at a communications conference on perfecting your story. Portland, ME.
- July 2019 **Natural Start Conference (NAAEE)**
Workshop presenter (2 workshops on developing and implementing integrated nature-based curriculum and the benefits of risk-based activities in nature-based programming). Manchester, NH.
- April 2019 **Bank Street College**
Keynote speaker at Bank Street College's Kindergarten Conference.
New York City, NY.
- April 2019 **Antioch University "In Bloom: Nature-Based, Early Childhood Conference"**
Workshop presenter as well as conducting the opening and closing activities. Kittery, ME.
- March 2019 **Antioch University "In Bloom: Nature-Based, Early Childhood Conference"**
Keynote speaker and workshop presenter as well as conducting the opening and closing activities. Brattleboro, VT.
- November 2018 **Midcoast PechaKucha**
One of nine speakers at a creative arts presentation evening for the community
- August 2018 **World of Wonder International Nature Pedagogy Conference**
Keynote speaker, conducted an education and policy expert panel. Chicago, IL
- April 2018 **Antioch University "In Bloom: Nature-Based, Early Childhood Conference"**
Keynote speaker and workshop presenter as well as conducting the opening and closing activities. New Haven, CT

June 2018 **University of ME Farmington’s Nature-Based, Early Childhood Conference”**
Keynote speaker and workshop presenter as well as conducting the opening and closing activities. Farmington, ME

June 2017 **Committee Member, Nature Start Alliance, National Association of Environmental Education**
Developed and team-authored an instructional guide called, *The Best Practices of Nature-based Early Childhood Education*, Baltimore, MD

May 2017 **Timbernook Educators and Providers Webinar**
Workshop leader for Angela Hanscom, author of *Barefoot and Balanced*

April 2017 **Antioch University “In Bloom: Nature-Based, Early Childhood Conference”**
Workshop presenter as well as opening and closing activities. Kittery, ME

May 2017 **Workshop leader for webinar series for Timbernook, Angela Hanscom, author of Barefoot and Balanced**

March 2016 **Antioch University “In Bloom: Nature-Based, Early Childhood Conference”**
Keynote speaker and workshop presenter as well as conducting the opening and closing activities. Kittery, ME

May 2012-present **Antioch University “In Bloom: Nature-Based, Early Childhood Conference”**
Workshop presenter as well as opening and closing activities. Keene, NH

April 2015 **Antioch University “In Bloom: Nature-Based, Early Childhood Conference”**
Workshop presenter as well as opening and closing activities. New Haven, CT

March 2013 **Maine Environmental Education Association**
Speaker and discussion panelist, workshop leader

November 2011 **Panelist for Health and Wellness of Nature-Based Education**
Was one of four panelists for community forum after viewing the film *Mother Nature's Child*, Damariscotta, ME

August 2011 **Launching Event, The Botanical Gardens, Boothbay**
Keynote speaker, launching Juniper Hill School, and for community forum after viewing the film *Mother Nature's Child*, Boothbay, ME

2007 **Teens to Trails Conference**
Led a session for high school students and their teachers on nature journaling within the classroom setting, Gorham, ME

2005-2007 **Various Teacher Workshops, attended**
Vermont Peace Academy “Teaching Peace with Children”
Vivian Gussin Paley, “Play-Acting with Young Children”
Jane Healy, “Endangered Minds: Technology and Our Children”
“Special Education in the Regular Classroom”
“Maine Reading Association--Utilizing Non-Fiction Effectively”
Jonathan Kozol, “Savage Inequalities”
“Technology in the Classroom”
“Behavior Management: Help for the Classroom Teacher”
“Promise of Place, Place-Based Education Conferences”
“Image-Making Within the Writing Process”

2004 **Montessori Education Training**
A week-long intensive training and experience as a co-teacher for two years in a Montessori-inspired school

2003 **Pemaquid Watershed Association**
Led teacher workshops on wetlands/importance of using school grounds as tools for developing integrated, cross-grade units.

2002-2006 **Gulf of Maine Marine Education Association**
Board of Directors officer and leader of Spring 2003 teacher workshop on intertidal ecology on Monhegan Island.

2001-2004 **ReMaine Wild, Board of Directors.**
State wildlife rehabilitation organization

- 2003 **Big Brothers/Big Sisters**
Sister to a 6-year-old for the one-on-one school program.
- 2002 **Earth Charter Symposium at the Chewonki Foundation**
Led a field session on local human and natural history.
- 2002 **PS #1, Chinatown, New York, NY**
Taught natural history outreach programs on “Trees.”
- 2001 **National Environmental Education Association**
Led a vernal pool session at the annual conference.
- 2000 **MOFGA’s Common Ground Country Fair**
Presented workshops on Birds of Prey and Vernal Pools.
- 2000 **Northfield Regional Conference**
Led half-day sessions at a five-day conference for adults, explored our relationship with wilderness and our local environment.

Publications

Natural Start Alliance/North American Association of Environmental Education (with ten professionals, of which I was one). *Best Practices for Nature-Based Early Childhood Education*, Washington, D.C 2018.

Sobel, David (contributing authors: Patti Baile, Ken Finch, Erin Kenny, Anne Stires). *Nature Preschools and Forest Kindergartens: The Handbook for Outdoor Learning*. Redleaf Press: St. Paul, MN, 2015.

Stires, Anne M. “Forget-Me-Nots: A Focus on the Importance of Childhood Friendships.” *Growing Teachers*. Antioch New England’s Education Magazine. Fall 2004.

Stires, Anne. “Vernal Pools: Stepping Stones in a Sea of Forests.” Summer 2002. *Green Teacher Magazine* 68: 24-28.

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Stewart-Savage, John, Stires, Anne, and Philip Yund. “Environmental effect on gamete reproduction.” *Ascidian News*. December 2001.

Stires, Anne M. “Taxonomic Classification of the Scaphopoda using Molecular and Morphological Techniques.” Senior Thesis, Biology Dept., Hamilton College, May 1998.

Certifications and Skills

- 2011-present Wilderness First Aid, CPR, Anaphalaxis, Medication Administration(trained)
- 2008 ChildLight Yoga Certified, Children’s Yoga Instructor
- 2006-present Elementary Teacher Certification. Maine and New Hampshire
- 2006-present Early Childhood Teacher Certification. Maine and New Hampshire
- 2004-present Montessori Education Certified, Head Teacher
- 1999-present Wilderness First Responder (WFR) and CPR for the professional rescuer
- 1996-present SCUBA diving certifications and research experience
- 2000-2002 Wildlife Rehabilitation, Basic Skills Certified

Personal Interests

I enjoy gardening, baking, reading, journaling, naturalist walks, as well as dance, yoga, sailing, skiing, fashion modeling, and surfing, as well taking long hikes with my family. Our 12-year old son loves to play and learn outdoors; we read together, and support his art projects, fly fishing, sports, and bush craft.