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Objective

Consulting or partnering with highly-effective, imaginative individuals or companies to further educational excellence and literacy through arts integration.

Summary of Qualifications

- Arts integration specialist
- Expertise teaching literacy in and through music, visual art, movement/dance, drama/storytelling, and creative thinking
- Develop digital, multi-faceted learning tools including texts, manuals, tutorials, audio & video resources
- Available for hands-on work with adults (teachers, artists, parents), children, or curriculum developers

Selected Skills and Accomplishments

- Taught at all levels from Pre-K to University Master Class
- Senior Author on McGraw-Hill Education textbook series
- Developed and produced *Total Literacy* and *Total Learning* multimedia curriculum materials, and online PD platform
- Co-authored *Nine Rubies: Broken Silence of a daughter of Revolutionary Iran*
- Consulted Internationally on a range of education-related topics
- Directed projects, grants, assessments; organized and facilitated think tank events

Professional Experience

President, arts education IDEAS

Supporting the art of exceptional teaching and learning. www.aeideas.com Develop and produce curriculum and teacher training materials

Executive Director, The Total Learning Institute

Innovative, practical and positive educational initiatives that address the learner needs, and embody core principles of democracy and equity, beautifully designed and executed arts-integration strategies, and a passion for learners and learning

Senior Author, McGraw-Hill Education

Developing robust, multimedia music curriculum for Pre-K-Grade 8. Lead teams of writers and consultants, advise on program content, structure, and platforms

Consultant

Providing support to large, medium and small institutions and organizations such as USDOE grant teams, state departments of education, schools and teacher training institutions, and teacher organizations. Conducted hundreds of workshops, residencies, consultancies, including for the Grammy Foundation, USDOE Ready-to-Learn Media, and Young Audiences

Teacher/Professor

Master teacher in early childhood and elementary music, Integrated arts, multiple literacies; University professor

Author, *Nine Rubies* www.ninerubiesthebook.com

In 1990 two mothers sat in a modest Connecticut kitchen enjoying a spring day and the usual conversation of getting to know someone new. It turned out that their common passions of family, children, gardening and heritage would become the pathway by which Mahru would start to share personal stories that bespoke the gulf between rich and poor, the plight of women, personal struggle and self-determination.

Education

Advanced study in early learning, literacy, arts education/integrated arts, brain-based learning, critical/creative thinking, program management and evaluation, media in education, digital production, oral history/storytelling, poverty and social change, social-emotional learning, violence prevention

- Ph.D., Curriculum and Instruction University of Connecticut
- MA, Music Education Montclair State University
- BS, Music Education University of Connecticut

Certificates

- Music Together teacher
- ACT Safe Kids violence prevention parent program facilitator
- Broward County Arts Division arts-ed Master Teacher/provider
- Orff-Schulwerk Master Teacher
- Cooperative Learning Trainer

Awards and Commendations

- NAACP Freedom Fund Education Award, 2006
- Finalist for WISE Innovation Award, 2010
- Many invited presentations and keynote addresses, including presentations on the arts in early learning for Children's Television Workshop (Sesame Street), and headliner at the XANCOS Australian National Orff Conference

Publications (see www.aeideas.com)

- Multiple self-published, multi-media curriculum volumes targeting early learning and literacy in and through the arts
- *Total Learning Digital*, a robust, blended on-line and social media program for teacher PD and student learning, aeIDEAS, LLC.

- *Arts Education for Early Learning and Emergent Literacy*. Online course, for Advancement Courses.
- *Nine Rubies: Broken Silence of a daughter of Revolutionary Iran*, with Mahru Ghashghaei, aeIDEAS, LLC

References upon Request