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EDUCATION

Ed.D., Educational Technology, with Honors (*GPA: 4.00/4.00*)
Pepperdine University - Malibu, California

M.A., Spanish (*GPA: 4.00/4.00*)
Roosevelt University - Chicago, Illinois

B.A., Spanish and Physics, with Highest Distinction and Departmental Honors (*GPA: 4.00/4.00*)
Indiana University - Bloomington, Indiana

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2001 – Present

McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE, CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS

2009 - Present: Interim President

- Serve as chief executive officer of the College, reporting directly to a locally-elected seven-member Board of Trustees
- Led development of College-wide strategic plan

2009: Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness

- Served as project manager for \$7 million Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) conversion
- Provided leadership for accreditation, planning, and continuous improvement
- Served as member of President's Executive Council
- Oversaw Professional Development, Resource Development, Assessment, Marketing and Public Relations, and Institutional Research and Planning

2007 – 2008: Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness

- Provided leadership for accreditation, planning, and continuous improvement
- Served as member of President's Executive Council
- Oversaw Marketing and Public Relations and Institutional Research and Planning

2006 – 2007: Temporary Director of Distance Education and Professional Development

- Supervised faculty and staff in Distance Education and Professional Development
- Collaborated with Executive Deans and faculty on distance education initiatives
- Served as Master Trainer for College's Continuous Improvement efforts
- Oversaw and managed budgets of over \$500,000

2004 – 2006: Coordinator of Media Development and Technology Training

- Designed and provided technology-related training for all employees at the College
- Developed and maintained the College's intranet website
- Designed and developed training and certification program for online faculty
- Received \$10,000 grant for purchase of handheld wireless response device technology for classroom use

2001 – 2004: Instructional Media Specialist

- Developed and provided comprehensive training program for online faculty
- Designed and delivered orientation and technical support for online students

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

McHENRY COUNTY COLLEGE

Spanish Instructor

- Taught over 35 sections of Spanish I and II, both face-to-face, online, and hybrid
- Designed and developed online and hybrid course materials for Spanish I and II

2001 – present

AURORA UNIVERSITY

Adjunct Faculty

- Developed and taught “Emerging Educational Technologies” graduate course

2006

INDIANA UNIVERSITY-BLOOMINGTON

Peer Instructor, Freshman Interest Groups Program

Teaching Assistant, Physics Department

1999 – 2001

HONORS

Named one of 24 Emerging International Leaders in Education, *Phi Delta Kappa*

2009

Graduate, Executive Leadership Institute, *League for Innovation in the Community College*

2009

Member, *Phi Delta Kappa*

2008 – present

Glen and Gloria Holden Scholarship, *Pepperdine University*

2007

Named one of Top 10 Professionals Under 40, *McHenry County Business Journal*

2006

Doctoral Fellow, *Community College Leadership Development Initiatives*

2006

Member, *Phi Beta Kappa*

2001 – present

Member, *Sigma Pi Sigma National Physics Honor Society*

2001 – present

Member, *Golden Key National Honor Society*

2000 – present

Outstanding Initiate Scholarship, *Golden Key National Honor Society*

2000

Herman B. Wells Scholar, *Indiana University*

1997 – 2001

Science, Research, and Technology Scholar, *Indiana University*

1997 – 1999

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Accreditation Peer Review Corps - *Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association*

2007 – Present

- Annual Update Reviewer
- Systems Portfolio Appraiser
- Quality Checkup Visitor
- Reaffirmation Panelist

Board Member - *McHenry County Workforce Investment Board*

2009 – Present

Board Member – *McHenry County Economic Development Corporation*

2009 – Present

CODiE Award Judge - *Software and Information Industry Association*

2008 – 2009

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Reading Mentor - *in2books.com*

2008 – Present

McHenry County College Campaign Chair and Allocations Panel Member - *United Way*

2005 – Present

Chair, Scholarship Committee - McHenry County College Staff Council

2005 – 2006

Advisor – *Club Concordia, McHenry County College Spanish Club*

2001 – Present

Vice President for Philanthropy - *Indiana University Student Government*

2000 – 2001

Bilingual tutor for Spanish-speaking students - *Casa Latina - Bloomington, IN*

1999-2001

PUBLICATIONS

- Plinske, K. and Packard, W. (in press). Trustees' perceptions of the desired qualifications for the next generation of community college presidents. *Community College Review*.
- Plinske, K. and Packard, W. (2009). Leveraging your systems portfolio: Supporting institutional dialogue and organizational learning. *A Collection of Papers on Self-Study and Institutional Improvement, Annual Meeting of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools*. (114th, Chicago, IL, April 17-21, 2009).
- Milliron, M.D. and Plinske, K. (2009). Building for a new generation of learning: Catalytic conversations for the educational publisher. *Publishing Research Quarterly*, 25(1), 1-11.
- Milliron, M.D., Plinske, K. and Noonan-Terry, C. (2008). Building a new generation of learning: Conversations to catalyze our construction. *Planning for Higher Education*, 37(1), 7-14.
- Plinske, K., Patton, D. and Packard, W. (2007). While there's no 'U' in AQIP, it's incomplete without you! *Proceedings of the Annual Meeting of the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools* (112th, Chicago, IL, Apr. 20-24, 2007).
- Gunter, J. et al. (2001). Partial wave analysis of the $\pi^0 \pi^0$ system produced in $\pi^- p$ charge exchange collisions. *Physical Review D*, 64, 072003.
- Marshall, S. P., Ramirez, M., Plinske, K., & Veal, C. (1998). Creating conditions for developing and nurturing talent: The work of school leaders. *NASSP Bulletin*, 52(595), 75-84.

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

"Reaching Success" <i>Keynote, American Association for Women in Community Colleges, College of Lake County Chapter</i>	1/2010
"Emerging Educational Technologies to Engage Our Students" <i>Keynote, Lincoln Trail College</i>	8/2009
"Planning for the Future through Organizational Learning" <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference</i>	5/2009
"You, Too, Can YouTube" <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference</i>	5/2009
"Cut Through the Hype: The Executive's Web 2.0 Toolkit" <i>American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention</i>	4/2009
"What Trustees Want: The Next Generation of Community College Presidents" <i>American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention</i>	4/2009
"Supporting Institutional Dialogue and Organizational Learning" <i>Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting</i>	4/2009
"Preparing for a New Generation of Learning" <i>Leadership Greater McHenry County Conference</i>	1/2009
"A New Generation of Learning" <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference</i>	5/2008

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (cont.)

"Distance Learning 2.0: Technologies Redefining the Online Classroom" <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference</i>	5/2007
"Creating Synergy: The Work of Professional Development" <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference</i>	5/2007
"While There's No "U" in AQIP, It's Incomplete Without You!" <i>Higher Learning Commission Annual Meeting</i>	4/2007
"A New Generation of Learning" <i>Innovations Conference, League for Innovations in the Community College</i>	3/2007
"Modern Language Assessment Through Digital Video" <i>Illinois Community College Assessment Fair</i>	3/2007
"Taking the Plunge: Switching Online Learning Management Systems Successfully" <i>Illinois Online Conference</i>	2/2007
"Community College Leadership: Looking Back for the Future" <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference</i>	5/2006
"Social Constructivism Meets Technology: The Future of Student and Employee Engagement" <i>American Association of Community Colleges Annual Convention</i>	4/2006
"Digital Video as a Tool for Faculty Development" <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference</i>	5/2005
"Assessment Gone Wireless" <i>National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Conference</i>	5/2005
"Adobe Acrobat + JavaScript = Self-Grading Worksheets" <i>Digital Stream: California State University Monterey Bay</i>	3/2005
Keynote Address: "Caring to Challenge" Teacher Recognition Ceremony <i>Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy</i>	3/2005
"Digital Communication Tools in Professional Development" <i>National Council for Staff, Program, and Organizational Development</i>	10/2004
"Creating a Learner-Centered Language Classroom" – Pre-Conference Workshop <i>American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Annual Meeting</i>	8/2004
"Teaching Reading Comprehension at a Distance: Bringing Legends to Life" <i>Digital Stream: California State University Monterey Bay</i>	3/2004
"100% Retention in an Online Spanish Course" <i>American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese Annual Meeting</i>	8/2003
"Creating Interactive Online Listening Exercises" <i>Digital Stream: California State University Monterey Bay</i>	3/2003
"Teaching Language & Culture through Music & Technology" <i>Digital Stream: California State University Monterey Bay</i>	3/2002
"Creating Digital Video Portfolios and Online Peer Evaluations" <i>Digital Stream: California State University Monterey Bay</i>	3/2002
"A Study of Factors Affecting Interpretation of Pronouns in Spanish" <i>Form-Meaning Connections in Second-Language Acquisition: University of Illinois at Chicago</i>	2/2002