# GAIL LOVELY



# **PROFESSIONAL BELIEFS**

I believe that creating lifelong learners comes from being a lifelong learner. I believe that wondering, questioning, experimenting, and taking risks are critical parts of being an excellent teacher.

I believe that technology can enable deep exploration, deep learning, and deep reflection. I believe technologies can build on strengths and help us to minimize weaknesses.

I believe that learning is messy, non-linear and exciting.

# **EDUCATION**

Masters Degree
Educational Computing

Pepperdine University Malibu, CA | 1983

California Teaching Credential Multiple Subject Life Credential University of California, Los Angeles Los Angeles, CA | 1980

**Bachelors Degree, Psychology** *University of California, Los Angeles* Los Angeles, CA | 1979

# **WORK EXPERIENCE**

# INDEPENDENT EDUCATOR

Lovely Learning and Suddenly It Clicks! | 1995 - Present

Working as an independent educator has provided a wide variety of opportunities to make a positive difference in the relationships between teachers, learners, curricula and technologies. Working with individuals, schools, school systems, and technology developers with an eye to the wise use of technologies to enhance learning while preparing the learners of today to be the leaders of tomorrow.

Highlights of this work include in-classroom coaching of educators to improve teaching and learning, customized professional development provided online, face-to-face, and in blended environments, assisting school leaders through the successful implementation of technologies for learning, and guidance for educational app and software developers.

# **AUTHOR**

Suddenly It Clicks! | 2014 - Present

Published in mid-2014, *Using an iPad with Your Preschooler*, was co-written with Gayle Berthiaume. Our concerns about the use of tablets as expensive electronic pacifiers and the difficulty of learning about useful, developmentally appropriate apps and the use of these apps were the inspiration for this book. This book, written for parents of children ages 2 – 5, focuses on being mindful when making decisions about how young children and their parents use tablets. A focus on playing, learning, and exploring together is a common thread throughout this work. Related to this book are a series of family workshops that can be hosted by local parent organizations, libraries and others.

# **ADJUNCT PROFESSOR**

University of Northern Iowa (remote/online) | 2012 - 2015

Taught online graduate and undergraduate courses in the selection and integration of instructional technologies with a focus in the field of literacy and the evaluation and production of instructional media. Provided leadership in the embedding of technologies within current educational concerns and structures.

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# WORK EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

# FOUNDER/ORGANIZER

Various | 1999 - Present

As a very early adopter of technologies, particularly with young learners I have created or founded a number of significant efforts. The first host of an online forum for teachers of children ages 3-6 for Scholastic, established the "Internet Educator of the Year Award" (which was awarded to a kindergarten teacher the very first year), founding the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE) Early Learning Professional Learning Network, and creating the new Early Learning Summit at the Future of Education Technology Conference.

# RECENT PRESENTATIONS OF NOTE

International Keynote | Young Learners Conference at the National Future SchoolsExpo (Aus) | March 2016
Invited Speaker | Special Education Technology Needs Conference at the National Future SchoolsExpo (Aus) | March 2016
Facilitator and Keynote | Early Learning Summit at Future of Educational Technology Conference (FL, USA) | January 2016, 2017
Featured Speaker, Tech Playground Lead | Schools of the Future Conference (HI, USA) | November 2015, 2016
Keynote: "The Long and Winding Road – A Literacy Road Trip!" | Friedberg-Segel Early Literacy Conference (PA, USA) | October 2015
Faculty | Dust or Magic "Once Upon an App" | April 2016 and April 2015
Invited Speaker | Early Education and Technology Conference (USA) | April 2013

# **ACHIEVEMENTS**

# TRAINER OF THE YEAR

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children 2014

# SPOTLIGHT SPEAKER

International Society for Technology in Education 2008 - 2015

#### REFERENCES

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