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New Jersey Historical Commission
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Gentlemen:

I am pleased to support the application of Prof. Mary Lee Donahue for a project mini-grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission in the 2015 grant cycle. Prof. Donahue has offered to prepare a permanent set of curricular materials on Glassboro history for Glassboro Public Schools, pursuant to the new state requirement that the history of New Jersey and its locales be offered in our schools.

In prior years, several classroom teachers have presented lessons on Glassboro history to our students; however, those teachers have since retired from the district. A permanent set of print and online materials for staff use — with lesson plans for their delivery — would be most welcome.

Prof. Donahue, a Glassboro resident with 40 years' teaching experience who is retired from Rowan University, is well qualified to prepare such materials, having published and presented a number of lectures, monographs, brochures, and videos on the history of our community since 1998. She is willing to consult with our staff in developing lesson plans and helping to deliver them if needed. Kindly give her application your full consideration.

With thanks,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Mark J. Silverstein", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Dr. Mark J. Silverstein
Superintendent

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Silverstein, Mark

From: Donahue, Mary <Donahue@rowan.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 3:28 PM
To: Silverstein, Mark
Subject: NJ History Grant
Attachments: vita.doc

Mark,

May I have your support for an application I'm submitting for a project grant from the New Jersey Historical Commission? Pursuant to new state requirements that New Jersey history be taught in our schools, the commission is soliciting projects to develop curricular materials on state and local history, particularly lessons and lesson plans that link New Jersey history to national history.

I am proposing a one-week unit on Glassboro history for 7th or 8th graders that includes four lessons of approximately 45 minutes each plus a two-hour guided school-bus tour of historic sites in the borough on the fifth day. Funds would cover the production and publication of lesson plans in electronic form as well as in print so that they might be used repeatedly by any number of teachers over the years. There may also be sufficient funding to cover the cost of the bus driver in the pilot year. With your recommendation, I would be pleased to consult with your staff in developing these lessons if you wish. To supplement the lessons, I have a number of brochures, monographs, scripts, lectures, a slide show, and a video on Glassboro history that I have written and presented over the past 15 years for other venues which I would be happy to donate to the school district.

As a forty-year resident of this historically important borough and a descendant of early New Jersey settlers, I have a particular interest in Glassboro history. The commission has twice previously recognized that interest by funding two earlier grants on the subject; moreover, I have consulted on three other history grants as well as a number of related projects on Glassboro history. Further, as a retired university instructor, a former school board member, and the mother of five children educated K-12 in Glassboro Public Schools, I have some knowledge of what might be interesting and appropriate for our students. Although Glassboro history has been taught sporadically by interested teachers in prior years, the district would be well served by a compact set of materials that could be filed and used regularly by any staff member; however, your support would not obligate you or your staff to accept the materials or to use them as proposed.

Would you be so kind as to write a brief letter of support for this application? For your convenience, I'm attaching my c.v., but the information in this email should suffice. Unfortunately, I would need the letter in electronic form by Friday afternoon because the application deadline is Monday, Jan. 12.

Many thanks!

Mary Lee Donahue
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Curriculum Vitae

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Education:

Matriculate, Ph.D. in Literacy Education. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey. Proposed dissertation: Academic literacy outcomes. 1994-08.
Matriculate, Ph.D. program in American Language and Literature, University of Connecticut. 1967-72. Proposed dissertation: New Romanticism in American rhetoric.
M.A. in English Language and Literature, University of Connecticut, 1966.
B.A. in English *cum laude*, Torchbearer. University of Tennessee, 1965.

Professional Experience:

2007-2014 Editorial writer. *South Jersey Times/ Gloucester County Times/* South Jersey Media Group. Advance Media, Inc. Woodbury, NJ.
2003- 2014 Copy editor. *Gloucester County Times/* SouthJerseyNewsCo./ South Jersey Media Group. Advance Media, Inc. Woodbury, NJ.
1983 - 2009 Instructor of Communication. Rhetoric, writing arts, and basic skills. Rowan University/ Glassboro State College, Glassboro, NJ.
1997 - 1998 Fellow in Learning & Teaching. Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ.
1979 - 1982 Asst. Prof. of English. Salem Community College, Penns Grove, NJ.
1978 Reporter. Cam-Glo Publishing. Blackwood, NJ.
1969 - 1979 Lecturer in English. Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ.
1966 - 1968 Asst. Prof. of English. Frostburg State College, Frostburg, MD.
1965 - 1966 Fellow in American Literature. University of Connecticut, Storrs, CN.
1965 - 1965 Assistant to the Dean of Students, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
1964 - 1965 Intern. *Knoxville Sentinel*, Knoxville, TN.
1960 - 1965 Technical writer & editor. BargeWaggonerSumner&Cannon Engineers and Planners, Inc., Nashville, TN.

Independent Publication:

Author. "Root, Root, Root." Commentary. *Philadelphia Inquirer*. March 27, 2008. Note: The *Inquirer* bought the 2008 MLB seasonal copyright.
Author. "Fast Pitch for a Slow Game." Commentary. *Gloucester County Times*. April 1, 2006.
Author. "Journalistic Ethics Hit New Low." Commentary. *Gloucester County Times*. Oct. 2006. Note: Recognized by Gloucester County Italian American Coalition.
Author. "In Praise of Handwriting." Commentary. *Philadelphia Inquirer*, May 2004.
East Coast Contributing Editor. *Yougotstyle*. www.yougotstyle.org. 2002-2006.
Consultant. Harcourt Brace College Publishers. 1992-2003. Contributions to *Hodges' Harbrace Handbook*, 11th, 12th, 13th, & 14th eds.; its ancillaries; and other works.
Consultant. Bedford/St. Martin's Books, 2000-01. Editorial and substantive contributions to Barnett and Bedau's best-selling *Current Issues and Enduring Questions*, 6th ed. Bedford: Boston, 2002.
Consultant. McGraw Hill, College Publishers. Boston. 2004 - 2005.
Assistant to the editor. "Standards of Good Practice in the Hiring of Part-time and Contingent College Faculty." American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO. Washington, D.C. 2003.
Author. *Unexamined Lives, and Other Poems*. Glassboro, NJ. 2001.

- Author. *Exercises to Accompany the HARBRACE COLLEGE HANDBOOK, Brief 13th Edition*.
Harcourt: Fort Worth, 1998.
- Author. *Answer Key to Exercises Accompanying the HARBRACE COLLEGE HANDBOOK, Brief 13th Edition*. Harcourt: Fort Worth, 1998.
- Associate Editor. *Rowan Magazine*. Rowan College of New Jersey. 1996- 97.
- Author. Instructor's Manual. *Harbrace College Handbook*, 12th ed. Hodges et al.
Harcourt: Fort Worth, 1994.
- Contributing author. *Instructor's Resource Package* to accompany the *Harbrace College Handbook*. Harcourt: Fort Worth, 1994.
- Assistant to the editor. *EDUCATION*. Fall 1991, Winter 1991.
- Contributing author. *Writing Guides*. ETS: Princeton, 1989, 1990 (Instructional software).

Author. *Final Report, Ad Hoc School Nutrition Committee*. Section V – Nutrition Education. New Jersey School Boards Association. 15 June 1985.

Editor. Self-Study for Middle States Review. Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ. 1976.

Miscellaneous articles. *Gloucester County Times*. 1986-2014. (Complete listing available).

Miscellaneous articles. *Glassboro Enterprise*. 1972-1978 (Complete listing available).

Miscellaneous reviews. *Southern Observer*. 1964-72 (Complete listing available).

Assistant to the editor. *Journal of the American Society of Civil Engineers*. 1958-1960.

Author. Biography of Billy T. Sumner: *Journal of the American Society of Civil Engineers*. Fall 1958; and other articles.

Author. "Jobs for Teens." *Farm Journal*. July 1958.

Editorial Board Youth Member. *Farm Journal*. 1958-1960.

Author. "What is a 4-H Club Member?" Opinion. *Nashville Tennessean*. March 1958.

Awards and Recognition:

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| 2013 | New Jersey Press Assoc., Better Newspaper Awards, 1st place, Responsible Journalism: Editorial Commentary, 2012. April 25, 2013. |
| 2012 | New Jersey Press Assoc., Better Newspaper Awards, 2 nd place, Responsible Journalism: Editorial Commentary, 2011. April 26, 2012. |
| 2012 | Named to 2013 editions of "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the World." Marquis Publishing. July 2012. |
| 2011 | Named to 2012 editions of "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the World." Marquis Publishing. July 2011. |
| 2011 | New Jersey Press Assoc., Better Newspaper Awards, 3 rd place, Responsible Journalism: Editorial Commentary, 2010. April 7, 2011. |
| 2010 | Named to 2011 editions of "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in the World." Marquis Publishing. July 2010. |
| 2010 | New Jersey Press Assoc., Better Newspaper Awards, 1 st place, Responsible Journalism: Editorial Commentary, 2009. April 8, 2010. |
| 2009 | Named to 2010 edition of "Who's Who in America." Marquis Publishing. March 2009. |
| 2008 | Named to 2009 edition of "Who's Who in America." Marquis Publishing. Feb. 15, 2008. |
| 2007 | Rowan University. Professional Development Grant. AY08. |
| 2007 | New Jersey Press Association. Better Newspaper Awards. Recognized for editorial commentary and opinion writing. <i>Gloucester County Times</i> . |
| 2006 | Rowan University. Professional Development Grant. AY07. |
| 2006 | New Jersey Press Association. Better Newspaper Awards. 1st place, commentary. <i>Gloucester County Times</i> . "Fast Pitch for a Slow Game." April 7, 2007. |
| 2005 | Rowan University. Professional Development Grant. AY06. |
| 2005 | Modern Language Association. Nominated to National Advisory Committee on the Teaching of Writing. |
| 2004 | New Jersey Press Association. Better Newspaper Awards. 2 nd place, breaking news. <i>Gloucester County Times</i> , "Pitman Landmark Burns." |
| 2001-04 | Project Director, Project PAAKHG: Promoting, Advancing, and Accessing Knowledge about the History of Glassboro, NJ; sponsored by Greater Glassboro Group, Inc., funded by the New Jersey Historical Commission, Dept. of State, State of New Jersey. |
| 2001-09 | Project Director, Project GASPE: General Academic Skills Proficiency |

- Examination, Rowan University; FIPSE semi-finalist, AY 2002.
- 2001 Listed in *Directory of American Scholars* (Gale, 2001).
- 2001 Rowan University Certificate of Recognition, Ujima Mentoring Program.
- 2001 University of Tennessee "Torchbearer" recognition. Sept. 28, 2001.
- 2000 College of Communication Adjunct Mentoring & Support Team mini-grant.
- 1999 Rowan University Excellence in Scholarship Award.
- 1998 Rowan University Excellence in Scholarship Award.
- 1997 Rutgers University Fellowship: State of NJ World-Class Scholar Fund '97-'00.
- 1997 Rowan University Excellence in Scholarship Award.
- 1995-96 Rowan College Senate. Executive Board Member; Chair, Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee.
- 1995-97 Rowan College Senate. Senator, School of Communication.
- 1995-98 Rowan College Task Force on Assessment of General Education. Member.
- 1994-96 Chair: Rowan College, All-College Committee on Research, Institutional Testing, and Computer Services.
- 1992 Director: Rowan College Teaching Enhancement Grant for Humanities 101.
- 1992 Director: Glassboro State College Teaching Enhancement Grant for Communication 102.
- 1989 Subaru Foundation of America. \$10,000 grant, for GSC Communication Clinic.
- 1990 Asst. Project Director: Department of Communication, Glassboro State College, for New Jersey State College Learning Outcomes Assessment Program.
- 1988 Director: New Jersey State College grant, for Communication Clinic Project.
- 1976 Director: Writing Center project, Camden County College, NJ.
- 1965-68 Fellow: University of Connecticut. Connecticut State Fellowship Award.
- 1965 Torchbearer: University of Tennessee. Outstanding graduate, Class of '65.
- 1963- 65 Member, University Publications Board. University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- 1961 National Student Winner: National Council of Teachers of English. Chicago, IL.
- 1960 Middle Tennessee Fairest of the Fair. Tennessee State Fair Assoc. Lawrenceburg.
- 1959 Speaker of the Senate, Tennessee 4-H Congress. Nashville, TN.
- 1958 Tennessee 4-H Public Speaking Contest. 1st place. Nashville, TN.
- 1958 Tennessee Honey Queen. National Beekeepers Assoc. Nashville, TN.
- 1943 National poster child: American Red Cross, Washington D.C. WWII health education campaign.

Related Professional Service:

- Consultant, Thomson Heinle and its antecedents. Boston. 1992-2004.
- Consultant, McGraw Hill. Boston. 2004-2008.
- Consultant, Educational Testing Service, Princeton, NJ: for Advanced Placement Program, SAT I & II, and NJCBSPT. 1975-79, 1989-90, 1998-2008.
- Officer, Federation of Rowan College Educators (FORCE AFT Local 2373, AFL-CIO). 1987 – 2009.
- Consultant, St. Joseph's College, Standish, Maine. Instructional Technology in the Writing Classroom. 2003-05.
- Director, Greater Glassboro Group, Inc., Glassboro, NJ. 1987-2013. Founding president, 1987; Executive Director. 1987-02; President, 2001-03; Secretary, 2004; Grant director, 2000-2013.
- Site Manager. New Jersey Communication Association 4th Annual Conference. Rowan University. April 8, 2000.
- Facilitator. Rutgers Univ. 17th Annual Reading Conference. New Jersey Reading Association, New Brunswick, NJ. March 17, 2000.