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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public and International Affairs,
Department of Urban Studies. Public Health Service Fellowship.

M.C.P. University of California, Berkeley, Department of City Planning.
Loula D. Lasker Fellow.

B.A. University of California, Berkeley, History,
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

One Spirit Interfaith Seminary, New York, N.Y. In June, 2006, I was ordained as
an interfaith minister.

EMPLOYMENT

2011- **Y Collaborative**, Houston TX
Partner in a project to encourage healthy people to discuss end of life issues.

2006- **Executive Coach**, Houston, TX
Work with clients in the profit and non-profit sectors from diverse fields.

1998- 2006 **Leadership Rice, Director, Rice University**, Houston, TX
The mission of Leadership Rice is to develop the leadership capacities of Rice
undergraduates. Responsible for strategic planning, administration, fund raising,
public relations and mentorship development as well as teaching, coaching and
counseling. Teaching included core leadership seminar (55-85 students) as well as
classes on creativity, entrepreneurship and the Leadership Certificate seminar.
Placed 40-60 students in summer mentorships. Created and taught Leadership
Rice for Professionals through Continuing Studies with excellent evaluations.
Founded and facilitated the **Collaboration for Intentional Leadership**,

1993-98 **Super Summers, Inc. Executive Director**, Houston, TX
Created an organization for the dissemination of educational information to teens
and their families. Responsible for project development and marketing, fund
raising, administration, public relations and board development. Produced a 192
page localized resource book on summer opportunities for free distribution to
100,000 teens and teachers in the Houston area in spring, 1994, followed by El
Paso, Jacksonville, FL and a Springfield, MO editions. A book on how to survive
and thrive in high school followed. Houston I.S.D. printed and distributed it to all

8-12th graders in 1996. Houghton Mifflin released a national edition, The Real High School Handbook, in 1997.

1989-93 **Special Projects Manager, Houston City Controller**, Houston, TX Reported to the Controller, George Greanias, and handled a variety of responsibilities. These included special project assignments, community relations, internal consulting, writing for the Controller, and staff development.

Adjunct Faculty, College of Business Administration, University of Houston.
Taught "Management Development and Career Planning" in the MBA program.

1985-87 **Management Consultant, The Conservation Company**, Philadelphia, PA
Work focused on developing corporate philanthropy strategies for Fortune 1000 companies and strategic planning for non-profit organizations.

1982-84 **Executive Director, Educational Confederation**, St. Louis, MO
1979-81 Developed and led an association of 21 pre-collegiate independent schools in St. Louis, supported by member dues and contributions. Grew the association from seven members.

1982-99 **Writer and Career Consultant**
Published five books and several magazine pieces. Private career consultation practice.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (Selected)

2007- The Transition Network – Houston.
2000- International Leadership Association.
1998- Praeclarus, executive committee, 1998- 2003.
1996-2003 Leadership Texas Alumnae Association.
1992-96 Houston Area Women's Center Board, V.P. for Education, 1993-95.
1995-97 Avancé, Houston Advisory Board.
1992-2004 Texas Executive Women, V.P. for mentoring, 1993-95.
1990-93 Amigos de Las Americas, Houston Chapter Board.
1992-94 Advocates for Housing Executive Committee.
1985-88 Montgomery County Mental Health and Retardation Commission, Vice Chair, 1986-88.
1998 Philadelphia City Parks Association Board.
1980-82 Coro Foundation, St. Louis Trustee.

HONORS AND AWARDS

1995 Leadership Texas.
1992 Woman on the Move, Houston.
1992 Blaustein Leadership Conference, American Jewish Committee.
1988 Dorset Colony Writers Residency.

PUBLICATIONS (Selected)

Getting Old is a Full Time Job. Y Collaborative, 2011.

The Mother-In-Law Manual. Bright Sky Press, 2009.

Venus in Blue Jeans: How Mothers and Daughters Can Talk About Sex, Nathalie Bartle, Ed. D. with Susan Lieberman Houghton Mifflin, 1998.

The REAL High School Handbook: How to Survive, Thrive and Prepare for What's Next. Houghton Mifflin, 1997. Based on **GETTING READY FOR LIFE: How To Make High School Work For You**, a local edition given to 60,000 Houston ISD teens in 1996.

SUPER SUMMERS, Houston edition, 1994. El Paso, 1995; Jacksonville, FL, 1997; Springfield, MO, 1998.

NEW TRADITIONS: Redefining Celebrations for Today's Family
Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1991. Previously published as **Let's Celebrate**, Putnams, 1984.

The KIDFUN Activity Book. With Sharla Feldscher. Harper and Row, May, 1990.
Expanded edition, HarperCollins, 1995. Russian Edition, 1996.

SPEAKING AND TEACHING (Selected)

- 2011 KPFT Open Journal. Why Talking About Death is Good for Your Health.
- 2011 M.D. Anderson, Why Talk About Death and Dying While Healthy.
- 2005 Power Tools Conf. for Non-Profits, "Attracting and Retaining Good Board Members.
- 2005 Commercial Real Estate Women of Houston, four week short course on leadership.
- 2004 International Leadership Association, "Why Behind the What of Leadership Classes."
- 2004 Association of Leadership Educators, "Why Mentoring Matters."
- 2004 American Creativity Association annual meeting, "Why is Leadership So Hard?"
- 2004 Kellogg Brown and Root, Impact Conference, "Why is Leadership So Hard?"
- 2004 St. Luke's Hospital, "Strategies in Times of Change."
- 2003 Houston Galleria Chamber of Commerce, "Leadership at Work."
- 1998 Texas Educ. Agency High School Counselors' annual meeting.
- 1996 Rotary Governors' Assembly for six states -- SUPER SUMMERS.
- 1994-95 Greater Houston Women's Foundation conference speaker on Mentoring.
- 1991 Eight city media book tour as national spokesperson for Land O' Lakes.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING (Selected)

Certifications:

- Center for Creative Leadership 360 °Peer Review Suite
- Myers Briggs Type and Temperament Instrument through Otto Kroeger and Associates.
- Spiritual Intelligence Inventory through Conscious Pursuits.
- Spiral Dynamics, Integral though Don Beck.

- Coach through IC Coaching International in conjunction with Strathclyde University in Scotland.
- Global Mind Change Conference, World Business Academy. 2004 and 2005.
- Conflict Resolution five-day workshop with Thomas Crum.
- Kennedy School of Government two-week program for Leadership Educators.

PERSONAL

I am married to Michael W. Lieberman, M.D., Ph.D., a poet and retired as Director of the Methodist Hospital Research Institute and chair of pathology at Methodist Hospital. Michael's many moves for training and work influenced my own job shifts. We have two sons who are successful entrepreneurs. I am in excellent health.