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Education

- Ph.D., Health Education** **2005**
Southern Illinois University
Sexuality in the culture and talk of women with mental retardation: An ethnography
- M.A., Health Education** **1997**
Kent State University
Health education for secondary students with developmental disabilities: Perceptions of special education teachers
- B.S., Special Education, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education** **1986**
Kent State University
Cum Laude

Higher Education Work Experience

- Assistant Professor- Health Education** **2007 - present**
Kent State University
- Graduate School Dissertation Fellowship (\$3,500)** **2001 - 2001**
Southern Illinois University
- Sexuality Research Dissertation Fellowship Program (\$35,000)** **2001 - 2002**
Social Science Research Council
- Teaching Assistant - Health Education** **1999 - 2001**
Southern Illinois University
- Part-Time Instructor - Health Education** **1999 - 1999**
John A. Logan Community College

Birth Control Options Program - Trainer / Supervisor Southern Illinois University	1998 - 1999
Graduate Assistant - Sexuality Education Outreach Southern Illinois Unive	0/1997 - 0/1999
Part-time Instructor - Health Education Kent State University	1995 - 1996
Teaching Assistant - Health Education Kent State University	1992 - 1995

Other Professional Experience

Educational Consultant Lucas County Educational Service Center <i>Special Education Administration</i>	2005 - 2007
Educational Consultant Partners in Program Planning for Adolescent Health Project <i>Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Grantee Group</i>	2004 - 2005
Project Specialist American School Health Association <i>Research and Sponsored Programs</i>	2002 - 2004
Inservice/Training Rape Action Committee <i>Sexually transmitted infections and HIV</i>	1999 - 1999
Inservice/Training Southern Illinois University <i>Planning and implementing educational outreach. Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender student organization</i>	1999 - 1999
Inservice/Training Southern Illinois University <i>HIV/AIDS update. Med Prep Program</i>	1999 - 1999
Inservice/Training Women's Services, Southern Illinois University <i>Mills, D., & Bernert, D. (1998). Pregnancy options counseling.</i>	1998 - 1998
Special Education SST/Inclusion Specialist	1995 - 1997

Akron Public Schools
Special Education Department

Inservice/Training 1994 - 1994

Stow Munroe Falls School District
Implementing health education in special education. Special Education Teacher Inservice

Data Collection - School Health Policies and Programs Study 1994 - 1994

Macro International Inc

Instrument Review - School Health Policies and Programs Study 1994 - 1994

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Inservice/Training 1993 - 1993

Teacher Inservice, Stow Munroe Falls School District
Kerr, D., Dotterer, S., & Bernert, D. (1993). Teacher wellness and health promotion.

Inservice/Training 1993 - 1993

Special Education Teacher Inservice, Special Education Resource Center
Teaching decision making and sexuality in special education.

Founder/Coordinator 1991 - 1992

Take 2 Video Health Productions

Founder/Committee Chair 1990 - 1992

AIDS Awareness Week

Founder/Committee Chair 1990 - 1992

School Beautification and Landscape Project

Coordinator 1990 - 1992

Behavior Management System (7th Grade)

Inservice/Training 1990 - 1990

Richmond Unified School District
Teaching decision making skills in middle schools.

Coordinator 1989 - 1990

Take 1 Video Productions

Coordinator of Special Programs 1989 - 1990

Classroom of the Future

Special Education Teacher (DD) Columbus Public Schools	1988 - 1992
Special Education Teacher (DD) Hamilton County Office of Education	1986 - 1988
Disability Program Director / Supervisor of Program Specialists Camp Lymelight Inc. (Summers)	1983 - 1984

Publications

Lange, A., Cox, J., Bernert, D., & Jenkins, C. (2007). Is counseling going to the dogs? An exploratory study related to the inclusion of an animal in group counseling with adolescents. <i>Journal of Creativity in Mental Health, 2(2), 17-31</i>	2007
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Refereed</i>	
Bernert, D., & Cox, J. (2006). Family liaisons. In M. Rubin & S. Wooley (Eds.), <i>Partners in prevention: Whole school approaches to prevent adolescent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections</i> (pp. 101-113). Kent, Ohio: American School Health Association	2006
Publication: <i>Book Chapters</i>	
Bernert, D. (2006). Educators who integrate students with disabilities. In M. Rubin & S. Wooley (Eds.), <i>Partners in prevention: Whole school approaches to prevent adolescent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections</i> (pp. 213-231). Kent, Ohio: American School Health Association.	2006
Publication: <i>Book Chapters</i>	
Bernert, D. (2002). Healthy People 2010: Health education implications and recommendations for youth with disabilities. <i>American Journal of Health Education, 33(3), 132-139</i> .	2002
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Refereed</i>	
Ritzel, D., Bernert, D., Kampmeier, J., Leitner, D., Shannon, D., Vineyard, G., & White, K. (2001). Drinking and driving attitudes and behaviors among current junior and senior students in Illinois high schools. <i>The Chronicle of ADTSEA, 49(3/4), 10-11, 14</i> .	2001
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Refereed</i>	
Ritzel, D., Bernert, D., Kampmeier, J., Leitner, D., Shannon, D., Vineyard, G., & White, K. (2001). Drinking and driving: Use of social norms marketing in high schools, colleges, and universities. <i>The Chronicle of ADTSEA, 49(3/4), 4, 13</i> .	2001
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Refereed</i>	
Bernert, D., & Mouzon, L. (2001). Peer education in the 1990's: A literature review of utility and effectiveness. <i>The Health Educator, 33(1), 31-37</i> .	2001
Publication: <i>Journal Articles, Refereed</i>	

Presentations

- Seher, C. & Bernert, D. (2009). Gen Y: Health education and promotion for the now (and next) generation. *American School Health Association Annual Conference*, Denver, CO. 2009
Type: *National Refereed*
- Seher, C., Dietz, L., & Bernert, D. (2009). Engaging Generation Y in school health education through the use of technology and multi-media. *American School Health Association Annual Conference*, Denver, CO. (Post-Conference Workshop). 2009
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D., & Wagner, L. (2008). Understanding sexuality in the context of culture. Society of State Directors of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, 82nd Annual Meeting, Fort Worth Texas. (Invited Workshop) 2008
Type: *National Invited*
- Bernert, D. (2008). Sexuality in the culture of women with intellectual and developmental disabilities: An ethnography. Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Midcontinent & Eastern Region Joint Conference 2008, Cleveland, Ohio. 2008
Type: *Regional Refereed*
- Bernert, D., Symons, C., & Balan, C. (2008). CSHP meets PBIS: Exploring common ground to advance healthy students and productive schools. *American School Health Association Annual Conference*, Tampa, FL. 2008
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D., & Hennessey, M. (2008). Sexuality education and reproductive services for students with disabilities: Common (and uncommon) considerations for implementation. *American School Health Association Annual Conference*, Tampa, FL. 2008
Type: *National Refereed*
- Clark, K., Bernert, D., & LaChausse, R. (2007). Recent Findings from an Evaluation of the Positive Prevention HIV/STD Curriculum: Implications for Culturally Competent Curricula. *American School Health Association National Conference*, Honolulu, HI 2007
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D. (2006). Sexuality and Disabilities: Integration With Equality. *School of Intervention Services*, Bowling Green State University. 2006
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D., & Lyde, A. (2006). Improving classroom/client communication through skilled interactions. *American School Health Association National Conference*, St. Louis, MO. 2006
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D. (2005-2006). Adolescent sexual development. *Department of Counseling and Mental Health Services*, The University of Toledo (Guest Lecturer, 2 presentations). 2005
Type: *Local Invited*

- Bernert, D. (2004-2006). Disability culture in mainstream America. *Department of Counseling and Mental Health Services*, The University of Toledo. (Guest Lecturer, 4 Presentations) 2004
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D. (2004). Mandating mainstream culture; Implications for youth with disabilities. *American Bar Association/American Psychological Association National Conference on Children and the Law*, Washington, DC. (Invited Presentation) 2004
Type: *National Invited*
- Bernert, D., & Symons, C. (2004). Cultural competency as a foundation for policy and program development in sexual health promotion *American School Health Association National Conference*, Pittsburgh, PA. (Post-Conference Workshop) 2004
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D. (2003). Disability culture and culturally competent teaching. *Adult, Counseling, Health, and Vocational Education Department*, Kent State University. (Guest Lecturer, 10 presentations) 2003
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D., Greene, A., Katz, D., & Curren, C. (2003). Coming together: Lessons learned from the Joint Work Group on School Based Teen Pregnancy Prevention. *CDC Division of Adolescent School Health 2003 Funded Partners Meeting*, Atlanta, GA. 2003
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D. (2003). Improving health and academic outcomes for students with disabilities through collaborative partnerships in schools and communities. *IDEA Partnerships 2nd National Summit on the Shared Implementation of IDEA*, Arlington, VA. 2003
Type: *National Refereed*
- Shanahan, C., & Bernert, D. (2002). Grants and the grant process: A workshop for graduate students. *Office of Research Development and Administration*, Southern Illinois University. 2002
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D. (2002). Qualitative inquiry in health education. *Adult, Counseling, Health, and Vocational Education Department*, Kent State University. 2002
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D., & Ogletree, R. (2002). Integrating skill development in sexuality education: A proactive approach to healthy sexuality. *American School Health Association National Conference*, Charlotte, NC. 2002
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D., Kerr, D., & Birch, D. (2002). Advocating interdisciplinary collaboration to expand health education programs, research, and professional preparation. *American School Health Association National Conference*, Charlotte, NC. 2002
Type: *National Refereed*
- Leitner, D., Bernert, D., Ritzel, D., Vineyard, G., White, K., & Shannon, D. (2001). Drinking and driving attitudes and behaviors among junior and senior students in high schools in Illinois *Phi Delta Kappa Research Consortium*, Southern Illinois University. 2001
Type: *Local Invited*

- Bernert, D. (2001). Sexuality and disability. *Health Education and Recreation Department and the Educational Psychology and Special Education Department, Counseling Education Program*, Southern Illinois University. (Guest Lecturer, 4 Presentations) 2001
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D. (2001). Conducting qualitative research. *Health Education and Recreation Department*, Southern Illinois University. (Guest Lecturer, 3 presentations) 2001
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D. (2001-2002). Sexuality and individuals with mental retardation. *Educational Psychology and Special Education Department, Special Education Program*, Southern Illinois University. (Guest Lecturer, 3 Presentations) 2001
Type: *Local Invited*
- Ritzel, D., Shannon, D., Bernert, D., & Leitner, D. (2001). Drinking and driving behaviors of high school aged people attending college: What's expected and what's reality - Use of social norms marketing. *American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Annual Conference*, Nashua, NH. 2001
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D. (2000). Sexuality and counseling: Attitudes and ethics. *Chi Sigma Iota Counseling Education Honorary*, Southern Illinois University. 2000
Type: *Local Invited*
- Eta Sigma Gamma Alpha Alpha Chapter. (2000). Becoming an advocate for health education. *Illinois School Health Association Conference*, St. Charles, IL. 2000
Type: *State Refereed*
- Gottlieb, R., & Bernert, D. (2000). Readability of health information on the Internet. *American School Health Association National Conference*, New Orleans, LA. (ESG Sponsored Poster) 2000
Type: *National Refereed*
- Eta Sigma Gamma Alpha Alpha Chapter. (1999). A cross-generational look at the evolving role of the health educator. *American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance National Conference*, Boston, MA. 1999
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D. (1999). Sex 2: A game of sexual knowledge and consequences for youth. *American School Health Association National Conference*, Kansas City, MO. 1999
Type: *National Refereed*
- Ogletree, R., Bernert, D., LaCursia, N., & Reynolds, T. (1999). Collaborative efforts in health education practice: Three case studies. *American School Health Association National Conference*, Kansas City, MO. 1999
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D., Kropp, J., & Symons, C. (1999). Accommodating students with disabilities in school health. *American School Health Association National Conference*, Kansas City, MO. 1999
Type: *National Refereed*

- Bernert, D. (1999). AIDS in America. *Polytech Institute*, Hamilton, New Zealand. 1999
Type: *International Invited*
- Bernert, D. (1999). Sex2: A game of sexual knowledge, skills, and consequences. *The New Zealand Association of Counselors 25th Anniversary International Conference*, Hamilton, New Zealand. 1999
Type: *International Refereed*
- Bernert, D. (1998-2000). HIV/AIDS; Sexually transmitted infections; Contraception. *Health Education and Recreation Department, Health Education Program*, Southern Illinois University. (Guest Lecturer, 20 Presentations) 1998
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D. (1997-2000). Gay and lesbian identity development and culture. *Educational Psychology and Special Education Department, Counseling Education Program*, Southern Illinois University. (Guest Lecturer, 3 Presentations) 1997
Type: *Local Invited*
- Symons, C., & Bernert, D. (1996). Elementary and secondary teaching strategies for non-violent conflict resolution. *Third Annual Comprehensive School Health Regional Conference*, Stow, OH. 1996
Type: *State Refereed*
- Bernert, D., Symons, C., & James, T. (1996). Developmentally appropriate practice: Teaching decision making and conflict resolution skills. *American School Health Association National Conference*, St. Louis, MO. 1996
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D. (1995). Sexual health promotion, disease prevention, and AIDS. *Health Education Program*, Cuyahoga Community College. 1995
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D., & Symons, C. (1995). Health promotion for students with developmental disabilities: Cognizance for response. *American School Health Association National Conference*, Milwaukee, WI. 1995
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D., & Symons, C. (1994). Health promotion for the developmentally disabled: An evaluation of the nation's health objectives. *American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance National Conference*, Denver, CO. 1994
Type: *National Refereed*
- Bernert, D. (1993). Health promoting behavior management strategies. *Elementary Education Program*, Walsh College. 1993
Type: *Local Invited*
- Bernert, D., & Symons, C. (1993). National health promotion for the developmentally disabled: An evaluation of the nation's health objectives. *Kent State Regional Health Promotion Conference*, Kent, OH. 1993
Type: *State Refereed*

Bernert, D. (1992-1995). Health education and special populations; Health promoting behavior management strategies; Diversity in urban schools. Kent State University. (12 presentations)
Type: *Local Invited*

1992

Service

Member, School of Health Sciences Curriculum Committee

2009 - present

Type: *Department*

Member, Professional Education Coordinators (PEC)

2008 - present

College of EHHS, Kent State University

Type: *College*

Reviewer, AAHE/NCATE

2008 - present

Folio Review of Health Education Basic Programs for national accreditation

Type: *National*

Member, ACHVE Curriculum Committee

2008 - 2009

Type: *Department*

Member, Teacher Education Coordinators

2008 - 2009

College of EHHS, Kent State University

Type: *College*

Member, EHHS Marketing Committee

2008 - present

College of EHHS, Kent State University

Type: *College*

Representative, ASHA Representative

2007 - present

National Association of State Directors of Special Education, IDEA Partnership

Type: *National*

Advisory Board, Vice President

2006 - 2007

Sexuality Education and Reproductive Services Council, American School Health Association

Type: *National*

Member, Therapy Dog Handler

2004 - 2007

Paws With a Heart, Toledo, Ohio

Type: *Regional*

Consulting, Project Consultant / Editor

2003 - 2004

American Bar Association

Type: *National*

<p>Consulting, Project Consultant <i>American Dietetic Association Web Based Instructional Case Studies Project</i> Type: <i>National</i></p>	<p>2003 - 2003</p>
<p>Representative, ASHA Representative <i>National Association of State Directors of Special Education, IDEA Partnership</i> Type: <i>National</i></p>	<p>2003 - 2005</p>
<p>Co-chair, Co-Author <i>Sexuality Education and Disabilities Position Statement</i> Type: <i>National</i></p>	<p>2003 - 2003</p>
<p>Advisory Board, Secretary <i>Sexuality Education and Reproductive Services Council, American School Health Association</i> Type: <i>National</i></p>	<p>2003 - 2004</p>
<p>Reviewer, Sponsored Sessions Proposals <i>Sexuality Education and Reproductive Services Council, American School Health Association</i> Type: <i>National</i></p>	<p>2002 - 2005</p>
<p>Co-chair, Service Committee Co-Chair <i>Eta Sigma Gamma, Southern Illinois University</i> Type: <i>Department</i></p>	<p>2000 - 2001</p>
<p>Coordinate, Women To Women Support Groups - Group Facilitator <i>Women's Services, Southern Illinois University</i> Type: <i>Department</i></p>	<p>1999 - 1999</p>
<p>Coordinate, Project Coordinator <i>Eta Sigma Gamma, Southern Illinois University Christmas Toy Drive for Children Affected by HIV/AIDS</i> Type: <i>Department</i></p>	<p>1999 - 2001</p>
<p>Committee, Historian <i>Eta Sigma Gamma, Southern Illinois University</i> Type: <i>Department</i></p>	<p>1999 - 2000</p>
<p>Chair, Social Programming Chair <i>Eta Sigma Gamma, Southern Illinois University</i> Type: <i>Department</i></p>	<p>1999 - 2001</p>
<p>Representative, Wellness Center Representative <i>AIDS Task Force Committee, Southern Illinois University</i> Type: <i>Department</i></p>	<p>1997 - 1999</p>

Representative, Graduate Student Advisory Council - ACHVE Department Representative <i>College of Education, Kent State University</i> Type: <i>College</i>	1995 - 1995
Representative, ACHVE Department Representative <i>Graduate Student Senate, Kent State University</i> Type: <i>University</i>	1994 - 1995
Woman-To-Woman Support Groups - Group Facilitator <i>Counseling and Human Development Center, Kent State University</i> Type: <i>Department</i>	1993 - 1994
Member, Columbus AIDS Task Force Information Specialist <i>The Ohio AIDS Hotline, Columbus, Ohio</i> Type: <i>State</i>	1990 - 1991
Coordinate, Students for Retarded Citizens - Founder / Program Director <i>Office for Service Learning, Kent State University</i> Type: <i>Department</i>	1984 - 1986
Representative, Dean's Colloquium - Selected Student Representative Type: <i>College</i>	1984 - 1986
Representative, Teacher Education Council - Selected Student Representative <i>College of Education, Kent State University</i> Type: <i>College</i>	1984 - 1986
Advisory Board, Vice President / Social Programming Coordinator <i>Omicron Delta Kappa, Kent State University</i> Type: <i>Department</i>	1984 - 1986
Member, Therapy Dogs International Type: <i>National</i>	- present
Member, Eta Sigma Gamma Professional Health Science Honorary Type: <i>National</i>	- present
Member, American Alliance of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance Type: <i>National</i>	- present
Member, American Association for Health Education Type: <i>National</i>	- present
Member, American School Health Association	- present

Type: *National*

Member, Teacher Education Coordinators

- 2008

College of EHHS, Kent State University

Type: *College*

Grants

Consultant, Adolescent Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Disease Prevention

2002 - 2004

American School Health Association

CDC/DASH

Consultant, Partners in Program Planning for Adolescent Health (PiPPAH)

2002 - 2004

American School Health Association

Collaboration with: M. Rubin & S. Wooley

DHHS/HRSA

Consultant, Drinking and Driving Among Secondary Students in Illinois High Schools

2000 - 2001

Southern Illinois University

Collaboration with: D. Ritzel, D. Shannon, & D. Leitner

OISS/IDOT

PI, Sex2: A Game of Sexual Knowledge and Consequences for College Students

1998 - 1999

Collaboration with: D. Bernert

Submitted: \$600.00

Status: Awarded

Awarded: \$600.00

Women's Studies, Southern Illinois University

PI, Take 1 Video Productions

1989 - 1990

Columbus Public Schools

Collaboration with: D. Bernert

Submitted: \$500.00

Status: Awarded

Awarded: \$500.00

Franklin County Technology Consortium



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