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is Research Director of the Society for the Advancement of Excellence in Education (SAEE), a non-profit Canadian education research agency. Since 1996, she has been responsible for the development and management of over 30 SAEE studies to inform K-12 education policy and practice in Canada. She has authored numerous education journal articles and consultancy reports, and is the editor of SAEE's research publications. She has served on a number of education committees at the provincial and national level and maintains an active interest in education research internationally. Helen received her Bachelor of Education degree and Diploma of School Librarianship from the University of Victoria. Her broad experience spanning 29 years as an educator in the public school system underpins her present research work.

Other Professional Activities:

Board of Directors (2005) Canadian Language and Literacy Research Network
Editor, Education Analyst (1997-2005)

Conference Coordinator or Chair:

Innovations in Testing Technology for Canadian Schools (2005)
Moving Forward: National Policy Roundtable on Aboriginal Education (2005)
Finding Common Ground: Union/Management Collaboration (2004)
Teacher Unions: Players in Education Reform (2002)
Shared School Decision Making (1998)
Charting a New Course (1995)

Editorial Committee, Education Canada, CEA (2003)

BC Chamber of Commerce Education Committee (1996-2003)

School Accreditation Committee, Can. Education Standards Institute

Exec. Director, Teachers for Excellence Association (1994-1996)

President, Central Okanagan Teacher-Librarians' Association (1984-86)

Consultancy:

Yellowknife School District- Developing an Accountability Framework
Business Council on National Issues (Ottawa) – Education Policy K-12
Ministries of Education – Changing Role of the Principal; School Choice; Teacher Quality; School Leadership; Aboriginal Education; Literacy; School Governance
BCSTA: All-Day Kindergarten; BC Auditor General; Gold Trail School District.

Research and Policy Papers Authored:

School Choice Policies and Effects: An International Lit. Review (2004)
Role of the School Principal: Present and future challenges, March 03
Innovations in School Management (School Business Affairs, April 2003)
A School System Experiment with the Third Way (Inroads, May 2003)
Decentralization in Swedish School System: Policy Lessons for Canada (2002)
School Planning Councils. (May 2002)

Accountability in the Canadian School System (School Business Affairs, Sept.01)
Cooperative Performance Incentive Plans (Journal of Ed Research, 75.4, 2000)
Education K-12: Policy for Canadian Global Leadership (BCNI, Sept.1999)
Linking Assessment and School Success (AERA, Montreal, April 1999)
Teacher Bargaining: Today and Tomorrow (School Business Affairs, April 1999)
Growing with Experience: The Role of School Councils (March 1999)
Building School Success through Accountability (Policy Options, July 1998)
Analysis of the Secondary Schools Report Card Project (April 1998)
Full-Service Schools (School Business Affairs, June 1998)
Choice and Charter Schools in Canada (Am. Sociology of Education, Feb. 1998)
School Governance: Reviewing Roles and Responsibilities (1997)
Schools for Tomorrow: Restructuring for Excellence (Queens Journal of Education and Economic Change, Winter 94)
Charter Schools: Lessons Canada Can Learn (1994)

Editor for the Following Research Publications:

Henchey (2005) *Moving Forward in Aboriginal Education*
Bell et al. (2004) *Sharing Our Success: Case studies in Aboriginal Schooling*
Phillips (2002) *Teacher Quality in Canada*
Wendel (2000) *Creating Equity and Quality: A Literature Review of School Effectiveness and Improvement*
Litzcke (2001) *The Role of Teacher Unions in School Reform*
Henchey et al. (2002) *Twelve Secondary Schools in Low-income Settings*

Presentations:

Marguerite Bourgeoys Lecture –McGill University, Nov. 2005
Aboriginal Literacy –CLLRNET, Toronto June 2005
Aboriginal Education, Insight Conference, November 2004
Sharing Our Success, AERA, San Diego, April 2004
School Improvement, Insight Conference Toronto, Nov. 2003
Schools That Make a Difference, Sydney, Australia, January 2003
Schools as Centres of Excellence, Premier's Education Summit, Vancouver, June 2002
School Accountability, Langley DPAC Conference Keynote, Nov. 2001
Building School Success with Accountability, BCCPAC May 2001
School Choice, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, September 1999
American Education Research Association (AERA), Montreal, April 1999
BC Chamber of Commerce AGM, May 1999
Quebec Association of Evaluation in Education, Montreal, October 1998
AERA, San Francisco, February 1998
Prince George School District Parent Advisory Councils, February 1998
Delta School District Parent Advisory Councils, 1996
Excellence in Education, Conference Board of Canada, St. John's, NB. 1995

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