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Education and Professional Experience:

Kansas State University, BA (Psychology)
Indiana University, MSW
University of Rochester, Ph.D. (Sociology)

Scholarly Interest :

A sociologist by training, I have been in medical education for about 15 years, first as a medical education researcher/program evaluator, then as Associate Dean for Curricular Affairs at the University of Rochester Medical School (1998-2003), and now as Director of Medical Education Research and Evaluation at Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University (CCLCM). My work at Rochester gave me a broad experience in curriculum and faculty development, program evaluation and student assessment during a period of intense curricular reform. Now six years out, Rochester's the Double Helix Curriculum continues to be a very innovative program. Specific accomplishments included developing a Standardized Patient program and a Dean's Teaching Fellow program. My involvement in developing a formative comprehensive assessment for Rochester students was critical in my gaining an appreciation for the role of assessment in learning. In my current position at CCLCM, my primary focus is on student assessment and the development of a comprehensive portfolio assessment system for an new 5-year medical school program for 32 students that is designed to train physician investigators.

Personal Background:

Born and raised in Kansas and only last year returned to the mid-west. My husband is a professor at Case and our two children live in New York City. Enjoy travel, family activities and reading.