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THE PAPERS OF VICKI IRGANG

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(Vicki Irgang. CCNY Class of 1977)

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Creator	Vicki Irgang
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Biographical Note

VICKI GAY ALLWEISS IRGANG (1954-2010) was the director of the Center for Educational Change at Brooklyn College, part of the college's School of Education. Previous to that, Irgang obtained much experience as a teaching practitioner. She started her career as an assistant teacher, from 1973 to 1974, both at the Lincoln Square Nursery School, and at the Brooklyn Flatbush YMCA Day Care. At the City College of New York (CCNY), she was a tutor, and mentor of tutors from 1974 to 1977. At the same University, from 1976-1977, she worked as a reader, recorder, and tutor for the blind and disabled. Irgang obtained her Bachelor's Degree in History and Political Science from the City College of New York, in 1977, where she graduated with honors.

Immediately after her graduation, she pursued a Master's Degree in Social and Intellectual History at New York University (obtained in 1979), where she also graduated with honors. Vicki married Sidney Irgang, and they had two sons, Jason and Michael. She continued

to follow her career as a teacher, having taught various private and public schools K-12, from 1981 through 1990.

In 1991, she started to work at the Center for Educational Change at Brooklyn College, as an Administrative Assistant, but her innovative thinking led her to rapidly ascend to the top position of executive director. The Center for Educational Change was run by the School of Education, and funded through the Brooklyn College Foundation. It served thousands of children in Brooklyn public schools, collaborating with their teachers, principals, and parents, and also creating curricula focused on the needs of the specific schools it collaborated with. As the director of the Center, Irgang wrote many grants to support her work, and was awarded millions of dollars that were converted into projects.

While working at Brooklyn College, Vicki Irgang returned to school to follow her doctorate studies. She enrolled at the New York University School of Education, in an interdisciplinary course, focused both on International Education, and on Global & Cross-Cultural Urban Education. She completed her degree of Doctor of Philosophy in 2001. Her 253-page thesis is entitled *Buried stories: the narratives of young urban parents in a career alternative program*, and is part of this collection.

Throughout her life, Vicki was committed to improve education, and her life reflected this tireless effort and passion to establish professional development programs and to reach both teachers and students.

In 2003, Vicki Irgang was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, a battle she fought for seven years. Later, she was also diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome and leukemia. In July 2010, she passed away.

Scope and Content Note

The collection of Papers of Vicki Irgang contains primarily materials from The Center for Educational Change, at the School of Education, Brooklyn College. It includes flyers of the Center's numerous activities in various public schools in Brooklyn, as well as conferences, roundtables, and other outreach programs developed during her years as the executive director. Most of those activities were documented in photographs by Dr. Irgang. Some administrative

files are also part of this collection, such as flyers that tell the history and mission of the Center for Educational Change, and a letter from Vicki Irgang urging the faculty of Brooklyn College to help in of the Center's important events.

In addition, there are some personal papers, such as her Curriculum Vitae, her Ph.D. thesis, the eulogies read at her funeral, and her obituary.

Collection Outline

Series 1: Vick Irgang's Professional and Personal Information

Series 2: Center for Educational Change – School Collaborations

Series 3: Center for Educational Change – Administrative

Series 4: Center for Educational Change – Galleries

Series 5: Center for Educational Change – Outreach

Series 6: Miscellaneous

Series Descriptions

Series 1: Vick Irgang's Professional and Personal Information

Dates: Inclusive: 1977-2010

Extent: 4 folders

Arrangement varies

This series is comprised of Vicki Irgang's professional and personal information. Her professional papers include her Curriculum Vitae, and the issue from the City College of New York celebrating the 25th anniversary of the class of 1977, in which her husband, Sidney Irgang, a former student of the CCNY, is also featured. In addition, it includes her Ph.D. thesis entitled *Buried stories: the narratives of young urban parents in a career alternative program*. Her personal papers comprehend obituary and eulogies papers.

Series 2: Center for Educational Change – School Collaborations

Dates: Inclusive: 1995-1999

Extent: 7 folders

Arrangement varies

Many of the *Center for Educational Change* events present in this collection were photographed by Vicki Irgang. This series encompasses several school collaborations that took place in Public Schools 9, 41, 65, 81, 138, 154, 172, 181, 314, and 316. The events range from Math and Chess Clubs, High School Science, Arts, Author Studies Visit, to principals meetings with faculty. There are also photographs of different schools that lack any other description. The last item in this series is a Photo Album assembled by Irgang, entitled "Pictures of various Center for Educational Change Projects."

Series 3: Center for Educational Change – Administrative

Dates: Inclusive: 1996-2001

Extent: 3 folders

Arrangement varies

The Administrative series of the Center for Educational Change holds pictures and flyers of different events. The Center celebrated its 10th Anniversary in 1999, and the professional photographs of the ceremony that were taken are now part of this collection. Vicki Irgang also documented several staff celebrations, such as birthdays, a baby shower, and a going away party. In addition, there are flyers that explain the history and mission of the Center for Educational Change.

Series 4: Center for Educational Change – Galleries

Dates: Inclusive: 1992-1996

Extent: 5 folders

Arrangement: chronological

The Galleries were events that apparently happened twice a year, in the fall, and in the spring. Entitled: "Exhibits of new and exciting curriculum projects in Brooklyn Public Schools", they featured the work of teachers in schools participating in the new Collaborative Curriculum and Pedagogy Project (CCAPP), and in the Athena Project. This series consists of Gallery exhibitions from 1992 (fall), 1993 (spring), 1994 (spring and fall), and 1996 (spring). All of the events count with pictures and flyers, and the last two (fall 1994 and spring 1996) were also documented on slides.

Series 5: Center for Educational Change – Outreach

Dates: Inclusive: 1992-2001

Extent: 7 folders

Arrangement varies

The outreach series covers various activities carried out by the Center for Educational Change. Roundtables, conferences leadership programs, a cartography program, and graduate education courses are featured in this series. The big majority of these events are documented in photographs. In addition, there is one letter from Vicki Irgang, addressed to the Brooklyn College faculty, to announce one of the events.

Series 6: Miscellaneous

Extent: 5 folders

Arrangement varies

Some groups of photographs from this collection lacked description. This series encompasses all the pictures that could not be identified, except for one group of pictures that is known to be from 1999. They were kept in the same groups Irgang created.

Container Listing

BOX 1

Series 1: Vick Irgang's Professional and Personal Information

Folder 1: Vicki Irgang's PhD thesis. Title: Buried stories: The narratives of young urban parents in a career alternative program (2001), New York University.

Folder 2: The City College of New York, Class of 1977

Folder 3: Vicki Irgang's Curriculum Vitae

Folder 4: Vicki Irgang's obituary and Eulogies

Series 2: Center for Educational Change – School Collaborations

Folder 5: Public School 172

- Public School 172 – Studio Opening – Fall 1998
- Public School 172 – Studio Opening – Annenberg New Voices partnership
- Public School 172 – New Voices – Prof. Dev. Day – May 20th 1999
- Public School 172 – Annenberg - 1998

Folder 6: Math and Chess

- H.O.T Math Fair – 1998-1999
- Public School 138 – Joel Benjamin/ Club Chess/ Math – 1998
- Goldstein High School for the Sciences – Simultaneous Chess Exhibition – 1998-1999
- Publicity – “The man behind Deep Blue” – Article about Joel Benjamin (2 copies)
- Public School 138 – Simultaneous Chess Exhibition

Folder 7: Various Projects

- Principals meeting with faculty – 1996-1997
- Public School 316 – Author Studies Visit – Angelo DeCesare
- Public School 172 – Author Studies Visit – Angelo DeCesare
- Annenberg Family Day – 1997-1998
- Public School 154 – “Memoirs” & The Arts with Dorothea Basile – 1996-1997

Folder 8: Public Schools 9, 81, 314, and High School Science

Folder 9: Public Schools 314, 65, and 41

Folder 10: Public School 181 – 1995

Folder 11: Vicki Irgang's Photo Album "Pictures of various Center for Educational Change Projects"

BOX 2

Series 3: Center for Educational Change – Administrative

Folder 1: Center for Educational Change 10th Anniversary – Nov. 30, 1999

Folder 2: Staff Celebrations

- Vita's baby shower – Summer 97
- Veronica's 21st birthday surprise – Summer 2001
- Sue's going away party – 2000
- Zeva at work/ Sue redecorating new file system – 2000
- 20th birthdays for Peter and Veronica/ Sue's birthday – Summer 2000

Folder 3: Center for Educational Change Pictures and Flyers

- Center for Educational Change consultants "luncheon" – Fall 1997
- Center for Educational Change administration pictures – 1996-1997
- Flyer – "Linking Brooklyn College to Brooklyn Schools"
- Flyer – "About the Center for Educational Change"
- Flyer – The Center for Educational Change

Series 4: Center for Educational Change – Galleries

Folder 4: Fall Gallery 1992 (flyer and photographs)

Participating schools: 9, 41, 138, 165, 181, 304.

Folder 5: Spring Gallery 1993 (flyer and photographs)

Participating schools: 9, 138, 165, 181, 316, 340.

Folder 6: Spring Gallery 1994 (flyer and photographs)

Participating schools: 9, 46, 92, 138, 165, 181, 304, 314, 316, 332, 340.

Folder 7: Fall Gallery 1994 (flyer, slides and photographs)

Participating schools: 9, 92, 138, 152, 165, 181, 208, 249, 304, 314, 316, 332, 340.

Folder 8: Spring Gallery 1996 (flyer, slides and photographs)

Participating schools: 3, 9, 92, 102, 105, 138, 139, 152, 154, 165, 172, 176, 181, 194, 195, 197, 249, 251, 255, 269, 287, 304, 314, 316, 332, 340, 399, Kingsborough High School, and the Brooklyn College Academy.

Series 5: Center for Educational Change – Outreach

Folder 9: Roundtables

- First roundtable on inclusion with Deborah Shanley – 1998
- Accountable talk roundtable
- Roundtables 1998-1999 (slides)
- Leslie & Laura “Memoir” roundtable – 1997 (photographs)
- “Aesthetic Education” roundtable with Dr. Karel Rose – 1997 (photographs)

Folder 10: Conferences

- District 20 – Bilingual conference
- NECC – National Education Computer Conference – June 2001
- Technology at the National Education Computer Conference
- “Memoirs” Principals conference – 1997-1998

Folder 11: Other programs

- CISCO H.O.T. (Higher Order Thinking) Leadership program (photographs)
- District 20 – Cartography program (photographs)
- Public School 172 – New Voices Partnership – 1997-1998 (photographs)

BOX 3

Series 5: Center for Educational Change – Outreach (cont.)

Folder 1: Minds on/ Hands on Curriculum: Sharing what works – 07/02/1992 (flyer and photographs)

Folder 2: Graduate Education Courses – Spring 1994 (flyer and photographs)

Folder 3: Graduate Education Courses – Fall 1994 (flyer and photographs)

Folder 4: Other event flyers

- Vicki Irgang letter to the Brooklyn College faculty.

Series 6: Miscellaneous

Folder 5: Photographs 1999

Folder 6: Unnamed Photographs I

Folder 7: Unnamed Photographs II

Folder 8: Unnamed Photographs III

Folder 9: Unnamed Photographs IV