

Jo A. Yudess – Curriculum Vitae

Title: Adjunct Assistant Professor of Creativity and Change Leadership

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Bio:

Dr. Jo Yudess is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Creativity and Change Leadership Department, and she is currently department coordinator of the distance Master of Science program. She is owner/president of United Innovations, primarily training people in organization development, creative problem solving and facilitation skills in the United States and Brazil. Dr. Jo has taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses in this department as well as courses in the Business Department, in Educational Technology, in University College, and in other universities.

Education:

- Ed.D. in Executive Leadership, St. John Fisher University, 2010
- M.S. in Creativity and Change Leadership, Buffalo State University, 1984
- B.S. in Chemistry and Math Education, Buffalo State University, 1963

Research Interests:

- Inclusive Leadership
- Unconscious Bias
- Creativity Studies in Higher Education

Teaching Philosophy:

Dr. Jo Yudess believes that all students possess the capability of introspection, growth, and success. She works to meet them where they are and challenges them to become the people they want to be using the creativity, leadership, teamwork, inclusiveness, and feedback skills she teaches.

Selected Publications:

- Puccio, G. J., Burnett, C., Acar, S., Yudess, J., Hollinger, M., & Cabra, J. F. (2018). Creative problem solving in small groups: The effects of training on idea generation, solution creativity, and leadership effectiveness. *Journal of Creative Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jocb.381>
- Puccio, G. J., Burnett, C., Cabra, J. F., Fox, J. M., Keller-Mathers, S., Murdock, M. C., & Yudess, J. A. (Eds.) (2008). *Proceedings from an International Conference on Creativity and Innovation Management – The 2nd Community Meeting*. Buffalo, NY: International Center for Studies in Creativity, Buffalo State.
- Reilly, R.L. (2000). *Nerves of steel: Bike messengers in the United States*, Jo Yudess, Ed. Buffalo, NY: Spoke and Word Press.
- Yudess, J. A. (2010). Colleges and Universities with Degree or Certificate Bearing Programs in Creativity. *Journal of Creative Behavior*, 44, 139-142.
- Yudess, J. A., (2010). The Synergies, Efficacies and Strategies Involved in Teaching Creativity and Leadership Together: A Grounded Theory. *Education Doctoral*. Paper 41. http://fisherpub.sjfc.edu/education_etd/41.
- Yudess, J. A. (1983). *Creative problem-solving training as an intervention to improve risk taking*. Buffalo State College. Master's Project. http://www.academia.edu/9353162/Creative_problem_solving_training_as_an_intervention_to_improve_risk_taking .

Professional Experience:

- 8/2004-present Buffalo State College – Creativity and Change Leadership faculty, CIS faculty, Business Department faculty and University College faculty.
- 7/2008, 6/2009, 8/2012 Buffalo State Research Foundation
Instructor in the Student Support Services Summer Bridge program, Creative Studies
- 12/18-12/21/08 Buffalo State College Continuing Professional Education
Instructor for Sheehan Health Network, Quality and Service, December 2007
- 1/02 – 6/2013 Creative Education Foundation
Managing Editor, *Journal of Creative Behavior*

Honors and Awards:

Mid-Career Faculty Award for Service-Learning May 2019

SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching October 5, 2017.

Outstanding Service-Learning Class 6 times

Open SUNY Fellow: Exemplar Online Coach and Mentor 9/2015

Arthur O. Eve Educational Opportunity Program Faculty Merit Award for 2015

Award for PowerPoint "The Road to Research" from the Undergraduate Research program through the Research Foundation of SUNY, 12/2014

The XIII Fórum Internacional de Criatividade e Inovação in Vitória, Espírito Santo, Brasil was dedicated in honor of Dr. Jo Yudess on 9/11/2014

Ed.D. Program in Executive Leadership 2011 Scholarship Award St. John Fisher University.

Faculty Appreciation Award from Campus Life 5 times

Service and Commitment Award, 2003, Creative Education Foundation

Distinguished Service Award, 2004, Creative Education Foundation

Community Service Award, 1990, American Society for Training and Development

Options Program Appreciation Award, 1992, Niagara County Community College

Founders Medal, Distinguished Leader Award, 1998, Creative Education Foundation

Professional Memberships:

Member, Creative Education Foundation

Member, 2011 – 2015, National Coalition Building Institute, Buffalo State College campus affiliate.

Community Involvement:

Dr. Jo Yudess has regularly offered volunteer creativity and facilitation workshops for various community organizations in the US and in Brazil. She also serves as a dissertation advisor for students from the Creative Leadership for Innovation and Change at the University of the Virgin Islands.

Personal Hobbies:

Outside of academia, Dr. Jo Yudess enjoys making things - crocheting, knitting, quilting, and drawing Zentangles. She has taught an adult education course of 18 crafts in 20 weeks called "Which Craft?"