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I am a child psychologist and university adjunct professor. I participated in the 9<sup>th</sup>. International Youth Peace Ambassador Conference in Arizona, (August, 2014). I am interested in: Spirituality, poverty relief, social justice, community emergency preparedness, and youth mentorship. I recently retired and I am currently active in consulting and volunteer work. I worked with children with special needs in New York and California for nearly 4 decades. I am originally from Uruguay, with roots in Northern Spain and The Basque Country. I have a Ph.D. and Master Degree in Psychology from Yeshiva University (NY), a Master Degree in Special Education from Hunter College, (NY) and a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education (Montevideo, Uruguay). I am fluent in English and Spanish and can communicate in Italian and Portuguese.

I have served in the boards of the following non-profit organizations: The Council for Exceptional Children (CEC); the New York State Interagency Task Force to the governor on HIV/AIDS in minorities; the executive board of the New York State Association for Bilingual Education; the *Escuela Uruguaya* (NY). I was president of the *Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee* with the Teacher's Association and the *Santa Clara Association of School Psychologists* (CA).

I presently serve in the editing board of the Odisha Journal of Social Science (India). I am a consultant for the Nippon Care-Fit Education Institute (Tokyo, Japan) and I am a CERT Instructor (Community Emergency Response Team) with Drummond, Montana. I also volunteer at the Missoula Food Bank and the Roxy Theatre in Missoula Montana.

After our retirement, my husband Jim and I moved to Missoula (Montana) near the Bitterroot Valley in south west Montana. Between both of us we have five grown children. I enjoy backpacking in the wilderness, world traveling, snowshoeing, cultivating native plants, organic gardening, meditation on the Earth, and.....yes.... football . My favourite activity is spending time with my family.