

*Curriculum Vitae*  
**Dr. Brenda Gilio (O'Hern), Associate Professor**  
**Director, Center for Education**  
**Widener University**

<b>Professional Preparation and Experience</b>
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**Education**

Ed.D., Educational Administration, Lehigh University (May, 1992)  
M.Ed., Social Restoration, Lehigh University (October, 1982)  
B.S., Secondary Education, Shippensburg University (December, 1978)

**Work History**

Director, Center for Education, College of Health & Human Services, Widener University *formerly School of Human Service Professions*  
Associate Professor, School of Human Service Professionals, Widener University (August, 2012-present) *formerly School of Education, Innovation, and Continuing Studies*  
Acting Dean, School of Education, Innovation and Continuing Studies, Widener University (August, 2012-June, 2014)  
Assistant Professor, Widener University (September, 2007-July 2012)  
Assistant Superintendent, Unionville-Chadds Ford School District (June, 1999-August, 2007)  
Assistant to the Director for Curriculum Services, Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit 13 (August, 1992-May 1999)  
Assistant High School Principal, Unionville-Chadds Ford School District (January, 1989-July 1992)  
English Teacher, Parkland High School, Parkland School District (September, 1980-December, 1988)  
English Teacher, Freedom High School and Broughal Junior High, Bethlehem Area School District (September, 1979-June, 1980)

Part-time adjunct teaching positions at Widener University, Wilkes University, West Chester University and Penn State University (September, 1996-August, 2007)

**Professional Certifications**

Superintendent Letter of Eligibility, Lehigh University (January, 1992)  
Secondary Principal Certification, Lehigh University (October, 1982)  
Secondary Education/Communication Arts, Shippensburg University (December, 1978)

<b>Memberships and Offices Held</b>
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**Offices Held**

- (January 2008-June, 2014) PA Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Delaware Valley Region Executive Board and Policy/Influence Committee

- (July 2011-June 2013) PA Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, Delaware Valley Region, President-Elect
- (February 2008-August, 2012) Eastern Educational Research Association, Division Chair, Educational Management
- (February 2008-February 2010) Eastern Educational Research Association, Regional Representative

### **Memberships**

- American Association of School Administrators/PA Association of School Administrators/PASA Women's Caucus

<b>Teaching</b>
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### **Graduate Courses Taught**

ED 506 School Law and Child Rights

*Development of new online format and teaching assistance*

ED 508 History and Philosophy of Education

*Spring 2009 (Videoconference)*

ED 545 Supervision in Public Education

*Summer 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011*

*Fall 2017, 201, 2019*

ED 546 Analysis, Innovation and Evaluation of Curriculum

*Spring 2020*

ED 547 Seminar in School Leadership

*Spring 2008 (2 sections)*

*Fall 2008 (Shippensburg Cohort)*

*Spring 2009*

*Summer 2009 (Online course for first time)*

*Spring 2010 (3 sections- Online, Hybrid and Traditional formats)*

*Spring 2011*

*Spring 2012 (2 sections)*

*Fall 2012*

*Fall 2014*

*Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019*

*2016-17*

*Fall 2017, 2018, 2019*

ED 555 Current Issues in Education

*Spring 2011 (Developed and taught in online format)*

ED 718 Values and Ethics in Education

*Spring 2016, 2019, 2020*

ED 746 Financial Management Concepts for School Administrators

*Fall 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011*

ED 747 Personnel Management for School Administrators

*Fall 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 (online also) and 2011, 2016, 2017, 2018 and Spring 2019, 2020*

ED 750 Organization and Administration of K-12 Schools

*Fall 2007, Spring 2008, 2009 and 2010, Spring 2020*

ED 801/802 Internship in the Superintendency

*Summer 2011 and Fall 2011, 2014 and 2015, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-2020*

ED 810/811 Principal Practicum

2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020  
ED 845/846  
Fall and Spring 2014-15 and 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19

### **Academic Advisement and Supervision**

- Academic Advisor for an average of 100+ students per year
- Serving as dissertation chair for an average of 10 students per semester
- Serving on numerous dissertation committees
- Supervision of Independent Studies including the following:
  - ED 502 Politics of Education (Fall 2007)
  - ED 649 Public Relations in School Administration (Fall 2008)
  - ED 792 Improving the Teaching and Learning Environment (Fall 2008)
  - ED 715 School Plant and Architecture (Spring 2009)
  - ED 846 Special Topics in School Administration (Fall 2009)
  - ED 696 Curriculum Development Project (Summer and Fall 2010)
  - ED 745 Leadership, Communication and Decision-Making (Fall 2010)
  - ED 718 Values and Ethics in Education (Summer 2011)
  - ED 747 Personnel Management for School Administrators (Summer 2015)
  - ED 547 Seminar in School Leadership (Summer 2015)
  - ED 845/846 (2016-17)

### **K-12 Educational Leadership Director Accomplishments**

- Assisted with the development and implementation of three Shippensburg Doctoral Cohorts, three Susquehanna Valley Cohorts, a Pocono Cohort, and a Sussex County, DE Cohort
- Developed and facilitated the School Administration Advisory Board and an Alumni Group
- Principal Certification Program Application Approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (April, 2010)
- Superintendent Certification Program Application Approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (May, 2010)
- Developed and implemented the Principal Induction and Leadership Academy (3-year program approved by the PA Department of Education) (Spring, 2011)

### **NCATE Accomplishments**

July, 2009	Received full NCATE accreditation for ELCC District Leadership Programs (Superintendent and Supervisor)
January, 2009	Received full NCATE accreditation for ELCC Building Leadership Program (Principal)
Spring, 2008	Standard 3 Field Experience Committee Chair

## Non-licensure Committee Member

### Scholarship/Professional Development

#### Peer-reviewed Published Articles (Pre-tenure)

Crane, B., O'Hern, B., Lawler, P. (January 2009). Second career professionals: Transitioning to the faculty role. *Journal of Faculty Development*, 23(1), 24-29.

Dietrich, N., Byrne, E., O'Hern, B. (Winter 2009). Marrying the muse and the thinker: Poetry as scientific writing. *Science Activities: Classroom Projects and Curriculum Ideas*, 45(4), 14-17.

O'Hern, B., McNiff, S.S., Brogan, B., D'Antonio-DeGeus, A. (February, 2009). Renewing a school leadership program: A work in progress. *Education Leadership Review*, 10(1), 2-15.

O'Hern, B., D'Onofrio, A., & Ledoux, M.W. (2010). Seeking NCATE accreditation: Leadership perspectives and tips. *Academic Leadership Online Journal*. Retrieved from <http://academicleadership.org>

#### Peer-reviewed Published Articles (Post-tenure)

Pifer, M., Reisboard, D., Staulters, M., Li, X., Gozza-Cohen, M., McHenry, N., Schaming, S., & Gilio, B. (2014). Finding the motivation: The evolution of a faculty scholarship symposium. *Journal of Faculty Development*, 28(1), 5-13.

#### Non-peer reviewed Published Articles (Post-tenure)

Gilio, B., Florio, T., and Ryan, D. (2017). The principal as captain: Navigating the Seas of School Culture. *The Pennsylvania Administrator*, 21(2), 23-24.

Gilio, B. and Dorsey, T. (2016). Principals' emotional intelligence outweighs IQ. *Principal*, 96(2), 53.

Gilio (O'Hern), B. (Winter 2013). Book Review: *Higher Education?: How Colleges are Wasting Our Money and Failing Our Kids...And What We Can Do About It. The Delaware Valley Region, Pennsylvania Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Newsletter*.

#### Selected Presentations

Gilio, B., (May, 2019). Panel Presentation on the topic of "Grit, Growth and Gains" at the PA Association of School Administrators Women's Caucus.

Gilio, B., (October, 2017). Panel Presentation on the topic of “Mentoring” at the PA Association of School Administrators Women’s Caucus Eastern Region Meeting.

Gilio, B., Puckett, G., and Carey, C. (March, 2017). Factors contributing to constructive superintendent/board relations: Research and practice. Roundtable session presented at the American Association of School Administrators (AASA) National Conference on Education.

Gilio, B. and Florio, T. (May 2016). Customization of learning through collaboration in an organization: PA superintendents’ approaches to collaboration. Professional session presented at the PA Association of School Administrators Women’s Caucus.

Gilio, B. and Dorsey, T. (February 2016). New principals’ social and emotional competence. Paper presented at the Eastern Educational Research Association.

Gilio O’Hern, B., Ledoux, M., Brogan, B. (August 2011). Professional development to prepare second-career leaders for today’s territory. Paper presented at the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration.

Lesisko, L., Wright, R., O’Hern, B. (April 2010). The effect of school building renovation/construction on school culture. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association.

Lawler, P., O’Hern, B., Crane, B. (October, 2009). Transitioning professionals: Challenges of second career faculty. A roundtable presented at the Annual Conference of the Professional and Organizational Development Network.

O’Hern, B. (October, 2009). The use of the community conversations model to facilitate community interaction. A roundtable presented at the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Conference.

McNiff, S.S., O’Hern, B., Brogan, B. (February, 2009). The many facets of counseling in higher education settings: Meeting the challenges of 21<sup>st</sup> century students. A roundtable presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Education Research Association

McNiff, S.S. O’Hern, B., Brogan, B. (February, 2009). Second career professionals: Understanding motivation, preparation, and induction into careers in educational administration. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Educational Research Association.

O’Hern, B., McNiff, S.S., Brogan, B. (February, 2008). Renewing a school leadership program: A work in progress. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Educational Research Association.

<b>Service</b>
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**University Service**

Represented the K-12 Educational Leadership Programs at Widener University Open Houses to recruit candidates

Presented a workshop for the Widener University Executive Committee on Bolman and Deal's "The Roles of Leadership" (September, 2008)

Represented the Center for Education at Widener Day (October, 2008)

Presented a workshop for the 2008 Student Leadership Conference on Bolman and Deal's "Leadership Images: A Self-Inventory" (November, 2008)

*Member (January 2010- June 2014) Widener University Vision 2015 Strategic Planning Committee and Vision 2021 Strategic Planning Committee GO Team*

Participated in Academic Citizenship & Leadership Training (May 16-17, 2011)

*Member (Spring 2013) Widener Partnership Charter School Principal Search*

*Member (August 2012-June 2014) Senior Leadership Team, Dean's Council, Provost Council and Academic Review Board*

*Member (August 2012-June 2014) Diversity Advocates Committee*

*Member (September 2013-May 2014) Leadership Minor Task Force  
Co-chairperson (January 2014-June 2014) School of Hospitality Management/School of Education, Innovation, and Continuing Studies Integration Task Force*

*Board Member (September 2012-June 2014) Widener Partnership Charter School*

*Member (September 2013-May 2014) Commencement Committee*

Served on a panel for the Widener University Academic Citizenship and Leadership Training (August, 2014)

*Member and Vice-chair (2015-2018) Budget, Planning and Assessment Committee*

*Member (2012-2014) President's Executive Leadership Team*

*Member (2016) President's Inauguration Committee*

*Member (Spring 2017) Faculty Council Faculty Affairs Committee*

**School Service (School of Human Service Professions)**

Served as a moderator at the Graduate Interdisciplinary Days (October, 2008 and October, 2010)

*Member (September 2008-May 2010) SHSP Academic Affairs Committee*

*Member (2010-2011) SHSP Promotion and Tenure Committee*

*Member (2019-2020) SHSP Academic Affairs Committee*

**School Service (formerly School of Education, Innovation, and Continuing Studies and School of Education, Hospitality, and Continuing Studies, presently School of Human Service Professions)**

*Chairperson (August 2012-June 2013) Promotion and Tenure Committee*

*Ex-officio Member (August 2013-May 2014) Promotion and Tenure Committee*

*Chairperson (January 2013-June 2014) SEICS Strategic Planning Committee*

*Chairperson (August 2012-June 2014) SEICS Deans Committee*

*Member (2015-2017) Faculty Affairs Committee*

**Unit Service (Center for Education)**

Served as a reader for numerous dissertations and attended defenses

Served as a grader of comprehensive exams each semester since Fall, 2007

Served as a proctor for comprehensive exams numerous times

Served on the Search Committee for the position of Clinical Assistant Professor in Field Experience and Student Teaching (Spring, 2008)

Served on the Search Committee for the position of Assistant/Associate Professor in Higher Education Administration/Director of Program (2008-09)

Served on the Search Committee for the position of Assistant/Associate Professor in Special Education (2009-2010)

Served on the Search Committee for the position of Assistant/Associate Professor in Higher Education Administration (2010-2011)

*Member (Spring, 2008-Fall, 2009) Teacher Education Council*

*Member (Fall, 2008-present) Graduate Admissions Committee*

*Member (Fall, 2009-Spring 2011) Promotion and Tenure Committee*

*Member (Fall, 2010-present) Academic Affairs Committee*

*Office Held (2008-2009) Faculty Secretary-Center for Education*

*Office Held 2010-2011) Secretary, Promotion and Tenure Committee*

*Office Held (2010-2011) Secretary, Academic Affairs Committee*

*Member (2018-19, 2019-2020) Academic Affairs Committee and Chair (Spring 2019)*

*Member (2017-present) Graduate Faculty Council*

*Chair (2019-2020) Faculty Affairs Committee*

## **Community Service**

*Member (Fall 2007-August 2012) Delaware County Violence Prevention Collaborative*

Trained members of the Violence Prevention Collaborative in “Community Conversations” protocol (August, 2009)

Presented “Community Conversations” Protocol to the Widener Center for Violence Prevention Opening Conference (October, 2009)

*Member (January 2013-June 2014) Community Partnership team, Chester-Upland School District*

*Member (2013-2014) Sussex County Vocational Technical School Advisory Committee*

*Member (2016-17) Scholarship Committee, Brigantine Elks Lodge, Brigantine, NJ*

## **Professional Service**

Presented “Proposal for a Structure for Innovation” to the Cecil County Public School Elementary Steering Committee (December, 2007)

Action Research Training for Thomson Estates Elementary School and Elk Neck Elementary School (Cecil County Public Schools) (February, 2008)

Presented “Ethics in Educational Administration” seminar to Chester County Intermediate Unit Administrators (March, 2008)

Presented “Time Management” workshop to the Chester County Intermediate Unit’s Curriculum, Instructional Improvement and Assessment Department (January, 2009)

Served as Moderator for two concurrent sessions at the Coalition of Urban and Metropolitan Universities Conference (October, 2009)

Presented “Be Proactive” workshop to the Chester County Intermediate Unit’s Support Staff (April 2011)

Presented “Think Win-Win” workshop as a part of the Chester County Intermediate Unit’s Induction Program (August 2011)

Presented “Be proactive: Schedule your priorities” to the Head Start Administration, Faculty and Staff of the Chester County Intermediate Unit (January 2012)

## **Awards and Honors**



Inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, Chi Gamma Chapter of Widener University, an International Honor Society (March, 2009)

Awarded a Faculty Development Options Grants

2012-2013

2016-2017

2017-2018

Provost's Award for Outstanding Service for leading the School of Education, Innovation, and Continuing Studies (June 2014)