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**EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Understanding the Brain (2019)	University of Chicago: Coursera
Indigenous Canada (2019)	University of Alberta: Coursera
Teacher Library Part 2 (2011)	Queens University
Principal Qualification Program (2006)	University of Windsor
Special Education: Specialist (2005)	Queens University
Primary Additional Basic Qualifications (2002)	Queens University
Special Education: Physical Exceptionalities (AQ) (1999)	Brock University
Evaluation and Treatment of Sensory Disorders (1998)	Developmental Concepts, Arizona
Autism & ADD/ADHD: A Sensory Perspective (1998)	Developmental Concepts, Arizona
Special Education: Core One (A.Q.) (1998)	University of Windsor
Drama: Honours Specialist (A.Q.) (1992)	University of Toronto
B. Ed. ISS (Drama/S:CC) (1990)	University of Western Ontario
B.A. Honours, Drama in Education (1989)	University of Windsor
Education Through Music (1987)	University of Windsor

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

- Department Head:** MAPS --Special Education (2015-present) Greater Essex County DSB  
-instrumental in developing program pathways; matrix of student IEP accommodations organized by course code; member of the Student Success Team and OSSLT Steering Committee;
- Teacher Librarian:** Westview FA and Century SS (2011-present) Greater Essex County DSB  
-increased student use of library commons and collaborative inquiries
- Special Education Teacher** (2009-present) Greater Essex County DSB  
-participated in a variety of PLC studies; interim English/Social Sciences Minor Head;
- Curriculum Writer:** TeachAble Project (2011-2012) Ontario Education Services Corporation  
-worked as part of a team developing resources for accessibility awareness across Ontario  
-responsible for creating workshop activities in order for educators to be prepared to meet the legislation outlining accessibility in the schools.
- Community Living Teacher:** Walkerville C.I. (2006-2009) Greater Essex County DSB  
-directed and produced student-written play for school community; MarkBook trainer
- Student Success Teacher:** Essex D.H.S. (2005-2006) Greater Essex County DSB  
-inaugural year of program: assisted in piloting the Credit Rescue program
- Department Head:** Arts and Language (1999-2006) Essex D.H.S. Greater Essex County DSB  
-led department and Board's drama teachers in curriculum changes and A&E initiatives; -  
-instrumental in coordinating and producing annual "Arts Alive" community event  
-member of many workgroups and committees
- Drama teacher** (1990-2006) Essex D.H.S. Greater Essex County DSB  
-directed and produced 30+ productions, including several award winning student productions at Ontario Festival of Theatre sponsored by Sears Canada.

## PERSONAL PUBLICATIONS

Patient Reported Outcomes for Joubert Syndrome	Scientific poster	presented April, 2015
Purple Stew: A Journey to Joubert Syndrome	eBook	<a href="http://www.lulu.com">www.lulu.com</a> ; February, 2015
Different is Just Different	children's book	Walkerville Press; August 2009
<a href="http://www.ktompkins.com">www.ktompkins.com</a>	website	2009-present (updated 2019)
<a href="http://www.brainjuice.ca">www.brainjuice.ca</a>	website	1998-2002
Purple Stew or My Kid's Got What?!	novel	Cranberry Tree Press; February 2001

## WORKSHOP FACILITATOR

Move On! Why we feel Anxious and Angry and what to do about it.

- OSSTF 10 Unique bookings from February, 2017-June 14, 2019
- Canadian Organization of Rare Disorders International Conference (May, 2019)
- University of Windsor, Faculty of Education Windsor, ON (March 2, 2018)
- Robarts School for the Deaf London, ON (February 3, 2017)

TeamKIDS : A comprehensive approach to creating effective educational teams

- Accessibility Awareness Day: University of Windsor (March 2016)
- Council of Exceptional Children State Conference: Pinehurst, North Carolina (Jan 2016)
- OSSTF District 9 Windsor, ON (March, 2015)

Different is Just Different: Creating an Atmosphere of Inclusion

- OSSTF: Fueling the Fire Conference Toronto ON (November, 2014)
- Communities Collaborative: White Earth, MN (August, 2013)
- University of Windsor: Drama in Education Departments (March, 2012)
- Redeemer University: ASD Conference (April, 2010 and 2011)

Working with the Medical System

- Canadian Organization of Rare Disorders Ottawa, ON (October, 2010)

Label of Care: A Discussion of Rare Disorders and the Medical Community

- Canadian Organization of Rare Disorders Ottawa, ON (May, 2009)

Move On! Drama Games for a Sensory Rich Environment

- University of Windsor: Faculty of Education (March, 2008)
- Eastern Michigan University (October, 2004)
- International Drama Educators Association(IDEA) Ottawa, ON (July, 2004)
- Arts on EDGE (CODE/OSEA) 2005
- Joubert Syndrome Foundation Conference (New Orleans)--June, 2002
- Arts 2000 Conference (Drama, Music, Visual Arts and Dance Educators of Ontario)

Karen Tompkins, 2019

## WORMS Aren't Just in Books: A Literacy Across the Curriculum Event

- Supports For Successful (Effective) Practice: Ministry of Education 2003
- Greater Essex County District School Board 2002

## ASSOCIATE TEACHER

2001-2009 Mentor for Reflective Practice Project, University of Western Ontario

1997-present School of Dramatic Arts, University of Windsor

1995-present Faculty of Education, University of Windsor

## NON-PROFIT PROJECTS/INVOLVEMENT

**Treasurer** (2018-present) JSRD Canadian Group (non-profit)  
Facilitated transition of new board

**Member-at-large** (2004-present) Canadian Organization of Rare Disorders  
Attended and assisted with the registration at several conferences  
Trained as a spokesperson for the 2017 Rare Drug Registry Initiative

**Founder/President** (2011-2018) JSRD Canadian Group (non-profit)  
Created and finalized Board Policy Manual  
Created and finalized Board By-laws  
Created logo; letter head; tax receipt template;

**Co-PI; Committee Chair** (2014-2018) JS-LIFE: CENA Project (part of PCORnet; USA)  
Co-created successful grant application; project publicity and training materials  
Created internationally utilized surveys using RedCap program  
Co-created abstract and scientific poster: Patient Reported Outcomes of Joubert Syndrome (published in April, 2015 at the Canadian GE3LS and Health Services and Policy Research Conference)

**President/ Secretary** (1998-2015) Joubert Syndrome & Related Disorders Foundation  
Co-created 4 successful grant applications  
Led sub-committees to create Board Policy Manual; update By-laws  
Co-chair of 8 JSRD International Family and Scientific Conferences  
Co-lead for R13 Grant from the National Institute of Health, Washington, DC for a successful international scientific meeting for the leading researchers in Joubert Syndrome (6 countries represented) October, 2013