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 Title: Professor, Horticultural Therapy; Agricultural Extension Agent

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 28 years on Rutgers faculty (1988-Present)

**Major Work focuses on:**

**-Agricultural Viability; support for farmers/growers in Bergen County.**

**-Support and educational programs for ornamental industry;** greenhouse, landscape, nursery, turf managers, arborists, garden centers, exterminators, health officers in Bergen County

-**Master Gardener program**; training volunteers to carry out Rutgers Extension work in county parks, schools, environmental centers, homeowner support; 25 years—trained over 800 MG’s.

**- Investigating People-Plant Relationships**; Developing & Delivering Specialized Horticulture Programming for a Wide Range of Populations with Disabilities; partner w/ Mental Health.

-Registered Horticultural Therapist; served 2 elected terms on Board of Directors of AHTA

**EDUCATION**

Masters Degree, Forestry Science, **Yale University**

BS, Horticulture, **Rutgers University Cook College**

Certificate in Horticultural Therapy, **The New York Botanical Garden**, Bronx, NY

Numerous **National, Regional & State Awards and Recognition** for Horticultural Therapy, Garden Writing, Communications, Diversity, Program Excellence, Scholastic Achievement, Professional Service

Numerous **Refereed Journal Articles Published**, & Popular Magazine and Newspaper Articles and Features. **Editor of *People-Plant Relationships: Setting Research Priorities.***

Associate Editor of***The Role Of Horticulture in Human Well-Being & Social Development***

Numerous **Invited International, National, Regional, & State Conference Presentations;**

**Speaking Engagements for Universities, Master Gardeners, Landscape Professionals**