

## CURRICULUM VITAE

**Martin Laster, Ph.D.**



### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Educational Leadership and Public Policy  
University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, 1984

**Dissertation:** “An Analysis of the Impact of Differing District Types on Gifted Education in Colorado.” The dissertation looks at six district types from rural to urban and their impact on planning, identification, organizational strategies and curricular provisions for gifted students. The study, commissioned by the Colorado State Board of Education through the Colorado Department of Education found significant differences between urban and rural agricultural districts in their ability to provide programming for gifted students.

M.P.A. Business and Public Management

University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, 1983

M.A. Special Education in Gifted Education  
University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, 1982

Specialist Certificate, Reading (K-12)  
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1977

B.A. Honors English and Secondary Education  
Ohio University, Athens, Ohio, 1976  
Summa Cum Laude

### HIGHLIGHTS/AWARDS

Alaska Superintendent of the Year, 1996

Superintendent in one of fifteen school systems recognized as exemplary in the Pacific Northwest , 1996

Superintendent in one of five districts, each in a NWREL state, in a study of standards-based reform in rural districts, 1999

President of WA Region 109 Superintendent's Association 2002

Recipient of WASA Leadership Award 2003

Witness for Plaintiffs in Moore v Alaska  
Anchorage, AK 2006

**HIGHLIGHTS Cont.**

American Association of School Administrators Governing Board  
2007-2012

AASA Leadership for Learning National Committee 2008 2013

Recognition for Outstanding Leadership: 100 District Leaders  
National Center for Learning and Civic Engagement 2006 - 2008

Academic Leadership Seminar Member, UAS 2010-2011

Principal Investigator for \$250,000 LEAD Grant 2010-2011

Principal Investigator for \$10,000 Educator Evaluation  
Voices from the Field: A Superintendent's View  
Center for Academic Excellence and Policy Research  
UAA ISER Anchorage, AK 2011-12

UAS Educational Leadership Program Receives National  
Recognition 2012

Higher Education Representative for the Professional Teaching  
Practices Commission 2012-Present

AASA Honorary Member Award for Lifetime Achievement  
From Alaska Superintendents for Exemplary Performance  
Juneau AK 2014

**CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES**

Type A Alaska Teaching Certificate  
Secondary Language Arts  
Reading Specialist Endorsement  
Gifted and Talented Endorsement

Type B Alaska Administration Certificate  
Pre-K – 12 Principal Endorsement  
Special Education Director Endorsement  
Superintendent's Endorsement

**COURSES TAUGHT**

<b>University of Alaska Southeast</b>	
Educational Leadership	Education 637
Curriculum and Instruction Leadership	Education 638
Leadership Internship	Education 691
Curriculum and Instruction Leadership	Education 639
Leadership Internship II	Education 691
Educational Leadership II	Education 690
Leadership Portfolio	Education 698
Orientation to the Superintendency	Education 692
Educational Finance	Education 606

**COURSES TAUGHT, Cont.**

Leadership Internship (Superintendent)	Education 691
Tools of the Trade	Education 593
Instructional Icebergs	Education 593
<b>UAF</b>	
Education for the Gifted	Education 593
<b>University of Denver</b>	
Identification of the Gifted	Education 4400

**SELECTED PAPERS, GRANTS, PRESENTATIONS, PUBLICATIONS**

Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act: Teacher's Guide  
Alaska Department of Education Juneau, Alaska 1986

"Multiple Views of Mentoring"  
Leadership Information, Winter 2003

Voices of Hope, A Literacy and Service Learning Secondary  
Reader, Collaboration with the Giraffe Heroes Project, 2005

"Budgeting/Planning for Student Achievement," AASB,  
Anchorage, AK Fall 2007

Project LEAD Interdisciplinary Curriculum Teacher's Guide  
For AKDEED, Juneau AK December, 2010

Alaska Winter Principal's Conference  
"Leading Through Excellence in Academic Design" Juneau, AK  
\$250,000 Federal Grant, January 20

CAEPR: Institute of Social and Economic Research  
\$10,000 Grant for Policy Research,  
Status of Teacher Evaluation: A Superintendent's View 2012-2013

UAS/AASA Educator Evaluation Professional Learning Community  
Superintendent Training with Carol Comeau and  
Commissioner Hanley Anchorage, AK March 2013

UAS/AASSP Educator Evaluation PLC  
Fall Principal's Conference Pre-Institute Anchorage, AK Fall 2013  
Principal Training with Commissioner Hanley

"Quality Teacher Evaluation in Alaska: Voices From The Field"  
CAEPR, ISER Anchorage AK 2013

"Quality Teacher Evaluation in Alaska: Voices From The Field"  
Hawaii Conference on Education Honolulu Hawaii January 2014

"Developing Leadership Capacity" Principal's Conference  
Anchorage, Alaska October 2014

**SELECTED ADVISORY GROUPS, COMMITTEES, COUNCILS**

Steering Committee, Alaska Standards and Assessments,  
Co-Chair, AKDOE, State Assessment Committee, 1992-95

Advisory Board Member, University of Washington  
K-12 Partnership, Seattle WA 1998-2001

Director, School Information Research Service, Olympia WA  
Washington Association of School Administrators 1999-2004

Network Member, Education Commission of the States, Network on  
Civic Engagement and Service Learning, Denver, CO 2006-2008

Board Member Alaska Council of School Administrators  
Juneau, AK 2007

Board Member, Giraffe Project  
Seattle Washington. 2000 to 2004

Advisory Board Member, Alaska Comprehensive Center,  
Juneau, AK 2007-2013

Alaska Milken Educator Award Committee  
Juneau, AK 2007 - 2013

Governing Board, AASA,  
Alexandria, VA 2007-2013

Member, Cultural Infusion Action Group  
UAS, Juneau AK 2008-2011

National Advisory Board Member, AASA  
Leadership for Learning, Alexandria, VA 2008 – 2013

UAS Chancellor's Student Success Task Force Member  
Juneau, AK 2009-to the Present

Chair, Student Success Subcommittee  
To Create A Student Radio Station  
UAS, Juneau AK 2010 to 2011

Member, Two Doctoral Dissertation Committees  
UAF, Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Program  
Fairbanks, AK 2010-2013

UAS Honors College Committee  
Juneau, AK 2010 to Present

**SELECTED ADVISORY GROUPS, COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, Cont.**

UA Statewide Search Committee: K-12 Outreach Director  
Fairbanks, AK Spring, 2012

UAS Search Committee Chair: Educational Leadership Faculty  
Juneau, AK Fall 2012

Higher Education Representative Commissioner  
Professional Teaching Practices Commission  
2013 to the Present

**EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY**

**Assistant/Associate Professor, University of Alaska Southeast**  
Director of Educational Leadership Program  
Juneau, Alaska  
2008- Present

**Superintendent, Kuspuk School District**  
Aniak, Alaska  
2005-2008

**Assistant/Interim Superintendent, North Slope School District**  
Barrow, Alaska  
2004-2005

**Superintendent, South Whidbey School District**  
Langley, Washington  
2000 to 2004

**Superintendent, Darrington School District**  
Darrington, Washington  
1996 to 2000

**Superintendent, Craig City School District**  
Craig, Alaska  
July 1993 to 1996

**Assistant Superintendent/Principal, Mat-Su School District**  
Palmer, Alaska  
1987 to 1993

**Principal**  
Northwest Arctic Borough School District  
Ambler, Alaska  
1986 to 1987

**EMPLOYMENT SUMMARY Cont.**

**Director of Instruction/State and Federal Programs**

Northwest Arctic Borough School District  
Kotzebue, Alaska  
1984 to 1986

**Adjunct Professor: Gifted Education**

University of Alaska  
Palmer, Alaska  
Spring 1984

**Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant**

University of Denver  
Denver, Colorado  
September 1981 to 1984

**Gifted/Talented Specialist,**

Matanuska Susitna School District  
Palmer, Alaska  
1979 to 1981

**Reading Specialist**

Anchorage School District  
Anchorage, Alaska  
1978 to 1979

**English Teacher**

Federal Hocking School District  
Stewart, Ohio  
1976 to 1978

**Percussionist**

Anywhere I Can  
1966 to Present