



## **Ann Gaudino, Ed.D. Biography**

Dr. Ann Gaudino is as an Associate Professor at Millersville University, Pennsylvania where she teaches graduate and doctoral courses in education and education leadership. Prior to this appointment, she served as Associate Professor, Interim Department Chair, Coordinator of Clinical Practice, and Director of Professional Development Schools at West Liberty University, West Virginia. She is the founder and editor of *The Excellence in Education Journal* (ISSN 2474-4166) (EEJ) ([www.excellenceineducationjournal.org](http://www.excellenceineducationjournal.org)), now in its sixth year of publication. The EEJ is an open access, peer reviewed, online journal that promotes and disseminates international scholarly writing about excellent practices in education (annual circulation 8,000).

Dr. Gaudino has published and presented nationally and internationally on topics including: teacher and administrator evaluation, induction, mentoring, and professional development; international clinical experiences; and music literacy methods. As a qualitative researcher, she specializes in focus group methodology and interview methodology to investigate issues surrounding education and educational leadership. Her writing is published in *The Journal of International Education and Leadership*, *The Field Experience Journal*, *The Journal of the American Association of School Personnel Administrators*, *the Global Education Conference*, and *Classroom 2.0*. She is a member of the international advisory board for the Global Education Conference; serves as a reviewer for the *Comparative and International Education Society*, *The Journal of International Education and Leadership*, and *The Field Experience Journal*; and served on the West Virginia Department of Education Teacher Evaluation Task Force.

Her dissertation, *Key Issues in the Teacher Evaluation System of a Catholic School District: Implications for Policy and Practice* (2008), utilized focus group methodology to investigate the topic of teacher evaluation in the State of West Virginia. It remains the only published work on this topic. Dr. Gaudino is currently engaged as the primary investigator conducting focus group and individual interviews with alumni from The University of Virginia, Curry School of Education, Curry in Cambridge program to investigate how teachers utilize the skills, knowledge, and experience they gained in their international clinical placements. She recently completed conducting individual and focus group interviews in Florence, Italy to publish the biography of Professor Joan Yakkey at the Music Conservatory of Florence, Italy. Previously, Dr. Gaudino was the primary investigator with Dr. David Moss, The University of Connecticut, and Dr. Eleanor Wilson, The University of Virginia, utilizing focus group and individual interview research to investigate the experiences of student teachers in abroad clinical experiences. She has led study tours and international education placements in China, Italy, Kenya, and Finland.

In K-12 education, Dr. Gaudino served for 22 years in public, private, and Catholic schools in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia, as an Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources Director, Principal, and Teacher. Dr. Gaudino taught in the South Redford, Michigan, Public Schools where her high school choirs consistently attained national ranking and performed under her direction at The Kennedy Center, St. Patrick's Cathedral (NYC), The United Nations, and The Detroit Symphony. Dr. Gaudino served as district manager and an adjudicator for the Michigan School Vocal Music Association. She also adjudicated for the Michigan Humanities Council and wrote book, music, and CD reviews and presented sessions at regional conventions for The American Choral Directors' Association. With sponsorship from the National Education Association and Rotary International, in Dr. Gaudino was the first school music teacher from the U.S.A. to teach at the Music Conservatory in Florence, Italy. While there, Dr. Gaudino taught and directed various classes and choirs with students from the age of 5 years through university level. She prepared the children's choir for their recording of *La Boheme* with Andrea Bocelli/Zubin

Mehta, Philips B00004X16E. She studied choral methods and music literacy methods with Prof. Joan Yakkey and brought these methods back to the United States through a series of workshops sponsored by the Detroit Opera House.

A native of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A. Dr. Ann Gaudino holds a Doctorate in Education Administration and Policy Studies from The University of Pittsburgh. She holds a Specialist degree in Education Administration from Wayne State University (Detroit) and Masters and Bachelor's degrees from The University of Michigan. Dr. Gaudino holds certification as superintendent, assistant superintendent, central office supervisory, elementary education, reading specialist, and music education in Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. In her spare time, Dr. Gaudino enjoys being a downhill ski instructor at Hidden Valley Resort, Pennsylvania.