

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Current role

Reader in Geography Education
Academic Co-ordinator of Geography
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Wider professional responsibilities

- Member of the Publications Board of The Geographical Association
- Secretary to Association for Partnership in Teacher Education (APTE)
- Secretary to the British Sub-Committee of the International Geographical Union, Commission for Geographical Education.
- Initial Assessor on the Chartered Geographer validation process for the Royal Geographical Society
- Elected to the Presidents' Forum of The Geographical Association for four years. To be President of the GA in 2009 – 2010
- 2008 – Geography champion for the Geographical Association

Research interests

- The impact of broadcast television programmes on the public perception of geography
- Geographical education
- Fieldwork in education
- Thinking skills
- Creativity

Recent publications (since 2000)

Books

Halocha, J. (2001) *Geography*. Leamington Spa: Scholastic
Johnston, J., Halocha, J. & Chater, M. (2007) *Developing Teaching Skills in the Primary School*, Basingstoke: Open University Press
Halocha, J. and Powell, A. (eds) (2007) *Conceptualising Geography Education*. International Geographical Union Commission on Geographical Education and University of London Institute of Education. London.

Book chapters/chapter equivalents

- Halocha, J. 'Geographical Enquiry' in Johnson, J., Chater, M. & Bell, D. (eds) (2001) *Teaching the Primary Curriculum* Buckingham: Open University Press.
- Halocha, J. 'Teaching for Understanding in Primary Geography' in Newton, L. (2002) *Teaching for Understanding Across the Primary Curriculum* Clevedon: Multilingual Matters.
- Halocha, J. 'Settlement' in Scoffham, S. (ed) (2004) *Primary Geography Handbook*. Sheffield: Geographical Association.
- Halocha, J. 'An Evaluation of the Role of Fieldwork in Promoting an Understanding of Coastal Processes' (2004) in Symposium Proceedings. International Geographical Union Commission on Geographical Education 'Expanding Horizons in a Shrinking World'. University of Strathclyde – Faculty of Education.
- Halocha, J. 'Student Teachers' Understanding of Locality' in Catling, S. & Martin, F. (eds) (2004) *Researching Primary Geography*. London: Register of Research in Primary Geography.
- Halocha, J. 'Student Teachers' Perceptions of Geographical Enquiry' in Catling, S. & Martin, F. (eds) (2004) *Researching Primary Geography*. London: Register of research in Primary Geography.
- Halocha, J. 'Cooltown – Coolplanet? Developing Global Understanding with ICT in Primary Geography' in Kent, A. & Powell, A. (eds) (2004) *Issues for Research in Geographical Education* London: IGU Commission on Geographical Education, Institute of Education, University of London.
- Halocha, J. 'Towards a New Geography of Citizenship in Primary Education in England' in Kent, A. & Powell, A. (eds) (2004) *Geography and Citizenship Education: Research Perspectives*. London: IGU Commission on Geographical Education, Institute of Education, University of London.
- Halocha, J. 'Primary Childrens' Understanding of Fieldwork Experiences' in Donert, K. & Przenyslaw, C. (eds) (2005) *Changing Horizons in Geography Education*. Torun: Herodot Network & Association of Polish Adult Educators.
- Halocha, J. (2006) 'Information Technology in Geography at Bishop Grosseteste College, Lincoln, UK', In K. Donert (ed), *Aspects of Geography in European higher education: Using computers in learning and teaching*, Liverpool, HERODOT Publications.
- Halocha, J. (2006) 'Fieldwork in Primary Geography: Developing a model for the 21st Century'. In Schmeinck, D. (ed) (2006): *Research on Learning and Teaching in Primary Geography*. Norderstedt: Books on Demand. [Karlsruher Pädagogische Studien 7]
- Halocha, J. (2008) 'Future prospects for geography using television as a medium for promoting the subject to a public audience'. In K. Donert & G. Wall (eds) *Future Prospects for Geography*. Liverpool: Liverpool Hope University Press.

Journal articles

- Halocha, J. (2000) 'Village Voice' *Primary Geographer* No. 40. January 2000. Sheffield: The Geographical Association.
- Halocha, J. (2000) 'Countryside and Coastlines' *Primary Geographer* No.41. April 2000. Sheffield: The Geographical Association.
- Halocha, J. (2000) 'Rags to Riches' *Primary Geographer* No. 42. October 2000. Sheffield: The Geographical Association.
- Halocha, J. & Newton, S. (2001) 'Outside Now!' *Primary Geographer* No. 44. April 2001.
- Halocha, J. (2001) Postcards from Space. *Primary Geographer* No. 44. April 2001.
- Halocha, J. (2001) 'Teaching for Understanding' *Primary Geography. Evaluation and Research in Education*. Vol.15:3. pp. 172-181.
- Halocha, J. (2002) 'Joined-up Geography'. *Primary Geographer* No.46. April 2001.
- Halocha, J. (2002) Using ICT to Raise Achievement In Global Thinking and Understanding. Register of Research in Primary Geography. Occasional Paper: No. 2. 2002.
- Halocha, J. (2002) 'Fresh Fieldwork' *Primary Geographer* No. 48. October 2002.
- Halocha, J. (2002) in Catling,S., Bowles,R., Halocha,J., Martin,F. & Rawlinson,S. 'Monitoring geography in the primary school: a report for the QCA geography officers', London:QCA, unpublished.
- Halocha, J. (2003) 'It's a small world' *Primary Geographer* No. 51. April 2003.
- Halocha, J. (2004) in Catling,S., Bowles,R., Halocha,J., Martin. F., & Rawlinson, S. 'Monitoring Primary Geography:2003/04. A Report for the QCA Geography Officers', Oxford Brookes University/QCA, unpublished.
- Halocha, J. (2004) 'Big maps made easy' *Primary Geographer* No. 53. January 2004.
- Halocha, J. (2005) 'Developing a research tool to enable children to voice their experiences and learning through fieldwork' *International Research in Geographical and International Education*, 2005, Vol.14. 4.
- Halocha, J. (2006) 'Fieldwork to live for' *Primary Geographer* No. 59. January 2006.
- Halocha, J. (2007) 'Citizenship through school twinning' *Primary Geographer* No. 62, January 2007.
- Halocha, J. (2007) with Catling, S., Bowles, R., Martin, F. & Rawlinson, S. 'The State of Geography in English Primary Schools' *Geography* (92)2, Summer 2007.
- Halocha, J. (2008) 'Progressing through pictures' *Primary Geographer* No. 65, Spring 2008.
- Halocha, J. (2008) 'Geography in the Frame' *Teaching Geography* 33(1), Spring 2008.

Papers and conference proceedings

2000

'Some implications for primary school website design in the context of application to the study of localities' Charney Manor Geography Conference. Oxfordshire.

2001

- 'Observations of teaching in the primary school and the effects on learning'. BERA Annual Conference, Leeds. Presented with Johnson, J., Chater, M. & Sayers, R.
- 'Virtual Fieldwork: the Place of Media Literacy'. 4th. Annual Research Forum: IGU Commission on Geographical Education, British Sub Committee. Institute of Education, University of London.
- 'Using ICT to Raise Achievement in Global Thinking and Understanding'. Best Practice in Raising Achievement Conference, University College Worcester.

2002

'An Analysis of Video Conferencing for Global learning and Understanding'. University Departments of Geography Annual Conference, UEA, Norwich.

2003

'Geography student teachers' perceptions of enquiry'. Charney Manor Primary Geography Conference. Oxfordshire.

'Towards a new geography of citizenship in primary education in England'. IGU Commission on Geographical Education, London Conference 'Geography and Citizenship Education: Research Perspectives'. University of London Institute of Education.

2004

'Understanding coastal processes: does fieldwork make a difference?' Charney Manor Primary Geography Conference. Oxfordshire.

'An evaluation of the role of fieldwork in promoting an understanding of coastal processes' IGU Commission on Geographical Education, Glasgow International Conference, University of Strathclyde – Faculty of Education.

2005

'Geography student teachers developing understanding of fieldwork with primary children' Charney Manor Geography Conference. Oxfordshire.

'Primary childrens' understanding of fieldwork experiences' HERODOT/Eurogeo Conference. Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland. Institute of Geography.

2006

'Developing primary geography through school websites: a longitudinal study'. Charney Manor Geography Conference, Oxfordshire.

'Children's Voices' Geographical Association Annual Conference, University of Manchester. (with Simon Catling & Rachel Bowles).

'Developing a successful local branch of the Geographical Association: Lincoln – a case study'. Geographical Association Annual Conference, University of Manchester.

'Fieldwork in Primary Geography: developing a model for the 21st century', Geographiedidaktische Forschung in der Grundschule Tagung, Dept. of Social and Scientific Studies in Primary Education, University of Education Karlsruhe, Germany.

'Images, perceptions and questions: Europe through the eyes of children in England'. HERODOT/EUROGEO International Conference 'Teaching Geography in and about Europe'. Torun, Poland.

2007

'Theoretical perspectives underpinning a European research project in intercultural learning'. Charney Manor Geography Conference, Oxfordshire.

'Intercultural Learning in European Primary Schools: Some Theoretical Issues'. International Geographical Union Commission for Geographical Education Conference, University of London, Institute of Education.

'Using digital Photography in geography teaching'. With Ledgard, B. Workshop presented at the Annual Conference of the Geographical Association, University of Derby, April 2007.

'Broadcast Television: Broadcast Geography' HERODOT International Conference 'Geography for Society: Putting Bologna into Action'. Stockholm, Sweden.

2008

'Defining 'Europe': Does geography have the answers?' Keynote Speech at the 'Exploring Europe and Ourselves: Geography and Identities at Work' Conference, European University Nicosia, Cyprus. February 2008.

'Future prospects for geography using television as a medium for promoting the subject to a public audience', HERODOT international conference 'Future Prospects in Geography', Liverpool Hope University, September 2008.

'Primary Geography in the 21st Century'. Paper presented to COBRIG (Council for British Geography) at the Royal Geographical Society (with IBG) Headquarters, London.

Funded projects, consultancy and income generation

2006 - 2008 Member of Comenius European funded project E-PLIPS 'The Implementation of a European Dimension by Peer Learning in Primary School' with colleagues from Germany, Malta, Czech Republic and Greece.