



Louise M. Berman  
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Louise M. Berman is Professor Emerita, College of Education, University of Maryland, College Park. A member of the Department of Education Policy, Planning and Administration, she has taught classes on curriculum development, alternative perspectives on curriculum, philosophical foundations underlying curriculum theory, and research in education with an emphasis on interpretive inquiry. She has also served the University of Maryland, College Park, as Director of the Center for Young Children (a research facility), Acting Department Chair, and Associate Dean of the College. She was an advisor to doctoral students who hold positions of educational leadership throughout the country.

Other short-term college and university experiences have included professorships at Antioch College (Washington Internship Program), University of Puerto Rico, University of British Columbia, and Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland–Baltimore County. Earlier Professor Berman was the Associate Secretary, responsible for program, of the Association for Curriculum and Supervision; Assistant and Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee, and a teacher in the schools of New Jersey and Connecticut.

She has a BA degree from Wheaton College, Illinois, in English, and a Masters and Doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, in Curriculum and Teaching.

Berman's interests center around the person as a lifelong learner and a continuous meaning maker. She has keen interest in topics, such as the role of education in developing democratic attitudes, imagination and creativity in educational programs, the person as a decision maker and knower, values and the curriculum, cross-national curriculum, and curriculum leadership.

She has written or edited numerous books and articles including *New Priorities in the Curriculum* and *Curriculum: Teaching the What, How and Why of Living* (with Jessie Roderick), and is a coauthor for *Toward Curriculum for Being* and contributor to *Being Called to Care*. Additionally, Berman has authored a variety of chapters in books, journals articles, and papers.

She has served on editorial boards, held office, and been a committee member of educational organizations such as the American Educational Research Association, Kappa Delta Pi (Laureate member), and the World Council for Curriculum, of which she is a founding member and past president. She has received the Distinguished Contributor to Curriculum from Division B of AEA and is a member of Professors of Curriculum (limited to 100 elected members).

In a more personal and informal vein, Professor Berman enjoys being at the table with persons of diverse backgrounds. Listening to the ideas of others and sharing one's own thinking have enriched her life. Enjoying music, probing the spiritual dimensions of living, and encountering persons from other cultures encourage continuous questioning and vitality.

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