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In Memoriam

The faculty and staff of the Graduate School dedicate the 2004 – 2005 Catalogue to our beloved colleague, Nancy Berkowitz.

Nancy was a long-time member of the Bank Street community, and served most recently as Chair of the Special Education/Dual Language-Bilingual Education Department. She was a gifted instructor and wise advisor who generously shared her expertise with students and faculty alike. Nancy's dedication to children with special needs was, and remains, an inspiration to all of us.

We will strive to carry on her legacy.

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established as the Bureau of Educational Experiments in 1916, began preparing teachers in 1930. The credo below is a living statement that continues to inspire the students, faculty, and staff at Bank Street today.

Our Credo

What potentialities in human beings — children, teachers, and ourselves — do we want to see develop?

- A zest for living that comes from taking in the world with all five senses alert.
- Lively intellectual curiosities that turn the world into an exciting laboratory and keep one ever a learner.
- Flexibility when confronted with change and ability to relinquish patterns that no longer fit the present.
- The courage to work, unafraid and efficiently, in a world of new needs, new problems, and new ideas.
- Gentleness combined with justice in passing judgments on other human beings.
- Sensitivity, not only to the external formal rights of the "other fellow," but to him as another human being seeking a good life through his own standards.
- A striving to live democratically, in and out of schools, as the best way to advance our concept of democracy.

Our credo demands ethical standards as well as scientific attitudes. Our work is based on the faith that human beings can improve the society they have created.

Lucy Sprague Mitchell
 Founder of Bank Street College



Dear Current or Prospective Student:

At its best, learning is an exciting exploration where children and adults alike participate actively and enthusiastically. Most readers remember the magical moment where random squiggles on a page suddenly emerged and became words and sentences with thoughts and meaning. From the moment a child first cries out, "I can read!" a whole new world of inquiry and discovery opens up. At Bank Street College, we seek to create this excitement in a world of learning opportunities, using not just books and materials, but the world of children — schools, neighborhoods, and communities — as the venue for discovery and opportunities to make sense of the larger world.

Our graduate faculty rely on both research and practice on behalf of adult learners, seeking for them the same active learning through experience and exploration. At the cornerstone of this process is advisement, Bank Street's unique form of supervised field placement. Advisement provides students with an opportunity to work closely in small groups of students with a member of the faculty in a supervised practicum that fully integrates theory and practice. This distinctive approach to training and preparation was cited first by the National Commission for Teaching and America's Future in designating Bank Street as one of three exemplary graduate schools, and more recently by the Carnegie Corporation as part of its national initiative, "Teachers for a New Era."

For close to a century, Bank Street has been building knowledge of the conditions under which children best learn and grow — cognitively, developmentally, and socially. We also work with adults to help create those conditions. In doing so, our work engages families, and draws upon the remarkable cultural and linguistic diversity of the New York metropolitan area. We demonstrate these principles through our onsite School for Children and Family Center, serving children from infancy through adolescence. These frameworks for learning are tested and refined through our work in schools throughout New York City, Westchester, Long Island, and fourteen other cities in the United States and abroad.

Since coming to Bank Street ten years ago, I have frequently met Graduate School alumni who speak of the ways in which their experience transformed their thinking and practice about teaching and about leadership. They often say, "Bank Street changed my life." I hope that one day you will feel the same way.

Sincerely,

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President, Bank Street College of Education

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