# Whatever Happened to Judy Fuller Bicknell

# Then

## Capsule Summary

Born in Eugene, Oregon Grew Up in Elmira, Oregon High School: Elmira High School

Undergraduate: BA Math, Univ. of Oregon

**Honors College** 

Entered Purdue: Fall, 1968; MS CS May 1970 Lived/Worked in: New York, Virginia, Colorado

(current residence)



### **Purdue Highlights**

### **Career Highlights**

My assistantship was with Dr. Korfhage; I taught computer programming at Klondike High School. It was a great experience getting students excited that they could solve problems with a computer.

Dr. Halstead's compiler writing course was a highlight, and perhaps my most interesting academic experience at Purdue. It was rewarding to go beyond the required assignment to build an enhanced compiler.

During the summer of 1969, I worked for the Mitre Corporation in Lexington, Massachusetts. One of my accomplishments was developing an online 'Help' system – something I also worked on at Purdue.

### Personal:

Married to Neil Bicknell. Children: Charlie and Kate. Activities: Hiking, biking. I joined IBM's Advanced Development Division located in Yorktown Heights, NY in August, 1970. Early assignments included microprogramming the IBM 370/145, developing emulators of Honeywell and RCA computers (including a trip to West Berlin to test our product), a project to automate monthly financial reporting for IBM's World Trade group and later, work to maintain IBM's internal systems.

In 1975, our family moved to NYC, and I transferred to a position as an IBM Systems Engineer in support of sales to NYC agencies.

In 1978, I became an independent computer consultant handling both mainframe and PC projects. Customers included AT&T, Citicorp and Pepperidge Farms as well as smaller businesses in real estate management and accounting.

In 1987, I joined my husband in our merger and acquisition advisory business. We specialized in providing sale and purchase advice to technology firms serving the financial services industry. Clients included developers of database marketing software, human resources software, computer user training, banking services systems and pension administration providers.

In 2003, I achieved the CFA designation, a significant credential in the financial services industry.

Since 2009 we have devoted significant energy to the study of democracy issues. Neil and I spent the 2010 – 2011 academic year in Charlottesville researching a documentary film, "Out of Order" that was produced by the Univeristy of Virginia's Center for Politics. "Out of Order" aired on more than 180 PBS stations this February.

During the past year, we developed three conferences aimed at increasing public education and engagement in the political process. Conferences were held at and were sponsored by NYU's Brademas Center in NYC, the University of Colorado at Boulder, and NYU's Brademas Center in Washington DC. Speakers included former Congressmen, academics, journalists and NGO leaders.