



Paula Hajar

Background

Paula Hajar received her doctorate in Administration, Planning and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, a Masters in the Art of Teaching from Antioch and a B.A. in government from Radcliffe College. Before helping to start up the Bronx Charter School for Better Learning, she served in the following positions: Director of Program Evaluation and Assessment for the Mamaroneck Public Schools; Supervisor of Elementary Instruction for the Englewood, New Jersey, School District; Assistant Professor of Education, Department of Curriculum and Teaching, at Columbia University; teacher and teacher trainer in elementary mathematics at the Trevor Day School in Manhattan. She has taught every grade from first through eighth, and ESL and basic skills to adults. Dr. Hajar first met Caleb Gattegno's approach in the 1970s, when she taught at a school which trained the teachers in Gattegno Math. She attended many seminars and workshops at Gattegno's company, Educational Solutions, in the 1970s and 1980s, on languages, math and awareness.

At BBL

During the school's first two years, Dr. Hajar served as classroom teacher. Since then, she has been a staff trainer, focusing on the subordination of teaching to learning in mathematics education.