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Before co-founding Peace in Action, Dr. Budd's experience and scholarship include race and gender as they pertain to management and organization. Dr. Budd served as the first Diversity Officer at Seton Hall University, and worked with the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education to ensure institutional compliance with state, federal and national accreditation standards. In addition, she created and implemented institutional partnerships for credit articulation.

Dr. Budd has over 20 years' experience in institutional assessment and the creation and development of organizational materials. At Berkeley College and at Seton Hall University, she developed the curriculum guidebook used by all faculty mentors, educational materials for the College Study Skills course, managed institutional research, and standardized departmental procedures. Dr. Budd has experience in the delivery of health care education including as Campus Director and Director of Education at two proprietary sector institutions which offered degrees and certificates in Licensed Practical Nursing and Medical Assisting. Dr. Budd led both schools through accreditation attainment and renewal, managed state and federal compliance standards, and liaised with the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

Dr. Budd has written and presented scholarship at the Women & Gender Studies Colloquium Lecture Series; the Mid-Atlantic Women's Studies Association annual conference; the Lehigh University Feminism in Practice conference and at the Seton Hall University Celebration of Women conference. Dr. Budd's treatise on the connection between private higher education and state government was being utilized by the Association of Private Higher Education of Ukraine for policy development and was under consideration for translation into Ukrainian by the Association.