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### EDUCATION

2008	Ph.D. in Human & Organizational Systems, Fielding Graduate University Dissertation: <i>Leading appreciative inquiry in public schools: The experiences of site coordinating team members</i>
2005	Master of Arts in Human and Organizational Systems, Fielding Graduate University
2005	Master of Arts in Theology Fuller Theological Seminary
1976	Juris Doctor ( <i>cum laude</i> ) Harvard Law School Cambridge, Massachusetts
1972	Bachelor of Science ( <i>summa cum laude</i> ) Mathematics Grand Canyon University Phoenix, Arizona
1989	Stanford University Executive Management Institute

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Faculty	Azusa Pacific University  Ministry and the Law (Graduate class)  Legal and Ethical Issues in College Student Affairs (Graduate class)
Lecturer	Azusa Pacific University

Higher Education and the Law (Graduate class)

Leadership and Role Development in Nursing Education (Graduate class)

Organizational Behavior and Development (Graduate class)

Fuller Theological Seminary

Leadership and Character Development (Graduate class)

Church Management (Graduate class)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Dickerson, M. S. (2008). *Leading appreciative inquiry in public schools: The experiences of site coordinating team members*. Unpublished doctoral dissertation, Fielding Graduate University, Santa Barbara, California.

Dickerson, M. S. (In review). Narrative ethics (Paul Ricoeur) in book on management ethics edited by Pauchant, T.

Dickerson, M. S. (In review). Pragmatism (John Dewey) in book on management ethics edited by Pauchant, T. (in review)

Bushe, G. and Dickerson, M.S. (forthcoming). Transforming school cultures: One year results on the use of appreciative inquiry for the Vancouver School Board's learning inquiry, 2006-2007. (In review)

Sackney, L, Walker, K. and Dickerson, M.S. (In progress). *Appreciative inquiry and the development of effective schools*.

Williams, B. R. and Dickerson, M. S. (2004). A mathematical analogue for a model of the trinity. *Perspectives on Science and Christian Faith*, 56(2), 102-110.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2002 to Present

Azusa Pacific University

Vice President for Legal & Community Affairs and  
General Counsel

1999 to 2002	Baptist Foundation of Arizona/ BFA Liquidation Trust Phoenix, Arizona  Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
1978-1999	Talley Industries Phoenix, Arizona
1982-1999	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
1978 – 1982	Assistant Counsel
1976 – 1978	Leibsohn, Eaton, Gooding & Romley, P.C.
1978	Partner
1976 – 1977	Associate
1972 – 1973	Arizona State Senate  Legislative Assistant to the Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITES**

Academy of Management  
Arizona Bar Association  
California Bar Association  
National Association of College and University Attorneys  
Organization Development Network

Aid to Adoption of Special Kids (member, Board of Directors, 1987 – 1989)  
AASK is an adoption agency for special needs children.

Arizona Baptist Children's Services (member, Board of Trustee's 1994 to 1999,  
Chairman of the Board, 1996 to 1998) ABCS is the larges provider of residential  
treatment, foster care and in-home family counseling services for children in the

State of Arizona.

Arizona Coalition for Tomorrow (member, 1994-1999), Chairman of Head Start Health Fair, 1995). ACT is a leadership organization whose primary emphasis has been supporting Head Start programs in the Valley. The Health Fair provides basic health screening services, including physical and dental examinations, vaccinations, and eye examinations for approximately 3,500 children.

Arizona Town Hall (member, Board of Directors, 1996 to 1999). The Town Hall assembles leaders from throughout the State twice a year in order to address issues of common concern.

Azusa Chamber of Commerce (member, Board of Directors, 2002 to present; Treasurer, 2002 to present). The Chamber is an advocate for the needs of the business community in the Azusa, California area.

Azusa/Monrovia Nursery Foundation (member, Board of Directors, 2005-). The Foundation is a newly formed community foundation established to act as a catalyst for community collaboration and change.

City of Phoenix Commission on Excellence in Education (member, 1990-1995; Chairman, 1995). The primary focus of the Commission was to facilitate business-school partnerships throughout the 205 elementary and high schools located in Phoenix.

City of Phoenix Task Force in Project Self-Sufficiency (member, 1985 – 1988). The Task Force was made up of representatives of Federal, State and City agencies, nonprofit organizations and business and developed programs to help single parents on welfare become self-sufficient.

City of Phoenix Water Quality Advisory Committee (member, 1985-1986). The Committee was responsible for recommending appropriate water quality standards to the City Council.

Fuller Theological Seminary Southwest (member, Advisory Board, 2001- 2002)

Grand Canyon University Foundation (member, Board of Directors, 1986-1993, Vice Chairman, 1989-1992). The GCU Foundation supports the fund-raising and planned giving activities of Grand Canyon University.

Institute of Leadership Studies (Fellow, 2001 - ). The ILS fosters the study and practice for leadership and holistic mission in the service of the church and other faith-based organizations. It is comprised of an interdisciplinary team of scholars and practitioners whose members serve both as academicians as well as leaders in the religious and corporate world.

Rising S.t.a.r. (Students at Risk), Inc. (co-founder and President, 1986 to 1993). Rising S.t.a.r developed and implemented programs for at-risk junior high and high school students with the goal of keeping them in school and setting their sights on college.

Salvation Army (member, Southwest division Advisory Board, mid-1980s; member, Advisory council of Salvation Army Youth Center, late 1970s through mid-1980s).

SNI International, Inc. (member, board of Advisors, 1980-1996). SNI was an international training and development firm. Its programs have now been assumed by Arizona State University.

Valley Leadership Program (participant, 1983-1984, member of alumni association 1984 to present). VL is designed to train leaders in the Phoenix metropolitan area for community leadership.