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## Education

Ph.D. (August, 1982), University of Southern California.

Dissertation: Formulation and First Test of a Rules-Based Theory of Interpersonal Persuasion. Dissertation nominated for Speech Communication Association Outstanding Dissertation award.

M.S. (December, 1978), Purdue University.

Thesis: Communication Behavior and Managerial Performance: A Field Study.

B.A., cum laude, (December 1998), Azusa Pacific University, Art.

B.A., cum laude, (June, 1976), University of Southern California. Speech Communication

Courses taken since awarding of degrees: Instructional Design and Training (MHOD), Information Systems for Managers (MOAM), Bible and Theology Classes: Pastoral Servant Leadership, History of the Ancient Church, History of the Modern Church, Seminar in Faith Integration, Seminar in Theological Research, People of God.

## Teaching Positions

Azusa Pacific University, Fall 1982 - present. Current Rank: Professor.

Current Assignment: Curriculum Specialist for the Center for Adult and Professional Programs. Oversee the BSOL, CL, BNRS and MLOS programs; teach regularly in the MLOS Program (Research Methods, Group and Team Dynamics, Conflict and Negotiation in Organizations)

Courses formerly taught: Conflict Management, Senior Seminar, Communication Theory, Research Methods, Public Communication, Frosh Writing Seminar, Interpersonal Communication, Organizational Communication, and Family Communication. In the MAOM program, two courses—The Manager as Communicator and Group and Conflict Dynamics. Yearbook Advisor from 1986 - 1992. Taught in the MBA program Spring 1985 through Summer 1988: Manager as Communicator, Research Methods. Taught in the Operation Impact program on five tours: 1990—Pacific (Hong Kong, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea); 1993—Asia (Taiwan, Philippines, Japan); 1995—Latin America (Guatemala, Ecuador, Peru): Group and Conflict; 1996—Asia (Philippines, Papua New Guinea): Manager as Communicator; 2005—Ethiopia: Group and Conflict Dynamics.

Citrus College, Fall 1986, Adjunct Instructor. Taught Basic Writing.

University of Southern California, Fall 1979 - Spring 1982, Teaching Assistant. Courses taught: Persuasion, Argumentation, and Public Speaking. Also served as research assistant for the department Fall 1981 - Spring 1982.

Pasadena City College, Fall 1981, Adjunct Instructor. Taught Public Speaking.

University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire, Spring 1989, Lecturer. Taught Organizational Communication, Public Speaking; coached debate team.

Purdue University, Spring 1978 - Fall 1978, Teaching Assistant. Taught Fundamentals of Communication.

Corona del Mar High School, Fall 1976 - Spring 1977, part-time Instructor. Coached forensics and debate.

## Books

*Managing Conflict through Communication*, (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition of *Conflict: From Theory to Action*, with Dudley D. Cahn)

Boston: Allyn and Bacon, 2007.

*Conflict: From Theory to Action*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition (with Dudley D. Cahn)

Boston, MA: Allyn and Bacon, 2000.

*Conflict: From Theory to Action*

Scottsdale, AZ: Gorsuch Scarisbrick Publishers, 1994.

*Persuasion: Contexts, People and Messages*

Scottsdale, AZ.: Gorsuch Scarisbrick Publishers, 1991.

*A Workbook for Christian Conflict Management*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.

Minneapolis: Burgess Group International, 1990.

*The Communication Process: A Christian Perspective*, 1<sup>st</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.

Minneapolis, MN: Burgess Group International, 1986, 1987, 1989. Used four years at APU, discontinued when we changed basic course focus to public speaking from hybrid.

## Publications

“Forgiving the Unforgivable? Processes of Forgiveness and Reconciliation after Episodes of Family Violence,” in Dudley D. Cahn, Ed., *Family Violence from a Communication Perspective*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed., in press.

“Cooperation in Conflict: The Key to Effective Teaming” with Frank Berry, in David McIntire, Ed., *Group Dynamics and Conflict Resolution* (Indianapolis, IN: Precedent Press, 2007).

“Conflict in the Church,” *Worship Leader*, March/April 2000, 24-26.

“A Review of Charles Anderson’s *Prescribing the Life of the Mind*,” in David Weeks and Diana Glyer (Eds.), *The Liberal Arts in Higher Education: Challenging Assumptions, Exploring Possibilities*, (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1998).

“Artist’s Statement on ‘My Twelve,’” *In Search of Unity*, Azusa Pacific University Publication, 1995.

“Temptations of the Scholarly Life,” *In Celebration of Scholarship: Integrating Faith and Learning*, Azusa Pacific University Publication, 1995.

“*The Christian Herald*,” in Mark Fackler and Charles H. Lippy (Eds.), *Popular Religious Magazines of the United States* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1995).

“The Social Construction of Forgiveness,” *Human Systems*, 3 (1992), 183 - 197.

“Who Asks for the Major Gift? and What is a Major Gift?” (Barbara Pombo, lead author), *National Association for Hospital Development Journal*, Fall, 1989, 31 - 34.

“The Hit-and-Run Mouth,” *Christian Herald*, July/August 1986, 34 - 35.

“Compliance-Gaining Message Studies: What Does the Future Hold?” *Journal of Communication Studies* 4 (1986), 13 - 18.

“Communication: A Resource, Not a Panacea,” *Southern California Business* 46 (1980), 23.

## Papers and Professional Presentations

Four keynote speeches at the Christian Adult Higher Education Association, July 2007, Los Angeles, CA:

“Imagine What Clear Communication Can Do”

“Image a World without Conflict. Now Get Real.”

“Imagine What Forgiveness Can Do in Our Offices and Classrooms”

“Imagine Our Shared Faith: Integrating Faith and Learning in the Classroom”

“Encouraging Dialogue through Sharing Worldviews,” poster presented at the Western Association of Schools and Colleges Convention, April 2007.

“Just Let It Go: Appraising the Usefulness of Internet Sites on Forgiveness,” paper presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, November 2006.

“Models for Faith Integration,” presentation at the CAPS In-Service, February 2006, and at the Faith Integration Symposium, May 2006, Azusa Pacific University.

“The Five Stages of Forgiveness,” Common Day of Learning Poster Presentation, Azusa Pacific University, March 7, 2001.

“The “Ah-hah” Experience Speech,” with David Bicker, paper presented at the National Communication Association Convention, San Diego, November 1999.

“Quilting as Rhetorical Performance,” paper, and “The Delight of My Hands,” video, presented at the National Communication Association Convention, New York, November 1998.

“Forgiveness Theory and Research,” presentation at Pepperdine University, January 21, 1998, as part of its graduate lecture series.

“Writing Successful Proposals,” presentation to the faculty of John Brown University, October 17, 1997.

“Conducting Christian Scholarship,” presentation to the faculty of John Brown University, March 10, 1997.

“Looking for ‘Right Answers’: The Construction of Gender Roles in Promise Keepers and Concerned Women of America,” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, November 1995.

“Swimming Upstream: Creating Reasons for Nonforgiveness in a Culture that Expects Otherwise,” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, San Antonio, TX, November 1995.

“Religious Commitment as a Neglected Variable in Social Science Research,” paper presented at Central States Communication Association Convention, Indianapolis, IN, April 1995.

“Integrating Gender Issues into the Upper Division Communication Course,” paper presented at Central States

- Communication Association Convention, Indianapolis, IN, April 1995.
- “Cosmopolitan Communication and the Evangelical Impulse: Transcending a Paradox,” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, November 1994.
- “Consciousness-Raising of Undergraduate Women Students,” paper presented at the Voices and Visibility: Women in Higher Education Conference, Eastern College, St. Davids, PA, June 1994.
- “Teaching Forgiveness: A Social Construction Approach,” paper presented at the Central States Speech Communication Association Convention, Oklahoma City, OK, April 1994.
- “Generative Force in Interpersonal Persuasion Episodes,” paper presented at the Central States Speech Communication Association, Oklahoma City, OK, April 1994.
- “The Social Construction of Ethics,” presented at the Seventh Annual Conference on Communication and Ethics, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, March 1994.
- “Still Compliance-Gaining After All These Years: Toward a Reconceptualization of Interpersonal Persuasion,” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, Miami, FL, November 1993.
- “Evangelism and Interpersonal Persuasion II: Variations in the Concept of ‘Witnessing,’” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association/Religious Speech Communication Association Convention, Miami, FL, November 1993.
- “Evangelism and Interpersonal Persuasion I: A Comparison of Situational Variables Characterizing Evangelism and Interpersonal Persuasion Attempts,” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association/Religious Speech Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL, November 1992.
- “Fundamental Values: Anchoring the Communication Major in a Liberal Arts Core,” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, November 1991.
- “You Can’t Win Souls for Christ with Equivocation: On the Inapplicability of Compliance-Gaining Paradigms to Religious Persuasion,” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association/Religious Speech Communication Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, November 1991.
- “Strategy or Sincerity: Ethical Communicative Behavior in Organizations,” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association/Religious Speech Communication Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, November 1991.
- “A Test of Means to Reduce Speech Anxiety in the Required Speech Course,” presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, CA, November 1989 (lead author: Lisa Drugmand, former student).
- “The Ethics of Impression Management,” presented at the Second Annual Conference on Communication and Ethics, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, February 1989.
- “When Requests Aren’t Needed: Reason-Giving in Interpersonal Persuasion Episodes,” presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, Boston, MA, November 1987 (co-authors: Angie Braio, Dan Sojka, Donita Smoker, former students).
- “Walking the Tightrope: Teaching Organizational Communication in a Liberal Arts Context,” presented at the Central States Speech Association Convention, Louisville, KY, April 1987.
- “The Effect of Target, Relationship, Request, and Situational Variables on Ratings of Strategy Effectiveness and Likelihood of Use in Interpersonal Persuasion Episodes,” presented at the World Communication Association Convention, Manila, Philippines, August 1985.

- “‘The Road Not Taken’: A Comparison of Enacted and Not-Enacted Persuasion Episodes,” presented at the Communication Association of the Pacific Convention, Tokyo, Japan, June, 1985.
- “The Relationship of Situational Variables, Relational Competence, and Communication Satisfaction to the Reported Use of Strategies in Interpersonal Persuasion Episodes,” presented at the Western Speech Communication Association Convention, Fresno, CA, February, 1985.
- “The Content of Interpersonal Persuasion Episodes and the Relationship of Strategy Use to Competence and Persuasive Outcomes,” presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL, November 1984.
- “A Research Note on Interviewer Variability in Telephone Surveys,” presented at the International Communication Association, San Francisco, CA, May 1984.
- “Interpersonal Persuasion I: Formulation and First Test of a Rules-Based Theory,” presented at the Western Speech Communication Association Convention, Albuquerque, NM, February 1983.
- “The Use of Compliance-Gaining and Compliance-Resisting Strategies in Dyadic Conversation,” presented at the Western Speech Communication Association Convention, Denver, CO, February 1982.
- “Toward a Theory of Managerial Performance,” presented at the Western Speech Communication Association Convention, Denver, CO, February 1982.
- “Communication Behavior and Managerial Performance: A Field Study,” paper presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, Anaheim, CA, November 1981.
- “Attitudes of Orange County Residents Toward Mental Health Services,” report submitted to the Orange County Mental Health Association, July 1981 (lead author, David R. Seibold).
- “Person’s Work in a People’s World: An Ethnography of Gender Strategies in the Barroom,” presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Convention, Portland, OR, March 1981.
- “The Death of Détente: A Content Analysis of Selected Speeches of American Presidents and Secretary General Brezhnev, 1972 - 1980,” presented at the Seventh Conference in Communication, CSU Fresno, April 1980 (lead author, Shelley D. Lane).
- “Dimensions of Dramatic Communicator Style,” presented at the Speech Communication Association Convention, Minneapolis, MN, November 1978 (lead author: Robert Norton).

## Panels

- Chaired panel on experiential learning, National Communication Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, November 2002.
- Panel Respondent, Conceptualizing Forgiveness, National Communication Association Convention, Atlanta, GA, November 2001.
- Chaired one panel and responded to another at the National Communication Association Convention, November 1997.
- Panel Participant, “Teaching the Persuasion Course: Feedback for Textbook Authors,” Central States Communication Association, Indianapolis, IN, April 1995.
- Panel Participant, “Maintaining Distinctiveness in the Face of Changing Student Populations,” Speech Communication Association Convention, New Orleans, LA, November 1994.

Panel Participant, “The Research and Mentoring Process,” Speech Communication Association, Miami, FL, November 1993.

Panel Participant, debate on the freedoms and responsibilities of college journalists at California State University, Los Angeles (Conference on Issues in The Collegiate Press, October, 1988).

Panel Participant, debate concerning the focus of a “basic” course in speech communication, Speech Communication Association Convention, Chicago, IL, November, 1986.

Respondent: Speech Communication Association/Religious Speech Communication Association panel, “Cosmology and Scriptural Religion: Appropriations and Reinventions of Ritual,” November 1994; Speech Communication Association/Religious Speech Communication Association panel, “Referencing Sacred Reality in Interpersonal Situations,” November 1992; California State University Fresno, Student Papers in Communication Conference, April 1991, 1992; Fourth Annual Conference on Communication and Ethics, APU, March, 1991.

Organized and chaired panel on “The Culture of Disbelief” for CSCA, April 1995; organized and chaired panel on Women’s Religious Communication for SCA/RSCA, November 1993; chaired a panel on Interpersonal and Small Group Communication at the Speech Communication Association Convention, November 1985.

## Professional Training Conducted

“Conflict Management” staff training conducted at Murrieta Center, April 5, 2006.

Four sessions on Communication, Conflict, and Group Dynamics/Team Building conducted for the Rippy Corporation, Whittier, CA, October – December 2005.

Three sessions on Communication, Conflict, and Group Dynamics/Team Building conducted for the Rippy Corporation, Whittier, CA, June-July 2004.

“It Doesn’t Have to Hurt—Too Much,” staff training conducted at Azusa Pacific University, October 29, 2002.

“Repairing Ripped Relationships,” staff training conducted Azusa Pacific University, October 29, 2002.

“Conflict Management Training/Team Building,” staff training conducted at Whittier College, July 9, 2002.

“Repairing Ripped Relationships,” staff training conducted at Biola University, June 13, 2002.

“It Doesn’t Have to Hurt—Too Much,” training conducted for the President’s Cabinet, Azusa Pacific University, February 2002.

“Wookies, Whiners, & Know-it-Alls—Dealing with Difficult People,” staff training conducted at Azusa Pacific University, December 4, 2001.

“Team Building” training conducted for the School of Business and Management Faculty at Azusa Pacific University, January 7, 1999.

In addition:

- I have conducted several writing workshops for adult learners in CAPS programs.
- I have taught classes for adults in the following areas: basic and advanced quilting, serger machine operation, various sewing machines operation, embroidery software, embroidery techniques, and doll making.

## Community Presentations

- “It Doesn’t Have to Hurt (Too Much): Effective Conflict Management in the Workplace,” presented to International Association of Administrative Professionals, City of Hope Chapter, October 11, 2005.
- “Building Effective Teams,” presented to International Association of Administrative Professionals, City of Hope Chapter, April 22, 2004.
- “Christmas Past: Recovering our Joy,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, November 30, 2003.
- “Suffering and Joy,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, October 5, 2003.
- “Forgiveness in the Workplace,” presented to International Association of Administrative Professionals, City of Hope Chapter, August 7, 2003.
- “Father’s Day Message,” Mission Valley Free Methodist Church, June 15, 2003
- “Refining Fire,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, June 8, 2003
- “Living Sacrifices,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, March 9, 2003
- “Entering Lent,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, March 5, 2003.
- “Changing Your Christmas and Your Life,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, December 1, 2002.
- “Forgiveness,” presentation to Mission Valley Free Methodist Church, October 27, 2002.
- “Quilting Lessons, Spiritual Truths,” presentation to Mission Valley Free Methodist Church, August 18, 2002.
- “Four Immutable Truths,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, August 11, 2002.
- “Lessons from Leah,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, May 12, 2002.
- “Ash Wednesday Forgiveness Service Program,” February 13, 2002.
- “Leaving Laodicea,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, November 4, 2001.
- “Who is a Hero?” sermon at Foothill Community Church, June 24, 2001.
- “Lessons Learned,” presentation at the annual women’s tea, Laguna Hills First Baptist Church, May 19, 2001.
- “Repairing Ripped Relationships,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, February 25, 2001.
- “Begin the Good Work,” presentation at the Mother-Daughter Luncheon, May 8, 2000, Foothill Community Church.
- “Come to the Banquet,” keynote presentation to incoming honors students, Azusa Pacific University, March 11, 2000.
- “Maintaining Your Faith Among the Smelly Sheep,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, December 26, 1999.
- “Lifewater Commissioning,” keynote presentation at the annual Lifewater Banquet, October 9, 1999.
- “Spiritual Lessons from a Quilter,” presentation to Women’s Ministry, United Methodist Church of Garden Grove, July 21, 1999
- “A Line in the Sand,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, April 1, 1999.
- “Why I Teach at APU,” presentation to incoming honors students, Azusa Pacific University, March 13, 1999.

“Quilting Your Spiritual Growth,” presentation at Blue Ribbon Day, Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, March 6, 1999.

“Use the Gift,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, December 27, 1998.

“Forgiveness for Forever Friends,” presentation at Women’s Retreat, Oak Glen Christian Conference Center, October 24, 1998.

“Love God with Your Mind,” address to Azusa Pacific University chapel, September 19, 1998.

“Stones of Remembrance,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, August 23, 1998.

“The Colors of Your Life,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, July 12, 1998.

“Hats Off to God,” presentation at the Mother-Daughter luncheon, May 9, 1998, Foothill Community Church.

“Quilting, Poetry, and Theology,” presentation at Fuller Seminary, April 22, 1998, to members of a class on “Theology and the Arts.”

“If This Night Had Never Happened,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, April 9, 1998.

“Conflict and Forgiveness,” presentation to the Student Life Staff at John Brown University, October 17, 1997.

“The Practice of Forgiveness,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, August 24, 1997.

“The Discipline of Forgiveness,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, August 17, 1997.

“Proclamation, Preparation, and Practice,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, July 27, 1997.

“The Heroes We Are Called to Be,” presentation at the Mother-Daughter luncheon, May 8, 1997, Foothill Community Church.

“Obedience and Sacrifice,” sermon at Foothill Community Church, February 9, 1997.

“Handling Emotional Confrontations,” presentation to the Learn and Play Child Development Center Staff, November 1, 1996.

“Coming Together,” an all-day workshop on conflict and forgiveness for the Open Hearts Women’s Ministry of the First Baptist Church of Los Angeles, November 9, 1996.

“Forgiving the Unforgivable,” presentation at Azusa Pacific University, for the Journey to Wholeness: Overcoming Abuse Seminar for Women, September 21, 1996.

“Forgiveness,” presentation for the singles group, Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, July 28, 1996.

“Coping with Conflict and Emotional Situations,” presentation at the National Sunday School and Training Union Congress, Church of the Living God/The Pillar and Ground of the Truth, July 8, 1996.

“Conflict Management,” presentation for the singles group, Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, May 5, 1996.

“Taming the Monster Called ‘Conflict,’” presentation at Blue Ribbon Day, Glenkirk Presbyterian Church, February 24, 1996.

“Emotional Situations and How to Handle Them Constructively,” presentation to the 5th Annual Women in Ministry Leadership Conference, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, January 26, 1996.

“Conflict Management in a Nutshell,” presentation to potential donors at the Celebration of Roses fundraising event, December 31, 1995.

“Creating Education, Not Degrees,” Keynote Address at the AICCU Eleventh Annual High School Counselor

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Information Program, December 7, 1995, Azusa Pacific University.

“Come to the Banquet,” presentation to incoming honors students, Azusa Pacific University, March, 1995.

“Taming the Monster Called ‘Conflict,’” presentation to the Library and Computing Services Staff of Azusa Pacific University, September 1995.

“Forgiveness as a Source of Community,” presentation to the 4th Annual Women in Ministry Leadership Conference, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA, February 17, 1995.

“Forgiveness,” presentation to the APU Board of Trustee spouses, November 1992.

“Conflict Management,” workshop conducted for the Association of Christian Schools International Convention, September 1990.

“Conflict Management,” four-week session guest-taught at Village Covenant Church (Glendora), August 1989.

“Conflict Management,” presentation to the Azusa Mayor and City Council, and Azusa ministers, September 1987.

“Conflict Management,” four-week session guest-taught at First Church of the Nazarene (Glendora), March 1987.

“Conflict Management,” workshop conducted for the Christian Ministries Management Association, May 1986.

## Art Exhibitions

“Door of Wonder,” (juried), Pacific International Quilt Festival, October 16 - 19, 2008, Santa Clara, CA

“Wisconsin Winter” and “The Vanishing,” Lines into Shapes Exhibition (juried), September 19 – October 5, 2008, Art Center of Estes Park, CO

“Dark Matter” and “Red Cosmos,” World Quilt and Textile Exhibition XII (juried), September 18-21, 2008 Manchester, NH

“New Stars in My Skies,” Northwest Quilting Expo (juried), September 25 – 27, 2008, Lake Oswego, OR

“By a Crooked Star,” Focus on Fiber Arts Exhibition (juried), Edmonton, Canada (various locations), Summer, 2008.

“Tree of Memory,” Glendale Quilt Show, March 27-30, 2008.

*New Works*, 22 quilted pieces, February 3 -18, 2008, Kush Fine Art, Laguna Beach, CA

“Petroglyph,” Road to California Quilt Show (juried), January 17 – 20, 2008

“Dancing with the Dragon” accepted for the Pacific International Quilt Festival XVI (juried), October 11 – 14, 2007, Santa Clara, CA.

“Oh, Behave!” accepted for the World Quilt & Textile: On Tour XI, World Quilt Show - New England (juried), August 16 – 19, 2007, Manchester, NH.

“Fiesta de Los Muertos,” judged Second Place in Show Theme, Glendale Quilt Guild Show, March 16-18, 2006, Burbank, CA.

“Dream,” judged Viewer’s Choice for Artist Trading Cards, Glendale Quilt Guild Show, March 16-18, 2006, Burbank, CA.

“Asian Affair” (Wearable Art) judged Best of Show for Use of Color, Vest Challenge, Glendale Quilt Guild Show, March 17-19, 2006, Burbank, CA.

“Cityscape” accepted for the Glendale Quilt Guild Show, March 17-19, 2006, Burbank, CA. Now on permanent display in the Duke Gallery, Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA.

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“Bo’s Pagodas,” “Refiner’s Fire,” and “Bali Sunset” accepted for the Glendale Quilt Guild Show, March 11-13, 2005, Burbank, CA.

“All Roads Lead to California” accepted for the Road to California Quilt Show (juried), January 13-16, 2005, Ontario, CA.

“Memories of the Garden of Desire” accepted for the Glendale Quilt Guild Show, March 18-21, 2004, Burbank, CA.

“African Rhythms” accepted for the Road to California Quilt Show (juried), January 15-18, 2004, Ontario, CA.

*Call Me Blessed*, a one-person show displaying 14 quilted pieces, November 17 – 26, 2003, Azusa Pacific University.

“Enchanted Forest” awarded honorable mention in the Sulky Thread International competition (professional wall quilt division), 2002. Part of a traveling exhibition Fall 2002 – Summer 2003.

“Dancing Butterflies” and “Here, Fishy, Fishy” accepted for the Glendale Quilt Guild Show, March 22-24, 2002, Burbank, CA.

“Here, Fishy, Fishy” accepted for the Road to California Quilt Show (juried), January 18-21, 2002, Ontario, CA.

“Autumn Jewels in My Garden” and “Moonlight in My Garden” accepted for the Glendale Quilt Guild Show, March 21-23, 2001, Burbank, CA.

*Chaos and Liturgy*, a one-person show displaying 35 pieces (quilts, mixed media, weavings, and dolls), September 6 – 17, 1999, Azusa Pacific University.

*The Delight of My Hands*, Senior Art Show displaying 26 pieces (quilts, mixed media, ceramics, dolls, and weavings) about women of the Bible, November 10 – 22, 1997, Azusa Pacific University.

“My Aching Back” (mixed media) and “Sheba’s Star” (quilt) displayed in the APU Employee Juried Art Show, 1997.

“We Seek to Forgive,” artwork displayed at the Overcoming Abuse Seminar, September 21, 1996, Azusa Pacific University.

“My Twelve,” was displayed at the Women in Ministry Leadership Conference, January 1996, and the Faculty-Staff Kickoff Dinner, September 1996. Also published in *In Search of Unity*, Azusa Pacific University Publication, 1995.

“Keeping Secrets,” “Carpal Tunnel,” “Warrior Heart,” and “Sexism,” displayed in the APU Employee Art Show (juried), 1995.

*Sense of a Woman*, one-person show featuring eight works in two media (quilts and acrylic paintings), running from April 1 to April 30, 1995 at Chisme’ Coffee House, Azusa, CA.

“Still Chained,” a mixed-media piece featured in “A Woman’s View,” (juried) show March 22 – April 18, 1995 at Constanza Coffee House, Azusa.

## Professional Activities and Service

Served as curator for Artist Trading Cards and Quilted Postcards for the Glendale Quilt Guild Show, March 16-18, 2007.

Reviewer, *Journal of Communication and Religion*, Spring 2003 – present.

Consultant to the Academic Cabinet, Fall 2001. Culminated in conflict management training session.

Reviewer, SUNY Press, Fall 2000.

Served as an outside consultant for the distribution of PEW scholarship grants at John Brown University, March 1997 - March 1998.

Conference Organizer, Women in Ministry Leadership, Azusa Pacific University, January 31, 1997.

Tenure Reviewer, Old Dominion University, Fall, 1995.

Elected as Councilor for the Religious Speech Communication Association, 1996-1998.

Reviewer, *Communication Studies*, Fall 1995.

Executive Secretary for the Religious Speech Communication Association, January 1993 - December 1995. Created a membership database and billing system for the organization.

Elected Chair of the Small College Committee, Senior College and University Section, Speech Communication Association; appointed to nominating committee, November 1991.

Elected Secretary of the Senior University and College Section of Speech Communication Association, term from November 1990 to November 1992.

## **Awards and Grants**

Employee of the Month, Center for Adult and Professional Studies, September 2006.

Service Unit Award, Spanish Trails Girl Scout Council, 1996-97.

Provost Award for Outstanding Performance in Scholarship, Professional Development and Service, 1993-94.

### **APU Research Grants**

1998 - 1999: \$1000: Code and analyzed previously collected data on forgiveness.

1997 - 1998: \$2175: Accomplished Scholar Award

1994 - 1995: \$1500: Develop a monograph on the essence of scholarship from a Christian worldview.

1994 - 1995: \$250: Create an artwork (quilt) demonstrating the concept of diversity; the theme of the quilt is "Lesser Known Women of the Bible—My Twelve," using mixed media on cloth with some traditional quilting techniques.

1993 - 1994: \$2070: Code and analyze previously collected data on interpersonal persuasion

1992 - 1993: \$1800: Code and analyze previously collected data on interpersonal persuasion

1986 - 1987: \$1000: Code and analyze previously collected data on interpersonal persuasion

### **APU Development Grants**

1996 - 1997, \$2000: Research the various themes that run through Arthurian literature and create teaching materials for Frosh Writing.

1993 - 1994, \$1500: Develop a team-taught course in Gender and Communication with colleague David Bicker.

1985 - 1986, \$1000: Develop a text for the basic course.

#### APU Academic Internship Grants

1996 - 1997, \$2000: Directed research on Arthurian literature.

1992 - 1993, \$2160: Directed research in interpersonal persuasion

1988 - 1989, \$1440: Directed research in interpersonal persuasion

1986 - 1987, \$1440: Directed research in interpersonal persuasion

1985 - 1986, \$1440: Directed work in development of research resources

### Professional Development and Conferences Attended

June 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, participated in the Liberal Arts Seminar, Azusa Pacific University.

August 1996 and May 1999, participated in the Teaching Writing Workshop, Azusa Pacific University.

Hope College Faculty Development Seminar, MI.

July 1997, took seminars in Visual Communication and Issues in Feminist Theory.

July 1996, took seminars in Communication Theory and Gender Communication.

July 1995, took seminars in Communication Theory and Communication Epistemology.

July 1994, took seminars in Interpersonal Communication and Gender Communication.

July 1993, took seminars in Communication Theory and Gender Communication.

July 1992, took seminars in Interpersonal Communication and Gender Communication.

August 1989, took seminars in Organizational Communication and Communication Theory.

June 1994, Voices and Visibility: Empowering Christian Women in Higher Education, Eastern College, PA.

March 1992 - January 1993, participated in the Hope College Research Project, where I worked with five other participants and a mentor (Larry Frey) on developing research projects.

July 1991, visited the Walsworth Publishing Plant (MO) to learn about the printing process for yearbooks.

July 1990, attended yearbook training and development workshop in St. Louis, MO sponsored by Walsworth Publishing.

April 1989, attended the Lilly Conference on College Teaching West at Lake Arrowhead.

November 1988, attended the College Media Advisors Convention in Atlanta, GA. Received yearbook training.

July 1988, attended a yearbook training and development workshop in Memphis, TN co-sponsored by the University of Memphis.

August 1986, participated in the "Essential Curriculum for Small Colleges" conference at Hope College, establishing an ideal curriculum for the Communication major in a small college setting (part 2 of 2).

August 1985, participated in the "Essential Curriculum for Small Colleges" conference at Hope College, establishing an ideal curriculum for the Communication major in a small college setting (part 1 of 2).

## Institutional Service

Fall 2009 – Spring 2009, Vice Moderator, Faculty Senate

Fall 2009 – Spring 2011, Recording Secretary/Member, Master's Studies Council

Fall 2004 – present, Faith Integration Mentor for Center for Adult and Professional Studies

Fall 2004 – Spring 2007, Professional Affairs Review Board (Chair)

Fall 2004 – Spring 2007, Curriculum Sub-Committee, Undergraduate Studies Council

Fall 2003 – present, Faculty Senate

Fall 2002 – Spring 2008, Member, Implementation Team, Comprehensive Faculty Evaluation Process; now Faculty Evaluation Council

Fall 2001 – Spring 2007, Undergraduate Studies Council

Fall 2004 – Spring 2006, Assessment Council

Spring 2005, Undergraduate Studies Departmental Review—Global Studies and Sociology

Fall 2003 – Spring 2004, Chair of Policy Sub-Committee of Undergraduate Studies Council

Spring 2001, Educational Council Departmental Review—Art

Spring 2001, Member, Search Committee, English Department

Fall 2000-Spring 2003, Faculty Senate

Fall 2000 – Spring 2003, Member, Appointment, Rank & Contract Council (Chair 2001-2003)

1999-2000, Coordinated revamping of Communication Studies major and various emphases; wrote program and course proposals. Created new advising sheets.

1999-2000, Member of the WASC accreditation review team.

Worked on the “APU Centennial Quilt,” finished Fall, 1999, hanging in the Marshburn Library. I chose the background fabrics, designed one block, helped construct the top, and quilted the piece.

1995-1996, Member of the WASC accreditation review team.

1994 - 1996: Faculty Moderator

1993 - 1994 positions: Chair, Academic Internship Committee, Faculty Senate Parliamentarian, Workload and Compensation Council.

1992 - 1993 positions: Research Council, Academic Internship Committee, and Faculty Senate Parliamentarian.

1991 - 1992 positions: Vice-Moderator of the faculty; Chair, Task Force for the Revision of Promotion Criteria.

1987 - 1988: Chair, Faculty Senate By-Laws Revision Committee.

1983 - 1988: Faculty Senate Member.

1983 - 1988: Research and Development Council.

1985 - 1986: Workload and Compensation Council.

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Have taken seven students to the CSU Fresno Student Papers in Communication Conference—1987, 1990, 1991, 1992.

New Course Development: The Manager as Communicator (School of Business); Introduction to Communication Studies; Senior Seminar in Communication (for general studies); Conflict Management (for general studies).

## Other Certifications

Licensed Home Sewing Educator, Home Sewing Association, April 2005

Ordained Deacon, Free Methodist Church of North America, May 2003; surrendered credentials April 2007.

Licensed Bernina/Martha Pullen Sewing Instructor, March 2003

Lifetime Community College Credential—Language Arts

## Community Service

Appointed as Pastor for Worship Support at Foothill Community Church (unpaid staff position), Fall 2002 – Fall 2003; served as Director of Women’s Ministries at Foothill Community Church from 1997 – 2000.

Established the Flying Thimbles Quilt Ministry in Fall 2000, ended Fall 2003. Outreach to unchurched women as well as care group for women at church. The guild also made utility quilts for donation to missions, and worship banners for church.

Girl Scouts: Fall Products Sale Service Unit Manager, 1995 - 1996, 1996 - 1997; Parent Support Service Unit Manager, 1994-1995; Organized Songfest, March 1996; Daisy/Brownie/Junior Girl Scout Leader (I ran three troops), 1993 - 1995, Junior Girl Scout Leader, 1992 - 1993; Brownie co-leader, 1991 - 1992 Daisy Scout Leader, 1983 - 1984, Brownie Scout Leader, 1982 - 1983

September 1991- March, 1992. Chair of the Wednesday Night Supper project: cooking dinner for approximately 65+ people every week. I organized menus, bought supplies, and supervised the cooking and clean-up.

Member of Light and Life Christian School board November 1989 through July 1991; chair from August 1990 - July 1991.