

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

Ph.D.
Northwestern University (Communication), 1971

M.A.
Northwestern University (Communication), 1968

M.Div.
Fuller Theological Seminary, 1963

A.B.
University of Michigan (Political Science), 1959

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Wheaton College
Professor Emeritus, 2003-present
Professor, 1980-2003
Associate Professor, 1975-1980
Assistant Professor, 1970-1975

Fuller Theological Seminary
Adjunct Professor, 1982-1984

Institute for Management
Adjunct Professor, 1971-1973

Northern Illinois University
Instructor, 1968-1969

Courses taught:

Communication Theory
Interpersonal Communication
Persuasion
Mediation
Group Dynamics
Communication Ethics
Intimate Communication
Conflict
Nonverbal Communication
Intercultural Communication
Public Speaking
Communication Research
Senior Seminar
Fundamentals of Communication

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Young Life, Area Director, Chicago 1963-1966

Tribune Company, Tampa, Florida, Director, 1963-1969

BOOKS:

A First Look at Communication Theory, McGraw-Hill, New York, 7th ed., 2009, 2006, 2003, 2000, 1997, 1994, 1991; Chinese edition, Taiwan, 2006, Polish edition, GWP, Gdanskie, 2002; Hungarian edition, Harmat, Budapest, 2001.

Making Friends, InterVarsity, Downers Grove, IL, 1987; Polish edition, Rodzinny Krag, Warsaw, 1995; Hungarian edition, Harmat, Budapest, 2002.

Getting Together, InterVarsity, Downers Grove, IL, 1982; Hungarian edition, Harmat, Budapest, 2003.

The Mind Changers, Tyndale House Publishers, 1976; Hungarian edition, Harmat, Budapest, 2004.

VIDEO/CD:

Conversations with Communication Theorists, McGraw-Hill, New York, 2005, 2002, 2000

WEBSITE:

www.afirstlook.com (A site supporting *A First Look at Communication Theory*, 1998 to present. 2007 activity: 500,000 visits)

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Andrew M. Ledbetter, Em Griffin, and Glenn G. Sparks, 'Friends Forever': A Longitudinal Investigation of Sustained Closeness between Best Friends," *Personal Relationships*, Vol. 14 (2007), 343-350.

Em Griffin, "A Believer's Efforts to Integrate Faith and Scholarship," *Journal of Communication and Religion*, Vol. 27 (2004), 25-31.

Em Griffin, *Journal of Communication and Religion*: "A State-of-the-Art Critical Review," *Journal of Communication and Religion* (Twentieth Anniversary Issue) Vol. 21 (1998), 108-140

Em Griffin and Glenn G. Sparks, "Friends Forever: A Longitudinal Exploration of Intimacy in Same-Sex Friends and Platonic Pairs," *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, Vol. 7 (1990), 29-46

Em Griffin and Glenn G. Sparks, "Some Personal Reflections on Longitudinal Research on Relationships," *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, Vol. 7 (1990), 135-137.

BOOK CHAPTER

"The Ethics of Using Guilt to Accomplish Good," *Mercy Community, & Ministry*, Mark Chan (ed.) Catalyst, Singapore, 1993, 173-184.

CONVENTION PRESENTATIONS

"Teaching the College Course in Communication Theory," (3 hr. Short Course) National Communication Association, with Emily Langan, San Diego, 2008, Chicago, 2007, San Antonio, 2006; with Derek Lane, Chicago, 2004, Miami Beach, 2003, New Orleans, 2002; Atlanta, 2001; with Glen McClish, Seattle, 2000, New York, 1998, Chicago, 1997; with Charles Roberts, New Orleans, 1994.

“Gateway to Communication at the ‘Heart of it All’: The Intersection of Communication Theory and Health Communication Research,” Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, 2009

“Communication Theory Textbook Authors Roundtable,” Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, 2009

“Communication Theories through the Lens of Feature Film,” Central States Communication Association, Madison, 2008.

Respondent, “Honing the Activist’s Tool: Examining Developments in Communication Theory,” Central States Communication Association, Madison, 2008.

“A Christian Mediator in a Muslim Mosque: A Narrative,” National Communication Association, Chicago, 2007.

“Teaching Theories that Promote Social Justice or the Common Good,” with Emily Langan, Central States Communication Association, Minneapolis, 2007.

“Teaching the College Course in Communication Theory,” with Emily Langan, Central States Communication Association, Indianapolis, 2006.

Respondent: “Assessing Four Contemporary Communication Theories,” Central States Communication Association, Indianapolis, 2006.

“Communication Theories through the Lens of Feature Film,” Central States Communication Association, Kansas City, 2005.

“Communication Theory for Undergraduates: A Dialogue Session with Textbook Authors,” “Communication Theories through the Lens of Feature Film,” Central States Communication Association, Omaha, 2006.

"Communication Theory Spotlight Panel: Our Theoretical Legacy," Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, 2002.

“Use of Mediation in Family Disputes,” “Communication Theories through the Lens of Feature Film,” Central States Communication Association, Milwaukee, 2002.

"Communication Pedagogy Meets Christian Theology: How Radical Are These Roots," National Communication Association, Atlanta, 2001.

"The Development of the Mediator," National Communication Association, Seattle, 2000.

"An Alternative Method to Teaching Group Communication: Gilligan's Island Revisited," Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, 1999.

Respondent, "A Glimpse Into the Future: Original Undergraduate Research in the Human Communication Theory Course," Central States Communication Association, St. Louis, 1999.

Respondent, "Communicating the Message: Communication Theory and the Gospels," National Communication Association, New York, 1998.

"Is There Life Outside the Research Lab, Library, and Classroom," New Scholars Preconference, International Network for Personal Relationships, Oklahoma City, 1998.

"The State of Religious Speech Communication Research: Senior Scholar Spotlight," National Communication Association, Chicago, 1997.

"Theory Into Practice: Exercises and Procedures to Encourage Application of Five Communication Theories," Speech Communication Association, San Diego, 1996.

"Sailing through the Rough Seas of the Undergraduate Communication Theory Course: A First Look at Communication Theory," Speech Communication Association, San Diego, 1996.

"Communication Theory Textbook Authors Roundtable," Central States Communication Association, Oklahoma City, 1994.

"Annotated Bibliography on Longitudinal Studies of Friendship, International Society for the Study of Personal Relationships, Lake Placid, NY, 1992.

"Trout Island Revisited: The Lasting Effects of Twenty Years of Intensive Off-Campus Experiential Group Seminars," Speech Communication Association, Atlanta, 1991.

"Striking the Balance Between Skills and Theory," Speech Communication Association, Chicago, 1990.

"Friends Forever: A Longitudinal Comparison of Three Models of Intimacy for Male-Male, Female-Female, and Platonic Pairs," Speech Communication Association, New Orleans, 1988.

"The Communication of Forgiveness: Interpersonal Forgiveness," Speech Communication Association, Chicago, 1986.

"Communication Patterns in Four Types of Intimate Friendships," Speech Communication Association, Washington, D.C., 1983.

"An Ethic for the Religious Persuaders," Speech Communication Association, Washington, D.C., 1983.

"The Effects of Varying Degrees of Inter Auditor Density upon Auditor Attitude,"
Speech Communication Association, Chicago, 1974.

LECTURESHIPS:

"Common Threads in Communication Theories," Wayne State University, Nebraska,
2008.

"I Don't Need to Read the Book, I've Seen the Play: Modeling Integration of Faith and
Learning for Students, Liberty University, 2008.

"Just Friends," Ann Wharton Lecture, Liberty University, 2008.

"A Christian Mediator in a Muslim Mosque," Association for Conflict Resolution,
Chicago, 2007.

"Thinking About and Teaching Communication Theory: A Workshop for Faculty and
Graduate Students." Calvin College, 2006.

Eagles Communication Conference, Singapore, 2005.

"Mediating Peace in a Contentious Culture"

"Managing Church and Family Conflicts"

"Forgive and Forget"

"Friends Forever," Wayne State University, Nebraska, 2005.

Keynote Address, "Raising Global Consciousness: Theory into Practice" Budapest
College of Communication Conference: Communication in the Globalized World, 2004.

"Communication Theory: Mapping the Territory" (two lectures), Budapest, Hungary,
2002.

"The Dark Side of Relationships" (four lectures), Eagles Communication, Singapore,
1999.

"The Confessions of a Bruised Camel," Whitworth College Forum, 1998.

"The Ethics of Friendships"

Faculty Forum at Southwestern University, TX, 1997.

Griffith Thomas Lectureship, "New Metaphors of Ministry,"
Dallas Theological Seminary, 1996 (4 lectures).

"Humor as a Means of Grace," Whitworth College Forum, 1994

Mennonite Conference on Mediation, Eastern College, 1994.

Communication Department Colloquium, Purdue University, 1992

"Images of Intimacy,"
Eagles Communication, Singapore, 1991 (6 lectures).

Staley Lecturer
Heston College, Kansas, 1991
Houghton College, New York, 1991
The Kings College, New York, 1990

Carl G. Westerdahl Lectureship in Evangelism
North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, 1990.

"Problems with People" (Six lectures), Eagles Communication, Singapore, 1986

Staley Lecturer, Sterling College, Nebraska, 1984

"The Risk of Friendship," Fuller Theological Seminary Conference on Small Groups in
the Church, 1982.

Staley Lecturer, Saint Paul Bible College, 1979

CONSULTATIONS:

Communication Department, Westmont College, 2008

Ethics Practicum, Indiana Wesleyan, 1996

Ethics Practicum, Huntington College, 1994

Communication Department, Gordon College, 1994

Communication Department, Illinois State, 1992

OFF-CAMPUS SERVICE

Center for Conflict Resolution, Chicago
Mediator, 1992-present
Trainer and Peer Evaluator, 1995-present
Peer Review Committee, 1998-present

Opportunity International, U. S.
Board of Directors, 1982-present
Vice-Chair, 1986-1991
Acting President, 1998
International Network Board, 1997-2004
Vice-Chair, Board of Governors, 2007- present

Young Life
National Board of Trustees, 1977-1995
Vice Chair, 1984-1987

Emmaus Ministries, Chicago
Board of Directors, 1994-1998

Riverwoods Christian Center, St. Charles, IL
Board of Directors, 1982-1989

Religious Speech Communication Association
President, 1980-1981

WHEATON COLLEGE SERVICE:

Addressing Conflict Effectively Workshop for Human Resources, 2006

Faculty Personnel Committee, 2000-2003, 1991-94, 1982-85
Chair 2002-2003

Client Focus Group for Conference Services, 2000

Human Needs and Global Resources Committee (HNGR), 1992-2000

Urban Studies Committee, 1993-1999, Chair, 1994-1997

Project Teacher Seminars, 1998, 1997, 1995, 1994, 1992

Training SMP, Youth Hostel Ministries, National City Ministries, Resident Assistants
2002, 2001, 2000, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1994, 1993, 1992

AWARDS:

Wheaton College G. Kenneth Gieser Presidential Award for off-campus service, 2000

Wheaton College Junior Teacher of the Year, 1977-78

Making Friends,

Campus Life 1987 Book of the Year: Editor's Choice

Religious Speech Communication Association 1988 Book of the Year

Getting Together,

Group Magazine Best of the Year 1982

Religious Speech Communication Association 1983 Book of the Year

The Mind Changers, Tyndale House Publishers, 1976

Religious Speech Communication Association 1977 Book of the Year