

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Communications Department  
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### EDUCATION

Ph.D.  
Northwestern University (Communication), 1971  
Dissertation, "The Effects of Varying Degrees of Inter Auditor Density upon Auditor Attitude"

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, Adjunct 2003-2008  
Professor, 1975-1980  
Assistant Professor, 1970-1975

Fuller Theological Seminary  
Adjunct Professor, 1982-1984, 1986, 1988

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  
Homiletics  
Fundamentals of Communication

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE:

Young Life, Area Director, Chicago 1963-1966

Tribune Company, Tampa, Florida, Director, 1964-1969

## BOOKS:

Em Griffin, Andrew Ledbetter, and Glenn Sparks, *A First Look at Communication Theory*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 10<sup>th</sup> ed., 2019, 2015

Em Griffin, *A First Look at Communication Theory*, McGraw-Hill, New York 8<sup>th</sup> ed., 2012, 2009, 2006, 2003, 2000, 1997, 1994, 1991

Korean edition, Communication Books, Seoul, 2009

Chinese edition, Taiwan, 2006

Polish edition, GWP, Gdanskie, 2002

Hungarian edition, Harmat, Budapest, 2001

*Making Friends*, InterVarsity, Downers Grove, IL, 1987

Polish edition, Rodziny 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

Second edition, Eagles Communication, 2014

## VIDEO/CD:

*Conversations with Communication Theorists*, McGraw-Hill, New York, 2005, 2002, 2000. (16 video recorded interviews)

## WEBSITE:

[www.afirstlook.com](http://www.afirstlook.com) (A site supporting *A First Look at Communication Theory*, 1998 to present. Contributors: Em Griffin, Andrew Ledbetter, Emily Langan. 2017 activity, 50,000 visits/month)

## 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, Andrew Ledbetter, and Glenn Sparks, 2017 Dallas, Philadelphia, 2016, Las Vegas, 2015

with Emily Langan, Chicago, 2014, Washington DC, 2013; Orlando 2012; New Orleans 2011; San Francisco 2010; Chicago, 2009; 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

“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,” Central States Communication Association, Omaha, 2006

“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

"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, San Antonio, 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

Sterling College, Nebraska, 1984

Heston College, Kansas, 1991

Houghton College, New York, 1991

The Kings College, New York, 1990

Saint Paul Bible College, 1979

Carl G. Westerdahl Lectureship in Evangelism

North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, 1990

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

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

## 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

## 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.

## OFF-CAMPUS VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Religious Speech Communication Association  
President, 1980-1981

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

Opportunity International, U. S.  
Board of Directors, 1982-2009  
Vice-Chair, 1986-1991  
Acting President, 1998  
International Network Board, 1997-2004  
Vice-Chair, Board of Governors, 2007- 2010

Young Life

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

Volunteer Club Leader 1966-973

Emmaus Ministries, Chicago, IL

Board of Directors, 1994-1998

Riverwoods Christian Center, St. Charles, IL

Board of Directors, 1982-1989

Community Development 1982-1985

First Presbyterian Church, Glen Ellyn, IL

Elder, 2003-2005, 2016-present

Youth Leader, 2016-present

Pastoral Search Committees, 1970-1971, 1983-1985, 2011-2012

Multiple task forces and ministries, 1967-present

AWARDS:

National Communication Association Wallace A. Bacon Lifetime Teaching Excellence Award, 2016.

Chicago Center for Conflict Resolution Mediator of the Year, 2016

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 Book of the Year, 1987

*Getting Together,*

Group Magazine Best of the Year 1982

Religious Speech Communication Association Book of the Year, 1983

*The Mind Changers,* Tyndale House Publishers, 1976

Religious Speech Communication Association Book of the Year, 1977

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