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DONNA GATES THOENNES

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

2001—Present **Biola University, La Mirada, CA**
Associate Professor, Torrey Honors Institute

EDUCATION

2001 **Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL**
Ph.D., Educational Studies
Dissertation Director: Linda Cannell
Christian College Students' Conceptions of Community

1994 **Wheaton Graduate School, Wheaton, IL**
Master of Arts (M.A.) in Educational Ministries
Certificate of Advanced Biblical Studies, 1995

1988 **Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, CT**
Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Education/Exercise Science
Connecticut Teaching Certificate: K-12

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES

- North American Professors of Christian Education
- Evangelical Theological Society

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2001-2007 *Member*, Torrey Honors Institute Faculty Hiring Committee – Biola University

2003-2005 *Member*, University Chapel Board - Biola University

2004-2007 *Member*, Faculty Personnel Committee – Biola University

2006 *Member*, Female Faculty Initiative Task Force – Biola University

2006-2008 *Mentor*, New Faculty Mentoring Program – Biola University

AWARDS, GRANTS & HONORS

2007 Research and Development Grant, Biola University

2006 Research Scholar, Tyndale House, University of Cambridge, UK

- 2006 Research and Development Grant, Biola University
- 2005 Provost's Award for Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Students, Biola University
- 2005 Faculty Excellence Award, Biola University
- 2004 Research and Development Grant, Biola University
- 2000 NAPCE Research Grant, North American Professors of Christian Education

EXPERIENCE

2001–Present Associate Professor, Torrey Honors Institute - Biola University, La Mirada, CA
 Courses Taught:

- 110 Greek Thought (Freshman fall)
- 111 Old Testament Beginnings (Freshman fall)
- 124 Church Fathers and Wisdom Literature (Freshman spring)
- 125 Greco-Roman Thought (Freshman spring)
- 214 Medieval and Reformation Thought (Sophomore fall)
- 215 Life of Christ (Sophomore fall)
- 220 Early Modern Thought (Sophomore spring)
- 224 Pauline Epistles (Sophomore spring)
- 310 Revivalism and Romanticism (Junior fall)
- 325 Nineteenth Century Thought (Junior spring)
- 410 America and Russia (Senior fall)
- 465 Twentieth Century Thought (Senior spring)
- 490 Pauline Theology (upper division elective, fall 2005, spring 2007)
- 490 Philosophy of Education (upper division elective, 2007)

- 2008 **Campus Crusade Eastern Europe annual conference, Lake Balaton, Hungary**
- 2007 **3 week research trip in New Delhi, India**
- 2006 **Trained Missaoes Horizontes missionaries, Monte Verde, Brazil**
- 2006 **Aided Wycliffe missionaries New Testament Dedication, Huancayo, Peru**
- 2005 **5 week teaching ministry, Bombay, Delhi, and Kurnool India**
- 2001 **Adjunct Faculty, Torrey Honors Institute, Biola University**
- 2000 **Adjunct Faculty, Theology Department, Biola University**
- 1998-1999 **Resident Director, Wheaton College**

- 1995-1998 **Resident Director, Trinity International University**
- 1997 **Advisor/Trainer for Trinity International University Student Missions trip, Smoky Mountain Outreach**
- 1994 **Intern to the Dean of Students**
- 1994 **Project Advisor for Wheaton College's Honduras Water System Project, Agua Fria, Honduras**
- 1992-1994 **Graduate Resident Advisor, Wheaton College**
- 1989-1992 **Live-in Group Home Manager for Developmentally Disabled Adults, Brian House, Inc., Chester, CT**

PUBLICATIONS

- Keeping it Real: Research Findings on Authentic Community*, Christian Education Journal (Spring 2008).
- Who's Captivating Whom? A Review of John and Stasi Eldredge's Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul*, Journal for Biblical Manhood and Womanhood (Fall 2006).
- Linda Cannell: Equipping Leaders for Service*, Christian Education Journal (Summer 2004).
- Mentoring in Sanctification*, Symposium (Summer 2004).
- Reflecting Community: Living in Light of Who We Are*, Sundoulos (Spring 2003).
- Student Voices on Theology and Learning in Community*, Christian Education Journal (Fall 2002).
- Community: Student Voices on the Tension between Commonality and Diversity*, Growth: The Journal of the Association for Christians in Student Development (Spring 2002).
- "First Thessalonians." *Women's Evangelical New Testament Commentary*. Broadman Holman, 2006.
- "Second Thessalonians." *Women's Evangelical New Testament Commentary*. Broadman Holman, 2006.
- "Who's Captivating Whom? A Review of John and Stasi Eldredge's Captivating: Unveiling the Mystery of a Woman's Soul" *Council of Biblical Manhood and Womanhood* (<http://cbmw.org>) Summer 2004.

PAPERS PRESENTED

"Portraits of Indian Women"

Presented at *Biola University Provost's Research Luncheon*
Biola University, La Mirada, CA, May 2007

"Christian College Students' Conceptions of Community"

Presented at Student Development InService Training

Trinity Western University, January 2004

“Reaching the Hearts and Minds of Students”

Presented at *Faculty Development Day*
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL August 2005.

“Presence Education: The Return of the Mentor/Teacher in Christian Higher Education”

Presented at *Faculty Development Day*
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL August 2005.

“Diversity and Community in the Classroom”

Presented at *Association of Christian Schools International Annual Convention*
Anaheim, CA, November 2003.

“Current Research on Christian College Students’ Conceptions of Community”

Presented at *North American Professors of Christian Education Annual Conference, October 2002*

LECTURES AND WORKSHOPS

“Acts” Its Message and Purpose in History and Today”

Torrey Honors Institute, Spring 2008

“The Challenge of Ministering to Indian Women”

Torrey Honors Institute, April 2005

“How to Read a Book”

Torrey Honors Institute, November 2002, September 2007

“Christian College Students’ Conceptions of Community”

Torrey Honors Institute, Fall 2003

“Why you Read What you Read”

Torrey Honors Institute, each semester since 2006

“Reflecting Community within your Torrey Group”

Torrey Honors Institute, 2001-2005

“The Mentoring Relationship”

Torrey Honors Institute, 2003, 2004, 2007

“The Call to Christian Community”

Forest Home College Briefing Weekend, September 2002

“Vital Ministry to Female Students”

Athletes in Action Staff Training, October 2004

“Cultivating the Heart of a Shepherd”

Taylor University, Upland, IN, October 2005

“Glorifying God in our Friendships”

Pepperdine University, March 2005

“Servants who Reach the World for Christ”

Biola University Ladies Tea, October 2008

“Cultivating a Grateful Heart”

Biola University Chapel, October 20, 2008

*spoke in other Biola chapels: 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005

“Missions to India”

Biola University Missions Conference, March 2005

“Friendship in Ministry”

Talbot Wives Fellowship, Talbot School of Theology, March 2003

“Reaching the Hearts and Minds of Students”

Biola University New Faculty Seminar, January 2003

Workshops and Lectures on Various Topics

Biola University Residence Halls (Hope 2005, Alpha 2002, 2002, Sigma 2002, 2002, 2003, 2007,
Emerson 2002, Thompson 2002)

“Respond Home: Adoption and Foster Care Seminar”

Grace Evangelical Free Church, February 14, 2008

“Excel Still More: Lessons from Paul on Cultivating the Heart of a Shepherd”

Grace Evangelical Free Church Women’s Retreat, June 2007

BOOK REVIEWS

- Review of Choi Hee An and Katheryn Pfisterer Darr, eds., *Engaging the Bible: Critical Readings from Contemporary Women in Touchstone: A Journal of Mere Christianity* 40:9 (2007): 38-39.