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MICHELLE (SHELLY) M. CUNNINGHAM

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### **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D.Degree, 1996

Emphasis: Educational Process & Design  
Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, California

M.A. Degree, 1987, Christian Education

Talbot School of Theology, La Mirada, California

B.A. Degree, 1979, Christian Education

Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

### **WORK & MINISTRY EXPERIENCE:**

August 1989-Present

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN CHRISTIAN EDUC.**

Biola University (Talbot)  
La Mirada, California

October 1988-August 1991

**ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, LIFELONG LEARNING**

Biola University (Talbot)  
La Mirada, California

August 1987-September 1988

**DIRECTOR, WOMEN'S CONCERNS**

Biola University (Talbot)  
La Mirada, California

May 1986-January 1988

Experience Fellowship  
**"CLUB 20" SINGLES MINISTRY**

Whittier Area Baptist Practicum

Whittier, California

March 1982-August 1985

**DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

First Presbyterian Church  
Augusta, Georgia

September 1979-August 1981

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES**

United Methodist Church  
Ormond Beach, Florida

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & AWARDS:**

National Association of Professors of Christian Education

Christian Ministries Training Association

David C. Cook Church Ministry Consultant

Instructional Consultant: Center for Faculty Development, Biola University

Attendance at:

Fellowship of Christian Educators

Network of Evangelical Women in Ministry

National Businesswomen's Leadership Association

Women's Ministries Institute Symposium

1991 Dean's Faculty Excellence Award

1994-95 Dr. Bill Bynum Memorial Award for Significant Achievement in  
Doctoral Studies

1997 Leadership Mentorship Program: Exemplary, Quality Service

### **PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS:**

Two chapters written for Foundations of Ministry (Victor Books).

Contributor to Life Recovery Bible (Tyndale).

Guzman, B., & Cunningham, S. "Ministry to Kids in Gangs," Children's Ministry Magazine, Spring, 1992.  
Cunningham, S. "Children's Ministry in Changing Times," Sundoulos, Summer, 1992.  
Cunningham, S. "Toddlers in University Classrooms," Faculty Dialogue, Winter, 1992.  
Contributor to Heart Watch (Victor Books).  
Contributor to Baker Dictionary of Christian Education (Baker Books, 2001).  
Cunningham, S. "Who's Mentoring the Mentors? The Discipling Dimension of Faculty Development in Christian Higher Education," Theological Education, Spring, 1998.  
Cunningham, S. "The Nature of Workplace Mentoring Relationships Among Faculty Members in Christian Higher Education," The Journal of Higher Education, July/August 1999.  
"Creative Teaching Methods"—chapter written for Introducing Christian Education: Foundations for the Twenty-first Century textbook, (Baker Books—2001)

**Curriculum:**

- "I've Got The Power!"—Abstinence curriculum, A.C. Green Foundation, (Tolbert, Cunningham, Paek, & Harris)
- "Power Connections!"—Character education curriculum, Medical Institute of Sexual Health (Tolbert & Cunningham)

**Papers Presented:**

- "Who's Mentoring the Mentors?: The Discipling Dimension of Faculty Development in Christian Higher Education" (Far West ETS, April, 1997)
- "Radical Leadership" (Women's Ministry Symposium V, Spring 1998)

**Professional Presentations:**

- President's Faculty Luncheon—"The Good Society: Have You Hugged Your Institution Today?"
- The Art of Improving Teaching
- Creative Teaching
- Mentoring in the Professoriate
- Getting Off to A Good Start: New Faculty in the Academe

**ADDITIONAL CHURCH & SPEAKING ACTIVITIES:**

Creative Teaching Seminars  
Leadership & Teacher Training Workshops  
Team Building Track Training  
Motivational Speaking & Teacher Appreciation Dinners  
Women's retreats/Women's meetings/Women's Training Workshops  
Bible Study Teacher  
CMTA Convention Workshops  
Denominational Meeting Workshops  
Biola Business Women  
Biola Chapel & Christian School Chapels

**Team Ministry with Husband:**

Retreat Speakers (singles, young marrieds, adult groups, etc.)  
Leadership & Teacher Training Workshops  
Pre-marital counseling

**PERSONAL DATA:**

- Birthdate: August 28, 1958      •Married/Two Children      •Excellent Health
- Interests: \* Working with Women/Teaching Women      \*Mentoring
- \*Women's Issues      \*Learning with my Kids & Growing in my Role as Wife/Mother
- \*Faculty Development      \*Educational Process & Creativity      \*Aerobic Walking