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EDUCATION

Ph.D. | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2004

- Dissertation: “Embodied Perspective-taking: Culture, Performance, and Marital Communication.”
- Directed by Professor Julia T. Wood

M.A. | The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1997

- Thesis: “Walking in the Words of Another: Person-centered Communication, Culture Wars, and Civil Dialogue.”
- Directed by Professor Julia T. Wood

B.A. | Eastern Michigan University, 1984

- Communication and Theatre Studies

Seminary | Reformed Theological Seminary

- 24 hours completed in M.A. of Biblical Studies, 1993-1995

EXPERIENCE

Speaking opportunities at Biola University, 2004-present

Chapel Speaking

- Speaker at Lambdi Pi Eta chapel, May 18, 2006.
- Speaker at Communication Department’s Award Chapel, May 9, 2006.
Topic: “Paul’s Evangelistic Zeal and the Necessity of Communication Theory” (Rom. 1:14-16).
- Speaker at Biola’s gender chapel service. March 6, 2006.
Topic: “Sifting Cultural Messages of Gender through a Biblical Lens.”
- Chapel panelist with Dr. Jon Lunde and Dr. David Talley addressing gender issues and questions for split gender chapels. March 8, 2006.
- Speaker at Acting On AIDS Chapel (Nov. 29, 2005).
Speaker for a student organized chapel service observing World AIDS Day.
Topic: “Compassion of Christ in an Age of AIDS” (Matt. 8:2-3).
- Speaker for Biola University Spiritual Renewal Week, 2005:
September 26: “Beyond the Argument Culture” (selected passages)
September 28: “Learning Who God Is Through Trials” (James 1:1-15)
September 30: “Speaking the Truth in Love” (Ephesians 5)

- Speaker at chapel service, April 15, 2005.
Topic: Responding Kindly to Those Who Insult You (1 Peter 3:9-12)
- Speaker at University Day chapel service, Nov. 8, 2004.
Topic: “Engaging Culture through Proverbial Communication”
- Speaker at alternate chapel service, October 13, 2004.
Topic: “Advice from Proverbs: How to Talk to Those Most Unlike You.”

Speaking/Training:

- Speaker at the Senior Dinner, May 19, 2006
- Speaker for Torrey Academy Emmaus Forum, July 17, 2006.
- Filmed for an online Virtual Tour of Biola (Nov. 9, 2005). Biola’s marketing department filmed me giving a lecture in my advanced interpersonal communication course (Comm. 474). Potential students can go online and take virtual tour including watching me present a lecture.
- Speaker at Talbot Marriage Retreat (Oct. 28-30, 2005)
In conjunction with Dr. Judy Ten Elshof developed and delivered five sessions on marital communication for graduate students and spouses of Talbot.
- Speaker at Biola University SOS Academic Commencement Dinner—Metzger Lawn (August 23, 2005)
Topic: “Speaking the Truth in Love: A Communication Perspective” (Eph. 4:25)
- Training for Utah Interterm Mission Trip, January 5, 2005.
Training Biola students evangelistic strategies with Mormons.
- Speaker at ALPHA CHI program, December 6, 2004.
Topic: “Biblical Perspective on Love, Sex, and Dating.”
- Communication training for faculty of Torrey Honors Program, 2004.
One day training of faculty in public speaking skills and classroom interaction.

Campus Crusade for Christ, 1987-2004

- School of Leadership, 2000-present
Design and teach summer courses in cultural analysis, apologetics, and marital communication.
- Director of Public Speaking, Communication Center, 1992-2000
Communication Center specialized in training ministers, lay people, and executives in public speaking, cultural analysis, and rhetoric. Responsibilities included supervising a five-week communication school, developing curriculum for the school, and coordinating teaching faculty.
- Ministered on the campuses of Miami University of Ohio, Wright State University, and Vilnius University (Lithuania), 1987-1992

FamilyLife Marriage conference main speaker, 1995-present.

- Speaker at 100 marriage conferences nationwide. Responsible for presenting eight main sessions. Topics include conflict resolution, listening skills, perspective-taking, cultural challenges to marriage, gender issues, and blended families. Speaking coach for 60 couples that comprise FamilyLife speaker team.

Judson College, Elgin, IL, speaker for spiritual enrichment week, 2003

- Presented a four part series entitled, “A Foundation for Cultural Engagement.” Series introduced students to the role cultural analysis has in effective Christian communication with those most unlike them.

Teaching seminar in Beijing, China, 2001.

- Seminar involved Chinese and American teachers (K-12) and focused on creating an engaging and culturally sensitive classroom environment.

National Communication Association: Communicating Common Ground Project, 2000-present.

- Selected as one of thirty scholars across the nation to partner with community groups to address social and interpersonal effects of hate speech.

Developed seminar for the Graduate Teaching Association: “Communication in the Classroom: Holding Your Students’ Attention,” 2001.

Communication training for Saturn Corporation, 1999.

- Developed and coordinated communication training for the East, West, and Southern regional directors of Saturn Corporation. Training focused on listening skills, conflict resolution, communication ethics, and racial sensitivity.

Communication Assessment with U.S. Senator, 1994.

- Created comprehensive communication strategy.
- Provided analysis of written speeches, television interviews, and public speaking skills.
- Created workshop for senator, press agent, and speech writer focusing on audience analysis, persuasion, and oral communication.

Guest lecturer at Vilnius University, Vilnius, Lithuania, 1991-1992.

- Lectured in philosophy, interpersonal communication, and American history. Lecture series at Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia, 1991.
- Presented a three-week series on “The American Experience.”

Plenary speaker at the first annual Moscow Student Conference, Moscow, Russia, Nov. 21-23, 1991.

- Conference was held on the campus of Moscow State University with students attending from St. Petersburg, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania. Topic: “How to Cultivate, Package, and Communicate our Passions.”

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Interpersonal communication; persuasion, cultural analysis; rhetoric; hate speech; social justice; marital communication; gender.

HONORS

Teaching Honors:

President's Faculty Award of Excellence in Teaching (voted by faculty), Biola University, 2007

Selected Biola *Professor of the Year* by senior class of 2006.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2006) Selected for inclusion in tenth edition.

Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2005) Selected for inclusion in ninth edition.

International Communication Association's Award for Distinguished Teaching by a Graduate Student, 2001.

Martha Nell Hardy Award for Excellence in Teaching, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Communication Studies, 2000.

Service Honors:

Sherrill-Pence Award, given to recognize applied communication in the service of the community, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Communication Studies, 2002.

National Forensic Association Honors:

1984–National Championship Tournament.

- National Speech Champion in after-dinner speaking.
- Placed second in the nation in pentathlon.
- Placed fourth and sixth in the nation in dramatic duo.
- Semi-finals in impromptu speaking.
- Quarterfinals in poetry.

1983–National Championship Tournament.

- Placed tenth in the nation in pentathlon.
- Placed third in the nation in after-dinner speaking.
- Placed sixth in the nation in poetry.

Professional Honors:

Presidents Award (2006) for overall excellence as a speaker for FamilyLife Marriage Conferences.

Research Grants:

Research grant (2007) from Biola University to explore pedagogical strategies to facilitate student understanding of narratives of Indian women.

Research grant (2006) from Biola University to study narratives of local women in New Delhi, India.

COURSES TAUGHT | BIOLA UNIVERSITY

Advanced Interpersonal Communication COMM 474

Communicating Apologetics in a Postmodern World COMM 474

Interpersonal Communication COMM 270

Survey of Communication Theory COMM 253

Gender, Culture, and Communication COMM 474

Family Communication COMM 474

Rhetorical Communication COMM 383

COURSES TAUGHT | UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA

Cognitive and Social Foundations of Hate COMM 129

- Designed and taught a service-learning course focusing on the interpersonal and social effects of hate speech. (Upper-level undergraduate)

Communication as Social Process COMM 10

- Responsible for teaching my department's large-lecture introductory course which surveys communication theories. Position entailed presenting material in a large lecture format and supervising eight teaching assistants. (Introductory level)

Interpersonal Communication COMM 120

- Developed and taught course focusing on cognitive complexity, relational dialectics, and communication climates. (Advanced under-graduate course)

Gender, Communication, and Culture COMM 24

- Course examines cultural assumptions of gender, sexuality, and power. (Open to all undergraduates)

Introduction to Interpersonal Communication COMM 22

- Students are encouraged to apply communication theories to one personal relationship of their choosing which they desire to improve. (Open to all undergraduates)

Public Speaking COMM 13

- Course utilized original speaking drills and exercises designed by the faculty of the Communication Center. (Open to all undergraduates)

PUBLICATIONS

Books:

Muehlhoff, T. M. & Moreland, J. P. (2007). *The God Conversation: Using Stories and Illustrations to Explain Your Faith*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press.

Muehlhoff, T. M. & Lewis, T. *Human Communication: Speaking to Others, Ourselves, and God*. Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, (in press).

Muehlhoff, T. M. *Climate Control: Cultivating Intimacy in Marriage*, Downers Grove, IL: InterVarsity Press, (accepted for publication).

Journal articles, chapters, and electronic productions:

Muehlhoff, T.M., Hazen, C., & Reynolds, J.M. (2008). The Certainty of Christian Belief in an Age of Unbelief [CD].

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2005). He Started it! Everyday Communication in Parenting. In J. T. Wood & S. Duck (Eds.). *Composing Relationships: Communication in Everyday Life*. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth/Thompson.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2005). Ethics in Communication [CD-ROM]. In J. T. Wood, *Interpersonal Communication: Everyday Encounters*.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2004). Faith and Scholarship: Areas of Overlap. *Journal of Communication and Religion*, 27 (1), 53-57.

Muehlhoff, T. M. & Wood, J. T. (2002). Speaking of Marital Communication: The Marriage between Theory and Practice. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*, 19 (5), 613-619.

Non-academic related publications:

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2008). The God Conversation: You can use Stories to Answer the Tough Questions about your Faith. *Worldwide Challenge*, July/August, 38-40.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2008). Before You Pop the Question: Five Keys to a Love that Lasts. *Discipleship Journal*, Issue 166, 34-39.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2006). Return to Awe: Invigorate Your Prayers with a Focus on God's Majesty. *Discipleship Journal*, Issue 155, 33-39.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2006). Rules of Engagement: Getting to the Heart of the Question. *Discipleship Journal*, Issue 152, 38-42.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2004). Linking Outside the Box: You May be Surprised to Know that Non-Christians Care about Some of the Same Things You Do, *Discipleship Journal*, Issue 141, 29-33.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2002). Putting People in Their Place: Has Your Family Become a Victim of Your Schedule? *Discipleship Journal*, Issue 127, 53-57.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2002). How Should I React When I'm Accused of Being Intolerant? *Discipleship Journal*, Issue 131, 46.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (2001). Can You Relate? Principles from Proverbs about Talking to People Who Aren't Like Us, *Discipleship Journal*, Issue 122, 59-65.

Muehlhoff, T. M. (1998). All Beginnings are Hard: Racial Reconciliation and Postmodern Epistemology. *Mars Hill Review*, 12, 55-64.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS

Utilizing Interpersonal Communication Theory in Relating to Parents. Featured speaker at the Association of Christian Schools International Convention, 2008, Anaheim, CA.

Embodied Perspective-taking: Moving from Debate to Dialogue. Competitively selected paper presented at the Religious Communication Association Conference, 2007, San Antonio, TX.

When Non-Christians Read Your Blog. Paper presented at God Blog Conference, 2006, Biola University, La Mirada, CA.

Embodied Perspective-taking and Marital Communication. Competitively selected paper presented at the National Communication Association Convention, 2005, Boston, MA.

Rekindling the Romance Marriage Conference
Oct. 2, 2004. Montgomery, AL Attendance: 2,500

Rekindling the Romance Marriage Conference
Oct. 9, 2004. Tampa, FL Attendance: 5,700

Pedagogical Obstacles to Teaching Gender in the Classroom. Competitively selected panel presented at the annual National Communication Association Convention, 2002. New Orleans, LA.

Religion and Communication in Action: Scholars on the Role of Faith in Scholarship. Competitively selected panel presented at the annual National Communication Association Convention, 2002. New Orleans, LA.

A Proverbial Model of Interpersonal Communication. Poster session (Religious Communication Division) presented at the annual National Communication Association Convention, 2002. New Orleans, LA.

Why We Hate: Social and Cognitive Origins of Hate. Paper presented at the Veritas Forum, Ohio State University, 2002.

Revisiting our Undergraduate Gender Texts: Examining How our Gender Textbooks Inspire and Limit our Teaching. Competitively selected panel presented at the annual National Communication Association Convention, 2001. Atlanta, GA.

NCA's Communicating Common Ground Project: Exemplary Service-learning Partnerships. Competitively selected panel presented at the annual National Communication Association Convention, 2001. Atlanta, GA.

Christian Persuasion in a Hostile Environment. Paper presented at the God and the Academy Conference, 2000. Atlanta, GA

Walking in the Words of Another: A Method for Perspective-taking. Competitively selected paper presented at the annual National Communication Association Convention, 2000. Seattle, WA.

Secular, Religious, and Spiritual Vocabularies of Public Discourse: Can Integration Build the Engaged Community? Competitively selected panel presented at the annual National Communication Association Convention, 2000. Seattle, WA.

Teachers on Teaching: Scholarship of Teaching Honors Julia T. Wood. Panel presented at the annual National Communication Association Convention, 2000. Seattle, WA.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- National Communication Association
- Religious Communication Association
- Communicating Common Ground, National Communication Association