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Educational History

Doctor of Philosophy Organizational Communication, Department of Speech
Communication, University of Texas at Austin, June, 1979
Dissertation Title: *The Development of Instructional Objectives
for the Communication Training of Staff Nurses*

Master of Arts Instructional Communication, Department of Speech
Communication, University of Texas at Austin, June, 1975
Thesis Title: *The Relationship between Student Personality
Characteristics and Seating Preferences*

Bachelor of Fine Arts Speech & English, Texas Christian University, June, 1973
Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, 1969-1971

Professional Experience

Adjunct Professor Brookhaven College, Farmer's Branch, TX, 2010-2014,
SPCH1311, "Introduction to Speech Communication"

Adjunct Professor Richland College, Dallas, TX, 2010-2014
SPCH1311, "Introduction to Speech Communication"

Home Educator Instructed 3 sons, K-12, Dallas, TX, 1991-2009

Evaluator Austin Independent School District, Austin, Texas, 1977-1983

Assistant Instructor University of Texas at Austin, May-August, 1977
School of Communication
"Business and Professional Speaking"

Teaching Assistant University of Texas at Austin, 1973-1977
"Speech for Prospective Teachers," "Small Group Discussion"

Research Interests

- My primary interest is the development and evaluation of instructional methods and subject activities based upon classroom research and the experiences of veteran professors; otherwise known as the art of scholarly teaching.
- I enjoy developing and discovering assignments that make learning practical while requiring students to use critical thinking. I am particularly fond of the case study method of instruction.
- I am constantly looking for ways to increase student engagement in the classroom.

Achievements in Original Achievement, Investigation, and Research

Publications

Franzolino, Patsy, and Anne Q. Staton-Spicer. "Self-Disclosure in the Small Group Setting: A Pilot Study." *Journal of Applied Communications Research* 5 (1977): 25-29. Print.

Franzolino, Patsy. "Perspectives on Communication in Social Conflict: Book Review." *Southern Speech Communication Journal* 42 (1977): 376-378. Print.

Workshops

"What the Schools Don't Teach You: Promoting the Use of Research/Evaluation Findings." Southwest Education Research Association Annual Meeting, Austin, 1982. (With Nancy Baenen and Catherine Christner)

"Promoting Evaluation Utilization: Politicking and Communicating." American Education Research Association, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 1981. (With Freda Holley)

Convention Papers

"Improving Achievement for Pupils of Low Socioeconomic Strata: The Gamble We Must Take." American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, New York, 1982. (With Jonathan Curtis and David Doss)

"The True Confessions of a Workshop Planner." American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 1981. (With Freda Holley)

"Title I Parents as Compensatory Reading Instructors: Is There No Place Like Home?" American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 1981. (With David Doss and David Welch)

"A Peek at Pre-K." American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, 1981. (With David Doss)

"The Development of a Communication Model for the Staff Development of Nurses." American Education Research Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 1979.

"The Relationship Between Student Personality Characteristics and Seating Preference." National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, 1978.

"Aspects of Self-Disclosure in an Instructional Setting." Southern Speech Communication Association Annual Meeting, Knoxville, 1977. (With A. Q. Staton-Spicer)

"The Relationship Between Amount of Disclosure and Student Anxiety in an Instructional Setting." Texas Speech Communication Association Annual Meeting, Austin, 1976. (With A. Q. Spicer)

"The Relationship Between Classroom Seating Preference and Course Achievement." Texas Speech Communication Association Annual Meeting, Corpus Christi, 1975.

"The Effect of Speaker Eye Contact on Speaker Credibility and Audience Comprehension."
National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 1974.

Professional Activities

Faculty Student Mentor, Journey to Success Program, Brookhaven College, 2011- 2013

Chairperson, Student Section of the National Communication Association, 1978-1979

Executive Council, National Communication Association, 1978-1980

Election Committee, Election of 1976-1977 Executive Offices of the International
Communication Association

Editorial Assistant, *Phi Kappa Phi Journal*, 1975-1977

Research Assistant, National Project of Speech Communication Competencies, K-12. Principal

Investigators: D. J. Cegala and R. E. Bassett, 1976

National Communication Association Doctoral Honors Seminar, University of Kansas, April, 1975,

"The Experiential Approach to Instructional Communication." (Paper presented)