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Education

Doctor of Philosophy	Organizational Communication, Speech Department, University of Texas at Austin, 1979 Dissertation Title: <i>The Development of Instructional Objectives for the Communication Training of Staff Nurses</i>
Master of Arts	Instructional Communication, Speech Department, University of Texas at Austin, 1975 Thesis Title: <i>The Relationship between Student Personality Characteristics and Seating Preferences</i>
Bachelor of Fine Arts	Speech & English, Texas Christian University, 1973 <i>Senior Scholar in Speech (Awarded to highest performing senior)</i> Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio, 1969-1971 <i>Outstanding Freshmen Speaker (College-wide award)</i>

Professional Experience & Classes Taught

Senior Lecturer	University of Texas at Dallas, present COMM1311, Survey of Oral and Technology-Based Communication Face-to-Face and Online Formats
Lecturer	University of Texas at Dallas, 2014-2016 COMM1311, Survey of Oral and Technology-Based Communication
Adjunct Professor	Brookhaven College, 2010-2014 <i>SPCH1311, Introduction to Speech Communication</i>
Adjunct Professor	Richland College, 2010-2014 <i>SPCH1311, Introduction to Speech Communication</i>
Assistant Instructor	University of Texas at Austin, May-August, 1977 <i>Business and Professional Speaking</i>
Teaching Assistant	University of Texas at Austin, 1973-1977 Responsible for planning, implementing, and assessing all aspects of courses <i>Speech for Prospective Teachers</i> <i>Small Group Discussion</i> Teaching Excellence Award (Awarded to outstanding Teaching Assistant)
Home Educator	Instructed 3 sons, K-12, 1991-2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Researched, selected, and adapted curriculum to address individual needs of students• Developed personalized study plans for students working at different levels

- Taught core courses required for state approved graduation
- Administered standardized testing to assess academic progress
- Coordinated and enabled extra-curricular activities associated with city, regional, state, and national competitions
- Supervised dual-credit instruction, scholarship applications, and college enrollment

Evaluator

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

- Assessed implementation of State Compensatory Education Program
- Assessed the District Teacher Evaluation System
- Began development of a District Administrator Evaluator System
- Supervised and trained staff of three

Interests & Philosophy of Teaching

I am passionate about developing instructional methods and classroom activities that promote critical thinking, encourage active student engagement, and demonstrate the relevancy of communication instruction to enhanced performance in personal, academic, and career settings. The SPCH1311 public speaking/interpersonal/team communication class is a personal favorite, in that it allows a variety of essential communication needs to be addressed. I agree with the basic tenets of master teacher Stephen Brookfield, those being: skillful teaching is whatever causes learning to take place; skillful teachers critically assess their teaching practices; and student feedback is essential for gauging teacher effectiveness and student learning. My research area of interest is scholarly teaching.

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)

"Major Communication Assignments and Lesson Plans for Training Prospective Teachers." National

Communication Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, 1976. (With R. E. Bassett and A.Q. Staton)

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)