

Curriculum Vitae

Dr. Paul Benson

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Education

University of North Texas

Ph.D. in English

Colorado State University

M.A. in English

Pacific Lutheran University

B.A. in English

Additional Education:

American University in Cairo, Egypt

Tuskegee Institute in Tuskegee, Alabama

Graduate theological Union in Berkeley, California

Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas

University of Washington in Seattle, Washington

Saint Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota

Teaching Experience

Mountain View College 1970-2013

Professor of English and Humanities

National Honors and Titles:

National Endowment for the Humanities' Institute on Slavery, Director, 2015

American Association of Community College Trustees' Faculty Award, Western Region, 2012

National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks Program, Workshops Director, 2006, 2008, & 2011

National Distinguished Humanities Educator Award, Community College Humanities Association, 1999

National Staff and Organizational Development Teaching Excellence Award, 1996

National Innovator of the Year, Founder Project Renewal, League for Innovation, 1986

Regional Honors and Titles:

Miles Production Award for Excellence in Teaching, Dallas County Community College District, 2012

Parent of the Year Award, MacArthur High School PTA, 2010

Community Builder Awards, Grand Lodge of Texas, 2008 & 2009

Outstanding Humanities Educator Award, NTCCC & CCHA/SW, 2005

Creator/Director, Renewal Week, Faculty-Staff Enrichment Program, DCCCD, 1985-2012

Creator/Lecturer, Religions of Asia Lecture Series, Crow Center of Asian Art, 2004-2006
Creator/Lecturer, Women In Mythology Lecture Series, Dallas Women's Museum, 2003
Creator/Lecturer, Empires of Myth Lecture Series, Dallas Museum of Art, 2000-2002
Outstanding Teacher of the Humanities Award, Grayson County College Humanities Series, 1999
Excellence in Teaching Award, DCCCD, 1996
Golden Oak Award/Higher Education, Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, 1996
Creator/Chairman, 25th & 30th Anniversary Committees/Mountain View College, 1994-2000
Creator/Chairman, Mountain View College Honors Committee, 1982-86/1995-96
Piper Professor, Mountain View College, 1995 & 2012
Creator/Director, "Project S*H*O*W" Summer Humanities Outdoor Workshop, 1992-95
Co-Founder and Creator/Chairman, North Texas Consortium's Humanities Series, 1993-2012
Creator/Director, CCHA National Pre-Conference on Cultural Confluence, San Antonio, 1993
Creator, "Project Southern Cross," DCCCD/Australian/New Zealand Colleges, Joint Project, 1990
Creator/Director, "Project Dallas," CCHA/DCCCD Joint Project, 1989
President, Community College Humanities Association - SW Region, 1989-1991
Co-Founder, First Regional Chapter of the CCHA, 1989-2005
Recipient, Sabbatical, Study of Utopianism at University of North Texas, DCCCD, 1988
Creator/Chairman, Greater Dallas Sesquicentennial Publications, 1984-86
Southwestern Rep, Board of Directors, Community College Humanities Association, 1986-1989
Creator/Director, "Lone Star Music Festival," The State Fair of Texas, 1986
Innovator of the Year for Renewal Week, DCCCD, 1986
Co-Founder, World Cultural Alliance, 1983
Instructor of the Year, Phi Theta Kappa, MVC Chapter, 1983
Recipient, Mountain View College Faculty Fellowship, 1980
Chairman, Board of Directors, Advent Day Care Center, 1979-80
Creator, "Excursion," Student Travel-Study Program, TCA, 1977-1998
International HEW Fellowship, "Project Egypt," American University/Cairo, 1975
President, Texas Cultural Alliance, 1975-1990
President, Mountain View Faculty Association, 1972-73
NDEA Fellowship (English Literature), Colorado State University, 1968-69

Publications and Papers:

Article, "A Second Front," in The Saint Olaf Magazine, Winter, 2000
Article, "The Gal-Leg Spurs," in Texas Highways Magazine
Austin, Texas: Texas Department of Transportation, April 1999
Video Documentary, "The Saints of Zion," Dallas: Mountain View College, 1991
Video Documentary, "American Communalism," Dallas: Mountain View College, 1989
Article, "A Cappella Choirs In The Scandinavian American Lutheran Colleges,"
Northfield, Minnesota: Norwegian American Historical Association, 1989
Video Documentary, "The World of Father Damian," Dallas: Mountain View College, 1988
Video Documentary, "Holy Week In Antigua," Dallas: Mountain View College, 1988
Handbook, Renewal Week Handbook, Dallas: DCCCD, 1985-86