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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Ed.D.	University of Sarasota, (Curriculum and Evaluation), 5/93
M. S.	University of Illinois, (Teaching of Biological Sciences and General Science), 8/80
BA	McKendree College, Biology, 5/75. Education Certification.

Additional studies:

Northern Illinois University, Graduate work in science and education (1981-1985)
Ohio University, (1976)
Vincennes University, (1976)
Parkland College, (1978)
Beloit College, (1983)
University of Missouri, (1990)

Ph.D.	Vision International University, Christian Education, 6/97 California Graduate School of Theology, 1987. Berean College, 1988-1989.
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TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE & CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

2006-2007 Consultant to the Chief Operations Officer & Academic Dean at ICR
(Regarding organizational structure and the implementation of graduate distance programs in science education, geophysics, astro-geophysics, and biology).
2004-Present: Professor of Doctoral Studies in Educational Leadership – Liberty University,
Lynchburg, VA 24502.

2000-2004 Vice President of Academic Affairs Vision International College and University, Ramona, CA. Duties included:

- Curriculum Review and Development
- Faculty Development Supervision and Training
- Advisement to the President on all Academic and Spiritual Matters
- Academic Program Development (Related to Apologetics & Educational Leadership)
- Writing Curriculum & Textbooks (Implemented within Vision International Network)
- Publishing numerous articles under the banner of VICU
- Supervising the academic and office staff in the absence of the President
- Editing & Approving administrative documents including the administrative manual, catalog, faculty handbook, and student handbook
- Conducting various seminars for both recruitment & general education of the student body and faculty
- Accreditation Review and Development (Positioning Vision for further and future accreditation with various agencies)
- *Specific accomplishments:* Obtaining VETAB accreditation an international accreditation recognized by the Commonwealth countries. Developing and implemented a joint graduate program with Newport University & Newport International University.

Adjunct Professor: Newport University, Newport Beach, CA

Consultant, Adjunct Professor: National University, Azusa Pacific University, and ICR.

1998-2000 Vice President of Academic Affairs, Trinity Bible College

- Led the faculty and college through two accreditation visits: NCA, AABC, (served as the Chair for the NCA visit).
- Led faculty & college through state approval visits.
- Developed & implemented successful student programs.
- Created & presented long-term strategic plans for college's Board of Regents.
- Coordinated the development of a distance education program.
- Served as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Institutional Strategic Curriculum Planning Committee & faculty meetings.
- Prepared, managed, and implemented annual department budgets. Initiated cost-effective programs and controls of expenditures.
- Responsible for managing all aspects of the college's academic programs involving student records, registration, and various academic departments, including recruiting, hiring, managing, coordinating, and evaluating 40 faculty and staff.
- Led faculty & college through two accreditation visits: NCA, AABC, (served as Chair for the NCA visit).

Served as Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, Institutional Strategic Curriculum Planning Committee & faculty meetings.

1991-Present Associate Professor of Science Education, ICR

- Responsible for developing and implementing the science education curriculum and providing instruction to graduate students. Directed Student Discovery Days Program (a research and teaching program). Supervised and advised graduate students. Evaluated

faculty teaching skills and competency. Produced writings in Impact Articles and professional journals derived from ICR research (five years full-time & several years summer school, still employed as adjunct and occasional consultant).

1990-1993 Assistant Professor of Education and Science, The King's College

- Supervised, coordinated, and evaluated students in classroom instructional experiences. Developed cooperative groups and implemented techniques to ensure student involvement.
- Evaluated students' cognitive learning skills and their ability to comprehend material. Supervised and coordinated staff members in the GRE test center.

1989-1990 Director of Housing, McKendree College

- Supervised, scheduled, coordinated, and evaluated 12 Resident Assistants and Resident Directors. Prepared, managed, and implemented an annual departmental budget for student housing.
- Directed and implemented programs for the Intramural Department and Student Activity Center.

1996-1998 Adjunct Faculty Member, National University

1994-1996 Adjunct Faculty Member, Bethany College

1988-1998, Adjunct Faculty Member, Azusa Pacific University

1988-1989 Junior High Educator, West Covina Christian School

1984-1987 Instructor, Kishwaukee Community College

1975-1983 Secondary Biology Teacher, Illinois School Districts

CERTIFICATIONS

- California Community College: Life Certifications in Biological Sciences, Professional Education, Supervision, and Chief Administrative Officer
- Association of Christian Schools International: Administrative Certificate (3-90 to 3-92)
- State of Illinois: Secondary Biology Teaching Certification
- State of California: Notary Public License
- Berean College, Pastoral Licensing Program
- Licensed with Harvest Fellowship

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITIONS

- Marquis Who's Who in the World (2007, 24th Edition)
- Research Grant, The Alexander Foundation, 2001
- Dissertation of Merit, University of Sarasota
- Marquis Who's Who in America: (2000, 2001, 2007, 54-55th and 61st Editions)
- Marquis Who's Who In Science and Engineering (2004-2005, 8th Edition)
- Marquis Who's Who in the West (1998-1999, 26th Edition)

- Certificate of Appreciation for Service as Chair of Board for Creation Education Resources Board (1994-1998).

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Publications

- Deckard, S. (2007). *Revelation and the word*. Ramona, CA: Vision Publishing.
- Deckard, S., & Tompkins, A. (2006, Fall) *Trials & tribulations encountered during the development & teaching of a dual-delivery format research methods course*. Teacher Educators Journal, <http://www.ateva.org/electronic%20journal.htm>.
- Deckard, S. (Ed.). (2004). *Worldview studies and Biblical creationism*. The Institute for Worldview Studies: Ramona, CA: Vision International University. www.vision.edu/Research/IWS/
- Deckard, S. W., Berndt, C., Filakouridis, M., Iverson, T., & Dewitt, D. (2004). College students' attitudes toward creation and evolution compared to their worldview. *Worldview Studies and Biblical Creationism*. Ramona, CA: Vision International University, Retrieved August 4, 2005, from Vision International University Web site: <http://www.vision.edu/iws/>
- Deckard, S., (2003). Foods, science and the Bible. Vision International University, Institute for Worldview Studies. Retrieved August 4, 2005, from Vision International University Web site: <http://www.vision.edu/iws/>
- Deckard, S., Berndt, C., Filakouridis, M., Iverson, T., & DeWitt, D. (2003). Role of educational factors in college students' creation worldview. *Technical Journal* 17, 1.
- Deckard, S. & DeWitt, D. (2003). *Worldview studies book one: Developing a Creator-centered worldview*. Lightning Source.
- Deckard, S. W., DeWitt, D. A. & Cargo, S. (2003). Effects of YEC apologetics on student worldview. *Proceedings of the Fifth International Conference on Creationism*, Pittsburgh, PA.
- Deckard, S. W., Henderson, T., & Grant, D. (2003). The importance of teachers' worldview in relationship to student understanding of creation and evolution. *Christian Education Journal*.
- Deckard, S. & DeKoven, S., (2002). *Research writing made easy: A guide to writing college papers: The masters thesis, the doctoral dissertation and the doctoral project*. Vision Publishing.
- Deckard, S. (2002). *Homes schooling laws all fifty states*. Vision Press, 10th edition.
- Deckard, S., (2001). Creation science or animism: A conflict in worldviews? Ramona, CA: Vision International University, Institute for Worldview Studies Retrieved August 4, 2005, from Vision International University Web site: <http://www.vision.edu/iws/>
- Deckard, S. W. (1998). *Creationist Worldview Test* (Version CWT-01). Nehemiah Institute, Lexington, KY.
- Deckard, S. (1998, Summer). The entangled roots of evolutionary theory and U. S. public education. Education Newsline, NACE.

- Deckard, S. & Sobko Gregory, (1998). Toward the development of an instrument for measuring a Christian creationist worldview. *Proceedings of the Fourth International Conference on Creationism*.
- Deckard, S. (1997, May). Deception and the last days. *Southern California Christian Times*.
- Deckard, S. (1997). Integration of the ICR tenets of young earth creationism into a framework for understanding the book of Revelation.
- Deckard, S. (1997). *PEERS Results*. Nehemiah Institute, Lexington, KY.
- Deckard, S. (1997). The capabilities of modern science in the formation of a modern worldview, *CRSQ*, 33:257-261.
- Deckard, S., (1997, Autumn). A preliminary theoretical analysis of selected concepts in three creation science textbooks. *Journal of Research on Christian Education*.
- Deckard, S. & Richard L. Overman, Bryan A. Schneck, Candance B. Dixon, and Robert Brook. (1995). Methodology for analysis of science materials from a creationist worldview. *CRSQ*, 32:25-27.
- Deckard, S. Good Science Newsletter, 1994.
- Deckard, S. (1986). A theoretical analysis of three science textbooks. University of Sarasota, Sarasota, FL.
- Henderson, T., Deckard, S., & DeWitt, D. (2003). Impact of a young-Earth creationist apologetics course on student creation worldview. *Technical Journal* 17:1

ICR Impact Articles: (can be viewed at www.icr.org)

- Deckard, S., & Smithwick, D., (2002, May). High school students' attitudes towards creation and evolution compared to their worldview. *Impact Article* 347:i-iv.
- Deckard, S. (1998, December). A call to arms for conservative Christian science educators, *Impact Article* 306:i-iv.
- Overman, R.L. & Deckard, S. (1997, October). Origins beliefs among American science teachers (revised). *Impact article* 292:i-vi.
- Deckard, S. (1996, August). Biology textbooks worldview development and the creation/evolution controversy, *Impact Article*, 278:i-iv.
- Deckard, S., Barnett, J. & Overman, R., (1996, November). Implementing, a creationist based field trip, *Impact Article* 281:i-iv.
- Deckard, S. (1995, December). An educational step in the right direction, *Impact Article*, 270:i-iv.
- Deckard, S. (1994, September). A practical model for integrating science and faith, *Impact Article*, 255:i-iv.
- Deckard, S. (1992, October). The new age and global education, *Impact Article*, 232: i-iv.

Website: Sample of publications can be viewed: vision.edu/IWS/ and research interests are summarized.)

Presentations

- Deckard, S. (7/20/2007). Overheated: A Biblical Creationist Perspective on Environmentalism & Global Warming. Presented to Costa Mesa Creationist Group, and presented on the Web (Darwinisdead.com as live broadcast).
- Deckard, S. (7/18/2007). Overheated: A Biblical Creationist Perspective on Environmentalism & Global Warming. Presented at the ICR Graduate School.
- Deckard, S. (1/4/2007) The Use of Endnotes in Conducting Educational Research, Liberty University, Lynchburg, VA.
- Deckard, S. (10/7/2006). Curriculum Design and Learning Theory, SASTE Conference.
- Deckard, S. & Black, E. (10/7/2006). Evolution/Creationism Worldviews, SASTE Conference, Athens, GA .
- Deckard, S. (8/7/2006). Clearing-Up measurement confusion regarding student attitudes toward science & a YEC worldview. Presented to the ICR faculty and staff.
- Deckard, S. (8/4/2006). ICRGS distance education plan & vision. Presented to ICRGS Administration.
- Deckard, S. (7/31/2006). YEC-WEM and it's implications for education. Presented to the ICR faculty and staff.
- Deckard, S. (7/26/2006). Using Moodle to teach science in a distance education format. Presented to the faculty and administration at ICR.
- Watson, S., Pantana, J. & Deckard, S. (11/19/2005). Teaching Statistics in High School
- Deckard, S., (9/15/2005). Developing a Creator-based Worldview. Workshop to be Presented to the Liberty University Faculty.
- Deckard, S., Sones, R., Spear, H., & Watson, S. (2005, August 11). Writing for Professional Publication, Liberty University, Faculty Development Seminar.
- Deckard, S. & DeWitt, D. (2004, October 15-16). *Effects of a history of life course on student views of science*. Seminar Presented at the AETS Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Roan Mountain, Tennessee.
- Deckard, S. (2004, October 23-24). Creation/Evolution and student attitudes toward science. Association Seminar Presented at the Education of Science Teachers (AETS), Gainesville, Fl.
- Deckard, S. (2/2-8/2003). Developing a Creator-Centered Worldview for Christian Education. Vision International College & University Leadership Conference.
- Deckard, S. (1994). Methodology for Analysis of Science Materials from a Creationist Worldview. Presented at Christian Heritage College, Summer, 1994.

SERVICE: PROFESSIONAL

Committees and Boards - University

- Faculty Welfare Committee (2006-2007)
- Graduate Center for Research and Evaluation (2004-2006)
- Faculty Senate: General Education Committee, (2004-2006)
- School of Education Graduate Committee (2004-2006)
- School of Education General Committee (2004-2006)
- School of Education Teacher Licensure Committee (2004-2005)

- Library Committee (1997-2000)
- Academic Affairs (1998-2000, Chair)
- Faculty Development Committee (1990-1993)
- NCA accreditation committee (Chair, 1998-2000)
- Administrative Council (1999-2000)
- Admissions Committee (1998-2000)
- Financial Aid Review (1998-2000)
- Academic Catalog Committee (1998-2000)
- Athletics Committee (1998-2000)
- General Education (1998-2000)
- Spiritual Life (1998-2000)
- Self-Study Steering Committee (1998-2000)
- Distance Education (1998-2000)
- Unclear Policy Subcommittee (1998-2000)

Accreditation & State Education Work

- CA BPPVE
- ND state department of Education
- TRACS
- ATS
- NCA
- SACS
- DETC
- NCATE

Thesis and Dissertation Committees

Chairs:

Currently In Process:

- Karen Cook (8/2006)
- Jim Fyock (8/2006)
- Miller, Harlie (3/26/2007). High School Athletic Eligibility Policies: A Study of Athletic Directors Perspectives in Two N. C. Public Schools.
- Abreena Tompkins (3/23/2007). Brain-Based Learning Theory: An Online Course Design Model, Chair.
- Flanigan, T. M. (2006). The Perceived Effectiveness of a Beginning Teacher Mentoring Program in Central Virginia,
- McShea, K. (2006). A Comparison of the Critical Thinking Skills of Public, Christian, Private and Home Schooled Students
- Two undergraduate honors thesis committees (Liberty University Spring, 2004).
- Calcamuggio, J. (2003). The Fruit Shall Be for Meat, and the Leaf for Medicine: A Creationist view of the History of Herbal Medicines.
- Vang, V. (2002). Hmong: From Animism to Christianity.
- King, T. (2002). Studies in Systematic Theology.

- Kidson, R. (2002) Divine Teachings Triumphs: A Christian School Guidebook.
- Jolly, R. (2000). The Mediterranean Gecko.
- Overman, R. (1997). A Comparison of Origin Beliefs and Moral Views.

Developmental

- DLP 101 (2 week Course Development Training). 3/19-4/1/2007.
- Served as advisor to 60 plus undergraduate students (2004-2006).
- Developed, taught & maintained Blackboard based doctoral course EDUC 740: Principles & Ethics of Leadership (2005-2006).
- Developed, taught & maintained Blackboard based doctoral course EDUC 708: Quantitative & Qualitative Research Methods (2005-2006).
- Taught & maintained Blackboard course EDUC 745: Systems Analysis (2005-2006).
- Taught & maintained Blackboard course EDUC 771: Curriculum Theory (2005-2006).
- Taught & maintained Blackboard course EDUC 871: Investigations in Curriculum Change (2005-2006).
- Developed and Maintained the Institute for Worldview Studies (2001-Present).
- Developed several Doctoral and Masters Theological programs for Vision International University and Newport University (2001-2004).
- Wrote Study Guide for BI 401 (Biblical Creationism)
- Wrote Study Guide for ED 405 Educational Psychology
- Wrote the program for a Certificate in Creation Studies
- Wrote “Writing Made Easy” Manual for ICRGS Faculty (4/01)
- Reviewed/Edited/Implemented an agreement for Affiliate Campuses for VIU and NU (2001-2004)

Committees and Boards - Non-University

- Chair of Board, Creation Research Resources (1994-1998)
- Nehemiah Institute – Served on Advisory Board (1999-2006)

SERVICE: COMMUNITY

- Serve as Reviewer for Christian Perspectives in Education (2007)
- Foundations of Education Core Coordination Work (3/18, 22/2007)
- Supervisor of Doctoral Comprehensive Exam Testing (9/5/2006 to present)
- ABC Leader for TRB. Teacher for the Genesis Adult Bible Class (9/10/2006 to present)
- Consultant to ICRGS Regarding Distance Education Program (7/2/-8/22006)
- ABC speaker: 5/14-21/2006: Developing a Dynamic Worldview.
- ABC Leadership Training (attended 4 one hour training sessions) March/April 2006
- Graduate Open House (Spoke with potential students) (3/30/2006)
- SOE Special Music: SOE Awards 4/28/2006
- Taught Genesis Adult Sunday School (TRBC) 9/04/05 & 10/30/05
- Special Music: SOE Awards 5/2/2005

- Pulpit Supply, 1998-Present, averaging 6-8 a year
- Graduation speaker (1997)
- Supervised student thesis work as chair and reader, 1993-Present
- Supervised several dissertations, three years, acted as both chair and reader
- Supervised student teachers, three years, both elementary and secondary
- Speaker at ACSI Conference, 1997.
- Speaker: Creationism/Apologetics – Application to the World Today, Bismarck, ND, 1/15/1999
- Chapel Speaker Trinity Bible College: The Cry From the City 9/3/1999
- Chapel Speaker Trinity Bible College: Voices of Compromise 1/21/2000
- Chapel Speaker Trinity Bible College: Developing A Christian-Creator Based Worldview 3/15/1999

SERVICE: COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIPS

- American Center of Law and Justice (ACLJ): 4/2006 to present
- National Pro-Life Association (2005-2007)
- The China Mission Board (2007)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Advanced Workshop for ILRC 5/23/2007
- Digital Commons Training Session 5/23/2007
- Laptop Training for Faculty T60's 5/21/2007
- Dissertation Defense, Scott Trent, A Descriptive Study of the Effect of Traditional and Year-Round Calendars on Student Achievement (3/26/2007).
- Dissertation Defense, JoAnna Oster, Factors of Teacher Turnover in Church-related Schools in a State Association of Christian Schools (3/25/2007).
- Dissertation Defense, Douglas Osborn, Developing Oral Reading Fluency: Effects of Daily Use of Word Walls and Daily Independent Silent Reading on Oral Reading Fluency Development of Second Grade Students (3/22/2007).
- Dissertation Defense, Christopher Pritchett, School Personnel Perceptions of Research-based Instructional Strategies, As Outlined in School Improvement Plans of Selected Alabama School Districts, 3/21/2007.
- Dissertation Defense, By Toni S. Oakes, Effect of Short Internships on Student Self-Concept, 3/2/2007.
- Dissertation Defense, By Jessica Talada, The Relationship Between Oral Reading Fluency and Comprehension, 2/19/2007.
- Dissertation Defense, By Bill Kamm, The Relationship Between Participation in Service Learning Projects and the Youth Leadership Life Skills Development 2/16/2007.
- Best Practices Review – Course Development for DLP, Presented by Dr. David Nemitz, CAFÉ, 2/15/2007
- LiveText Training: Liberty University 1/18/2007
- Seminar: Use of Endnotes and other Library Related Research Tools. Graduate Education Student Access to Integrated Learning Resource Center Liberty University,

1/3/2007.

- Attended and Commented on: Dissertation Defense, By Glenna Dunn, Proportional Process Conflict in Undergraduate Cooperative Learning Groups, 11/2006.
- Conference: Southeastern Association for the Science Teacher Education (SASTE) 10/06-07/2006
- Conference: Association of Teacher Educators in Virginia VACTE/ATE-VA, 10/6/06
- SPSS Workshop: Liberty University, 8/9/2006
- Thousands Not Billions – One day Conference – Roanoke, VA 5/20/2006
- Faculty Portfolio Development 5/18/2006
- PointCast Software Training 5/17/2006
- Smart Classroom Training 5/17/2006
- Becoming Less Positive about Positivism: A Journey into Qualitative Methods, Faculty Seminar at Liberty University, by Dr. Rob Palkovitz, 2/23/2006.
- Workshop: The Role of Research at a Christian University 11/11/2005
- Virginia Association of Science Teachers Conference 11/19/2005
- Grant Writing Seminar 10/22/2005
- VATE/ATE Annual Conference 9/28-29/2005
- Workshop: Security Awareness 8/11/05
- Workshop: Improving Your Blackboard Course Structure (Blackboard 215) 8/11/05
- Workshop: Molecular Evidence for Creation (Creation) 8/11/05
- Workshop: Writing for Professional Publication 8/11/05
- Workshop: How to be a Reader/Mentor for Dissertations 8/12/04
- Workshop: Demystifying Qualitative Research 8/12/04
- Workshop: Foundations for Effectiveness in Advising at Liberty 8/12/04
- Workshop: Introduction to the Integrated Learning Resource Center 8/12/04
- Workshop: Blackboard Basics 7/19/04
- Workshop: Blackboard Content: 7/21/04
- Faculty Orientation: 8/9-11/04
- Seminar: Comparative Education German Schools to American Schools (6/22/05).
- Conference on Creationism: 2005 Creation Mega conference 7/17-22/2005
 - Sessions attended
 - What's the Best Evidence that God Created
 - The History and Impact of the book. "The Genesis Flood"
 - How Our Textbooks Mislead Us: An Expose of Error and Fraud
 - Distant Starlight: Not a Problem for a Young Universe
- Workshop: Assignment Manager 5/18/05
- Workshop: Distance Learning Transition – Dr. Karen Parker 5/18/2005
- Conference: Southeastern Association for the Education of Science Teachers (SAETS), 10/23-24/2004.
- Conference: Association for the Education of Science Teachers (AETS), 10/16-17/2004.
- Conference: Association of Teacher Educators in Virginia VACTE/ATE-VA, 10/8/04
- Teaching and Writing: Faculty Workshop, National University (2002)
- Vision International College & University Leadership Conference, 2/2-8/2003
- Florida Council of Private Colleges Two day workshop on new Florida laws, 2/20-21/03
- Church Management and Tax Conference (awarded 6 CPE credits) Fall (2002)
- Notary School Spring (2001) (one day training for Notary license)
- Teaching & Writing Workshop for faculty (National University Fall 2001)

- Taylor-Johnson Temperament Analysis Training (One Day) (1999)
- North Central Association Annual Conference (Three Days) (1999)
- North Dakota Conference on Economic Development (1999)
- Christian Worldview Conference (1999)
- Faculty Orientation 5/22/1997 National University
- Teacher by Design Conference (October, 17 1997)
- Strategies for Success Westchester Community College (1993)

MEMBERSHIPS

- Southeastern Association for the Science Teacher Education (SASTE) (2005-2007)
- Virginia Association of Science Teachers (VAST) (2004-2006)
- Virginia Association of College Teacher Educators (VACTE) (2004-2007)
- Association of Teacher Educators in Virginia (2004-20007)
- National Association for Research in Science Teaching (2004-2006)
- American Educational Research Association (2004-2006)
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (2003-2005)
- ASCD (1992-1994)