

Curriculum Vitae
J. Eric Bishop

EDUCATION:

- 2005** Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction with a concentration in English Education. Dissertation title: *The Quiet in the Land: Core-to-Core Culture Confrontation in a Democratic English Classroom.*
Kent State University, Kent, OH
- 1992** Certificate of Completion: Great Books Leader Training Course
- 1991** Additional Graduate Course Work in English
Villanova University, Villanova, PA
- 1988-1989** Additional Graduate Course Work in English
James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA
- 1984** Permanent Professional Teaching Certificate: Pennsylvania
Department of Education
- 1984** M.A. in Education with English concentration
Arcadia University, Glenside, PA
- 1978** B.A. English Education
Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

College/University Level:

- Spring 2008:** Adjunct Professor for EDLA 612: "Adolescent and Young Adult Literature," Master of Arts in Education program, Eastern Mennonite University, Lancaster, PA campus. (Sabbatical leave from CD)
- Summer 1999:** Instructor for EDCI 513: "Middle and High School Instructional Strategies," Master of Arts in Education program, Eastern Mennonite University, Lancaster PA Campus
- 1997-98:** English Education Teaching Fellow, senior-level English Education methods courses, College of Education and Graduate School, Kent State University
- 1988-89:** Instructor of College Writing (Sabbatical leave from CD)
Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Secondary Level:

- 1978-Present:** Teacher of English courses grades 9-12
Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

1982-1995: Teacher of introductory German courses
Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

1981-1982 and 1991-1992: Teacher of Freehand Drawing courses
Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, Lansdale, Pennsylvania

Adult Education:

Fall 2009: ““What do you *know*? What do you *need* to know? An Introduction to *Cultural Literacy*.” A five-session course for residents of Dock Woods Retirement Community, (Lifelong Learning).

Fall 2008: “The Search for Utopia.” A five-session course for residents of Dock Woods Retirement Community, (Lifelong Learning) co-taught with Ron Hertzler, Chair of the Christopher Dock Social Studies Department.

Spring 2008: “Scholar in Residence.” Dock Woods Retirement Community, Lansdale, PA, designed and taught Lifelong Learning Seminars for residents. (Sabbatical leave from CD).

1991-Present: Teacher of Adult Sunday School classes and Worship Leader
Souderton Mennonite Church, Souderton, Pennsylvania

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Kent State University College of Education and Graduate School Student Award
for Scholarship as a Doctoral student, *April 1998*
Baccalaureate Address (chosen by Senior Class), *1984, 1988, 1990, 1994, 2005*

DEPARTMENT, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE HIGHLIGHTS:

Educational Program Committee (Board Level)
Internal Coordinator for Middle States Accreditation Planning, *2000-2004*
Faculty Representative on Long Range Planning Committee, *1999-2001*
Chair of English Department, *1985-2001*
Christopher Dock Curriculum Committee, (English Department
Representative and Secretary) *1985-2001*
Administrative Council, *1991-1996 and 2000-2001, 2004-present*
Co-Advisor to student newspaper, *Dockument, 1996-1997*
Co-Advisor to *DockuNet, 2003-present*
Advisor to student yearbook, *Schul Andenken, 1979-1984*
Director of All-School Drama, *1986, 1987, 1988, 1990*
Mentor Teacher for new faculty, *1989-Present*
Coordinator of Instructional Support/Staff Development, *1990-1992*
Overseer of extensive revisions of English Curriculum, *Summer 1994*

Coordinator and Host for three-week visit by two faculty and thirty students from partner school, Weierhof Gymnasium, Germany 1988,1990
Organized and co-led CD Touring Choir two-week summer tour through Europe: 1996, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008
Member of Middle States Accreditation Visiting Team, 1985, 1989, 2001
Supervising Teacher for student teacher in English at Christopher Dock, Fall 1992 and Fall 1999
Frequent guest presenter in Franconia Conference Mennonite Congregations on topics related to Adult Education
Member of Church Council, Souderton Mennonite Church, 1991-1995
Member of Leadership Search Committee, Souderton Mennonite Church 1997-2002
Editorial Consultant, *Franconia Conference News*, 1995-1999
Christopher Dock Mennonite High School 40th Anniversary Planning Committee, 1994

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYMENT:

Tour Guide/Escort, Perkiomen Tours - Leading Fly/Drive Tours to Canada, Western United States, and England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland, *Summers of 1987-1994*
Artist/Graphic Designer. WVPT -TV, Public Television Station 57, Harrisonburg, VA
Work/Study through Eastern Mennonite College, *Summer 1977 and academic year 1977-78*

MEMBERSHIPS:

National Council of Teachers of English, *1981-Present, intermittent*
Souderton Mennonite Church, Souderton, PA (680 members)
Grundsau Lodsch Numma Neine on the Deep Run (PA German Culture preservation organization)

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS:

Monitor and Adjust: Teaching Non-Traditional Students. Presentation to S.T.E.P. Faculty and Adjuncts. EMU-Lancaster. January 7, 2009.
The Teacher You Choose To Be. Jesse T. Byler Lecture. Homecoming Weekend, Eastern Mennonite University. October 11, 2008.
A Trip to Mars. Sermon as guest speaker. Swamp Mennonite Church, Quakertown, PA. May 4, 2008.
Globally Positioned Students. Two part presentation to Christopher Dock Faculty, In-Service. August 23, 2006.
What is Research? Presentation to Christopher Dock Faculty, In-Service. January 23, 2006.

Education for What? Presentation to senior citizens from area retirement communities through the "Expanding Horizons" series held at Dock Woods Retirement Community, Lansdale, PA. October 5, 2006.

Shaping a Worldview Through Literature. Presentation to senior citizens from area retirement communities through the "Expanding Horizons" series held at Peter Becker Community, Harleysville, PA. October 20, 2005.

The Quiet in the Land: Core-to-Core Philosophy Confrontation Among the Faculty. In-Service presentation to Christopher Dock Faculty. April 8, 2005.

Why Do We Read? Presentation to senior citizens from area retirement communities through the "Expanding Horizons" series, held at Peter Becker Community, Harleysville, PA. April 15, 2004.

If I Were Teaching the Lesson: An English Teacher Looks at F.C.S. Presentation to Family and Consumer Sciences educators. Temple University Academy of FCS; North Montco Vo-Tech School. August 9, 2002.

The Heart of a Teacher. Presentation to the Sunday School Teachers in the Zion Mennonite Congregation, Souderton, PA. September 30, 2000.

The Shaping of an Educated Heart. A Response to Ernest L. Boyer, Sr. Workshop presentation at Mennonite Educators Conference. The National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD. September 30-October 2, 1999.

Good Books and Good News. Winter Bible Study Series at Souderton Mennonite Church. Introduction to critical reading of secular and sacred literature. Four sessions in February 1999.

Don't Stop Thinkin' About... Half-day in-service presentation/workshop introducing constructivism and constructivist teaching to the CDMHS faculty. January 25, 1999.

The Shaping of an Educated Heart. The Boyer Legacy: Prospects for a New Century, National Conference, Hershey Lodge and Convention Center, Hershey, PA. June 5, 1998.

Senior Public Presentations: What Are They Telling Us? (with Sharon Fransen.) 88th Annual Convention National Council of Teachers of English, Nashville, TN. November 19-22, 1998.

Constructivist Practices in the Teaching of English. Guest presenter in Approaches to Teaching class, Kent State University. February 1998.

Professional Development. Mennonite Secondary Education Council Teachers of English Conference, Eastern Mennonite University. April 1997.

Stewardship. Presentation to youth group and sponsors, Towamencin Mennonite Church. March 1997.

Who? What? When? Why? (Sermon). Rockhill Mennonite Church, Spring 1997; Towamencin Mennonite Church 1996; Souderton Mennonite Church, Spring 1995; Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, Spring 1994.

Ways to Lead Worship. Workshop hosted by Franconia Conference Nurture Commission, held at Methacton Mennonite Meetinghouse. Spring 1997.

Teaching Adults in Sunday School. Teacher Training Workshop, Salford Mennonite Meetinghouse. Winter 1997.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

- Bishop, J.E. (2008). "It's About Time." *Lamplighter*. (Summer issue). Report on 2008 Dock Touring Choir trip to Europe, explaining differences between "Chronos" and "Kairos" as measures of time.
- Bishop, J.E. (2006). "Touring Choir Goes on Pilgrimage to Europe." *Lamplighter*. (Fall issue). Summary of summer 2006 tour, emphasizing differences between tourists and pilgrims.
- Bishop, J. E. (2006). Feature on Claude Good, Distinguished Service Award recipient, *Crossroads*. (Summer issue). Eastern Mennonite University alumni magazine.
- Bishop, J.E. (2005). *The Quiet in the Land: Core-to-Core Culture Confrontation in a Democratic English Classroom*. Dissertation. College and Graduate School of Education, Kent State University, Kent, OH.
- Bishop, J.E. (2005). "Planting seeds of change." A Profile in Giving: Henry and Charlotte Graber Rosenberger. *Crossroads* (Spring Issue). Eastern Mennonite University Alumni Magazine.
- Bishop, J. E. (2001). "Frakturs & Family" A Retrospective on John and Roma Ruth. *Christian Living*. September (16-19) 2001.
- Bishop, J. E. (1999). "Discovering and Celebrating Christ-Centered Educational Excellence." *Lamplighter*. A full report on the Mennonite Educators Conference, Chevy Chase, MD. September 30-October 2, 1999.
- Bishop, J. E. (1999). "Teachers know schooling from both sides of the desk," *Lamplighter*. An introduction to constructivist teaching principles.
- Bishop, J.E. and S. Fransen Landis. (1998). "Building Community: An Alternative Assessment." *Phi Delta Kappan*. A review of the "Building Community Curriculum" at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School, with an emphasis on the "Senior Public Presentations." September.
- Bishop, J. E. (1998). "Dad Got Shoes. I Got Shoes. " A tribute written and then delivered at the funeral service of J. Vernon Bishop, Blooming Glen Mennonite Church, March 2, 1998. *Christian Living*. July-August.
- Bishop, J. E. (1998). "Ellie's Mother." Feature story on Ohio author, Mary Christener Borntager. October issue of *Christian Living*.
- Bishop, J.E. (1997). "It Has Been a Good Year." *Lamplighter*. A reflection on the 1996-97 school year at Christopher Dock Mennonite High School.
- Bishop, J.E. (1996). "Who? What? When? Why?" *Lamplighter*. Excerpts in two parts from the sermon by the same title.
- Bishop, J.E. (1995). "For Fifteen Years Teacher Explores New Ideas Via KBI." A reflection on courses taken through the Keystone Bible Institute. *Franconia Conference News*.

RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Worldview formation/transformation
 Culture confrontation
 Democracy in the classroom

