

# ERIC LEIGH DODSON

## Personal Information

### *Department Address:*

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*Date of Birth:* July 7, 1960

*Birthplace:* Schenectady, New York

*Hobbies:* Chess, Physical fitness (weight-training, long-distance running, etc.), Ancient languages & etymology, Music (playing guitar, bass, piano), Computer programming, Poetry, Shakespeare

*Languages:* Spanish, Latin, Greek (classical)

## Education

### *1996 Ph.D., Clinical Psychology -- Duquesne University*

Major emphasis: Phenomenological psychology  
Minor emphasis: Psychology of education & teaching  
Collateral area: Existential philosophy  
Dissertation: *Being Inspired by a Teacher: An Empirical Phenomenological Study.*

### *1989 M.A., Clinical Psychology -- Duquesne University*

Major emphasis: Phenomenological psychology

### *1988 M.S., Computer Science -- University of Delaware*

Major emphasis: Artificial Intelligence  
Minor emphasis: Data communications

### *1983 B.S., Computer Science -- Pennsylvania State University*

Minor: Mathematics

## **Professional Development**

### **A. Professional Development: Writing & Publication**

In Progress *Humanistic Psychology for the 21st Century* (Book accepted for publication by AHP Publishing)

In Progress *Toward a Psychology of Decadence* (Article accepted for publication in *AHP Perspective* -- summer 2003)

2002 *Depth, Timelessness, Circularity and Levity* (In press: *Encounter: Education for Meaning and Social Justice*)

2002 *A Legacy Intact* at the Carl R. Rogers Symposium 2002 (Conference review published in *AHP Perspective* -- Aug./Sept. 2002)

2001 *Reinventing Humanistic Psychology: The Postmodern Intersection* (In Press: *The Journal of Humanistic Psychology*).

2001 *Technology, Humanity & Humanistic Psychology* (Article published in *AHP Perspective* -- Dec./Jan. 2001)

2000 *Why I Care about AHP* (Brief tract published in *AHP Perspective* Jun./July 2000)

1999 *AHP's Vision and Aims Statement* (Mission statement published in *AHP Perspective* -- Oct./Nov. 1999)

1999 *Reflections on Courage & Change* (Article published in *AHP Perspective* -- June/July 1999)

1995 *Dr. Charles Maes: In Memoriam.* (with J. Freedman & G. Garza) (in press), In W. Fischer & E. Murray (Eds.), *Duquesne Studies in Phenomenological Psychology: Vol V.*

1992 *Knowledge, Communication, Inspiration: Three Spheres of Effective Teaching.* In D. Frayer (Ed.). (Fall 1992). *Teaching at Duquesne.* (Available from D. Frayer, Center for Teaching Excellence, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA 15282).

### **B. Professional Development: Involvement in professional organizations**

2001-Present Serving on Board of Directors -- Association for Humanistic Psychology (position: Director of Center for Technology & the Human Spirit).

1999-2001 Served on Board of Directors -- Association for Humanistic Psychology (position: Member-at-large).

2001-Present Serving on Website Development Committee -- Association for Humanistic Psychology

1999-Present Serving on Resource Development Committee -- Association for Humanistic Psychology.

2000-Present Serving on Membership Committee -- Association for Humanistic Psychology.

2000-Present Serving on Business Ventures Committee -- Association for Humanistic Psychology.

### **C. Professional Development: Activity in conferences**

2002 Conducted Workshop (with T. Greening & S. Friedman) -- *Poetry, Transformation, Peace* -- Carl R. Rogers Symposium (July 2002)

2002 Delivered 2 Presentations -- *Poetry and existence* -- AHP Midwest Conference (March 2002)

2002 Attended annual Jim Klee Forum (no presentation) (April 2002)

2001 Attended conference (no presentation) -- *The Gathering of the Clan* -- AHP, Seattle, WA (Aug. 2001).

2001 Attended annual Jim Klee Forum (no presentation) (April 2001)

1998-2000 Chairman, on-site committee, Old Saybrook II Conference (held 5/2000 at West Georgia -- Approx. \$20,000 profit for the university)

2000 Attended conference (no presentation) -- *The Gathering of the Clan* -- AHP, Seattle, WA (Aug. 2000).

2000 Delivered Keynote Address (with D. Elkins) -- *The Poetic Courage to Question Life Deeply* -- AHP Midwest Conference.

2000 Conducted all-day Post-conference Institute (with D. Elkins) -- *Sharing from the Heart: An All-Day Group Experience* (Part of the OSII Project) -- AHP Midwest Conference.

2000 Conducted Conference workshop (with M. O'Hara & D. Elkins) -- *Passing the Torch: A Generational Dialogue* -- AHP Midwest Conference.

2000 Delivered Conference presentation and demonstration (with M. Arons & D. Elkins) -- *Philo-cafe: A Group Experience and Way of Knowing* (Part of the OSII Project) -- AHP Midwest Conference.

1999 Served as Panelist & Respondent to Paper by Wallachs -- Jim Klee Forum, State Univ. of West Georgia

1999 Attended conference (no presentation) -- *The Gathering of the Clan: Living with an Open Heart* -- AHP, Seattle, WA.

1999 Delivered Conference presentation (with M. Arons, A. Warmoth, D. Elkins) - *Old Saybrook I: The Beginnings of AHP* -- AHP Midwest Conference.

1999 Delivered Conference presentation (with M. Arons, S. Doherty, A. Warmoth) -- *From Old Saybrook I to Old Saybrook II: The Spirit of Humanistic Psychology through Changing Times* -- AHP Midwest Conference.

1999 Delivered Keynote address (with M. Arons, T. Greening, A. Warmoth, D. Elkins) - *Self, Multiple Selves, or Illusion of Separate Selfhood?* -- AHP Midwest Conference.

## Service

### A. Service: To the psychology department

- 1996-Present Technology Liaison, Psychology Dept.,
- designed & implemented department's web-site
  - supervised revisions to dept. web-site
  - installed department's main computer
- 1999-Present Supervisor of editors of *The Crucible* departmental newsletter (editors in succession: C. Henry, J. Kerr, A. Bland)
- 1998-Present Scholarship Award Committee Chair for The Humanistic Psychology

Award

- Collected application of candidates
- Coordinated appraisal of candidates
- Presented awards to C. Bohnet, J. Kerr, C. Ruth

1997-Present Graduate Interview Committee  
-- Conducted numerous interviews with candidates for psychology department's

Masters program  
1999-Present Supervisor of Graduate Assistants  
(in succession: Y. Alemu, C. Henry, J. Kerr, A. Bland)

1997-Present Faculty Advisor  
- provided registration advisement for many undergraduates  
- wrote numerous letters of recommendation for both undergraduate

and

graduate students.

1998-2000 Conference chair -- Old Saybrook II Conference  
-- Conducting numerous planning meetings as conference chair  
-- Planning conference structure and thematics  
-- Planning conference budget  
-- Interfacing with central planning committee  
-- Coordinating with Continuing Ed. dept.  
-- Writing text for brochures, advertisements, etc.  
-- Many other responsibilities, too numerous to list

1997-2000 Founder and Organizer -- Dionysian Readings Group  
-- organized and conducted approx. separate 12 meetings

2000 Participant in Psychology Department Faculty-search Committee

1996-1999 Founder and Editor, *The Crucible* newsletter, Psychology Dept.,  
-- edited and produced approx. 15 separate issues

1999 Chair of Masters Thesis Committee  
-- for Y. Alemu -- Defended in Fall 1999.

1999 Faculty Representative for Derrida Readings Group  
-- hosted approx. 6 meetings

1998-1999 Supervisor of Graduate Assistant (Y. Alemu)

1997-1998 Faculty Representative -- Heidegger Readings Group  
-- participated in approximately 30 separate meetings

1997 Participant in Psychology Department Faculty-search Committee

1997 Presenter at psychology department retreat (with K. Puhakka)  
-- Topic: *Existentialism & Buddhism*

1997 Participant in Psych. Dept. Semester Conversion Committee  
-- helped organize & describe graduate curriculum for semester

conversion

1997 M.A. Oral Defense Committee for J. Trabue

1997 Colloquium Presentation for Psychology Dept.

-- Topic: *Humanistic Psychology and Learning*  
1996 Presenter at psychology department's retreat  
-- Topic: *The heart of Existential Psychology*

***Other Presentations within the department:***

1999 *Carl Rogers and Humanistic Psychology* -- lecture delivered to Chris Aanstoos' graduate class in

Foundations of Humanistic Psychology, Spring 1999.

1998 Heidegger's 'The Question Concerning Technology,' -- lecture delivered to Chris Aanstoos' graduate class in Human Growth & Potential, Fall 1998.

1998 *Humanistic Psychology and Postmodernity*, -- lecture delivered to Mike Arons' graduate Seminar on the Self, Fall 1998.

**B. Service: To the university generally**

1999-Present Faculty Advisor -- West Georgia Chess Club (Student Organization)  
-- Inaugurated club with first president A. Aronson -- Fall 1999  
-- Intercollegiate team placed 2nd in Georgia -- Spring 2000

2002-Present Co-founder: Spanish Language Exchange Group

1999-2000 University Matters Committee

-- Participated in review of new traffic & flag policies

1999-2000 Faculty Representative -- Judicial Committee

-- Participated in weekly meetings to adjudicate parking appeals

1998-1999 Faculty Advisor -- West Georgia Philosophical Society (Student Organization)

-- Participated in weekly meetings

1998-1999 Faculty Advisor -- West Georgia Jugglers (Student Organization)

-- Participated in occasional meetings

1998 Contributor to *The Eclectic* -- West Georgia's yearly literary booklet  
-- contributed one poem

1996-1997 Student Advisor -- Freshman Center, State University of West Georgia

**C. Service: To the local community**

1997-Present Co-leader (with M. Arons) -- Carrollton Philo-Cafe Public Discussion Group

-- led or co-led over 200 separate weekly public discussion groups (2-hours each)

-- Co-writer (with M. Arons) -- Article for *Times Georgian*

2002-Present Copywriter & discussant (under direction of M. Kunkel) -- *Un Momento de Reflexión entre Usted y Yo* (Georgia Public Radio Spanish language program -- health)

2000 Worker in local and national elections -- Carroll County, GA

1998-2000 Host or Participant -- Carrollton Ekstacion Poetry Readings  
-- presented original poetry in approx. 6 public readings

-- served as host in 2 public readings  
1998 Participant in local "Radio Poetry" Radio Program  
1998 Participant in local TV Cable Access Program. -- Topic: *Poetry*  
1998 Participant in local TV Cable Access Program. -- Topic: *The Nature of Love*  
1998 Television Program Interviewee -- Coweta Viewpoint. -- Topic: *Education: its nature and difficulties.*

## Teaching

### 1997-2002 Assistant Professor, State Univ. West Georgia

#### *Undergraduate classes taught*

General Psychology (7 classes -- 6 large enrollment)  
Human Growth & Development (4 classes)  
Humanistic Psychology (7 classes)  
Survey of Philosophy (1 class -- by invitation of the Dean)  
Existential Psychology (3 classes)  
Technology & the Human Spirit (2 classes) (Horizon Seminar)  
+ numerous independent studies

#### *Graduate classes taught*

Phenomenology (1 class)  
Advanced Existentialism (3 classes)  
Human Growth & Potential (2 classes)  
Technology & the Human Spirit (2 classes) (Grad. Horizon Seminar)

#### *Independent Studies and Tutorials taught*

#### *Summer 2002*

Kevin Malone -- Graduate -- Org./Dev. Psychology  
Melody Pogue -- Graduate -- Nietzsche & Psychology

#### *Fall 2001*

Dennis Cash -- Undergrad. -- Adv. Existential Psych.  
Wesley Ables -- Undergrad.-- Adv. Existential Psych.  
Nur Banu Ibaoglu -- Grad. -- Phenomenology of Attention  
Sara Anderson -- Grad. -- Existentialism & Musicology

#### *Fall 2000*

Victoria Malone -- Grad. -- Psychology of Technology  
Amy Steiglitz -- Undergrad. -- Psychology of Technology  
J. Micah Davis -- Undergrad. -- Psychology of Technology  
Grant Brim -- Grad. -- Psychology of Technology

#### *Spring 2000*

Christopher David Henry -- Grad. -- Postmodernism Psych.

#### *Spring 1999*

Jennifer Flynn -- Undergrad. -- Adv. Humanistic Psych.  
Amy Monger -- Undergrad. -- Adv. Existential Psych.

Fall 1998

Rae Dotson -- Undergrad. -- Existential Psychology

Mary Kohan -- Undergrad. -- Children & Cults

**1996-1997 Temporary Assistant Professor, State Univ. West Georgia**

*Undergraduate classes taught*

General Psychology (4 classes -- 1 large enrollment)

Existential Psychology (2 classes)

*Graduate classes taught*

Phenomenology (1 class)

Advanced Existentialism (1 class)

**1991-1995 Predoctoral Teaching Fellow, Duquesne University.**

Recipient of 4 successive full-time teaching fellowships. Taught 26 total classes (78 credits total) -- all at the undergraduate level.

**1989-1991 Teaching Assistant, Duquesne University**

(taught 16 credits total)

M.A. Group Therapy (2 three-credit graduate classes)

M.A. Individual Therapy (1 three-credit graduate class)

Introductory Psychology (2 three-credit classes)

New Students' Seminar (1 one-credit freshman class)

**1985 Instructor, General Electric Co., Rockville, Md., (1 course)**

Asynchronous Data Communication Techniques

**Honors and Awards**

2002 Who's Who Among America's Teachers (named by Margret Chang)

1999 Letter of commendation (Office of Public Relations and Alumni Services) for "Educational Excellence in a Personal Environment"

1998 SGA's Teacher of the Year for Arts & Sciences -- 1997-1998

1998 (Fall) Letter of commendation (Office of Public Relations and Alumni Services) for "Educational Excellence in a Personal Environment"

1998 (Spring) Letter of commendation (Office of Public Relations and Alumni Services) for "Educational Excellence in a Personal Environment"

1994-1995 Fellowship -- Teaching (full time), Duquesne University.

1994 Book Grant Award -- psychology dept. nominee, Duquesne University

1994 Teacher of the Year -- Nominee -- Omicron Delta Kappa Society

1993-1994 Fellowship -- Teaching (full time), Duquesne University.

1993 Teaching Assistant Mentor -- Center for Teaching Excellence, Duquesne University

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1993 Teaching Assistant Mentor -- Center for Teaching Excellence, Duquesne University