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DENNIS HONG

Writer
Teacher

We're not at war. Love isn't a battlefield. Popular culture would have us round up our troops now, ready to engage the opposite sex in a struggle of psychological proportions. Well, I decline. We're all human beings, and we're all from the same planet. We just have to be willing to learn from each other. My goal is to bridge the communication gap between men and women, infusing my backgrounds in education, biology, and psychology, and offering a unique perspective that will let you laugh through the tears.

Professional Experience

Various Websites

Freelance Writer, 2009 to present

Contribute articles on dating and relationships at www.SDEntertainer.com and www.YourTango.com. Contribute humorous articles at www.Cracked.com. Articles can be found by searching for "Dennis Hong" or "DennisHong," or specific URLs can be provided upon request.

Musings on Life and Love (musingsonlifeandlove.com)

Creator and Writer, 2009 to present

Create an online community for men and women of all backgrounds to share real-life lessons on dating, relationships, life, and love.

Palomar High School, Chula Vista, California

Teacher, 2005 to present

Teach biology and oceanography. Developed curriculum for oceanography course. Coach a team to compete in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl each year. Created an online grading program for the entire Sweetwater Union High School District.

SeaWorld Adventure Park, San Diego, California

Educator and Assistant Park Lead, 2003 to 2005

Conducted educational tours and taught children's camp programs. Trained and coached Education Department staff. Researched and wrote informational narrations to be used by tour guides, camp counselors, and educators at park exhibits.

The Flame Nightclub, San Diego, California

Swing Dance Instructor, 2000 to 2003

Taught beginning and advanced lindy hop classes. Also gave private lessons at various San Diego locations.

Jive Junction (www.jivejunction.com)

Jazz Music Reviewer, 2000 to 2002

Reviewed over 200 swing and jazz albums for the now-defunct swing dance and jazz appreciation website.

University of California, San Diego

Graduate Teaching Assistant, 1996 to 2002

Taught undergraduate biology courses. Researched and wrote Ph.D. dissertation, titled "Temperature adaptation and range expansion of bacteriophage Phi-6."

Medical Articles for Textbooks and Scientific Journals

Co-Author & Editor, 1996 to 2007

Co-authored or edited approximately 15 articles with Chang-Zern Hong, M.D. Published in such textbooks and journals as *The Encyclopedic Reference of Pain*, *American Journal of Physical Pain and Rehabilitation*, *Journal of Musculoskeletal Pain*, and *Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*. Specific references can be provided upon request.

Strengths

- ✓ Creative and artistic, yet scientific and analytical
- ✓ Quick learner, diligent and efficient worker
- ✓ Strong public speaking and interpersonal communication skills
- ✓ Adept at following written and oral directions
- ✓ Comfortable working under deadlines and pressure

Education

- ✓ *Secondary Teaching Credential*, San Diego State University, 2006
- ✓ *Doctor of Philosophy in Biology*, University of California, San Diego, 2002
- ✓ *Bachelor of Sciences in Biology*, University of California, Los Angeles, 1996

Computer Expertise

- ✓ Word, Excel, Publisher, Powerpoint, Visual Basic for Applications
- ✓ Wordpress and Blogger platforms

Professional Organizations

Toastmasters International

Public Speaking & Leadership Organization

Member, 2004 to present. Vice President of Public Relations, 2004 to 2005.

Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego

Community Service Organization

Member, 2004 to present. Social Chairman, 2009 to present.

