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Education

- Ph.D. Rhetorical Studies, University of Iowa, 1986
- M.A. Speech and Theatre, Western Kentucky University, 1979
- B.A. Speech, Calvin College, 1974

Experience

- Head, Department of Communication, Western Kentucky University, 2011-present
- Professor, Department of Communication, Western Kentucky University, 2011-present
- Visiting Professor of Communication. Handong University, Spring 2011.
- Chair, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, Calvin College, 2005-2011.
- Professor, Department of Communication Arts and Sciences, Calvin College, 1999-2011.
- William Spoelhof Teacher/Scholar Endowed Chair, Calvin College, 1997-1999.
- Study Abroad Professor. Through Calvin College, located in Budapest, Hungary, fall, 2003.

Selected Books

- Alice Deakins, Helen Sterk, Rebecca Lockridge, Eds. *Mothers and Daughters: Connections Across Cultures*. University Press of America, 2012.
- Helen Sterk and Annelies Knoppers. *Gender, Culture and Physicality: Paradoxes and Taboos*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2009.
- Patrice M. Buzzanell, Helen Sterk, Lynn H. Turner, Eds. *Gender in Applied Communication Contexts*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2004.

Dr. Sterk has authored or edited four other books.

Selected Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

Helen Sterk and Heidi Sisler. "Organized Religion and Family Communication: Support and Oppression." Eds. Lynn H. Turner and Richard West. *The Sage Handbook of Family Communication*. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE. 2014, 278-292.

Helen Sterk. "Faith, Feminism, and Scholarship." *Journal of Communication and Religion* 33 (2), (2010): 206-216.

Helen Sterk. "Gender Partnership: A Care Theory Perspective." Eds. Curry, Janel M. and Ronald A. Wells. *Faithful Imagination in the Academy*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, 2009, 115-130.

Patrice M. Buzzanell, Rebecca Meisenbach, Robyn Remke, Helen Sterk, and Lynn H. Turner. "Positioning Gender as Fundamental in Applied Communication Research." Eds. Larry Frey and Kenneth Cisna. *Routledge Handbook of Applied Communication Research*. New York: Routledge, 2009, 181-202.

Award: 2010 Distinguished Award for an Edited Scholarly Book from the Applied Communication Division at the National Communication Association Convention, San Francisco, CA.

Helen Sterk and Samuel L. Becker. "How Does Central Rock? The 2004 CSCA Keynote Address." *Communication Studies*. 56 (June 2005): 193-199.

Editing and Editorial Boards

Editor:

Editor. *Journal of Communication and Religion*. 2003-2006.

Editorial Board:

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of the Association for Communication Administration*. 2016-present

Editor:

Editor. *Journal of Communication and Religion*. 2003-2006.

Contributing Editor. *The Banner*. 1999-2001.

Editorial Board:

Editorial Board Member, *Journal of the Association for Communication Administration*. 2016-present

Editorial Board Member. *Women and Language*. 1991-present.

Editorial Board Member. *Journal of Communication and Religion*. 1988-90, 1998-2016.

Editorial Board Member. *Women's Studies in Communication*. 1997-2000.

Editorial Board. *Communication Studies*. 2001-2003.

Selected Grants and Awards

\$52,000. Nokomis Foundation. As President of the West Michigan Women's Studies Council. To support bringing high profile feminist speakers to West Michigan. 2004-2005, renewed 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2007-2008.

\$18,500. Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship. With Annelies Knopper (University of Utrecht). To support research for a book on faith, gender and embodiment. 2002-2004.

\$48,000. Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship. With Ruth Groenhout and Janel Curry-Roper. To support a speakers' series and research on care theory. 1999-2000.

Fellowships

\$38,000. One-year resident fellowship in the Calvin Center for Christian Scholarship. Calvin College. Grand Rapids, Michigan. 1989-1990.

Honors

Calvin Worldview Lecturer. Calvin College. 2006-2007. Presented three lectures multiple times in the United States, Canada, Hungary, Korea and Switzerland.

William Spoelhof chair. Endowed chair in teaching and scholarship. Calvin College. 1997-1999.

Cheris Kramarae Dissertation Award. Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender. October 1987.

Professional Memberships and Offices

American Association of University Professors. 1992-present. Chapter president at Marquette University: 1996-1997. Chapter president at Calvin College: 1997-2000. Vice-President: 2000-2005. Member of Michigan state board: 2000-2005.

National Communication Association. 1979-present.

Organization for the Study of Communication, Language and Gender. 1986-present. President: 1994-1996; Vice-President: 1992-1994; Member of executive council: 1988-89, 1992-present; Member of the Wise Women's Council, 2007-present.

Religious Communication Association, 1988-present. President: 1997-1998; First Vice-President: 1996-1997; Second Vice-President: 1995-1996; Councilor: 1992-1995. Editor of the *Journal of Communication and Religion*. 2003-2006.

Central States Communication Association, 1980-present.