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# Dennis Hong

## Interpersonal Communications Specialist

My mission is to bridge the communication gaps that occur in everyday life – from the private conversations between a couple, to the professional correspondence between an employee and a customer, to the social media comments between strangers on the internet. I believe all human interactions require both clarity and empathy, and I explore ways to help us humanize our communication with each other.

## Professional Experience

### **Automattic** ([automattic.com](http://automattic.com))

*Happiness Engineer, 2013 to 2017*

Help users on WordPress.com. Host webinars on how to build a website and navigate social media. Create documents and live presentations on effective customer service and communication. Examples can be found [here](#).

### **LemonVibe** ([lemonvibe.com](http://lemonvibe.com))

*Co-Founder, 2011 to present*

Create and manage a crowdsourced dating advice for both singles and couples, where anyone can share their experiences and insights.

### **Musings on Life and Love** ([musingsonlifeandlove.com](http://musingsonlifeandlove.com))

*Creator, Editor, and Writer, 2009 to present*

Create and manage a group blog for people of all backgrounds to share the life lessons they've learned, written as first-person human interest stories.

### **Various Websites**

*Freelance Writer, 2009 to present*

Contribute articles on a variety of topics, with a focus on interpersonal relationships, dating and love, and human behavior in general. An updated list of published work can be found [here](#).

### **Palomar Continuation High School, Chula Vista, California**

*Biology & Oceanography Teacher, 2005 to 2013*

Taught Biology and Earth Science at a school for at-risk teens. Coached a team to compete in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl each year. Piloted two courses: Oceanography and Public Speaking. Created a [grading program](#) for the entire school district.

### **SeaWorld Adventure Park, San Diego, California**

*Educator and Assistant Park Lead, 2003 to 2005*

Led educational tours and 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.

### **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 provided upon request.

## Strengths

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

## 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, PowerPoint, Visual Basic for Applications
- ✓ WordPress, HTML, CSS

## Professional Organizations

### **Toastmasters International**

*Public Speaking & Leadership Organization*

Member, 2004 to 2013. Vice President of Public Relations, 2004 to 2005.

### **Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego**

*Community Service Organization*

Member, 2004 to 2012. Social Chairman, 2009 to 2010.

