Bio

BYRON REEVES

Byron Reeves received a B.F.A. in graphic design from Southern Methodist University and his M.A. and a Ph.D. in communication from Michigan State University.

Prior to joining Stanford in 1985, he taught at the University of Wisconsin where he was director of graduate studies and associate chair of the Mass Communication Research Center.

He teaches courses in mass communication theory and research, with particular emphasis on psychological processing of interactive media. His research includes message processing, social cognition, and social and emotion responses to media, and has been published in books of collected studies as well as such journals as Human Communication Research, Journal of Social Issues, Journal of Broadcasting, and Journalism Quarterly. He is co-author of The Media Equation: How People Treat Computers, Television, and New Media Like Real People and Places (Cambridge University Press).

His research has been the basis for a number of new media products for companies such as Microsoft, IBM, and Hewlett-Packard, in the areas of voice interfaces, automated dialogue systems and conversational agents. He is currently working on the applications of multi-player game technology to learning and the conduct of serious work.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

• Professor, Communication
• Senior Fellow, Precourt Institute for Energy
• Professor (By courtesy), Graduate School of Education
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HONORS AND AWARDS

• Maier Faculty Development Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison (1984)
• Paul C. Edwards Professorship, Stanford University (1992)
• Fellow, International Communication Association (1997)
• Outstanding Alumni Award, Michigan State University (2001)
• Nelson Award, Distinguished Service to Mass Communication Education (2008)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

• Ph.D., Michigan State University, Communication (1976)
• M.A., Michigan State University, Communication (1974)
• B.F.A., Southern Methodist University, Journalism and Graphic Design (1972)

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Research & Scholarship

RESEARCH INTERESTS
• Social and Emotional Learning
• Technology and Education

Teaching

COURSES
2021-22
• Media Psychology: COMM 172, COMM 272 (Spr)
• Seminar in Psychological Processing: COMM 372G (Win)
• Theory of Communication: COMM 311 (Aut)

2020-21
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Publications

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