

MARY E. LYONS, Ph.D.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Rhetoric, University of California, Berkeley, 1983
M.A. in English, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, 1976
B.A. in English, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, CA, 1971

MILITARY SERVICE

Rear Admiral, U.S. Maritime Service
Captain, United States Naval Reserve, (Retired)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2003–Present	President, University of San Diego, San Diego, CA
1996-2003	President, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN
1990-1996	President, California Maritime Academy, Vallejo, CA
1984-1990	Franciscan School of Theology, Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, CA
	Academic Dean and Professor of Rhetoric and Homiletics
	Associate Professor of Rhetoric and Homiletics
	Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Homiletics
1980-1990	Part-time Consultant in Public Speaking & Advocacy, conducting annual workshops for California State Automobile Association's Management Seminars

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

1978-1982	University of California, Berkeley, Department of Rhetoric Teaching Associate for Oral Argumentation Teaching Assistant for Advanced Argumentative Writing and Composition
1980-1983	Franciscan School of Theology, Berkeley, CA

Adjunct Instructor for Speech and Preaching

- 1975-1978 San Jose State University, San Jose, CA
Adjunct Lecturer for Fundamentals of Composition and Advanced Composition
Teaching Assistant for Fundamentals of Composition
- 1977-1978 Ohlone College, Fremont, California
Adjunct Instructor for Reading and Composition
- 1977-1978 West Valley College, Saratoga, California
Adjunct Instructor for Effective and Speed Reading
- 1971-1975 Active Duty, United States Navy
- 1969-1970 St. Bernard School, Bellflower, California
Teacher for Grade 8, all subjects
- 1968-1969 St. George School, Ontario, California
Teacher for Grade 5, all subjects

AWARDS

- Doctorate of Humane Letters from The College of New Rochelle, June 2003
- National Defense Transportation Association, Educator Distinguished Service Award, 1996
- University of San Francisco Medallion, awarded for scholarly achievement and community service, 1993
- Distinguished Alumna, Sonoma State University, 1992
- Newhall Research Fellowships (Graduate Theological Union) 1988 and 1989
- The Thomas More-Jacques Maritain Institute Fellowship, 1981
- Woman of the Year, Charter 100 - 2007

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

- Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Chair
- Association of Independent Catholic Colleges and Universities, Executive Committee
- BIOCUM, Board

- Council of Presidents for the Association of Governing Boards
- San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation
- The Charter 100
- The Trusteeship
- Franciscan School of Theology Board of Regents

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “A Perspective on Catholic Higher Education Forty Years after Vatican II and the Land O’ Lakes Statement,” Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities annual meeting, February, 2008.
- “Gifts for the Graduates”, Address, College of St. Catherine, May, 2008.
- “The Confidence of Catholic Higher Education,” Presented to the Annual Meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, Washington, D.C., February 5, 2006.
- “War Offers Challenges, Opportunities for Colleges,” *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, February 26, 2003, page 12A.
- “The Public Purpose of The University of San Diego,” Inaugural Address, San Diego, California, November 19 2003.
- “Creative Capital,” *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, October 22, 2000, page D9.
- “The Education of Women: One of Minnesota’s Most Vital Interests,” Keynote for the American Association of University Women, Minneapolis, Minnesota, September 23, 2002.
- “One Body, One Word,” Aquinas Institute of Theology Commencement Address, St. Louis, Missouri, May 9, 1998.
- “Straddling Two Millennia From the Center of the Continent,” Presentation College Commencement Address, Aberdeen, South Dakota, May 10, 1997.
- “Inaugural Thoughts Before the First Sticking Snow,” College of Saint Benedict Inaugural Address, St. Joseph, Minnesota, September 22, 1996.
- "Style," in *Concise Encyclopedia of Preaching*, Westminster, John Knox Press, 1995, 457-63.
- "Strategies for Crewing the Ready Reserve Force," *Strategic Sealift*, United States General Accounting Office, GAO/NSIAD-94-177, (June 1994), 70-77.

- "Human Factors and the Next Generation of Mariners: What Will They Offer?" Keynote Address of State of Washington Office of Marine Safety Conference "Spill Prevention: The Human Element," Seattle, Washington, November 1993.
- "Commencement as Conversion," University of San Francisco College of Professional Studies Commencement Address, May 22, 1993.
- "Higher Education and Postdoctoral Work," Leadership California Conference, San Jose, California, January 29, 1993.
- "Examining Public Discourse about Oil Spills," U.S. Coast Guard Industry Oil Spill Seminar, San Francisco, California, June 9, 1992.
- "Commitment to Diversity: A Public and Corporate Partnership," *Proceedings*, American Petroleum Institute, (June 3, 1992), 261-264.
- "The End of Education," Commencement, Sonoma State University, Rohnert Park, California, May 29, 1992.
- "Individual Achievement: So What?" Lockheed Missile and Space Corporation: Symposium for Career Advancement, Santa Clara, California, May 2, 1992.
- "Catholic Preaching in the United States," in *The Dictionary of Sacramental Worship*, Michael Glazier Press, 1990, 986-91.
- "The Last Transcendentalist," *The Catholic World*, (March/April, 1989), 60-64.
- "Homiletics and Rhetoric: Renewing an Ancient Alliance," *Homiletic*, XII (1987), 1-4.
- "Peter C. Yorke: Advocate of the Irish from the Pulpit to the Podium" in *Religion and Society in the American West*, University Press of America, 1987, 401-22.

U.S. NAVAL EXPERIENCE

Status: Captain, Unrestricted Line (1105), U.S. Naval Reserve, Retired

Active Duty

- Patrol Squadron Thirty-One (VP-31), NAS Moffett Field, CA
- Student Personnel Officer, 1973-75 (Released from Active Duty)
- U.S. Naval Training Center, San Diego, CA
- Instructor for Broadened Opportunities for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) Program, a college preparatory program for ethnic minority USN and USMC enlisted personnel. Teaching responsibilities included composition, reading, and speech, FEB 1972 through NOV 1972.
- Naval Officer Training Center, Newport, Rhode Island

Selected Reserve Assignments

- NR Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), 1993-1996
- NR Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet, Detachment 420, San Francisco Management Analyst and Training Officer, 1991-1993
- NR Naval Technical Training Center, San Francisco 2067 Commanding Officer, 1989-1991
- Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region Twenty, San Francisco Readiness Analysis Officer, 1987-1989
- NR Naval Weapons Station Concord 220, San Jose Commanding Officer, 1985-1987
- Naval Reserve Readiness Command, Region Twenty, San Francisco Assistant Program Manager, 1983-85
- NR Military Sealift Command Headquarters, Detachment 220, Oakland Assistant Chief of Staff for Administration, 1980-1983
- NR Telecommunications Command ABFC 220, San Francisco Executive Officer, 1978-1980
- NR Military Sealift Command Headquarters, Detachment 120, Oakland Assistant Administrative and Public Affairs Officer, 1976-1978
- NR Fleet Command Staff 620, San Jose Personnel Officer, 1975-1976

Notable Professional Education and Active Duty for Training

- Strategic and Policy Graduate Seminar, Naval War College, 1993
- Senior Office Seminar in Total Quality Leadership, 1992
- Commander in Chief Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, HI Assistant Officer in Charge, Management Study, 1992
- Commander Training Pacific Fleet, San Diego Special Project on TQM, 1991
- Naval Technical Training Center, San Francisco Special Project, 1990
- Chief of Naval Operations (OP-05C), Washington, D.C. Assistant Legislative officer, 1989
- National Defense University, Washington, D.C. Moderator and Student for Reserve Component, National Security Course, 1988

- Naval War College, Nonresident Program, Washington, D.C.
Deputy Administrator, 1987

Military Decorations

- Navy Commendation Medal
- Navy Achievement Medal
- National Defense Medal
- Armed Forces Reserve Medal

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