

Biographical Sketch
Luke E. Barber

Education: Bachelors, Southern Methodist University – (Philosophy); Masters, Southern Methodist University -- (Philosophy/Humanities); Doctorate, Union Graduate School – (History of Ideas/Humanities)

Current Position: Professor of Philosophy at Richland College, Dallas, Texas

Brief Biography:

Luke Barber has been Professor of Philosophy and Cultural Studies at Richland College in Dallas, Texas for thirty-Seven years. He has received numerous awards for his teaching, including the Miles Production Laboratories' Award for Teaching Excellence, given to the outstanding professor in the Dallas County Community Colleges. He has been also named a Minnie Stevens Piper Professor, an annual recognition of the top 12 professors in all Texas colleges and universities. Dr. Barber is a philosopher, storyteller, author, lecturer, and consultant who writes and speaks on a variety of topics. His presentations to audiences everywhere – in corporate circles, conferences, convocations, churches, or clubs – are always invitations to laugh, to play, to question, to hope, to learn, and to grow. He is the best-selling author with Matt Weinstein of *Work Like Your Dog: Fifty Ways to Work Less, Play More, and Earn More* (Random House, Villard, 1999), which has now been published in eight languages. (Released in January, 2005, in Korea it has become a best-seller in that country.) His book *Dogs Don't Bite When A Growl Will Do: What Your Dog Can Teach You About Living A Happy Life* (Penguin-Putnam, 2003) has appeared on numerous bestseller lists in the U.S., and has been translated into six languages. Luke's most recent book is *Gently Down the Stream: Four Unforgettable Keys to Success* (Penguin-Putnam, 2006). Luke lives in Dallas with his wife Lee and his two golden retrievers, Mead and Katie.

Some comments by those who have heard him in presentations:

“I never liked philosophers all that much until I met Luke.” -- Margaret Mead,
Anthropologist

“Luke has a way of opening us with laughter so that his wisdom can then penetrate deeply into our minds, our hearts, and our souls.” -- Florence Wiedemann, Jungian Analyst and author of *Female Authority: Empowering Women*

“I could listen to Luke talk every day. He has a way of bringing me to both laughter and tears.” -- JoAnn Garrett, Luke's mother

“The most interesting thing about Luke is that he has always been hard on shoes.”
Lowell Barber, Luke's father

Presentations/Publications:

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A Selection of Recognitions/Awards:

Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1999, 2002

Minnie Stevens Piper Professor, Awarded to the 12 outstanding professors in all Texas universities and colleges, 2000

Miles Production Laboratory, Professor of the Year, 2000

Award for Teaching Excellence as the outstanding professor in the Dallas County Community Colleges, 2000

National Institute for Staff & Organizational Development, Award for Teaching Excellence, 1995, 2000

Richland College, Award for Teaching Excellence, 2000

Richland College, Honors Program Teacher of the Year, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2000

Selected for Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, 1996, 1997

Named CCHA and National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar, 1996