

SYLVIA MERSCHEL

EDUCATION

MA - UCLA

Post grad - USC

BA - UCSB

Fluent in German and Spanish, GSFLT Proficiency in French

EXPERIENCE

UCLA COMMUNICATION STUDIES - Lecturer CS1A

Concentration on special programs for foreign students. Designed curriculum for enhancing the nonnative speaker's fluency in spoken English. Consistently high evaluations by students.

CO-ORGANIZER WITH DR. DONALD PERRY OF TROPICAL RAINFOREST CANOPY RESEARCH

Originated and developed the most commonly-used exploration method of ascending into the canopy of the tropical rainforest. Rolex Award for Enterprise. Publication of numerous articles, including covers of Smithsonian and Scientific American as well as books, awards, tv appearances, documentaries, and the 1981 "Yearbook of Science and the Future" of the Encyclopaedia Britannica.

LAUSD - Teacher/Coordinator

Taught, initiated and administered bi-lingual programs. Trained other teachers in teaching ESL. Pioneered both in-service and in-home instructions for parents. Was extensively involved with the local community. Particular emphasis on minority children education.

PUBLICATIONS

"The greening of urban civilization." Donald R. Perry with Sylvia Merschel. In *Smithsonian*, January 1987.

"Chaparral, tinderbox of the California coast." Donald R. Perry with Sylvia Merschel. In *Smithsonian*, October 1982.

"Life in the Jungle Canopy." Donald R. Perry and Sylvia E. Merschel. In *1981 Yearbook of Science and the Future*, Encyclopaedia Britannica.

Journey into a Hollow Tree. Donald R. Perry with Sylvia E. Merschel. Enslow Publishers, (New Jersey) 1980.

"Macrophotos from 100 Feet . . . Up!" Donald R. Perry with Sylvia E. Merschel. In *Popular Photography*, November 1980.