



DR. MIKE KEMP

Dr. Mike Kemp, the owner of Kemp-Visual Communications, is a graduate of Gallaudet University with BA in Sociology; McDaniel College (formerly Western Maryland College) with M. Ed. in Deaf Education; and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with Ed. D. in Administration in Higher Education. He wrote his dissertation on "*A Comparison of the Simultaneous Method Evaluation and the Sign Communication Proficiency Interview (SCPI)*." He received the International Congress on the Education of the Deaf and National Institute of Disability Rehabilitation Research Award to attend the 18th ICED Conference in Tel Aviv, Israel in July 1995 and the T.J. O'Rourke Memorial Award from the ASLTA in 2002 in recognition of his international work.

Dr. Kemp is currently a full Professor in the Department of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies at Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. For 12 years he chaired three departments before stepping down to focus on his teaching, in which he loves to do. He taught ASL for 35 years and has been teaching visual gestural communication and sign language teacher training throughout the US and the world in places such as South and Central America, Southeast Asia, Japan, Middle East, the Caribbean islands, Canada, and Europe for 26 years. He taught at the University of Puerto Rico, University of British Columbia, Douglas College (in British Columbia), Thailand's Ratchasuda College and Vietnam's Teacher Training Center in Bien Hoa City. He has been making 3 trips a year to Vietnam since 2001 to work with groups of deaf students in the Vietnamese Sign Language Teacher Training Program. Currently, he is serving as a member of Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf Board of Trustees and the Northern Virginia Community College at Annandale Campus Interpreting Training Program's Advisory Board. He authored "*Fundamentals of Evaluating Sign Language Programs: a checklist*." He was on a six-month sabbatical leave during the Spring 2005 semester and spent time in Southeast Asia as well as to finish up "*Communication in Gestures: a trainer's manual*." In addition, he taught Methods of Teaching Visual Gestural Communication at the Chinese University of Hong Kong from August 1 - 12, 2005.

On personal side, he enjoys photography and reading. He also enjoys spending time with his family, especially with his first grandson.