

# **DONNA JO LEFF**

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

August 2006 to present: Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona  
ASL Lecturer

August 2005 to 2006: Phoenix Day School for the Deaf, Phoenix, Arizona  
Community Based Instruction Instructor

August 1999 to 2005: Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, Clarkston, Georgia  
Behavior Specialist 2 years (1999-2000)  
PE and Art Instructor 3 years (2001-2004)  
Classroom Instructor (2004 to present)

January 1998 to August 1999: Georgia Council for the Hearing Impaired, Inc., Decatur, Georgia  
Community Outreach

April 1994-December 1997: Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, Clarkston, Georgia  
Outreach Coordinator  
Educational Resources Center on Deafness Director of Southeast Region at Gallaudet University

1993-1994: Special Audiences, Inc., Atlanta (now Visual Special Arts), Atlanta, Georgia  
Technical Assistance Coordinator

1984-1992: Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, Clarkston, Georgia  
Hearing Impaired Instructor

1980-1984: Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, Clarkston, Georgia  
Substitute Teacher

1983-84; 89-90; 92-94; 97 to present: Georgia Perimeter College (former DeKalb College),  
Clarkston and Dunwoody, Georgia  
Manual Communication Instructor (ASL I, II, III, IV)

1979-1980: Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona and Phoenix Union Area Vocational  
Center/Phoenix Union High School, Phoenix, Arizona  
Manual Communication Instructor

1978-1979: Rivers Trail Junior High School, Chicago, Illinois  
Science/Health Instructor

1974-1977: Chicago, Illinois  
Self-Contained Instructor in Tilden High School 2 years  
P.E./Health Instructor in Whitney Young High School 2 years

## **AFFILIATIONS AND COMMUNITY EXPERIENCES**

Phoenix Association of the Deaf (2005 to present)  
Member

Visual Special Arts (2004)  
Board Member, StageHands, Inc.

Georgia Deaf Awareness, LTD (1985; 1991-1999)  
Coordinator; Representative, Artist for the Shatter Silent/Deaf Awareness logo and T-Shirt designs

Georgia Association of the Deaf (1982-85; 1990-1999)  
Member; Artist for the covers of the program book of the convention and cookbook; Artist for Camp Julienna T-Shirt

Georgia Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (1980-85; 1990-1999)  
Member; Sign Language Evaluator; Artist for S.P.I.R.I.T. T-shirt design and cover of two GRID Conference program books; Committee (program

Georgia Council of the Hearing Impaired (1992-94)  
Board Member; Member

Atlanta Deaf Bowling Association (1991-2000)  
President; Secretary/Treasurer; Bowler; Artist for flyers; Assistant to Chairperson of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Dixie Bowling Association

Norcross Athletic Association of the Deaf (1980-1999)  
Member; Athletic Director; Committee of several tournaments (basketball & softball); Player; Artist; Publicity (program books, tickets, advertisements)

Metro Atlanta Association of the Deaf (1999-2003)  
Member; Player; Committee; Publicity

Southeast Athletic Association of the Deaf (1992-94)  
Softball Commissioner; Editor of SEAAD

STAGEHANDS, Inc (1980-90)  
Member; Board of Director; Artist; Publicity; Sign Language Coach; Poet; Interpreter; Actress  
EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW SIGN LANGUAGE BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO ASK (the deaf awareness play)

Black Deaf Advocacy (1990; 1992)  
Artist for the logos and conventions

Ebony Club of the Deaf (1986)  
Convention Planning Committee

Atlanta Club of the Deaf (1982-84)  
Member; Player

## **AWARDS**

Appreciation Award from SILENT FINGERS 2003 (10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)

Quota Club Deaf Woman of the Year Award 1998

## **ADDITIONAL RELATED EXPERIENCES**

2006-present Blogger of Arizona State University-American Sign Language BLOG

2005-2006 Founder of First ASL Festival at ASU: March 2006

2005-present Presenter on Deaf Culture at ASU

1999-2005 Signer for the characters of the cartoons in the videos by the AlphaKids, and Salsa

1994-1999 Presenter on topics about deafness

1993-1999 Co-founder of SILENT FINGERS, the deaf Senior Citizens organization under Georgia Association of the Deaf; Committee for Deaf Senior Association in 1999

1992-1999 Founder/Editor of SILENT HAPPENINGS IN GEORGIA, INC. the monthly calendar for the deaf community of Georgia

1990-1994 Artist of Donna's Place de Silence, the art business (as a hobby)

1990-1993 Signer for the characters of the cartoons in the videos by the SIGN ON VIDEO, INC.

1980-1983 Founder/Editor of the SILENT DOGWOOD NEWS, INC., the monthly newsletter for the deaf community of the Atlanta Area

1983-1984 Artist for the sign language books of DEAF SPORTS for the deaf community of America

## **FAMILY**

Married to Alvin Leff; have two active boys (30 & 26)

*As of April 2007*