

## **Richard Allen Womack, Ed.D. Professor of Education**

### **COM-FSM**

**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION:** The exercise of providing biographical information was far more challenging than I had expected when the education technician slipped the web page format on my desk. I had to wrestle with my ego and my mortality and pit those forces against the fact that this is a professional site and those that happen to venture here will likely have professional reasons. By professional I mean “what are this Womack’s qualifications, education, experience?” and whatever that goes with title of full Professor. The right to know these sorts of things extends beyond the educational community to every single member of the society who supports (or does not support) the College of Micronesia-FSM—that much is owed the public. This sort of information on Richard Allen Womack may be reviewed in the section below entitled **Abbreviated Version**

However, Richard Womack, professional educator, is much more than an accumulation of education, positions held, professional papers published, conferences attended, professional workshops presented and awards received. My philosophy, my style, my way of looking at education is also a result of personal experiences in my family and in and about education particularly with educators-teachers at all levels of the educational system. It is these less formal environments where my love for public education as the “great equalizer” was spawned and continues to this day. This part of my biography is indeed somewhat personal and would likely bore most folks to tears. So to avoid this and at the same time fulfill my own needs for self-exploration as to those important personal experiences that, for the good or the bad, make up the real motives, I have added the **Personal Version**. In the **Personal Version** I have attempted to stick closely to biographical experiences related to my perspective on education and particularly public education.

### **ABBREVIATED VERSION**

Born August 5, 1946 in Silver City, New Mexico U S A

Family Wife Bernie, son Tommy (11), daughter Daisy (14) son Paul (33) all in Pohnpei. Son, Mark (36) British Columbia, Canada

### **Elementary and High School**

Elementary School James S. Hennessy School Grass Valley, California-the “Heart of the Mother Lode.” (1952-1960)

High School Nevada Union High School, Grass Valley, California. Awarded the George Grant Radcliff Scholarship, the California Alumni Scholarship, the California Rebecca/Oddfellows Scholarship and the Bank of America Scholarship in Social Sciences.

## **Colleges**

University of California at Berkeley-majored in radical thinking and while officially majoring in geography. (1964-1968). Awarded the Bachelor of Arts-1968.

Chapman College-Orange, California. 28 credits in Educational Systems Management-(1968-1973).

University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, Nevada-major Educational Administration and Higher Education (1979-1980). Awarded the Washoe County Administration Stipend for Graduate Study and Awarded the Masters of Education-1981.

University of Nevada-Reno, Reno, Nevada-major Educational Administration and Higher Education (1980-1983). Awarded the University of Nevada, Department of Education Graduate Fellow Position and Awarded the Doctorate Degree-1983.

## **Professional Experience—Education**

Elementary Classroom Teacher-grades 3-8. *Mt. St. Mary's Academy* (1968-1975)

Dean of Boys *Mt. St. Mary's Academy* (1970-1975)

College Instructor *Sierra College*, Rocklin, California (1975-1978)

Awarded a Life Credential for California Community Colleges in the Area of Public Service and Administration (1975) Courses in the Administration of Public Services and Non-Profit Organizations

Director of Basic Education *Sierra Nevada Job Corps-RCA Corporation* (1979-1982)

College Instructor *Truckee Meadows Community College* (1981-1986)

Courses in Business and Business Management

## **Professional Experience-Other Administrative Positions**

Executive Director *Nevada County Council on Alcoholism* (1975-1978)

Executive Director *Nevada State Hotel/Motel Association* (1978-1979)

Director of Governmental Affairs *Nevada Association of Realtors* (1982-1984)

**Professional Experience-Public Service and Administration**  
City Planning Commissioner Nevada City, California (1970-1972)

Executive Secretary-Nevada County Wastewater Authority Grass Valley, California (1971-1976)

City Council Nevada City California (1972-1977)

### **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

I shall skip the many and varied reports and publications I have completed over the years. For example I would have to list a series of articles on Alcoholism and professionally the reader would note that I do not have formal education in counseling or similar education. My experience on the topic comes from the ten years on the consumption end and that part of my experience is best handled in the **Personal Version** section.

Presently, I am working on a textbook entitled *Power Time(subtitle undetermined)*. ( At the COMFSM we are under no pressure to “Publish or Perish” and that is only practical given the nature of the college and our students where teaching is top priority.) The work itself centers on time as life’s most valuable resource-this is where I can be a little theoretical and philosophical but I hope not too preachy. But that aside it is meant to give some practical advice and ways multiple outcomes can be achieved and measured in a given period of time. Perhaps the subtitle should read *Getting the Biggest Bang for Your Buck*. That might appeal to some of those who view education from that perspective. At any rate I hope it to be a bit different and a more meaningful approach to the concept of integrated methods. The **Personal Version** will be added shortly