

# Dr. Alan Wright

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Al brings a diverse background in education, ministry, and business to his work as a coach for individuals and teams. He currently serves as a Professor at Cal State University Northridge in addition to his roles as coach and consultant.



He has over 25 years of professional work with different types of groups and in recent years has focused much of his consulting and coaching efforts on developing teams in corporate, public, and non-profit organizations. His most motivational areas for coaching and training are to work with leadership within teams to create self-coached teams that maximize results and harness their creative potential. Clients have included Texaco, UCLA, L.A. School District, City of Los Angeles, SAGES, Girl Scouts, YMCA, and many other non-profit agencies, churches, and para-church organizations. He also maintains an active role as a coach working with individual leaders.

His academic background includes a B.S., M.Div., M.S. and a Ph.D. in Human Development and Outdoor Education from Penn State University. Al's early coaching experiences were working with youth-at-risk in outdoor adventure programs like Outward Bound and other youth development programs.

As a tenured Professor at California State University Northridge, Al has designed and taught a wide variety of courses including Leadership, Experiential Approach to Multi-cultural Education, Marketing, Entrepreneurial Ventures in Recreation and Tourism, and Environmental Ed along with some other really fun stuff like Climbing and Caving. He has also been a visiting professor at Wheaton College.

Al has presented over a 100 workshops and seminars in professional settings and published a dozen articles in obscure academic or professional journals.

Beyond his work in higher education, Al is an ordained pastor who has served the church in ministry positions both part time and full time including work as a college/career pastor, minister of camping and conferencing, teaching pastor, and an interim as a senior pastor. He also developed a successful small business that designs and installs adventure play structures.

Al enjoys his family life which includes his wife Shannon who is a great coach and a teammate for coaching our three kids still at home and the three out of the nest. His greatest need is to stop trying to chase so many rainbows simultaneously, climb several more big mountains before his knees rebel, and actually publish one of five book projects at various stages of completion.