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## *Vitae of Michael Gurian*

### **CAREER STATEMENT**

Michael Gurian has devoted his professional life to the advocacy of children and adults in homes, schools, and communities. In 1997, Dr. Gurian's education intervention program was piloted through the University of Missouri-Kansas City in six school districts in Missouri. It successfully closed achievement and behavioral gaps in each district. The new Gurian Institute was formed from that pilot.

Since then, the Institute has trained more than 60,000 teachers in more than 2,000 schools. In 2012, Dr. Gurian and colleagues in Spokane founded the Gurian Foundation, a 501c3 corporation, to focus on successful interventions in the nation's most struggling schools and communities.

Dr. Gurian is credited with developing a science-based gender theory that accounts for nature, nurture, and culture in male and female life. This theory is used in schools, homes, corporations, social service agencies and among policy-makers throughout the world.

### **CAREER NARRATIVE AND BIOGRAPHY**

Dr. Gurian is the New York Times bestselling author of twenty-eight books in twenty-two languages, and founder of the Gurian Institute, which conducts field research, launches pilot programs, and trains professionals. He has pioneered efforts to bring neuro-biology and brain research into homes, schools, corporations, and public policy.

As author of [THE WONDER OF BOYS](#), [LEADERSHIP AND THE SEXES](#), [BOYS AND GIRLS LEARN DIFFERENTLY!](#) and [THE WONDER OF GIRLS](#), he lectures internationally. His work is research-driven, science-based, and strategies-oriented. For a partial list of scientific source studies, click [www.michaelgurian.com](http://www.michaelgurian.com) (then About, then Research). For a full list of Dr. Gurian's books, please see below.

His work has been featured in major professional journals and the major media, including *the New York Times*, *the Wall Street Journal*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Psychology Today*, *Counseling Today*, *Forbes Magazine*, *Educational Leadership*, *Education Week*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, and on *the Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *CNN*, *PBS* and *National Public Radio*.

Dr. Gurian has been called "the people's philosopher" for his ability to bring together scientific principles with people's everyday lives.

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### **ACADEMIC COURSEWORK**

Honorary Doctor of Letters, Gonzaga University, 2016  
Post-Graduate Coursework in Education, University of Missouri-Kansas City,  
2000  
M.F.A. Eastern Washington University, Writing, 1985  
B.A. Gonzaga University, Philosophy and English, 1980

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES**

University Instructor 1983 – 1993 (See below)

Professional Mental Health Counselor in Private Practice, 1990 to Present

Author 1981 – Present (see [www.michaelgurian.com](http://www.michaelgurian.com) for a full list of books and articles;  
see below for a partial list of books)

Consultant and Lecturer 1990 to Present – in twenty to thirty cities per year, keynotes at  
conferences and professional training (see [www.michaelgurian.com](http://www.michaelgurian.com))

Founder, The Gurian Institute, 1997 to Present (see [www.gurianinstitute.com](http://www.gurianinstitute.com))

Founder, The Gurian Foundation, 2012 to Present (see [www.gurianfoundation.org](http://www.gurianfoundation.org)).

### **UNIVERSITY TEACHING**

1988 – 1993 Gonzaga University  
--Writing, Creative Writing, Gender Psychology (School of Education)

1992 – 1993 Eastern Washington University  
--Gender Psychology (Applied Psychology Department)

1986 – 1988 Ankara University  
--Visiting Professor, American Literature and Language Department

1985 – 1986 Eastern Washington University  
--Writing

1983 – 1985 Eastern Washington University  
--Graduate Assistant in Writing, Introduction to Religion and Literature

**CONSULTING AND SPEAKING**

**A partial list of academic appearances:**

Harvard University  
Istanbul University  
John Hopkins University  
Morehouse College  
Stanford University  
University of Chicago  
University of Missouri at Kansas City  
St. Mary's University  
Macalester College  
Pennsylvania State University  
University of Missouri-Kansas City  
University of California at Los Angeles  
Rutgers University  
Wake Forest University School of Medicine  
Concordia University  
Chaminade College  
Grinnell College

**A partial list of keynotes and seminars given at conferences:**

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America  
Court Appointed Special Advocates  
The Boy Scouts of America  
Calgary Catholic School District  
York Board of Education  
Unitarian-Universalist General Assembly  
Association of Independent Schools  
Youth Workers Association  
Public Defenders Association  
Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

**A partial list of consulting:**

Cisco Systems  
Boy Scouts of America  
Google  
Conoco-Phillips  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
Mt. Vernon institute for Women and Work

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Medical Services Corporation  
Missouri Coalition for Safe Schools  
March of Dimes Foundation  
United States Department of Justice  
United States Department of the Treasury  
Washington State Department of Ecology  
Court Appointed Special Advocates

### **A partial list of school trainings:**

Mr. Gurian has provided consulting in more than five hundred schools and districts, including,

Los Angeles Unified School District  
Orange County Public Schools (Orlando, Florida)  
Jefferson County Public Schools (Denver, Colorado)  
Prince Georges County Public Schools (Maryland)  
St. Regis School of the Sacred Heart (Houston, Texas)  
University of Chicago Laboratory Schools  
St Mark's School (Dallas, Texas)  
The Children's School (La Jolla, California)  
Atlanta Public Schools  
St. Augustine High School (San Diego, California)  
Lowell School (Washington, D.C.)  
Lovett School (Atlanta, GA)  
Landon School, (Bethesda, Maryland)  
Park Tudor School (Indianapolis, Indiana)  
Educational Service District 101 (Spokane, Washington)  
Aidan Montessori School (Washington, D.C.)  
Hockaday School, (Dallas, Texas)  
Town School (San Francisco, California)

**For Further information about Michael Gurian, please refer to [www.michaelgurian.com](http://www.michaelgurian.com), [www.gurianinstitute.com](http://www.gurianinstitute.com), and [www.genderleadership.com](http://www.genderleadership.com).**

## **BOOKS BY MICHAEL GURIAN**

### **In Psychology and Gender**

*Lessons of Lifelong Intimacy*  
*The Wonder of Aging*

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*How Do I Help Him?*

*What Could He Be Thinking?*

*Love's Journey*

*The Invisible Presence* (previously published as *Mothers, Sons and Lovers*)

*The Prince and the King*

## **Child Development and Parenting**

*The Purpose of Boys*

*The Wonder of Girls*

*The Wonder of Boys*

*A Fine Young Man*

*The Good Son*

*What Stories Does My Son Need?* (with Terry Trueman)

*Nurture the Nature*

*It's a Baby Boy!* (by the Gurian Institute, with Adrian Goldberg, ACSW, Stacie Bering, MD)

*It's a Baby Girl!* (by the Gurian Institute, with Adrian Goldberg, ACSW, Stacie Bering, MD)

## **Education and Gender**

*The Minds of Boys* (with Kathy Stevens)

*Boys and Girls Learn Differently!: A Guide for Teachers and Parents*  
(with Kathy Stevens, Patricia Henley, Terry Trueman)

*The Boys and Girls Learn Differently Action Guide for Teachers* (with Arlette C. Ballew)

*Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls—Elementary Level*  
(with Kathy Stevens, Kelley King)

*Strategies for Teaching Boys and Girls—Secondary Level*  
(with Kathy Stevens, Kelley King)

*Successful Single-Sex Classrooms*  
(with Kathy Stevens, Peggy Daniels)

## **Spirituality**

*The Wonder of Children* (previously published as *The Soul of the Child*)

*Ancient Wisdom, Modern Words: Prayers, Poems, and Readings*

*The Sabbath: Poems and Prayers*

## **Business Leadership**

*The Leading Partners Workbook* (with Katherine Coles, Kathy Stevens)

*Leadership and the Sexes* (with Barbara Annis)

## **For Young Adult Readers**

*Understanding Guys*

*From Boys to Men*

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### **Fiction and Poetry**

*Ancient Wisdom, Modern Words*

*The Sabbath*

*The Miracle*

*An American Mystic*

*The Odyssey of Telemachus*

### **Partial List of Reviews and Assessments by Scientists and Medical Professionals**

From the beginning of time, we have observed differences in the behavior, learning styles, and focused interests of girls and boys. Defying the political correctness that is today's common wisdom, Gurian and the contributing authors of **BOYS AND GIRLS LEARN DIFFERENTLY!** draw on emerging neuro-scientific data to justify these perceptions. While never allowing us to lose sight of the reality of individual differences, they suggest creative ways to modify the learning environment to encourage a broader spectrum of achievement in both gender groups.

— *Edward Zigler, Ph.D., Sterling Professor of Psychology, Yale University; one of the original planners of the national Head Start program*

I found **THE MINDS OF BOYS** enlightening not only as a neuroscientist but also as the mother of a young boy. It has absolutely changed the way that I think about boys (and men) and the ways in which they express their enthusiasm for life.

— *Tracey J. Shors, Ph.D. Department of Psychology; Center for Collaborative Neuroscience, Rutgers University*

I found the **THE WONDER OF GIRLS** a wonderful addition to the literature already available on raising girls. What I liked best was its constant correlation of developing biology in women to their psychological struggles, giving the authenticity that is sorely needed. I heartily endorse this new balanced way to understand how wonderful the capacities of girls and women are, and so vital to the nurturing of their infants, families and society. Bravo!

— *Deborah Sichel, M.D., author of Women's Moods: What Every Woman Must Know About Hormones, the Brain, and Emotional Health*

**THE MINDS OF BOYS** is a gift to parents, teachers and anyone else involved in raising or nurturing boys. It is filled with cutting edge neuroscience, yet has the warmth of a wise professional.

— *Daniel Amen, MD, Founder of the Amen Clinics, University of California-Irvine; Author of Making A Good Brain Great*

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**NURTURE THE NATURE** is beautifully written guide to raising children. It is as scientifically sound as it is humane. Michael Gurian provides invaluable insight into how

understanding our children's unique core natures can help us raise happy, successful, and emotionally fulfilled children.

— *Harold S. Koplewicz, M.D., Chair, Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, New York University School of Medicine; and founder and director, the Child Mind Institute*

LEADERSHIP AND THE SEXES is extremely valuable in two ways. Not only can everyone recognize something of themselves in it, but its numerous engaging examples of communication between women and men will help people interpret communication in the workplace more effectively.

— *Sandra F. Witelson, Ph.D., Albert Einstein/Irving Zucker Chair in Neuroscience, Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine, McMaster University*

A FINE YOUNG MAN is filled with stories and practical advice for parents and teachers of adolescent boys. Michael Gurian takes a thoughtful look at nature and nurture and the role of culture and testosterone in the lives of boys. I recommend it to those who want to raise fine young men"

— *Mary Pipher, Ph.D., author of "Reviving Ophelia"*

There is no one who understands the development of boys better than Michael Gurian. In this insightful new book, THE PURPOSE OF BOYS, Gurian offers useful advice about how to help boys succeed in the key challenge of today's world, finding purpose in life.

— *William Damon, Ph.D. Professor of Education, Stanford University; Author, The Moral Child*

LEADERSHIP AND THE SEXES unlocks gender truths for the workplace. Every business--man or woman--needs to read this book!

— *Louann Brizendine, M.D., Neuropsychiatrist and Clinical Professor, University of California-San Francisco; author of The Female Brain and The Male Brain*

Michael Gurian is America's most passionate advocate for boys. In THE PURPOSE OF BOYS, Gurian creates a rich reading experience and a clear recipe for helping boys to find purpose in their lives.

— *Michael Thompson, Ph.D., author of It's a Boy! and coauthor of Raising Cain*

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IT'S A BABY BOY is thoughtfully research-based, yet perceptively practical for any parent who has just been blessed by the gift of a boy. Parents will close the book truly understanding why boys and girls are different in so many ways, and how to nurture the nature of their son."

— *Fay E. Brown, Ph.D. Director of Child and Adolescent Development School Development Program, Yale University*

IT'S A BABY BOY is a very readable, model-specific manual that provides gems of research and insight from experienced parents and medical professionals. If you are preparing for a new baby boy or have a friend or relative with a son, this book will be a delight."

— *Lynne H. Williams, MD, Co-Author, The Too Precious Child*

Told with gentle humor and with stories and wisdom gleaned from personal and professional experience, IT'S A BABY GIRL is not only the best "how to" on raising your little girl, but also captures the magic and challenge of parenting."

— *Pam Silverstein, MD, FACOG obstetrician - gynecologist and founder of WomanHealth*

IT'S A BABY GIRL explains the development and functioning of the female brain. If you are raising a girl, this is a book you really need to read.

— *Stephen J. Bavolek, Ph.D., Executive Director, Family Nurturing Centers, International; author of Nurturing Parenting Programs*

THE SOUL OF THE CHILD is an absolutely brilliant and lovely book. Practical and scientific. A must read for every parent who wants to raise a spiritual child.

— *Dharma Singh Khalsa, M.D., author of Meditation As Medicine*