

# Dennis Hong

## Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist

I specialize in non-conforming relationships -- humans who live outside the gender binary, whose sexuality has no labels, whose relationships extend beyond a couple, who experiment with kink or power dynamics, who face challenges in acceptance from loved ones, counseling professionals, or maybe even themselves. My mission is to help clients manage these challenges from the outside while strengthening their relationship from the inside.

## Professional Experience

### Marriage and Family Therapist ([dennishongmft.com](http://dennishongmft.com))

Associate, 10/2020 to 12/2024

Licensed, 12/2024 to present

Offer psychotherapy to individuals, couples, and multiple family units. Practitioner at Donna M. Chapman Psychotherapy.

### Social Savvy Sage ([socialsavvysage.com](http://socialsavvysage.com))

Founder, 11/2017 to present

Help clients refine their social skills and learn to create meaningful interactions with others, via both one-on-one coaching and guided practice.

### Automatic ([automatic.com](http://automatic.com))

Happiness Engineer, 6/2013 to 9/2017

Hosted webinars and helped users build websites on WordPress.com. Created documentation and live presentations on effective communication with both customers and coworkers. Documents provided upon request.

### LemonVibe ([lemonvibe.com](http://lemonvibe.com))

Co-Founder, 1/2011 to 3/2018

Created and managed a community-based dating advice site, where participants could share their experiences and insights with each other.

### Various Websites

Creator, Editor, and/or Freelance Writer, 1/2009 to present

Contribute articles on a variety of topics, with a focus on interpersonal relationships, dating and love, and human behavior in general. Comprehensive list of writings provided upon request.

### Palomar Continuation High School, Chula Vista, California

Biology & Oceanography Teacher, 8/2005 to 9/2013

Taught Biology at a school for at-risk teens. Coached a team to compete in the National Ocean Sciences Bowl. Piloted two courses: Oceanography and Public Speaking. Created a grading program for the entire school district.

### SeaWorld Adventure Park, San Diego, California

Educator and Assistant Park Lead, 3/2003 to 8/2005

Led educational tours and children's camp programs. Trained and coached Education Department staff. Researched and wrote informational narrations to be used by tour guides, camp counselors, and educators at park exhibits.

### University of California, San Diego

Graduate Student and Teaching Assistant, 9/1996 to 12/2002

Taught undergraduate biology courses. Supported student progress in lecture and laboratory settings.

### Medical Articles for Textbooks and Scientific Journals

Co-Author & Editor, 1996 to 2007

Co-authored or edited peer-reviewed medical articles with Chang-Zern Hong, M.D. List of references provided upon request.

## Strengths

- ✓ Introspective and empathic, yet scientific and analytical
- ✓ Skilled in both interpersonal communication and public speaking
- ✓ Professionally trained writer and editor

## Education

- ✓ *Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy*, San Diego State University, 2020
- ✓ *Secondary Teaching Credential*, San Diego State University, 2006
- ✓ *Doctor of Philosophy in Biology*, University of California, San Diego, 2002
- ✓ *Bachelor of Sciences in Biology*, University of California, Los Angeles, 1996

## Technological Expertise

- ✓ Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Publisher, Visual Basic for Applications
- ✓ Zoom, WordPress

## Professional Organizations

### Toastmasters International

*Public Speaking & Leadership Organization*

Member, 2004 to 2013. Vice President of Public Relations, 2004 to 2005.

### Rotaract Club of Downtown San Diego

*Community Service Organization*

Member, 2004 to 2012. Social Chairman, 2009 to 2010.

