

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

- 1995 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Kentucky
Dissertation:
"Exploratory Analysis of Church Pastors in
Different Sized Communities"
- 1983 M.P.A. Public Administration,
University of Alabama - Birmingham
- 1982 M.A. Urban Studies, University of Alabama -
Birmingham
Thesis:
"Management Style Dimensions of U.S. County
Administrators"
- 1979 B. Div. Pastoral Ministries, Eastern Mennonite
Biblical Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia
- 1975-78 Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C.
- 1973-74 Biochemical Physiology graduate work, Virginia
Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia
- 1973 B.A. Chemistry, University of Richmond,
Richmond, Virginia

POST GRADUATE COURSE WORK

*(Cultural Anthropology and Community and International
Development)*

- 1990-91 Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of
Missions, Columbia, South Carolina
- 1987 Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Ky.

1985-86 Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Kentucky
1979 Fuller School of World Mission, Pasadena,
California

WORK EXPERIENCE

2013 - Present
Associate Professor and Chair, Sociology at
Talladega College
On-line Adjunct Professor, Sociology for Boise
State University

2012 - 2013
Visiting Professor of Sociology for James Madison
University
On-line Adjunct Professor of Sociology for Boise
State University

2009 - 2011
On-line Adjunct Professor for Boise State
University
Part-time professor, James Madison University
Adjunct Professor of Sociology for Outreach
School of the University of Wyoming

2007 - 2008
Pastor, Falmouth Christian Church
Falmouth, KY
Adjunct Professor of Sociology for Outreach
School of the University of Wyoming
Adjunct Professor of Sociology for Georgetown
College
Adjunct Professor of Sociology for Northern
Kentucky University

2003 - 2007
Senior Minister, First Christian Church
Laramie, Wyoming
Adjunct Professor of Sociology for Outreach
School of the University of Wyoming

1997 - 2003
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Georgetown College, KY
Pastor, Mays Lick Christian Church, Mays Lick,
Kentucky

1995 - 1996
Instructor, University of Kentucky
Adjunct Professor, Morehead State University
Interim Pastor, Falmouth Christian Church
Falmouth, Kentucky
Consultant for Research, Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) in Kentucky

1994-95 Interim Pastor, Vinson Memorial Christian Church
Huntington, West Virginia

1993-94 Interim Pastor, Perryville Christian Church
Perryville, Kentucky

1991-94 Part-time Instructor, University of Kentucky
Part-time Instructor, Univ. of Kentucky
Part-time Instructor, Eastern Kentucky University
Part-time Instructor, Walters State Community
College

1991-92 Interim Pastor, Owenton United Methodist Church
Owenton, Kentucky

1990-91 Instructor, Southeast Community College
(Philosophy and Ethics)

1987-91 Pastor, Harlan Christian Church (Disciples of
Christ), Harlan, Kentucky

1985-87 Home Missionary, General Board of Global
Ministries of the United Methodist Church
(Pastor and director of Lay Pastor's
Training program)

1983-85 Pastor, Woodlawn and Tarrant United Methodist
Churches, Birmingham, Alabama

1983 Part-time Consultant with Operation New
Birmingham in Urban Economic Development

1979-83 Missionary, Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions
and Charities

 (Pastoral Training in Guatemala, Central
America and Urban Church Planting in
Birmingham, Alabama)

1975-79 Pastor of small rural churches in West Virginia

EXPERIENCE IN NON-TRADITIONAL EDUCATION

In 1979 I developed a pastors' training process for rural, little formal education background pastors in Guatemala. Our process involved what was then called TEE (Theological Education by Extension). This model involved going to the students in their rural villages and working with them with workbooks and other types of materials.

In 1983-1985 I was recruited to develop a lay pastors' school in Eastern Kentucky. Again, the model involved finding ways to bring education to the students, not bringing the students to the educational facility.

In 1990, I began teaching at a local community college and in 1991 added what one friend called, "my circuit riding teaching". I traveled from one extension center to another (4 different ones per week in two states) to teach. Usually these centers were in located in a commercial mall and most of the students were non-traditional students.

From 1997-2003 I taught a Sociology of Multicultural Education course for secondary teachers upgrading their education and professional licenses at Georgetown College.

Additionally, I have often taught once per week course sessions and once taught a class over 6 weekends (Friday night, Saturday sessions).

In 2004 I began teaching for the Outreach School of the University of Wyoming using compressed video and hybrid formats (combination of telephone and internet). My students were located in several regional centers throughout the state of Wyoming and in several other states. Most of these students are full-time employed as they work on obtaining their degrees.

In 2011, I began teaching on-line courses for Boise State University in their Extension College and the Sociology Department. My students are located throughout Idaho and other states and countries. In the Spring of 2013, I taught an on-line course for Social Work graduate students in Twin Falls, Idaho

SHORT TERM CROSS CULTURAL WORK/STUDY TRIPS

2007	El Trinidad, Honduras
2006	El Rosario, Honduras
2005	Las Olivas, Honduras
2004	Maria de la Concepcion, Honduras
2003	Quiraria, Honduras
2002	Cana, Honduras
2001	La Cuchilla, Honduras
2000	Monte Cristo #1, Honduras
1999	La Granja, San Marcos de Ocotepeque, Honduras
1998	Conguacota, Honduras
1997	La Mosquitia, Honduras
1996	El Volcan, Honduras
1995	La Esperanza, Honduras; San Marcos de Ocotepeque, Honduras; La Mosquitia, Honduras; Tegucigalpa, Honduras
1994	Tegucigalpa, Honduras
1993	San Marcos de Ocotepeque, Honduras; Tegucigalpa, Honduras
1992	Chouleteca, Honduras; Los Mangles, Nicaragua

1991 Tegucigalpa, Honduras; Santa Barbara, Honduras
1990 Tegucigalpa, Honduras
1985 Espanola, New Mexico (Native American
Reservation)
1984 Frakes, Kentucky
Alto Beni, Bolivia
1977 Phoenix, Arizona (Native American Reservation)

PUBLICATIONS :

"We're All Equal Until We Came Out of the Ground". The Griot: The Journal of African American Studies, Volume 34, Number 2, 2016

Anger, Boycott, Secession - A Clash Of Perspectives: The closing of a high school in an Appalachian County. Southern Rural Sociology: Volume 17, 2001.

"Social Construction of Reality: How It Compels Action" Journal of Appalachian Studies Association: Winter 1993.

Book Review: Clergy Worldviews: Now the Men's Voices by Martha Long Ice for Review of Religious Research, October 1996.

Differences in the Coal Camp Church In Eastern Kentucky" Upcoming submission to the Journal of Appalachian Studies Association after Spring 2016 Conference.

HONORS :

2002 Recipient of Outstanding Christian Service Faculty Award, Georgetown College

1994 Finalist for Chancellor's Teaching Award, Univ. of Kentucky

1993-1995 Teaching Assistantship, Univ. of Kentucky

1992-1993 Fellowship, Univ. of Kentucky

1981-1983 Fellowship, Univ. of Alabama - Birmingham

PRESENTATIONS :

"Breakfast at McDonald's: Fast Food Restaurants as Social Gathering Places in Small Towns and rural places." Annual meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Society, February 2018.

"Breakfast at McDonald's: Fast Food Restaurants and the Creation of Social Capital". Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, October 2017.

"Differences in Coal Camp Churches in Eastern Kentucky". Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association, March, 2016

"We Were All Equal Until We Came Out of the Ground". Annual Meeting of the Southern Conference on African American Studies, Inc. February 2015.

"Salvation, Boys, and Treats: Activities in the Coal Camp Church Demonstrate Contentment Sociology Efforts To Control the Miner." Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association, March 2002.

"Inequalities in the Coal Camps." Annual Meeting of the Rural

Sociological Society, January 2002.

Coal Camp Churches: Unraveling the Story and Sorting Out The Pieces.
Annual Meeting of the Appalachian Studies Association, March, 2001.

The Role of Social Capital in the Re-Opening of a Rural Community
School. Southern Rural Sociological Association Annual Meeting, January
2001.

Anger, Boycott, Secession and Salvation: The Resurrection and Re-
opening of a Closed rural High School. Southern Rural Sociological
Association Annual Meeting, January 2000.

Anger, Boycott, Secession - A Clash of Cultures: The Closing of a High
School in an Appalachian County. Appalachian Studies Association Annual
Meeting, March 2000.

Church Visitors and the Importance of Socio-economic Appearance.
Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky Annual Meeting, October
1998.

"Discrimination and Church Visitors: The Myth that Cultural Images of
Class Differences Don't Matter." Religious Research Association Annual
Meeting, November 1996.

"The Myth Of Wanting A Large Church: A Comparison of Rural and Urban
Ministers in Kentucky." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting,
August 1996.

"Coal Company Churches, Then and Now: A Comparison of Two Churches In
Harlan County." Appalachian Studies Conference, March 1996.

"Job Satisfaction Differences Among Ministers." Religious Research
Association Annual Meeting, Oct. 1995.

"Rural-Urban Differences Among Ministers." Rural Sociological Society
Annual Meeting, Aug. 1995.

"Church Pastors in Different Sized Communities." Annual Meeting of the
Regional Staff of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in
Kentucky. June, 1995.

"Pastoral Words From The Heart: Insights On Daily Life." Rural
Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Aug. 13, 1994

"Actions Follow Reality Definition: A Comparison of Two Church
Missions in Appalachia," 6th Annual Appalachian Studies Conference,
March 21, 1993

CURRENT RESEARCH:

Community Revealed in Fast Food Restaurants:

A study of how older folks in small communities experience

community. In this effort, attention is focused on the roles of ever present fast food restaurants and how local people seem to use these locations for more than just eating. The research involves 21 restaurants in 14 different small towns in 5 different states and demonstrates that older people utilize these restaurants as places to socialize as much if not more than as places to eat.

Coal Camp Churches:

A comprehensive study of life in the churches in the captive coal camps of Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia. Particular attention is focused on the differences between the white churches and the black churches that existed in the coal camps. The research utilizes extensive personal interviews throughout the coal region of Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia as well as archival investigations.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Talladega College

Soc 261 Women and Minorities
Soc 200 Microsociology
Soc 265 Sociology of Community
Soc 220 Social Problems
Soc 302 Religion in Society
Soc 340 Sociology of Education
Soc 420 Medical Sociology
Soc 498 Social Theory
SS 311 Research Methods
SS 498 Honors in Social Sciences

Boise State University

Soc 407 Sociology of Religion
Soc 431 Social Psychology
Soc 330 Sociology of Violence
Soc 365 Sociology of Religion
Soc 425 Urban Sociology
Soc 440 Sociology of Education
Soc 472 Sociology of Aging

James Madison University

GSOCI 140 Microsociology
Soc 322 Sociology of Religion
Soc 341 Sociology of Education
Soc 354 Inequalities in Society
Soc 265 Sociology of Community

Northern Kentucky University

Soc 110 Race, Class and Gender

University of Wyoming

Soc 1000 Introduction to Sociology
Soc 3200 Sociology of Religion
Soc 3650 Sociology of Community
Soc 3110 The Individual and Society

Georgetown College

SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 113 Social Problems
SOC 309 Sociology of Religion
SOC 313 Intergroup Relations
SOC 315 Human Ecology
SOC 335 Sociology of Appalachia
SOC 412 Introduction to Social Theory
SOC 414 Methods of Sociological Inquiry
SOC 470 Sociology of Latin America
SOC 470 Social Inequalities
SOC 470 Contemporary Culture
SOC 546 Sociology of Multicultural Education

University of Kentucky:

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 220 Sociology of Community
SOC 235 Inequalities in Society

SOC 350 Special Problems: Sociology of Religion
SOC 409 Sociology of the Family

Morehead State University:
SOC 540 Sociology of Appalachia
SOC 515 Family Dynamics

Eastern Kentucky University:
SOC 131 Introduction to Sociology
SOC 231 Social Problems
ANT 331 Appalachia: A Cultural Perspective

Walters State Community College:
SOC 2210 Introduction to Sociology

Southeast Community College:
PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy
PHI 101 Ethics

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP:

Southern Conference of African American Studies
Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Society
Association of Social and Behavioral Scientists, Inc.
Appalachian Studies Association

PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP:

American Sociological Association
Rural Sociological Society
Southern Rural Sociological Society
Religious Research Association
Society for Applied Anthropology
Appalachian Studies Association

REFERENCES

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