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PERSONAL DATA

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EDUCATIONAL DATA

Indiana University, Bloomington, 1974-1977

Ph.D. in sociology, 1978

Dissertation: Voluntary association participation in Kano, Nigeria: A longitudinal analysis
(under the direction of J. Michael Armer)

Minor: Urban Studies, School of Public and Environmental Affairs

M.A. in sociology, 1975

Thesis: Worker satisfaction and productivity in a complex organization: A path analytic model
(under the direction of Robert Althauser)

University of Texas, Austin, 1967-1972

B.A in sociology, 1971

United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, 1966-1967

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Assistant Dean Emeritus, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, 2010 – present
North Carolina State University

Assistant Dean and Director of Undergraduate Programs, 2002-2009
College of Humanities and Social Sciences, NC State University

Assistant to Associate Professor, 1977- 2009
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, NC State University

Undergraduate Administrator, 1992-1994
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, NC State University

Associate Instructor, 1974-1977
Department of Sociology, Indiana University, Bloomington

Research Associate, 1976
School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University, Bloomington

Public Health Advisor, 1972-1974
Palm Beach County Health Department, Florida, Center for Disease Control, HEW

Research Associate, 1972
Population Research Center, University of Texas, Austin

U.S. Army, 1965-1967 (Honorable Discharge)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses

Applied Research Methods
Comparative Societies
Developing Societies
Research Methods
Societal Development

Undergrad Courses

Community Leadership Research Methods
Contemporary Family Life Social Change
Cultural Geography Social Organization
International Affairs Social Participation
Principles of Sociology Social Problems
Study Abroad Colloquium Urban Problems

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Applied/Policy Development	Community Epidemiology	Comparative Studies	Criminology	Demography
Productivity	Job Satisfaction	Sociology of Sport	Social Change	Housing Pedagogy
		Voluntary Association	Social Organization	

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Applied Sociology and Research Methodology
Community and Urban Sociology
Social Change, Development and Comparative Sociology

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Alpha Kappa Delta Honor Society
American Sociological Association
(sections: Community/Urban, Comparative/Historical, and Environment/Technology)
American Statistical Association
Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
International Sociological Association (section: Housing)
North Carolina Sociological Association
Rural Sociological Society
Sigma Iota Rho (International Society)
Sigma Xi
Southern Sociological Society

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Social Participation and Housing	Awards and Performance: Assessing productivity
A Tracer Study of Human Development	Teaching the Sociological Imagination
Housing the Elderly	An Evaluation of Teaching Simulations

PUBLICATIONS

1999 Review of Dan A. Chekki (ed.) *Research in Community Sociology*, vol. 8: American Community Issues and Patterns of Development. Contemporary Sociology 28(5):585-586

1996 Peanut CRSP Human Resource Development (with R. Moxley) in Impacts & Scientific Advances Through Collaborative Research on Peanut: Proceedings. James H. Williams, et al. (eds.) Griffin, Georgia: University of Georgia, CRSP Management Office.

1994 Socioeconomic Impacts of Peanut CRSP Graduate Training Efforts (w/ R. Moxley)USAID.

- 1991 Review of Leonard Bickman (ed.). Using Program Theory in Evaluation. International Social Science Review 65(2):83-84.
- 1991 A Reply: Economic Growth and Social Development (with B. Newman). World Development 19(10):1445-1449.
- 1991 Review of Joan W. DiLeonardi and Patrick A. Curtis' What to Do When the Numbers Are in: A User's Guide to Statistical Data Analysis in the Human Services. International Social Science Review 66:182-183.
- 1989 Economic Growth and Social Development: A longitudinal analysis of causal priority (with B. Newman) World Development 17(4):461-471.
- 1989 Industry Could Provide Housing for Elderly. North Carolina Manufactured Housing News 10(6):6-13.
- 1988 Determinants of Basic Needs Development (with B. Newman). International Journal of Contemporary Sociology 25(3+4):153-162.
- 1985 Leaving the Park: A permanent place for mobile homes. Carolina Planning Journal 10(2):29-33, 40.
- 1985 Perceptions vs. Reality. North Carolina Manufactured Housing News 9(11):6-7.
- 1985 Review of Fainstein et al.'s Restructuring the City: The political economy of urban development. Journal of Political and Military Sociology 13(1):304-305.
- 1984 Differential Sentencing of Women and Men (with M. Zingraff). International Journal of the Sociology of Law 12:401-413.
- 1983 Zoning and Mobile Homes: Public and private roles in resolving a housing problem. In Laurie Charest (ed.) Public-Private Partnerships in Urban Development: Proceedings of the fifth annual urban affairs conference, pp. 167-178. UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 1983 Establishing Causal Priorities in Voluntary Association Research: A panel analysis (with M. Armer). International Journal of Contemporary Sociology 20(4):1-22.
- 1982 Mobile Home Residency and Participation: Sociopolitical effects of a popular alternative to conventional housing (with P. Marsh and J. Collins). Journal of the Community Development Society 13(1):11-20.
- 1981 Detecting Sentencing Disparity: Some problems and evidence (with M. Zingraff). American Journal of Sociology 86:869-880.
- 1981 Respecifying the Effects of Voluntary Association on Individuals in a Traditional Society (with M. Armer) in Volunteers, Voluntary Associations, and Development, D.H. Smith and F. Elkins (eds.). Leiden, Holland: E.J. Brill Press.
- 1980 Voluntary Association and Voting Turnout of American Ethnoreligious Groups (with D. Knoke). Ethnicity 7:56-69.
- 1980 Respecifying the Effects of Voluntary Association on Individuals in a Traditional Society (with M. Armer). International Journal of Comparative Sociology XXI(3+4):288-301.
- 1977 Voluntary Association Membership Trends and the Family Life Cycle (with D. Knoke). Social Forces 56(Sept):46-65.

VII. OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 1987 The Official election Year Calendar: 1988, over 356 documented entries from the Reagan Administration years with drawings by Dwayne Powell. The News and Observer Press: Raleigh.
- 1983 The Official election Year Calendar: 1984, over 356 documented entries from the Reagan Administration years with drawings by Dwayne Powell. Sparks Press: Raleigh, NC.
- 1982 Principles of Sociology: An independent study course (with 47 pages of original text). UNC Independent Study by Extension. Chapel Hill, NC.
- 1981-3 Bringing Sociology Home. A reader with Introduction, Preface, Projects and Section Introductions or original text. Two printings. Used in different courses by a number of instructors.
- 1976 Social Impact Analysis. Dupage County WWTF Environmental Impact Statement. School of Public and Environmental Affairs: Bloomington, Indiana.

IX. PAPERS PRESENTED

- 2002 Housing and Community Integration. International Conference on Social Science. Honolulu, HI.
- 2002 Technology Transfer and Bain Drain: A tracer study. International Conference on Social Science. Honolulu, HI.
- 1999 Community Social Integration. Southern Sociological Society meeting. Nashville, TN.
- 1997 Distance Learning. North Carolina Sociological Association annual meeting. Boone, NC.
- 1996 A Sense of Community? Southern Sociological Society annual meeting. Richmond, VA.
- 1994 Assessing the Returns to Rural Development. Rural Sociological Society meeting. Portland, OR
- 1993 Economic and Social Development. Keynote address at United Nations Ass. Meeting. Asheville, NC.
- 1991 Patterns of Low-Income Housing in Latin America. Southern Sociological Society meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 1989 Manufactured Housing and the Elderly. Southern Sociological Society. Norfolk, VA.
- 1987 Mobile Home Communities: Southern Sociological Society meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 1985 Social Participation and Residential Status. American Sociological Association. Wash. DC.
- 1983 Zoning and Mobile Homes. Urban Affairs annual conference. Raleigh, NC.
- 1982 Assessing the relationships between awards and performance. Southern Sociological Society meeting. Memphis, TN.
- 1981 Paternalistic sentencing. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Toronto, Canada.
- 1980 Do criminal sentences favor women? American Sociological Association meeting. NYC.

1979 Determinants or consequences of participation. Association of Voluntary Action Scholars annual meeting. San Antonio, TX.

1978 A longitudinal analysis of criminal sentencing patterns. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting. San Francisco, CA.

1978 Voluntary association participation during economic development. American Sociological Association meeting. San Francisco, CA.

X. **GRANTS, CONTRACTS AND HONORS**

2001 Induction into the Academy of Outstanding Teachers, NC State University

2000 Outstanding Teacher Award, NC State University (NCSU)

2001 Sigma Xi Outstanding Undergraduate Student Research, Mentor, NCSU

1999 Outstanding Teaching Award, College of Humanities (CHASS), NCSU

1999 Supplemental Instruction Regional Training (3 day workshop to improve teaching). Funding awarded by Division of Undergraduate Studies at NCSU

1998 Outstanding Advising Award, CHASS, NCSU

1997 Outstanding Advising Award, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, NCSU

1996 CHASS Research Fund, Summer Stipend & Supplemental grants (total \$8,500), NCSU.

1993 Outstanding Teacher Award, Taylor Sociology Club, Sociology & Anthropology, NCSU.

1988-9 Spanish Language and Cultural Professional Development Program. USAID. Costa Rica. ACTFL rating in Spanish "Intermediate High, 1+"

1989 Grant for \$500 from NC Manufactured Housing Institute to study housing communities.

1986 CHASS Research Fund grant (\$1,935) NCSU for Housing Research.

1985 Appointed by President Pro Tempore of the NC Senate to the Legislative Research Commission's Study Committee of Manufactured Housing Zoning. Outcome: new NC zoning legislation in 1987.

1984 Outstanding Teacher Nomination. NCSU

1982 Fulbright-Hays Professional Development and Curriculum Enrichment Program in India: The Impact of Science and Technology on Society. Traveled and met with leaders (including Indira Gandhi) throughout India. Studied at the Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore, India.

1979 Faculty Development Grant (\$1,010). Sentencing research. NCSU.

1977 NDFL Title VI Fellowship. Hausa language and African history research. Indiana Univ.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL MEETING ACTIVITIES:

- 2000 Campus Outreach Opportunities League (Service Learning) meeting. Manchester, NH
- 1996 Chair, Comparative Studies of National Development session. Southern Sociological Society annual meeting. Richmond, VA.
- 1987 Chair, Housing session. Southern Sociological Society annual meeting. Atlanta, GA.
- 1981 Chair, Women and Crime session. Society for the Study of Social Problems meeting. Toronto.
- 1978 Chair, Research Methods session. Rural Sociological Society annual meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 1983 Chair, Lecturing and Leading Discussions session. NCSU teacher orientation.
- 1987 Research report on applied research. Rural and Small Town Revitalization Workshop. NCSU.
- 1987 NCSU representative to SASASAAS conference on global development. Durham, NC.
- 1986 CHASS representative to Raleigh Research Agenda, Raleigh Economic Development Roundtable. Raleigh, NC.
- 1990 Invited participant (NC Congressman Martin Lancaster) to Global Economy Conference, Goldsboro, NC.

XI. RELATED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

REVIEWS FOR JOURNALS, PUBLISHING AND GRANT ORGANIZATIONS

Topics: Applied/Policy, Community/Urban, Methods, Sociology of Sport, Social Participation

Organizations:	American Journal of Sociology	National Science Foundation
	International Social Science Review	NCARS
	Journal of Political and Military Science	Socio-Economic Planning Sciences
	Social Problems	Goodyear Publishing
	Social Science Journal	Random House
	Sociological Methods and Research	Oxford University Press
	Southern Rural Sociology	Brown & Benchmark
	Contemporary Sociology	

ABSTRACTS, published in:

- Sociological Abstracts
- Index on Minorities and Criminal Justice
- Participation and Voluntary Action Abstracts
- National Criminal Justice Reference Service

MASS MEDIA

- Telecommunications course, SOC 203, Social Problems
televised live and distributed in later semesters via videocassettes
- Economic and social development research
televised interviews, printed in several magazines and at least 9 newspapers.
- Differential sentencing research
Radio news programs, AP news releases ran in at least 49 newspapers

Award and performance research

AP news releases ran in at least 6 newspapers

Manufactured Housing research

WUNC radio 30 minute program, WTVD televised 30 minute panel discussion,
news releases ran in at least 30 newspapers.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2002 Service Learning Teaching, SOC 440 Social Change
- 2005 Distance Education Teaching, Cable TV and Video, ongoing since 1995
- 2001 Hewlett Initiative, Departmental Representative, Workshops
- 2001 Service Learning Training, Workshops, NCSU
- 2000 Preparing the Professoriate Program, Mentor, 2 graduate student awardees
- 2000 Peer Teaching Evaluation Workshop, NCSU
- 2000 Service Learning and International Programs, 3 days of workshops, Manchester, NH
- 1999 Supplemental Instruction (SI) Regional Training Program. 3 day session. NCSU. Funded.
- 1997 GIS workshop, School of Forestry, NCSU
- 1993 Faculty Evaluation national workshop. Orlando, FL.
- 1991 NC Society for Applied Research and Evaluation workshop on analyzing qualitative data
- 1988-90 Spanish classes, Wake Tech continuing education courses
- 1989 Professional Development Program, Costa Rica
- 1988 Logit Analysis workshop, ASA annual meetings
- 1987 Outward Bound (leadership training and personal development course), NC
- 1986 Audited ST 311 course, NCSU
- 1983-4 Workshops on teaching improvement, NCSU
- 1982 Professional Development program, India
- 1979 Professional Development Grant, NCSU

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

- 2002- Assistant Dean and Director of Undergraduate Programs, CHASS, NCSU
- 1999 Academic Coordinator, Oxford University Study Abroad Program, England
- 1991-93 Undergraduate Administrator, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, NCSU
- 1987-93 Associate Director, Social Science Research and Instructional Computing Lab, NCSU
- 1986-87 Staff Coordinator, 2nd Floor, department of Sociology and Anthropology, NCSU
- 1986 Full Graduate Faculty Status awarded (chair PhD committees)

COMMUNITY WORK:

- Radio Program Reader for visually impaired, Triangle Radio Reading Service, Raleigh NC
- Literacy Program, Alternative Spring Break Faculty Leader, Navajo Reservation, Tuba City, AZ
- Habitat for Humanity, Alternative Spring Break Faculty Leader, Dominican Republic
- Coordinator for international visitors from India, Germany, Great Britain, and Spain:
 - Research and student/faculty exchanges
- Environmental Impact Studies, various sites in Indiana and Illinois
- Board of Directors, Citizens Committee for Fair Zoning
- Centennial Exhibit representative, NC State Fair
- Park Planning Committee, Raleigh, NC
- Host Family: Raleigh Friendship Force and NCSU International Students
- Interviewer Merit Scholars Program, NCSU
- Principal Investigator, The Research Climate at NCSU, NCSU Senate
- Humanities Extension Classes- local schools
- Undergraduate Research Symposium, chair of CHASS evaluation committee

Reviewer, Social Work Program Reaccreditation, NCSU
Reviewer, University Reaccreditation Committee (Library Subcommittee), NCSU
Evaluator, Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, NCSU
Evaluator, Study Abroad Grant applications, NCSU
Presentations: American Association of University Women, Alpha Kappa Delta initiation speech, United Nations Association, NC Manufactured Hosing Institute, Wake County Commissioners, Masters of Liberal Studies orientation banquet, School of Design, School of Forestry, University Studies Program, local public schools, radio and television.

COMMITTEE WORK

University:

Faculty Senate
Teaching Effectiveness and Evaluation
Coliseum
Senate Student Affairs
Senate Personnel
Research Climate Subcommittee, Co-chair
University Courses and Curriculum
Undergraduate Research Collaboration Awards
Selection Committee
University Teaching Fellows
University Committee on Teacher Education
University Advisors Roundtable
University Orientation Planning Committee

College/School:

Executive
Personnel Policy, Chair
International Studies
Open House, Chair
Computing and Instructional Lab
Public Relations
Research
Graduate Studies
Search Committees
Government
Honors Programs
Undergraduate Research Symposium
Engineering Courses and Curriculum (CHASS liaison)
First Year College Program Committee
CHASS Courses and Curriculum
Directors of Undergraduate Advisors

Study Abroad Selection Committee
College liaison for CHASS Teaching Track majors

Departmental:

Committee on Committees
Institutional Effectiveness
Scheduling Officer
Quality of Life Project
Graduate Recruitment and Admissions
Peer Review
Taylor Sociology Club, Advisor
Alpha Kappa Delta, Advisor
Open House, Chair
Study Abroad Award Selection Committee
News Coordinator
Computer Use
Courses and Curricula, Chair
Undergraduate Committee, Chair
Graduate Committee
Masters Level Diagnostic Review
Teaching Effectiveness and Evaluation, Chair
Faculty Search (4 times, Co-chair once)
Ph.D., M.A., and M.S. advisory committees
Ph.D. exams (methods, social change, community)
Safety Committee
Teaching Mentor for Graduate Students

[REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST]