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**Curriculum Vitae
of
David G. LoConto**

EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. 1999, Sociology, Oklahoma State University. Dissertation title: *The Maintenance of Ethnicity: Italian-Americans in Southeastern Oklahoma*. Chair: J. David Knottnerus, Ph.D.
- M.S. 1995, Sociology, Oklahoma State University. Thesis title: *The Social Psychological Effects of Deinstitutionalization on the Wishes of People with Developmental Disabilities, a Five Year Study*. Chair: George E. Arquitt, Ph.D.
- B.A. 1993, Sociology, minor in Ethnic Studies. Humboldt State University, California.

SPECIALIZATION:

- Social Theory: Early American Sociology; Pragmatism.
- Other Areas: Identity; Authenticity; Collective Memory; Fandom.

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT:

- 2020-present Professor of Sociology, New Mexico State University.
- 2012-2019 Professor and Academic Department Head, New Mexico State University.
- 2011-2012 Professor and Sociology Program Coordinator, Jacksonville State University.
- 2006-2011 Associate Professor and Sociology Program Coordinator, Jacksonville State University.
- 2003-2006 Assistant Professor and Sociology Program Coordinator, Jacksonville State University.
- 2002-2003 Assistant Professor, Jacksonville State University.
- 1999-2002 Assistant Professor, Northwest Missouri State University.

1998-99 Lecturer, Oklahoma State University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

2014-present Graduate and Undergraduate Individual and Society; Graduate Symbolic Interactionism; Introduction to Sociology; Social Theory; Sociology of Popular Culture; Graduate Social Theory.

2013 Graduate Contemporary Social Theory, Sociological Foundations, and Introduction to Sociology.

2010-2012 Introduction to Sociology; Honors Introduction to Sociology; Ethnic and Minority Group Relations; Medicine and Society; Sociology of Disability; Social Psychology; and Sociology Senior Seminar.

2005-2010 Introduction to Sociology; Ethnic and Minority Group Relations; Medicine and Society; Sociology of Disability.

1999- 2004 Introduction to Sociology; Race, Ethnicity, and Gender; Research Methods; Social Psychology, Deviant Behavior, Medicine and Society; Sociology of Disability; Social Theory, Social Problems; Freshman Seminar; the African American Experience; and Senior Seminar.

1998-99 Introduction to Sociology.

1995-98 Introduction to Sociology; and Social Problems.

1988 Instructor, Work Ethics Seminar on Ethical Decision Making in the Work Force, McDonnell Douglas Inc., Torrance, California.

COURSES TAUGHT:

Introduction to Sociology
Race, Ethnicity, and Gender
Social Psychology
Social Theory
Freshman Seminar
Ethnic Group Relations
Independent Studies
The African American Experience
Graduate Contemporary Theory
Sociology of Popular Culture
Graduate Seminar in Social Theory

Social Problems
Deviant Behavior
Research Methods
Sociology of Disability
Medicine and Society
Senior Seminar
First-Year Orientation
Honors Introduction to Sociology
Graduate Individual and Society
Graduate Seminar in Symbolic
Interaction

ARTICLES, BOOK CHAPTERS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES:

- 2015 “How to Understand the People and the Context in Which you will be Working.” *Sociology for the Curious: Why Study Sociology*. ISBN 978-1-925128-59-8. Kishor Vaidya, editor.
- 2014 “Sociology with Christianity: The Last Attempt of Charles A. Ellwood to Right the Wrong.” *Sociological Integration of Religion and Society* (Vol. 4, 2:1-15). With Danielle Jones-Pruett.
- 2011 “Charles A. Ellwood and the End of Sociology.” *The American Sociologist*, (Vol. 42, pp. 112-128).
- 2010 “The diaspora of West Africa: The influence of West African cultures on ‘Jody Calls’ in the United States military.” *Sociological Spectrum* (Vol. 30, 1, pp. 90-109). With Timothy W. Clark and Patrice N. Ware.
- 2008 “The utilization of Symbolic Interactionism to assist people with mental retardation in the grieving process.” *Illness, Crisis and Loss* (Vol. 16, 1, pp. 21-35). With Danielle L. Jones-Pruett.
- 2008 “Marital stress and having a child with developmental disabilities.” *Battleground: The Family*, Kimberly P. Brackett, ed. Greenwood Publishers.
- 2007 “Pragmatism and grieving: Incorporating Mead and Dewey to understand the grieving of people with mental retardation.” *Sociological Spectrum*, (Vol. 27, 5, pp. 537-553). With Paige R. Arrington.
- 2007 “Boring, monotonous, and humdrum: The nerdification process of academia on presentation style.” *Quarterly Journal of Ideology* (Vol. 30, 3&4). <http://www.lsus.edu/la/journals/ideology/contents/vol30/Nerdification%20LoConto.pdf>. With Candace K. Crance.
- 2007 “ITALIANS.” *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*. <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/>
- 2007 “PRICHARD, PETE (1895-1970).” *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*. <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/>
- 2007 “TUA, JOHN BATTISTA (1871-1960).” *Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture*. <http://digital.library.okstate.edu/encyclopedia/>
- 2006 “The influence of Charles A. Ellwood on Herbert Blumer and Symbolic Interactionism.” *The Journal of Classical Sociology* (vol. 6, 1, pp. 75-99). With Danielle L. Jones-Pruett.

- 2005 "Mead and the art of trash talking: I got your gesture right here." *Sociological Spectrum*, (vol. 25, 2, pp. 215-230). With Tori J. Roth.
- 2005 "Discrimination against and adaptation of Italians in the coal counties of Oklahoma." *Great Plains Quarterly*, (vol. 24, 4, pp. 249-261).
- 2005 "Cultural variation within European American Families." *Comprehensive Handbook of Multicultural School Psychology*, pp. 205-233. Craig L. Frisby and Cecil Reynolds, Editors. With Amy D. Francis. ISBN: 0-471-26615-9.
- 2003 "Strategic ritualization and ethnicity: A typology and analysis of ritual enactments in an Italian American community." *Sociological Spectrum*, (vol. 23, 4, pp. 425-462). With J. David Knottnerus.
- 2003 "Italians in Oklahoma: A home on the range. *Ambassador Magazine* (vol. 54, winter, pp. 14-18). With Amy D. Francis.
- 2002 "A symbolic interactionist approach to understanding grieving of people with learning and developmental disabilities." *The Counseling Interviewer*. (Vol. 34, pp. 38-43). With Kristy L. Berry.
- 1998 "Italian sentiments, reputations, and discrimination in southeastern Oklahoma." Research Note. *Proceedings of the Oklahoma Academy of Science*. (Vol. 78, pp. 11-14). With C. S. LoConto.
- 1998 "Death and dreams: A sociological approach to grieving and identity." *Omega, The Journal of Death and Dying*. (Vol. 37, pp. 169-183).
- 1997 "The right to be human: Deinstitutionalization and wishes of people with developmental disabilities." *Education and Training in Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities*. (Vol. 32, pp. 77-84). With Richard A. Dodder.

BOOKS:

- 2020 *Social Movements and the Collective Identity of the Star Trek Fandom: Boldly Going Where No Fans Have Gone*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books. ISBN-13: 978-1793607003.
- 2019 *Sociology and Thinking Critically: An Introduction*. Great River Technologies, 2nd edition. Austin, TX.
- 2015 *Sociology and Thinking Critically: An Introduction*. Great River Technologies, Austin, TX. ISBN: 978-1-61549-951-9.

- 2010 *Sociology and Its Discontents*. 6th Edition. Introduction to Sociology textbook. Horizon Publishing. With Laurence A. Basirico, Barbara G. Cashion, and J. Ross Eshleman. ISBN: 978-1-60229-659-6.
- 2008 *Sociology and Its Discontents*. 5th Edition. Introduction to Sociology textbook. Horizon Publishing. With Laurence A. Basirico, Barbara G. Cashion, and J. Ross Eshleman. ISBN: 1-59602-792-4.
- 2007 *The Gamecock Guide*. 2nd Edition. Freshman Orientation Textbook. ISBN: 0-536-48700-6. Pearson Publishing. With Don Killingsworth, Jr.
- 2004 *The Gamecock Guide*. Freshman Orientation Textbook. ISBN: 0-536-82020-1. Pearson Publishing.

INSTRUCTOR'S RESOURCES:

- 2008 *Understanding Sociology*. Horizon Textbook Publishing. With Laurence A. Basirico, Barbara G. Cashion, and J. Ross Eshleman. ISBN: 978-1-60229-449-3.
- 2008 *Study Guide to accompany Understanding Sociology*. With Kathryn Mueller. Horizon Textbook Publishing. ISBN: 978-1-60229-344-1.
- 2006 *Wadsworth's Sociology Online Resources and Writing Companion for Kendall's Sociology in Our Times, The Essentials*.
- 2006 Practice Tests for *Kendall's Sociology in Our Times, The Essentials*.
- 2006 Web Quizzes for *Kendall's Sociology in Our Times, The Essentials*.
- 2005 *Wadsworth's Sociology Online Resources and Writing Companion for Kendall's Sociology in Our Times*, 5th edition. With Michele Adams, David J. Ayers, George Van Pelt Campbell. Thomson/Wadsworth. ISBN: 0-534-62637-8.
- 2005 *Wadsworth's Sociology Online Resources and Writing Companion*. With Michele Adams, David J. Ayers, George Van Pelt Campbell. Thomson/Wadsworth. ISBN: 0-534-636282-9.
- 2005 *Wadsworth's Sociology Online Resource and Writing Companion for Mooney, Knox, and Schacht's Understanding Social Problems*, 4th edition. Thomson/Wadsworth. ISBN: 0-534-62513-4.
- 2003 "Opposing Viewpoints Exercises" for the *Instructor's Resources Manual* for Diana Kendall's *Sociology in our times: The Essentials*. Thomson/Wadsworth. ISBN: 0-534-60964-3

- 2003 *Telecourse guide for Anderson & Taylor's sociology: The essentials*, 2nd Edition. With Jane A. Penney. Thomson/Wadsworth. ISBN: 0-534-58832-8
- 2003 Online quizzes and tests for Diana Kendall's *Sociology in our times: The Essentials*. Thomson/Wadsworth.
- 2003 *Telecourse guide for Kendall's Sociology in our times*, 4th edition. With Jane A. Penney. Thomson/Wadsworth. ISBN: 0-534-58886-7
- 2003 Online quizzes and tests for Diana Kendall's *Sociology in Our Times*, 4th edition. Distributed by Thomson/Wadsworth.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW FOR PUBLICATION:

“Tattoos and the Self: A Meadian Account of the Body as Canvas” Submitted to *Deviant Behavior*. With Heidi Jenkins.

“Bonding Social Capital: Social and Cultural Influences on SEC Football Fandom.” Submitted to the *Journal of Fandom Studies*. With Stephanie M. Arnett and Erin N. Rider.

“Toward a Christian Sociology: Pragmatism and Shailer Mathews.” Submitted to *The Journal of Sociology and Christianity*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

Studying the history of the Star Trek fandom, focusing on various aspects of the fandom, including social movements, collective identity, and authenticity. Using historical analysis, participant observation, content analysis, and in-depth interviews.

An analysis of fans of SEC football. A 76-item survey of people who live in the southeastern United States. The sample was 309 people who live in the Southeastern United States. With Erin N. Rider and Stephanie M. Arnett.

The work of Edward Alsworth Ross, his place, and ideas in sociology. Data collected. Project awaiting write up.

PRESENTATIONS and SESSIONS ORGANIZED:

- 2020 “The Woodstock Generation and Star Trek Fandom: The Motivated Masses.” Southwest Popular and American Culture Association annual meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

- 2019 “Social Movements and Star Trek: First and Second Wave Fandom from 1966-1979.” Southwest Popular and American Culture Association annual meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2019 “Cartoons as Socialization Agents in Post-modernity: Multiphrenia, Moralities, and Identities.” Pacific Sociological Association annual meeting, Oakland, California. With David G. Ortiz, Lorissa B. Humble, LaJaun Willis III.
- 2018 “The Rising Tide: the Relationship of SEC Football Fandom and Identity.” Southwest Popular and American Culture Association annual meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico. With Stephanie M. Arnett and Erin N. Rider.
- 2018 “Postmodern Identities and Modern Moralities: 21st Century Cartoons as Socialization Agents.” Southwest Popular and American Culture Association annual meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico. With Lorissa B. Humble, LaJaun Willis III, and David G. Ortiz.
- 2018 “From Community College to University: Clearing Pathways for Applied Studies.” New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention Conference, Albuquerque, NM. With Becky Corran, Monica Torres, and Patti Wojahn.
- 2017 “Bureaucratic Ritualism in Academia: Rule Compliance Versus Productivity” Pacific Sociological Association meeting, Portland, Oregon. With C. Alison Newby.
- 2017 “Tattoos and Identity: A Meadian Account of the Body as Canvas” Pacific Sociological Association meeting, Portland, Oregon. With Heidi Jenkins.
- 2016 “Heroes and Bullies: Fighting for the Rights of Everyone Through Cosplay” Pacific Sociological Association meeting, Oakland, California. With Erica Surova.
- 2014 Invited Speaker to the New Mexico State University, Grants campus. Topic of presentations involved career options through studying Sociology.
- 2014 “Liberal and Conservative Political Philosophies: Inconsistencies in Defining Self and Other.” Pacific Sociological Association meeting, Portland, Oregon. With Sandra Way.
- 2013 Invited Speaker to The Aggie Experience, and event for prospective students and their families to visit New Mexico State University. September 28, and October 19.
- 2013 Invited Speaker (Keynote Speaker) to the Alpha Kappa Delta Awards Banquet. “Using Sociology to Create a Star Trek Universe.”

- 2012 “Sociology with Christianity: The Last Attempt of Charles A. Ellwood to Stop the Insanity.” Mid South Sociological Association meeting, Mobile, Alabama.
- 2011 “Undermining Social Capital: Using the Philosophies of George Herbert Mead and Adolf Hitler to Understand Recent American Political Speeches.” Mid South Sociological Association meeting, Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2011 “The Ideas of George Herbert Mead for a Wonderful World.” The Atlantic Coast Pragmatism Conference meeting, Asheville, North Carolina.
- 2011 “Someone I Once Knew: A Sociological Analysis of Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia.” 30th Annual Jacksonville State University Social Work Conference, Jacksonville, AL.
- 2010 "Hitting a Wall: Pragmatism, Epistemology and the Evolution of Thought in Social Psychologies." Mid South Sociological Association meeting, Baton Rouge, LA.
- 2010 "His Last Five Years: Understanding the Conscience of George Herbert Mead." Mid South Sociological Association meeting, Baton Rouge, LA.
- 2010 “The Aesthetic Experience of Making Smoking Pipes.” Atlantic Coast Pragmatism Conference, Charlotte, NC.
- 2010 “Bereavement Strategies for Counseling.” 29th Annual Jacksonville State University Social Work Conference, Jacksonville, AL.
- 2009 “Postcards from the Edge: Charles A. Ellwood and the End of Sociology.” Mid South Sociological Association meeting, Lafayette, LA.
- 2009 “Pragmatism and the Christian Sociology of Shailer Mathews: Common Ground Against Nominalist Sociology.” The International Social Theory Consortium meeting, Knoxville, TN.
- 2008 “Confessions of a Feminist Man.” Invited speaker to WISEfest. Sponsored by WISE (Women's Issues Support and Empowerment).
- 2008 “The origins and purpose of American Sociology: Can there be a Christian Sociology?” Mid South Sociological Association meeting, Huntsville, AL. With Jessica L. Sparks.
- 2008 Comment on Vannatta’s “British Conservatism in O.W. Holmes’s Legal Pragmatism.” Atlantic Coast Pragmatism Conference, Asheville, North Carolina.
- 2008 Presider of the ‘Race and Ethnicity’ session at the Alabama Mississippi Sociological Association meeting. Starkville, MS.

- 2007 Organizer and Presider of the ‘Pragmatism and Sociology’ session at the Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Mobile, AL.
- 2007 “Shaping versus creating reality: The realist vision of interaction opportunities.” Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Mobile, AL.
- 2007 Panelist in the “Innovative and/or Successful Teaching in Sociology” session. Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Mobile, AL.
- 2007 “Pragmatism and the sociology of deviance: Expanding Konty’s claims from nominalism to realism.” Atlantic Coast Pragmatism Conference. Blacksburg, Virginia. With Candace K. Crance.
- 2006 “Pragmatism and the future of ethnicity.” The Mid-South Sociological Association. Lafayette, Louisiana.
- 2006 “The African diaspora: The influence of west African cultures on the United States military cadence counts.” The Mid-South Sociological Association. Lafayette, Louisiana. With Patrice Ware and Tim Clark.
- 2006 “What would Sumner do? A conservative sociological analysis of the foreign policy of the George W. Bush administration.” The Mid-South Sociological Association. Lafayette, Louisiana. With Candace Gibson.
- 2006 “Pragmatism and grieving: Incorporating Mead and Dewey to understand the grieving of people with mental retardation.” Atlantic Coast Pragmatism Conference. Charlottesville, Virginia.
- 2006 “Pragmatism and its application toward an understanding of grieving of people with mental retardation.” The Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2005 Organizer and Presider of the ‘Social Psychology’ session at the Mid-South Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.
- 2005 “Sociological naturalism: Integrating pragmatism and physics.” The Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Atlanta, GA. With Becky R. Hawkins.
- 2005 “A Meadian account of perception and interaction of people with mental retardation.” The Southern Sociological Association meeting. Charlotte, NC. With Becky R. Hawkins.
- 2005 Presider, Undergraduate Student Papers VI, The Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association meeting. Tuscaloosa, AL.

- 2004 “Labels and racism: When Whites are raced.” The Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Biloxi, MS.
- 2003 “Charles A. Ellwood: Placing a giant back in the origins of Symbolic Interaction.” The Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Baton Rouge, LA.
- 2003 “McDonaldization and plagiarism: Cheating as a rational means of accomplishment in academia.” The Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Baton Rouge, LA. With Carrie A. Vestecka.
- 2003 “Still the object of desire: Health and gender issues of big beautiful women.” The Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Baton Rouge, LA. With Karin N. Maney-Chumney.
- 2002 “Creating realities: Trash talking in college athletics.” The Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Memphis, TN. With Tori J. Warner.
- 2002 “Measures of normalization in psychotropic medication administration: A regression analysis.” The Southwest Sociological Association meeting. New Orleans, LA. With Richard L. Gee.
- 2001 “Boring, monotonous, and humdrum: The nerdification process of academia on presentation style.” The Midwest Sociological Society meeting. St. Louis, MO.
- 2001 “The importance of sharing in the learning experience.” Key-note speaker for the Annual Research Symposium at Northwest Missouri State University.
- 2000 “Memory and interaction: Exploring the interactional order when history is fragmented or missing.” The Mid-South Sociological Association meeting. Knoxville, TN.
- 2000 “A reliability study of an adaptive communication device for people with developmental disabilities.” The American Sociological Association meeting, Washington D.C. With Amanda Fullerton & Richard A. Dodder.
- 2000 “The maintenance of Italian-American ethnic identity: A strategic ritualization account.” The Midwest Sociological Society meeting, Chicago, IL. With J. David Krottnerus.
- 1999 “Discrimination against and group cohesiveness of Italians in the coal counties of Oklahoma.” The Southern Sociological Society meeting, Nashville, TN.
- 1999 “Insider-outsider relations: The social construction of identity of Italians in the coal counties of Oklahoma.” The Southwestern Sociological Association meeting, San Antonio, TX.

- 1999 Organizer, 'Constructing Identities: Tackling the Past, Present and Future' session at the Mid-South Sociological Association meeting, Jackson, MS.
- 1998 "Maintaining ethnicity: Structural ritualization and Italian-Americans in southeastern Oklahoma." The Midwest Sociological Society meeting, Kansas City, KS. With J. David Knottnerus.
- 1998 "One time deviants: The impact of law on the normalization of people with developmental disabilities in postindustrial America." The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meeting, Albuquerque, NM.
- 1998 Discussant, 'Law and Social Control' session at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meeting, Albuquerque, NM.
- 1997 "The process of becoming normal for older adults with developmental disabilities in postindustrial America." The Mid-South Sociological Association meeting, Huntsville, AL.
- 1997 "Bringing the dead self back to life: Dreaming of the dead." The Midwest Sociological Society meeting, Des Moines, IA.
- 1996 "The right to be human: Deinstitutionalization and wishes of people with developmental disabilities." The American Sociological Association meeting, New York, NY. With Richard A. Dodder.
- 1996 "Bringing the dead back to life: Dreaming of the dead by the dead." The Southwestern Sociological Association meeting, Houston, TX. With Christina Myers.
- 1996 "The wish and deinstitutionalization: The changing face of reality." The Midwest Sociological Society meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 1996 Organizer, 'Sociology of Disability' session at the Mid-South Sociological Association meeting, Little Rock, AR.
- 1995 "The right to be human: The effects of deinstitutionalization on the wishes of people with developmental disabilities." The Southwestern Sociological Association meeting, Dallas, TX.
- 1995 "Sports and saturation: The impact of television on the urban community." The Southwestern Sociological Association meeting, Dallas, TX.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- 2020 Content analysis of Tweets on Twitter addressing authenticity of the Star Trek franchise. With Rachael Coulthard and Santana Andazola.

- 2018 Survey/open ended questions on the relationship of identity to cosplay. With Lorissa B. Humble.
- 2017-2019 Content Analysis of cartoons, looking specifically at morality, integrating postmodern and modernistic views. With David G. Ortiz, Lorissa B. Humble, and LaJaun Willis III.
- 2017 Assisted in the creation and editing of two survey instruments for Information and Communication Technology for New Mexico State University that were deployed to over 25,000 students and employees in the New Mexico State University system.
- 2017 Open ended questions for academics on bureaucratic ritualism in academia.
- 2016-2017 In-depth interviews (semi-structured) of identity and tattoos. With Heidi Jenkins.
- 2013-present In-depth interviews (unstructured and semi-structured), as well as participant and unobtrusive observation of Star Trek fans at Star Trek Conventions as well as online community sites. Content analysis and historical analysis. Includes \$4000.00 research grant from the Loomis Foundation.
- 2015-2019 Survey of SEC football fans. Closed and Open-Ended questions. Survey size, 309. Awaiting write-up.
- 2011-2012 Survey of student attitudes on political philosophies. Approximately between 200 and 400 students will be surveyed in three different states.
- 2010 Faculty research grant of \$1937 through Jacksonville State University. Visited the University of Wisconsin, Madison and read the papers of Edward Alsworth Ross.
- 2010 In-depth interviews to understand why people use colors to identify racial categories. With Kristin Sloan.
- 2009-2010 In-depth interviews, various secondary analyses, and participant observation in pipe smoking communities, and pipe makers.
- 2008 Collected data for the Academic Integrity Committee from Administrators, Faculty, and Students to ascertain their views on academic dishonesty.
- 2007 Historical analysis of the Charles Abram Ellwood papers at Duke University. Small research grant (\$565.13) allotted for fiscal year 2006-2007.
- 2006 Analysis of west African music and its influences on the American military. Historical analysis.

- 2003-2004 Collected data on 300 students addressing the link of the English language to racism. With Becky R. Hawkins.
- 2001-2002 Collected data from 50 student athletes on trash talking in college athletics. Methods of inquiry are focus groups, unobtrusive observation, and in-depth interviews. With Tori J. Roth.
- 2000-2001 Collected data from 135 students ascertaining what students like and want in presentation style and format of university faculty. Method of inquiry is survey research.
- 1998 Research assistant for the ‘ACD Reliability Study for the Oklahoma State University Longitudinal Research Project’ operating out of the Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University. I interviewed approximately 60 individuals twice to ascertain reliability of an adaptive communication device used in interviewing people with developmental disabilities.
- 1996-1999 Dissertation topic, the study of ethnic identity of Italian-Americans in southeastern Oklahoma. Research included 60 in-depth interviews, visual methods, historical analyses, unobtrusive observation, and participant observation.
- 1996 In-depth interviews with 30 individuals on the dreams these individuals had of loved ones who passed away.
- 1996 Research assistant for the ‘Assessment of the Status of Applicants on the Developmental Disability Waiting List’ grant, operating out of the Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University. I conducted telephone interviews of 206 families on a waiting list for services from the Department of Human Services in Oklahoma.
- 1993-1995 Research assistant for the ‘Developmental Disabilities Quality Assurance Project’ operating out of the Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University. I conducted interviews utilizing closed and open ended questions with approximately 200 individuals with developmental disabilities and their care givers each year across the state of Oklahoma.

COMMITTEES:

- 2020-present Promotion and Tenure Committee for the Department of Sociology, New Mexico State University.
- 2020-present Promotion and Tenure Committee for the Department of Journalism and Media Studies, New Mexico State University.

- 2020 Graduate Committee for the Department of Sociology, New Mexico State University.
- 2016-2019 Member of the President's Communication Council for New Mexico State University.
- 2015-2018 Member of the New Mexico State University General Education Course Certification Committee.
- 2012-2018 Member, the Stanford M. Lyman Scholarship Committee for the Mid-South Sociological Association.
- 2013-2014 Chair of the Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award Committee for the Mid-South Sociological Association.
- 2013-2014 Member of the Executive Council for the Mid-South Sociological Association.
- 2013 Member of Distance Education Committee for the College of Arts and Sciences.
- 2012 Search Committee for a position in the Sociology program at Jacksonville State University.
- 2011 Chair, Graduate Paper of Distinction Award Committee, for the Mid South Sociological Association.
- 2011 Digital Measures Committee for Jacksonville State University.
- 2011-2012 Member, Committee for the Professions, for the Mid South Sociological Association.
- 2010-2012 Chair, the Hugh Boyd McCain scholarship.
- 2010-2012 Awards Committee for the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2010-2012 University Support Services for Athletes Committee for Jacksonville State University.
- 2010-2012 Finance Committee for the WISE Center.
- 2010-2012 Committee for the Gender Studies Minor development and review for Jacksonville State University.
- 2010 Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Committee for Jacksonville State University.

- 2010 Chair, Undergraduate Student Paper competition for the Mid South Sociological Association.
- 2009-2011 Membership Committee – Alabama and Oklahoma representative for the Mid South Sociological Association.
- 2009-2010 Search Committee for a position in the Sociology program at Jacksonville State University.
- 2009-2010 Chair, Awards Committee for the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2009 The Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award Committee for the Mid-South Sociological Association.
- 2008 Sub-Committee developing the guidelines for aligning faculty, staff, and student requirements regarding the use of others work in presentation for the Academic Integrity Committee at Jacksonville State University.
- 2008 Chair of the Undergraduate Student Paper Competition committee for the Alabama Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2007-2010 Executive Committee for the Alabama Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2007-2009 Academic Integrity committee, Jacksonville State University.
- 2007-2010 Faculty Research Committee for Jacksonville State University.
- 2007-2008 Paper Selection Committee for the Atlantic Coast Pragmatism Conference, Asheville, NC.
- 2007 The Stanford M. Lyman Distinguished Book Award Committee for the Mid-South Sociological Association.
- 2006 Program Committee for the Mid-South Sociological Association.
- 2006 Student Paper Awards Committee for the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2005-2007 The Committee for Research Activities and Papers, addressing the needs of the Sociology program and the activities of the students.
- 2005 Search Committee member for a lecturer position in Social Work for the Department of Sociology and Social Work.
- 2005 Student Paper Awards Committee for the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.

- 2005 Search Committee member for an entry level Assistant Professor position in Sociology for the Department of Sociology and Social Work.
- 2005 Search Committee member for an entry level Instructor position in Social Work for the Department of Sociology and Social Work.
- 2004-2008 Membership Committee for the Mid-South Sociological Association. I am the Alabama representative for this committee which addresses methods or ways of improving membership in the MSSA.
- 2004-2005 Membership Committee for the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2004 Search Committee member for an entry level Assistant Professor position in Social Work for the Department of Sociology and Social Work.
- 2004 Graduate Student Competition Committee. Duty includes reading and evaluating Graduate Student papers for the Mid-South Sociological Association.
- 2002- 2012 Sociology Curriculum Committee. Duties include evaluating the Sociology curriculum at Jacksonville State University, including advising, and implementing changes to that curriculum.
- 2003 Park and Walk Committee. Duties include evaluating Jacksonville State University's accessibility and usability for students, guests, staff, and faculty.
- 2002 Faculty Senate. Department representative.
- 2001-2002 Faculty Research Committee. Duties include the evaluation and selection of faculty research proposals to decide who receives university funding.
- 2001-2002 Senior Assessment Committee (Chair). Investigating ways or methods to increase overall scores on Senior Assessments of Psychology and Sociology majors.
- 2001-2002 Presidential Scholar Selection Committee. Responsible for interviewing and rating prospective presidential scholars.
- 2001 Selection Committee for the Director of the Trails Program, Maryville Treatment Center. We were responsible for recruiting and selecting the new Director of the Trails Program at this minimum-security prison.
- 2001 Selection Committee for a new counselor for the Counseling Center on campus. Our duties included interviewing candidates to work in the Counseling Center here at Northwest Missouri State University.

- 2000-2002 Freshman Seminar Advisory Team committee. Duties included addressing methods to improve the Freshman Seminar program to facilitate greater retention of freshman by improving the college experience.
- 2000-2001 Freshman Seminar Textbook sub-committee. Duties involved reviewing textbooks for Freshman Seminar program.
- 2000-2001 University recruitment committee.
- 1999-2002 Undergraduate committee for Sociology. The highlight of this committee was the development of a Corrections emphasis in the Sociology program.
- 1999-2002 Committee for undergraduate scholarships in Psychology and Sociology. Duties included reviewing scholarship applications from department undergraduates.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

- 2019-2020 Thesis member for Daniel Topete. Successfully defended in April, 2020.
- 2019 Interviewed for CourseHero, and provided a lesson. Available at: <https://www.coursehero.com/faculty-club/best-lessons/new-perspective/?fbclid=IwAR3IcfR7CilRx0nIaYMrJu1E6oukQwzpOoxTk9aKgcR3JghPZ-bYiuAGkc8>
- 2019-2020. Thesis member for Josiah Colbert. Successfully defended in March, 2020.
- 2018 Reviewed the chapter, ‘Social Theory’ for the textbook, *Revel Sociology Project 2.5*, for Pearson Publishing.
- 2018-2020. Thesis Member for Nellie Amosi. Successfully defended in April, 2020.
- 2018-2019 Thesis Member for La Jaun Willis III. Successfully defended in November, 2019.
- 2018-Present Thesis Member for Kailynn Gumpert.
- 2018-Present Thesis Member for Kelsey Bigalow.
- 2018 Reviewed the chapter, ‘Socialization’ for the textbook, *Sociology: Structure and Change*, by Jodie Lawston for Pearson Publishing.
- 2018 Reviewed a proposal for a new Master’s in Sociology program at American Public University System.
- 2018 Reviewer, “Race and Ethnicity” chapter for *Sociology: Structure and Change* by Jodie Lawston. Pearson Publishing.

- 2017 Reviewer, “Health and Society” chapter of *You May Ask Yourself: An Introduction to Thinking Like a Sociologist* by Dalton Conley for W. W. Norton & Company.
- 2016-2017 Dean’s Representative for the dissertation of Lisa Lisenbee, Department of English. Did not successfully defend.
- 2016-2017 Thesis member for Erin Reinisch. Successfully defended.
- 2016 Reviewer of the Bachelor of Arts in Sociology program at the American Public University System, American Military University.
- 2015-17 Serve as a Faculty Mentor in the Faculty Mentor program at New Mexico State University. The purpose is to work with faculty in other departments and/or colleges to provide advising on how to negotiate life as a professor.
- 2015-2017 Dean’s Representative on the dissertation of Atena Tabakhi, Department of Computer Science/Engineering. Did not successfully defend.
- 2015-2017 Master’s Thesis Chair for Mark Miller. Successfully defended.
- 2016 External Reviewer for the Undergraduate Sociology program from American Military University | American Public University.
- 2015-2016 Dean’s Representative for the Master’s Thesis of Rudaina Sarwar, Department of Computer Science, “Design Implications for a Blood Donation System by Analyzing the Existing Arrangements. Successfully defended.
- 2015-2016 Master’s Thesis Chair for Michelle Combs. Did not successfully defend.
- 2015 Reviewed Chapter 3, Culture for the McGraw-Hill in the textbook, *Sociology and Your Life with P.O.W.E.R.* Rick Schaefer and Robert Feldman.
- 2015 Reviewed three chapters (methods, politics, family) from *The Social World*, by Sudhir Venkatesh for WH Publishers.
- 2014-2015 Agreed to serve as a member of the advisory board for Jacksonville State University’s Exploration Play Serve Project. The primary purpose of the project is to investigate the effect of gamification mechanics on service learning in the context of freshman level Sociology and English courses.
- 2014-15 Member of the International Interdisciplinary Advisory and Editorial Board.
- 2014 Dean’s Representative for the thesis for Atena Tabakhi, Department of Computer Science. Successfully defended.

- 2014 Served as Acting Department Head for the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications to oversee the promotion process of Dr. Hwiman Chung.
- 2014 Departmental representative for New Student Registration, April 26, May 29, June 21 & 28, July 10 & 25.
- 2014 Evaluated the Master's Program in Sociology at Texas A&M – Kingsville.
- 2013-2014 Chair of the Master's Thesis: "Am I Too Good for School? A Qualitative Study of the Rivalry Between the Student-Athlete Identities," by Deann N. Williams. Successfully defended.
- 2013 Reviewed the Chapter on inequality for Sage Publications for the possible textbook *Discover Sociology* by William Chambliss and Daina Eglitis.
- 2012 Reviewed a draft of the Race and Ethnicity chapter for *Sociology in the Fast Lane*, for The Grandview Group, LLC.
- 2012 Reviewed the first three draft chapters of *Race and Ethnicity* by Coates, Brunsmas, and Ferber, for Sage Publishers.
- 2011 Reviewed chapter eight for Pearson Education, of the prospectus, *Imagine That. . . An Introduction to Sociology*.
- 2011 Reviewed chapters 7, 8, and 12 for Sage Publications, of the potential book, *Discovering Sociology: The Art & Science of Thinking Sociologically*, by William J. Chambliss and Daina S. Eglitis
- 2011 Reviewed the book, *The Disability Studies Reader*, 3rd Edition for Routledge in preparation for a new edition.
- 2011 Organized and participated in a workshop with Norton Publishers integrating course materials into Blackboard for our undergraduate courses.
- 2011 Participated in a survey for Sage Publications regarding teaching social psychology in the classroom.
- 2011 Reviewed two chapters for a potential book on social psychology for Sage Publications.
- 2011 Invited Speaker, 'How to be Successful in the College Classroom' for "College Prep for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students," for Disability Support Services, Jacksonville State University.
- 2011 Reviewed *The Relativity of Deviance* by John Curra for Pine Forge Press.

- 2011 Attended the ETS® Major Field Tests webinar titled “Using Major Field Tests to Help You Plan Your Curriculum and Enhance Your Program” on February 17.
- 2010 Reviewed the Erving Goffman prospectus by Michael Hviid Jacobsen & Søren Kristiansen for the *Social Thinkers* series for Pine Forge, Inc.
- 2010 Reviewed the Talcott Parsons prospectus by Helmut Staubmann for the *Social Thinkers* series for Pine Forge, Inc.
- 2010 Reviewed Chapters 5, 9, 10, 13, 15-18 of *Sociology, 10e*, by Jon M. Shephard for Wadsworth Cengage Learning.
- 2010 Invited Speaker, ‘How to be Successful in the College Classroom’ for “College Prep for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students,” for Disability Support Services, Jacksonville State University.
- 2010 Reviewed Chapter Three from *Social Problems Today: An Analysis through Video* for Pine Forge, Inc.
- 2010 Reviewed Chapter Nine for *Sociology: The Essentials*, 11th edition by Michael S. Kimmel for Pearson Publishers.
- 2010 Racial Sensitivity Training presentations to the City of Talladega employees. May 11-13.
- 2010 Reviewed a prospectus on Race and Ethnicity by France Winddance Twine and Celine-Marie Pascale for Pine Forge, Inc.
- 2010 Reviewed unpublished textbook *Introductory Sociology Review* for Pearson Publishing.
- 2009-2011 Vice President of the Mid South Sociological Association.
- 2009-2012 Member of the Board of Directors for the WISE Center, Jacksonville, Alabama.
- 2009-2011 Member of the Academic Advisory Board for *Taking Sides: Clashing Views in Social Psychology*, for McGraw-Hill Higher Education.
- 2009-2011 Member of Editorial Review team for Horizon Textbook Publishers their Sociology textbook.
- 2009 Reviewed *Understanding Sociology*, 4th Edition, Laurence A. Basirico, Barbara G. Cashion, and J. Ross Eshleman, for Horizon Textbook Publishing.
- 2009 Organizer, contributor, and editor of the Spring Newsletter of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.

- 2009-2012 Member of the Academic Advisory Board of ANNUAL EDITION: Race & Ethnic Relations, for McGraw-Hill Higher Education.
- 2009 Organizer and editor of the Winter Newsletter of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2008 Organizer and editor of the Fall Newsletter of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2008-2009 President of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2008 Reviewed *Seeing Ourselves: Classic, Contemporary, and Cross-Cultural Readings in Sociology*, 7th Edition, by John J. Macionis and Nijole V. Benokraitis for Pearson Publishers.
- 2007 Evaluator for the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada on the grant proposal, *Understanding experiences of grief and bereavement for older adults with intellectual disabilities*.
- 2007-2011 Associate Editor, *International Journal of Sociological Research*.
- 2007 Wrote half year report on the Sociology program at Jacksonville State University for the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2007-2012 Organizer of the year-end sociology program award ceremony and celebration.
- 2007 Developed and wrote a graduate pamphlet for the sociology program at Jacksonville State University that answers basic questions regarding graduate school for students.
- 2007 Developed a change in curriculum for the sociology program at Jacksonville State University, where the program will have four concentrations. This provides more direction not only for the program, but for students. With Tina H. Deshotels and Mark Fagan, Rodney Friery, Adrian Aveni, and Clark Hudspeth.
- 2006 Interviewed by Jenny Bone Miller of the *The Anniston Star* for the article, "Addicted to Stealing: Drugs, Poverty Create Fertile Ground for Thieves, Burglars." March 26, 2006 pages 1A and 5A.
- 2006 Reviewed five chapters from the manuscript *Social Structure and Human Interaction: Sociological Psychology* by Barbara F. Meeker and Kent L. Sandstrom for Roxbury Publishing Company.

- 2006 Interviewed by Albatros Magazine out of Salerno, Italy regarding the image of Italy around the world and how that image can be improved. Interview is in the December, 2006 issue.
- 2006 Interviewed by the city of Ariano Irpino, Italy website, www.cittadiariano.it on November 4 explaining my life experiences as an Arianese.
- 2006 Wrote half year report on the Sociology program at Jacksonville State University to the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2006 Interviewed on 91.9 FM, 92J. Five-part series explaining the discipline of sociology and the sociology program at Jacksonville State University.
- 2006 Reviewed six chapters of the manuscript *Discovering Sociology*, by William J. Chambliss and Daina S. Eglitis which is up for consideration for publication with Wadsworth Publishers.
- 2005-2012 Faculty Sponsor for the Sociology Club and Alpha Kappa Delta at Jacksonville State University.
- 2005 Reviewed the textbook: *Applied Sociology: Topics, Terms, Tools, and Tasks*, by Stephen F. Steele and Jammie Price for Wadsworth Publishers for upcoming revisions.
- 2005 Wrote half year report on the Sociology program at Jacksonville State University to the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.
- 2005 Developed an Internship Program for the Sociology Program at Jacksonville State University.
- 2005 Developed new evaluation criteria and instruments for graduating sociology students. These criteria and instruments were put into use the spring of 2005.
- 2005 Reviewer for Sage Publications of *Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life*, Fifth Edition, by David M. Newman.
- 2004 Mentor. Northern District Career Development Conference, March 3, Gadsden State Community College.
- 2004 Faculty Mentor. Contributor to the development of faculty at Jacksonville State University. In addition, contributor to the development of freshman on campus.
- 2004 Developed, designed, and coauthored a new Sociology program website at Jacksonville State University. <http://sociology.jsu.edu>. With Gail Childs and Chris Newsome.

- 2003-2012 Program Coordinator for the Sociology program, acting as a liaison between the Sociology faculty and the Chair of the Department of Sociology and Social Work.
- 2003-2004 Faculty sponsor for the Jacksonville State University Wrestling Club.
- 2003 Guest speaker for the Gadsden Career Association Installation & Induction Ceremony for 'Jobs for Alabama's Graduates' (JAG). October 29th.
- 2003 Developed, designed, and coauthored a color synopsis for the Sociology program at Jacksonville State University. With Gail Childs.
- 2003 Developed, designed, and coauthored a color pamphlet for the Sociology program at Jacksonville State University. With Gail Childs.
- 2003 Guest speaker at the J. K. Weaver Technical School. Topic of discussion: "Fixing the problems of racism in America." August 19th and August 26th.
- 2003 Faculty Mentor. Contributor to the development of faculty at Jacksonville State University. In addition, contributor to the development of freshman on campus.
- 2003 Reviewer for Sage Publications of *Sociology: Exploring the Architecture of Everyday Life*, Fourth Edition, by David M. Newman.
- 2002-2012 Department representative for Preview Day at Jacksonville State University.
- 2000-2002 Faculty Sponsor for RIGHTS (Rape Is Going to Have To Stop). This is a peer education student organization. My duties include attending two meetings a week, working with the executive board, and overseeing events of RIGHTS.
- 2000 Developed and wrote "The Sociology Major" which is a brochure for those interested in majoring in Sociology at Northwest Missouri State University. With Connie S. Teaney.
- 2000 Developed a Sociology website. "Sociology WWW Resources." URL: <http://www.nwmissouri.edu/library/courses/sociology/SOCIOLOGYWWW.HTM> Owens Library, Northwest Missouri State University. With Frank Baudino.
- 1999-2002 Department representative for Sneak Preview Day at Northwest Missouri State University.
- Reviewed for *American Sociological Review*, *Sociology Quarterly*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology*, *Deviant Behavior*, and *International Journal of Sociological Research*.

ADVISING:

- 2012-present Faculty advisor for undergraduate and graduate students at New Mexico State University.
- 2002-2012 Faculty advisor for undergraduates at Jacksonville State University
- 1999-2002 Faculty advisor for undergraduates at Northwest Missouri State University.

AWARDS:

- 2018 Outstanding Department Head Award in the College of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University.
- 2017 Outstanding Service and Distinguished Leadership as Department Head award for the College of Arts and Sciences, New Mexico State University.
- 2001-2002 Selected by the Department of Admissions for classroom viewing by prospective students visiting Northwest Missouri State University.
- 2001 Recipient of the "Favorite Teacher" award from the Panhellenic Council.
- 2000 Recipient of "Outstanding Faculty Member" award from the Mortar Board Senior Honor Society, Turret Chapter.
- 1998 Recipient of the "Dr. Richard A. Dodder Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Teaching Award."

REPORTS:

- 2017 The Department of Sociology Five-Year Self Study. With Stephanie M. Arnett.
- 2013-present Report every year on both the Undergraduate and Graduate Programs in Sociology at New Mexico State University.
- 2012 Sociology curriculum Learning Objectives self-study for the 2011-2012 school year.
- 2011 Sociology curriculum Learning Objectives self-study for the 2010-2011 school year.
- 2010 Sociology curriculum Prism Goals self-study for the 2009-2010 school year.
- 2009-2011 Jacksonville State University Program Review. Analysis of the state of the Sociology program at Jacksonville State University.
- 2009 Sociology curriculum Prism Goals self-study for the 2008-2009 school year.

- 2008 Sociology curriculum self-study submitted to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the 2007-2008 school year.
- 2008 “Jacksonville State University Integrity Committee Report” to the president of Jacksonville State University suggesting guidelines for addressing issues of plagiarism, ghostwriting, and academic dishonesty. Written with Jerry Chandler, Carmine DiBiase, Brent Cunningham, Jodi Poe, Mike Parris, Bethany Harbison, David Steffy, Christie Shelton, and Marvin Shaw.
- 2007 Sociology curriculum self-study submitted to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the 2006-2007 school year.
- 2006 Sociology curriculum self-study submitted to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the 2005-2006 school year.
- 2005 Sociology curriculum self-study submitted to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences for the 2004-2005 school year.
- 2004 Sociology curriculum self-study submitted to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. With Mark Fagan.
- 2003 Study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) addressing how the SY 309 and SY 360 courses apply to the Social Work degree.
- 1998 “Programs Outcomes Assessment Report for Academic Year 1997-1998” for the Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University. Report submitted to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

American Sociological Association
Southwest Popular/American Culture Association

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