

CURRICULUM VITAE
1978-2008

CHARLES L. HARPER
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY

EDUCATION

University of Nebraska at Lincoln 1969-1974

Doctor of Philosophy: Sociology, 1974

Dissertation: The Impact of Day Care Centers on Child-Family Relationships

and Child Development: A Study in Early Socialization

University of Missouri at Kansas City 1963-1967

Master of Arts: Sociology, 1967

Thesis: Revolution, Reformation, and Power: The Societal

Contexts

Central Missouri State University 1958-1962

Bachelor of Science in Education--Major: Biology and chemistry

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

1999 to present

Professor in Sociology, Creighton University

1998 (April/May)

Adjunct Lecturer in Sociology, Vilnius University, Lithuania

1978 to present

Associate professor, Sociology, Creighton University

1971-78

Assistant professor, Sociology, Creighton University

1968-71

Instructor, Sociology, Creighton University

1962-67

Secondary school teacher (science and social studies) at two public school districts in suburban K. C. MO.

SCHOLARSHIP:1978 to present (2008)

BOOKS:

- 2008 Society and Environment: Human Perspectives on Environmental Issues, 4th Edition, Pearson Prentice Hall, Inc. (370 pages)
- 2007 Food, Society, and Environment, (265 pages), 2nd edition, Trafford Publishing Company
- 2007 Exploring Social Change: American and the World, 5th Edition, Prentice Hall, Inc., 390 Pp., with Kevin T. Leicht, University of Iowa.
- 2004 Environment and Society: Human Perspectives on Environmental Issues, 3rd edition, Prentice Hall, Inc. 482 Pp/
- 2002 Food, Society, and Environment, Prentice Hall, Inc., 260 Pp., with Bryan F. LeBeau, University of Missouri at Kansas City.
- 2002 Exploring Social Change: American and the World, 4th Edition, Prentice Hall, Inc., 390 Pp., with Kevin T. Leicht, University of Iowa.
[Note: Harper is the primary author for both of these books.]
- 2001 Environment and Society: Human Perspectives on Environmental Issues, 2nd Edition, Prentice Hall, Inc., 465 Pp. [Note: a 3rd edition is forthcoming]
- 1998 Environment and Society: Human Perspectives on Environmental Issues, Mandarin Chinese edition, Tianjin People's Press, sponsored by the Institute of Sociology and Anthropology of Peking University, Beijing, People's Republic of China.
- 1998 Exploring Social Change: America and the World (3rd Ed), Prentice Hall. 342 Pp.
- 1996 Environment and Society: Human Perspectives on Environmental Issues, Prentice Hall. 443 Pp.
- 1993 Exploring Social Change (2nd Ed), Prentice Hall. 373 Pps.
- 1989 Exploring Social Change (1st Ed) ,Prentice Hall. 322 Pps.

CHAPTERS IN EDITED WORKS:

- 2004 "Limits to Growth and Ecological Modernization: The case of Food and Agriculture," *Conference proceedings, Globalization, Localization, and Environment*, Pp 533-567, Research Committee 25, International Sociological Association, Seoul, Korea.
- 2003 "Sustainable Development and Social Change," in *Environment and Social Development*, Dai -Yeun Jeong and Patrick Mullins (Eds), Cheju National University Press, Republic of Korea. Also published in *Conference Proceedings, 1999, International Seminar on Sustainable Development--Its Ideology and Practice*, Pp 105-46, by the Regional Social Development Institute, Cheju National University, Korean National Commission for UNESCO, and The Korea Research Foundation.
- 2002 "Religion and family in America: A Sociohistorical Reconnaissance," in Simkins (Ed.), *Religion and Family*. Creighton University press, Forthcoming.
- 1999 "Doing Well or Becoming Evil: Marginal Religious Movements in America," co-authored with Bryan F. LeBeau, Pp. 327-363 in Fuss (Ed.) *Rethinking New Religious Movements*. Rome: Pontifical Gregorian University Research Center on

- Religion and Cultures.
- 1999 Doing Well or Becoming Evil: The Social Adaptation of Religious Movements in the United States, Pp 341-425, in Fuss (Ed) , Understanding the New Religions. Rome:Gregorian Univesrity Press. With Bryan F. LeBeau,.
- 1994 Reflections on the Waco Disaster: Trying to Make Sense of Insane Events, Pp 189-97, in Lewis (Ed), *From the Ashes: Making Sense of Waco*, Rowman and Littlefield, Publishers.
- 1984 Explaining the New Religious Right: Status Politics and Beyond, Pp 101-13, in Bromley and Shupe (Eds), *New Christian Politics*, Mercier University Press. With Kevin T. Leicht, second author.

ARTICLES IN REFEREED NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

- 1999 Social Change and Religion in America: Thinking Beyond Secularization Perspectives, with Bryan LeBeau, *American Religious Experience*, <http://are.as.wvu.edu>.
- 1998 Religion and the Sociology of Culture: Exploring the Organizational Culture of Two Midwestern Roman Catholic Dioceses, *Review of Religious Research* . (December).With Rebecca K. Schulte-Murray , second author.
- 1993 The Social Adaptation of Marginal Religious Movements, *Sociology of Religion*, 54:2, 171-92. With Bryan F. LeBeau, second author.
- 1991 Creating Professional Experiences for Students: Organizing and Undergraduate Symposium, *Teaching Sociology*, 19, 1:74-81. With Laurie K Schueble, joint co-equal authorship.
- 1988 The Social Construction of Malevolence: Re-thinking Theories of the New Religions, *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology*, 16, 1 (May): 3-13.
- 1984 Religious Awakenings and Status Politics: Sources of Support for the New Religious Right, *Sociological Analysis*, 45:339-53. With Kevin T. Leicht, second author.
- 1982 Cults and Communities: The Community Interfaces of Three Marginal Religious Movements, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 21, 1:26-38.
- 1979 A Contribution for an Empirically Grounded symbolic Interactionism, *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology*, 7, 1:67-72.
- 1978 The Impact of Day Care Centers on the Social-psychological Development of the Child, *Child Welfare*, L, VII, 8 (October): 527-31.

KNOWN CITATIONS IN THE SCHOLARLY WORKS OF OTHER:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>JOURNAL OR BOOK TITLE</u>	<u>VOL, PAGE</u>
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2005	Snarr & Snarr	Introducing Global Issues	164-165
2002	McGuire, M.	Religion: the Social Context	178, 241
1998	Kornblum, W.	Sociology: The Central Questions	410
1998	Swatos, H. (Ed)	Encyclopedia of Religion and Society	139
1998	Harmer, D. E.	Stanford Law Review	50,4 1295
1997	Quedraogo, J. M.	Archives Europeenes De Sociologie	38, 4 324
1997	Kornblum, W.	Sociology in a Changing World, 4e	Pp. 276,284, 305
1997	Macionis, J.	Sociology, 6e (also cited in earlier editions)	611
1996	Gramling and Freudenburg	Sociological Spectrum	16,4
		347	
1996	Wickrama. and Mulford	Sociological Quarterly	37,3
		371	
1996	Dillon, M.	Sociology of Religion	57,1 25
1992	Figiera and McDonough	Youth and Society	24,1 3
1990	Hughes, A.	Teaching Sociology	18,3 411
1988	Robbins, T.	Cults, Converts, and Charisma	222
1988	Robbins, T.	Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (JSSR)	27 17
1988	Tamney and Johnson	Sociological Focus	3 238
1987	Lewis and Bromley	Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion (JSSR)	26 508
1986	Chalfant et al.	Religion in Contemporary Society , 3e	336
1986	Moore and Whitt	Sociological Quarterly	27 426
1985	Simpson, J.	JSSR	24 381
1985	Gordon	JSSR	24 155
1984	Griffith, E.E.	American J. of Psychiatry	141 769
1984	Stacy, W. A.	Review of Religious Research	25 321
1985	Welch, K.	JSSR	23 168
1983	Beckford, J.A.	Social Compass	30 49
1983	Robbins, T.	Religious Studies Review	9 2
1983	Shupe and Bromley	The New Vigilantes (monograph)	22 110, 114-15
1981	Welch, K.	Sociological Quarterly	22 82
1980	Dobbin, S. L.	Child Welfare	59 97
1978	Lane, R.	Social Compass	25 145
1978	Pace, E.	Social Compass	25 85
1878	Reidy, M.T.V.	Australian and New Zealand	
		Journal of Sociology	14 222
1978	Robbins et al.	Sociological Analysis	39 95
1978	Wilson, J.	Religion in American Society: the Effective Presence	159

REVIEWER AND EDITORSHIPS FOR PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

I review from eight to twelve manuscripts per year for possible publication in professional journals. These journals have included:

- Rural Sociology
- The Sociological Quarterly

- Sociology of Religion,
- Religion and Society
- Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology,
- The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion,
- Journal of Contemporary Ethnography (formerly Urban Life and Culture)
- Social Problems

I have listed them in descending order of frequency for which I review manuscripts. All are refereed journals with national professional readers. The second, fifth, and seventh are prestigious national scholarly journals. In recent years, I have reviewed papers primarily for The Sociological Quarterly, a prestigious regional journal of the Midwest Sociological Society, and Religion and Society, the journal of Creighton's Center for the Study of Religion. Particular manuscript reviews are too numerous to list here.

Editorial responsibilities:

2008 to present Member, Editorial Advisory Board, *The Sociological Quarterly*
 1996- 2003 Associate Editor, *Religion and Society*. An on-line journal of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University
 1996-1999 Associate Editor, *Sociology of Religion*, the journal of the Association for the Sociology of Religion
 1995) –present Associate Editor, *Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology* A regional journal of the Oklahoma State Sociological Association
 1991-1995 Associate Editor, *SYSGY: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture* (publication ceased),

External evaluator

- project about environmental research funded by a State research consortium in Montana (1997),
- National Science Foundation project funded in two successive years (1978-79), regarding a social science research methodology program at Bellevue College,.
- for faculty proposals for Summer Research Fellowships from the Creighton Graduate College (1997, 1993, 2001).
- scholarship reviewer, tenure candidate, Dr. Gary Shepard, Oakland University (Solicited by the Rank and Tenure Committee).
- Scholarship reviewer, tenure candidate, Dr. Stephen Zavatoski, University of San Francisco, Fall 2004.

REVIEWS OF BOOK MANUSCRIPTS (Prentice Hall, Allyn Bacon, McGraw Hill, Pine Forge Press, Wadsworth, Mayfield Publishers, Harcourt Brace)

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES (Particular contributions and service are reported in the section on Service Activities)

2007 to present Rural Sociological Society
 1996 to present American Sociological Association (environment and technology working section)
 1994 to present Society for Human Ecology
 1993-96 World Future Society

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| 1984 to 2001 | Society for the Scientific Study of Religion |
| 1978 to present | Association for the Sociology of Religion |
| 1968-to present | Midwest Sociological Society (13 state regional association) |

AWARDS FOR RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

- 2000 Summer Research Grant, Creighton University Graduate School.
- 1994 Burlington Northern Award, to the *Outstanding Creighton University Scholar of the Year*, Awarded by the Creighton University Graduate School (\$2,500).
- 1986 Summer Research Grant, Creighton University Graduate School.
- 1984 Summer Research Grant, Creighton University Graduate School.
- 1979 Summer Research Grant, Nebraska Committee for the Humanities

BOOK REVIEWS IN PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS:

- 1999 Review of Swaggart, *a biography of Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart*, in Religion and Society, the on-line journal of the Center for the Study of Religion and society.
- 1994 Review of *Nicherien Shoshu Buddhism and the Soka Gakkai in America: The Ethos of a New Religious Movement*, by Jane Hurst, Garland Press, 1992, in *Sociology of Religion*, 55, 2:219 (Summer).
- 1990 Review of *Revivalism and Cultural change: Christianity, Nation Building, and The Market in the Nineteenth-Century United States*, by George M. Thomas, in *Contemporary Sociology*, (September).
- 1983 Review of *Millenialism and Charisma*, by Roy Wallis, in the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, (Winter).
- 1978 Review of *Spindles and Spires: A Re-study of Religion and Social Change in Gastonia*, by Earle et al., for *Humanity and Society*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS:

- 1997 The End of American Religion "As We Know It"? Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University, 8, 2: 6-8.
- 1995 Catholic Pluralism Is Subject of One Creighton Study, Newsletter of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society, 7, 2: 1-2.
- 1995 The Social Roots of our Environmental Predicament: Doomsayers and Pollyannas at the Antipodal Extremes, *Window*, 21, 1, (Fall):20-24.
- 1981 The Cult Controversy: Values in Conflict, Proceedings of the annual meeting, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Southwest, 65-72.
- 1981 Love Our Children: An Ethnography of an Anti-cult Group, Proceedings of the annual meeting, Association for the Sociology of Religion, Southwest. 59-64.

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

- 2008 Comment on "Religion and Climate Change," by Dan Dolan
- 2007 Environmental Education: Culture, Incentives, and Public Campaigns, an invited presentation to the Annual Symposium on Sustainability, sponsored by the provincial government of Cheju-do (A state government), UNESCO in Korea, and several non-governmental organizations in South Korea.
- 2007 Religion and Environmentalism, Presented as an invited presentation to the Religion and Environment Symposium, Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Creighton University. (submitted for publication in a scholarly anthology).
- 2005 Limits to Growth and Ecological Modernization: The Case of Food and Agriculture. Revised. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, April, Kansas City, Mo.
- 2004 Limits to Growth and Ecological Modernization: The case of Food and Agriculture. Invited presentation at the Research Committee 24 (Environmental Sociology) of the International Sociological Association, Seoul, Korea Jun 27-30.
- 1998 Doing Environmental Sociology in Your Own Backyard, invited presentation for a teaching workshop at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August.
- 1998 Sustainable Development: Theory and Practice, presented at the International Seminar on Sustainable Development--Its Ideology and Practice, sponsored by the Regional and Social Development Institute, Cheju National University, Korean National Commission for UNESCO, and The Korea Research Foundation.
- 1997 Social Change and Religion: Thinking Beyond Secularization Perspectives, presented at the annual joint meeting of the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, San Diego, CA.
- 1996 Environmentalism, Anti-environmentalism, and Social Change, invited presentation for the University of Nebraska at Lincoln Environmental Studies Seminar Series ("Our Changing World"), Lincoln NE, April.
- 1996 Traditional and Progressive Catholicism, presented at the annual joint meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, Nashville, TN, November. With Kevin T. Leicht.
- 1996 Pursuing Serendipity: A Study of Two Midwestern Roman Catholic Dioceses, presented at the annual joint meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion and the Religious Research Association, Nashville, TN, November. With Rebecca K.Schulte.
- 1995 The Varieties of Environmental Sociology, invited presentation to the Environmental Science Senior Seminar Series, Creighton University, Omaha NE, February.
- 1994 Global Warming, Uncertainty, Risk, and Policy, presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO, April.
- 1994 The Shape of Things to Come: Trends and the Future, presented at the annual meeting of the World Future Society, Cambridge, MA, June.
- 1993 Writings about the Future, presented at the annual meeting of the World Future Society, Washington, DC, June.
- 1991 The Social Adaptation of Marginal Religious Movements, presented to the

- Conference on New Religions, Buellton CA, May. Sponsored by the Institute for the Study of New Religions (Santa Barbara, CA), the Center for the Study of New Religions (Turin, Italy), and the Santa Barbara Center for the Study of Humanities (Santa Barbara, CA).
- 1989 Doing Well or Becoming Evil: The Social Adaptation of Marginal Religious Movements in America, presented to the North American conference about New Religious Movements sponsored by the International Federation of Catholic Universities, Omaha, NE, May .
- 1983 Religious Belief, Religious Identity, and Political Values: The Social Meaning of the New Religious Right, presented to the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Providence RI, November.
- 1991 The Social Adaptation of Marginal Religious Movements in American: Some 19th and 20th Century Comparisons, presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA, April. With Bryan F. LeBeau.
- 1987 The Social Construction of Malevolence: Re-thinking Theories of the New Religions, presented at the annual meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society (Chicago, IL, April) and the Popular Cultural Association (Atlanta, GA, May)
- 1983 Adults as Learners, presentation to the Region IV Conference of the American Council on Higher Education, Omaha, NE, Oct.
- 1981 The Cult Controversy: Values in Conflict, presented to the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Southwest, 65-72.
- 1981 Love Our Children: An Ethnography of an Anti-cult Group, presented to the annual meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, Southwest. 59-64.
- 1981 Religious Cults and Social Problems and Social Movements, presented to the Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, University of Nebraska at Omaha, April.
- 1978 Theoretical Alternatives of Church-Sect Conceptions for the Study of Religious Movements: the Case of Charismatic Renewal, presented to annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Chicago, IL, Nov.
- 1978 Through the looking-glass-self One More Time: Symbolic Interactionism Revisited, presented to the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Omaha, NE, April.

TEACHING 1978 TO PRESENT

SPECIAL TRAINING AND AWARDS RELATED TO TEACHING:

2007 Environmental Educator Achievement Award, presented by the Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club

2000 National Science Foundation Chautaugua, Globalization, conducted by a faculty member from SUNY, Manhattan, NYC.

1998 Awardee, Faculty Development Summer Grant, College of Arts and Sciences, for the development of a course entitled *Food, Society, and Environment**

- 1997 National Science Foundation Chautaugua, *Food and World Hunger* conducted by anthropologist Dr. Ellen Messer of the Allan Feinstein Institute for World Hunger, Brown University
- 1993 National Science Foundation Chautaugua, *East European Revolutions: From Communism to Democracy*, conducted by an East European Political Scientist, Dr. Theodore Tismaneanu, University of Maryland.
- 1982 Teaching Undergraduate Sociology workshop, sponsored by the American Sociological Association, University of Florida, Gainesville, FLA (May)

COURSES EVER TAUGHT (1968-present)--CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY

(Courses that I originated and developed are noted by an asterisk*)

Undergraduate Courses

- 101 Self and Society (previously, general sociology)
- 156 Sociology of Education
- 159 Mind and Society: The sociology of Knowledge*
- 223 Social Problems (previously by other names)
- 301 Social and Cultural Theory (previously by other titles)
- 310 Religion and American Society (previously Sociology of Religion)
- 311 Sociology of the Family
- 313 Power and Society: The Sociology of Politics*
- CEC 350 Men, Women, and Society (SeminarXX)*
- 350 Social Change
- 355 Environmental Sociology*
- 385 Community Internship (tutorial)
- 401 Seminar in Sociological Theory*
- 455 Food, Society, and Environment (crosslisted as EVS and SRP)*
- 493 Directed Independent Readings (tutorial)
- 495 Directed Independent Study (tutorial)
- 497 Directed Independent Research (tutorial)

Graduate Courses

- PAM 733 Contemporary Trends in the Behavioral Sciences*
- PAM 737 Sociology of Religion*
- PAM 741 American Society and its Problems: Pastoral Implications
- PAM 799 Pastoral Synthesis (tutorial)
- HIS 799 Master's Thesis (Committee member)
- (The Pastoral Ministry Master's program is no longer offered by the university)

NUMBER OF STUDENTS EVER TAUGHT (1968-2007): 5,600+

SERVICE:1978 TO PRESENT

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 1997-2000 Appointed member, *President's Diversity Council*
- 1997 Travelled for a week in August with the University Admission staff and made presentations at university Hotel Programs for prospective students and their parents, in Peoria, IL, Bettendorf, IA, and Cedar Rapids IA.*
- 1994-95 Appointed by the Dean of the Graduate College to a multidisciplinary faculty task force to consider and design a new graduate program, the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS). That program is now a reality.
- 1994 Panelist, 1st annual Creighton University Alumni Teleconference, *The American Family: Myth and Reality*, (broadcast live, via satellite presentation and responded to questions live from Creighton's alumni across the nation, with Dr. Michael Lawler and Dr. Deborah Wells).*
- 1989-90 Appointed Chairperson, Community Relations Task Force, *Creighton 2000*, a university-wide strategic planning process.
- 1987-90 Elected faculty representative, Academic Council; active member of the faculty caucus
- 1986-88 Appointed university representative, *Partners in Excellence*, and its related organization, the *Metro Area Teachers Institute*. Special liason with Benson High School. I also volunteered to act as a resource for area High School social studies teachers.
- 1974 -1987 Intermittently, made at least 5 week- long college student recruitment trips for the Univeristy Admissions Office, to Kansas, Montana, Minnesota, and Florida.
- 1980 Appointed by the Dean of the Graduate College to a faculty task force to review the development of the Master's in Nursing Degree program.

SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

- 2006 to present Faculty Moderator: Alpha Phi Omega (a national service fraternity)
- 2003-2005 Member, College Committee on Rank and Tenure
- 1998-2001 Faculty Moderator, Ecology Now (a student club)
- 1993-94 **Chairperson** (appointed by the College Dean), faculty task force to specify the Senior Perspective Course requirements for the new College CORE curriculum
- 1991-94 Member, Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, Member, Council of Chairs
- 1991 Faculty Modernator, Creighton Univeristy Bicycle Club

- 1988 Member of a faculty exchange group sponsored by Dean Cunningham, who travelled to China, and visited Northwestern University (Xian), Peking University (Beijing) and the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing) to facilitate faculty and scholarly exchanges with Chinese faculty and institutions.
- 1988-present Appointed to the College Dean to the Advisory Board of the Center for the Study of Religion and Society. I helped organize its first conference, the North American conference on New Religions of the International Federation of Catholic Universities, held at Creighton in 1989. I have also contributed substantive papers to the Center's newsletter (see "other publications section").
- 1979-82 Member, Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, Member, Council of Chairs
- 1977-84 Elected by faculty peers for two terms of service on the Executive Committee of the College of Arts and Sciences, served on student grievance and curriculum subcommittees.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 1978-present I have been, and continue to be an active contributor to departmental policy, personnel, and curriculum matters. I have chaired the department for two terms of office. Before I became chair, for instance, I wrote the first version of a rather our departmental brochure that has been used every since in revised forms as a departmental public relations and information tool for student and potential departmental majors. I have coordinated the design of and will teach a senior capstone course for sociology and anthropology seniors, SOC, ANT 499 Globalization
- 1997-98 Designated by the department chair (Dr. Clark, who is an anthropologist) to maintain contacts between our department and sociological professional societies.
- 1998 Designated to represent the department in the College's on-going departmental outcomes assessment process.
- 1997-2002 Officially designated faculty *mentor* for a new faculty member (in turn, for Dr. Suzanne Baker, Dr. Sue Schussler, Dr. Barbara Dilly, Dr. Cynthia Cook)
- 1994-97 **Chairperson**, Department of Sociology and Anthropology.
- 1987-89 Departmental representative to the Faculty Liaison Committee of the University Career Development Center.
- 1986 Inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the sociology national honorary society. With others in the department I help maintain our chapter of this

organization, mainly to recognize outstanding students.

1979-82 **Chairperson**, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work

1978-present I have, in all but a few years (for example, when I was on Sabbatical leave)

been most the most responsible for our department's contact with other sociology departments throughout the state, through our participation in the Nebraska Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, informal gatherings at professional meetings, and being our department's "mentor" in the Preparing Future Faculty program (a program for mentoring soon-to-be PhDs who are entering academia).

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMUNITIES

1997-2007 Sociology department liaison and graduate student mentor for *Preparing Future Faculty*, a nationwide program of the *Association of American Colleges and Universities* and the *Council of Graduate Schools*, organized in this region by the graduate school Dean's Office at University of Nebraska at Lincoln, to mentor graduating Ph.D. students at national research institutions for careers at other kinds of institutions.

1997 Organized two research paper sessions regarding research about Roman Catholicism for the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in San Diego, CA. I was a session moderator at one, and a paper discussant in the second.

1996 Moderator and paper discussant at a session about the Social and Behavioral Correlates of Religious Belief and Belonging for the annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Nashville, TN.

1996 Organized two research paper sessions about environmental sociology for the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society. Acted as session moderator at one and paper discussant at the other.

1990, 2005 Organizer, *Nebraska Undergraduate Sociology Symposium*. A two day conference with a banquet, attended by faculty and sociology students from across the state. Hosted in 2005 by the Sociology and Anthropology Department at Creighton. Over the years since I started at Creighton, this was the third year that I was its organizer, and in 1997 I helped mentor a younger faculty member, Dr. Lisa Riley, to organize it to be hosted at Creighton.

1987-1990 Chair, Social Action Committee of the Midwest Sociological Society.

- 1984-86 Member, Board of Directors, Midwest Sociological Society (Elected by the membership of the 13 state region)
- 1978-86 Committee of Consultants on Future Local Arrangements of the Midwest Sociological Society (about arrangements for annual meetings)
- 1978 *Local Arrangements Director*, annual convention of the Midwest Sociological Society. (Responsible for managing all aspects of the meeting, including negotiations with the hotel, exhibitors, program printing, etc., and making all other arrangements for a meeting of about 1,200 people from 13 states).
- 1978 Organizer and discussant, research paper session about Religious
movements and the Third World, for the Third World Conference, sponsored
by the University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE

SERVICE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- 2007 Awarded special recognition as an outstanding Environmental Educator by the Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club.
- 2007 Presentation, "Why America doesn't take globalization seriously," Winter Lecture Series, Unitarian Church, Lincoln NE. (February).
- 1995-present Member, national Sierra Club and Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club (active in community canvassing and advocacy campaigns regarding local environmental issues); Member of the Executive Committee, and Political Chair, Missouri Valley Group of the Nebraska Chapter of the Sierra Club.
- 1995-1998 Member, Church and Society Committee, Nebraska Conference, United Methodist Church
- 2002 Member, First United Methodist Church, Omaha, active congregational participant in and interdenominational community organization of congregations, Omaha Together One Community (O.T.O.C.).
- 1986-2002 Member of St Paul United Methodist Church, Omaha, NE. Member, Committee on Church and Society, member, Administrative Board, active congregational participant in an interdenominational community organization of congregations, Omaha Together One Community (O.T.O.C.).
- 1987-present Member, Nebraskans for Peace (a state wide peace and social justice advocacy organization that has existed since the 1960s).
- 1990-94 State Board of Directors, Nebraskans for Peace
- 1985-91 Member American Civil Liberties Union and Nebraska Civil Liberties Union

- 1987-89 Member Education subcommittee, Nebraska Civil Liberties Union
- 1981-87 Member, Telephone Advisory Panel, Higher Education representative,
Northwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Professional services and consulting: for Religious and community organizations

- 1993 Hospital Chaplains' Program, Immanuel Lutheran Hospital , Omaha NE.
Interpreted statistical program evaluations for the director (remuneration, \$200).
- 1993 Member and research consultant, Hispanic Ministries Taskforce, Nebraska
Conference, United Methodist Church. I conducted phone interviews, and edited
the part of their report to the Annual conference about the needs of Hispanics in
Nebraska (*pro bono*).
- 1992 Research consultant Beth El Synagogue. Clarified objectives and designed
questionnaire, and conducted statistical analysis of data for questions about
congregational problems, program, and development (*pro bono*).*
- 1991 One of four invited North American Scholarly observers attending the European
and African Conference about the impact of New Religions sponsored by the
International Federation of Catholic Universities (*pro bono*). Vienna, Austria
- 1990 Research consultant, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha, Young Adult
Ministries. Clarified objectives, designed questionnaire, analyzed and interpreted
data for program evaluation and development (*pro bono*).
- 1987-88 Research consultant, Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Omaha and the
Diocese of Des Moines. Constructed a multi-stage probability sample of laity,
Priests, Women Religious and Permanent Deacons, in the two dioceses, designed
questionnaire, and interpreted resulting data regarding an evaluation of the
Permanent Diaconate Programs in the two dioceses (*pro bono*).
- 1986 Organizational consultant. Claire United Methodist Church (an African American
congregation). Conducted workshop dealing with organizational conflicts (*pro
bono*).
- 1982 Organizational consultant, Missouri Valley Synod, United Presbyterian Church.
Conducted negotiations that eventually resulted in closing a congregataion and
establishing joint ministries between two other congregation (remuneration,
\$500).
- 1979-81 Research Consultant and facilitator, Cotner College Commission on
Continuing Adult Education, an adult educational consortium sponsored
by two Protestant Denominations in Nebraska, the United Church of Christ
and the Disciples of Christ. I conducted survey among the members of three
denominations in the state Nebraskans, based on a multi-stage probability

sample, about needs for adult education programs, interpreted results, and presented them to a meeting of the Commission (*pro bono*).

- 1980 Patterns of Bible Utilization in Three Nebraska Protestant Denominations: A Preliminary Research Report,” presentation for the executive boards of the Disciples of Christ and the United church of Christ in Nebraska, Lincoln, NE (*pro bono*).
- 1978 Organizational consultant about church growth strategies. Omaha Association of the Nebraska Conference, United Church of Christ (*pro bono*).
- 1978 Research consultant, Nebraska Conference, United Church of Christ. I hired and trained a student research assistant, conducted and interpreted a telephone survey regarding New Parish Feasibility in the suburban metropolitan region that eventually led to the formation of a new congregation in the Millard area (*pro bono, except costs*).

Talks, presentations, and classes for local groups

- 1986 to present Talks and classes presented for adult church groups in various recent years
- **Global Warming: Why Americans don’t believe it**
 - **Food and the Farm Bill**
 - **Sustainability and Survival**
 - Sustainability and Spirituality
 - Food and Faith
 - Religion and Ecology
 - Transition in East Europe: 1990-1998 (slide presentation)
 - Other Religions in Omaha: in their own words (visits with local Hindus, Muslims, and Buddhists, and Native Americans)
 - Heaven’s Gate: UFOs, cults, and mass suicide
 - The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church (various topics)
 - Dealing with Hate Groups
 - The Dark Side of American Religion: Cults, Militias, and Hate Groups
 - Islam and the war in Somalia
 - Religion and society in emerging Eastern Europe
- 1997 Religious diversity and change in America. Adult forum of Koontz Memorial Lutheran Church (about 150 persons in attendance for three sessions)
- 1997 About bizarre religions (Flying saucers, cults, militia groups, and satanism), Senior Citizens group, First United Methodist Church, Omaha, NE.
- 1997 Media interviews:
- By Channel 6 television, about Urban myths in America (around Halloween)
 - By reporter from Nebraska Public Radio (for the “Nebraska Nightly” evening

news broadcast), and Scientology's effort to locate in Tilden NE, where its founder, L. Ron Hubbard was born.

- By a reporter for the Omaha World Herald, background information for a feature story about small town retailing and shopping malls.
- story about the evangelical-Catholic alliance in the pro-life movement (NYT news service)

There are many other similar interviews over the years, but I don't have a record of most of them. These are three recent ones that I particularly remember. I am frequently referred to the press by Creighton's Media Relations department. If I have the time, and am comfortable with the topic, I usually talk with the press.

- 1996 Invited panelist, Environmental Justice Workshop, sponsored by the Nebraska State Recycling Association and Creighton University (April)
- 1996 Alternative Religions and Early Christianity. Presentation at the First Presbyterian Church in Lincoln NE. Attended by an adult group of about 65.
- 1996 The Contemporary Satan Scare in America. Speech to the Nebraska Probation Officer's Association, Lincoln NE, about 175 persons in attendance.
- 1986 The Shrinking American Middle Class, Speech for an adult group at St. Leo's Parish.
- 1986 Cults in America, speech to the Bellevue College Social Science Club.
- 1984 Sex-role learning, talk to a psychology class, Westside High School.
- 1984 Religious Cults in Contemporary Society, talk for the Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association, Kearney NE, Annual meeting for about 100 persons.
- 1983 Cults in Nebraska, talk for the Future Homemakers of America, Statewide meeting in Lincoln, NE
- 1979 The Cult Problem in Contemporary America, speech for the Omaha Press Club Seminar Series.