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Education

PhD	University of Tennessee, Sociology	1976
MA	University of Tennessee, Sociology	1970
BA	Holy Cross College, Sociology	1968

Positions held

1991-2007	Professor	State University of West Georgia Department of Sociology and Criminology
1998-2004	Chair	State University of West Georgia Department of Sociology and Criminology
1982-91	Associate Professor	West Georgia College Department of Sociology and Anthropology
1977-82	Assistant Professor	West Georgia College Department of Sociology and Anthropology
1974-76	Mental Health Consultant	West Alabama Mental Health Center, Sumter Memorial Hospital, Livingston Alabama
1975	Consultant	Alabama Regional Council on Alcoholism
1974-76	Assistant Professor	Livingston University, Division of History and Social Science
1972-74	Instructor	Auburn University, Sociology Department

Continuing Education

National Science Foundation Chautauqua Short Course, "Environmentalism: Rethinking Wilderness and Nature", Harvard University, May 1997

Significant Program Development

Chair, Environmental Studies Curriculum Committee, 1996-99. Organized UWG's development of an interdisciplinary environmental studies program. Final approval was granted from the University System of Georgia Board of Regents (Nov 1999) for a BS in

Environmental Science and a BS in Environmental Studies.

Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology Masters Program, UWG, 1986-98

Books published

Dali and Postmodernism: This is Not an Essence (Albany: SUNY Press, 1997)

Volumes Edited

"Postmodern Ethics," *West Georgia College Studies in the Social Sciences*, November 1995, Vol. 33

"Native American Struggles for Survival and Dignity," *Humanity & Society*, November 1989, Vol 13, No 4

"Games Without Frontiers: Essays for a Protean Sociology," *West Georgia College Studies in The Social Sciences*, June 1981, Vol XX

Book Chapters and Review Essays

"A Breath of Fresh Air: Phenomenological Sociology and Tai chi"
In *Transformative Phenomenology: Changing Ourselves, Lifeworlds and Professional Practice*, David Rehorick and Valerie. M. Bentz (eds.), Lanham, MD: Lexington Books, forthcoming, 2008

"Bataille's project: the system and practice of atheology", a review of The Unfinished System of Nonknowledge by Georges Bataille. *ebr: the electronic book review* (www.electronicbookreview.com/v3/servlet/ebr?command=view_essay&essay_id=lafountainend), University of Illinois at Chicago, 2003

"Phenomenology of Violence", Pp. 496-498 in *Encyclopedia of Murder and Violent Crime*, ed. E. Hickey (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage), 2003

"Physical Status Deviance, Other than Overweight (height, appearance, etc.)", *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior*, pp. 457-459 in Vol. 4 (*Self-Destructive Behavior and Devalued Identity*), ed. Clifton D. Bryant (Philadelphia: Taylor and Francis, 2000)

"Bataille's Eroticism, Now: From Transgression to Insidious Sorcery," pp. 26-41 in *Philosophy and Desire*, ed. H. J. Silverman (New York: Routledge, 2000)

"W. E. B. DuBois", pp. 323-326 in *Encyclopedia of Civil Rights in America*, eds. D.

Bradley and S. F. Fishkin (Pasadena, CA.: Salem Press, 1998)

"Performance Enhancing Drugs in Sport" (co-authored with John R. Fuller), pp. 202-208 in *Sport in Contemporary Society*, ed. S. Eitzen (New York: St. Martins Press), 5th ed (chapter also reprinted in 4th ed, 1992), 1996

"Play and Ethics in *Culturus Interruptus*: Gadamer's Hermeneutics in Postmodernity", pp. 206-223 in *The Specter of Relativism* ed. L. K. Schmidt (Evanston: Northwestern University Press), 1995

"*Der Blaue Reiter* Organizes to Abandon Representation in Art", pp 275-280 in *Great Events from History II: Arts and Culture* ed. F. N. Magill (Pasadena, CA.: Salem Press, 1993

"Social Sensitivity," a review of Social Sensitivity: A Study in Habit and Experience by J. M. Ostrow, *Phenomenology and The Human Sciences*. March 1992, Vol. 17, pp. 10-17

"Embodied Being in the Epoch of Nihilism," a review of The Body's Recollection of Being: Phenomenological Psychology and the Deconstruction of Nihilism by David Michael Levin, *The Humanistic Psychologist*, Spring 1989, Vol. 14, No. 1, Pp. 93-99

"Communicative Praxis and the Space of Subjectivity," a review of Communicative Praxis and the Space of Subjectivity by C.O. Schrag, *Phenomenology and Social Science*, November 1987, Vol. 12, Pp. 7-11

"Eros and the Body," a review of Libido: The French Existential Theories by Alphonso Lingis, *The Humanistic Psychologist*, Autumn 1986, Vol. 14, No. 3, Pp. 199-204

"'Right Brain Sociology' and an Imminent Crisis in Contemporary Phenomenological Sociology," Pp. 367-387 in Structures of Knowing, R.C. Monk (ed), University Press of America, 1986

"A Hermeneutic of Everyday Life," a review of Radical Reflection and the Origin of the Human Sciences by C.O. Schrag, *The Humanistic Psychologist*, Autumn 1985, Vol. 13, No. 3, Pp. 32-39

Articles

"Anniston Chemical Weapons Incinerator: A Toxic Landfill in the Sky", co-authored with L. Holland, *The Carroll StarNews*, Vol. 8, No. 66 (September 2002): pp. 9-10

"Dare!", *Human Studies*, Vol. 25, No. 3, 2002, pp. 307-309

- "The Y2K 'Bug' as Anti-Environmental Discourse", *The Humanist Sociologist*, Spring 1999, pp. 5-8
- "A Little Sympathy for the Return of the Repressed," *The Humanist Sociologist*, Vol. 22, No. 1 (Winter 1997), pp. 8-9
- "Introduction: Some Predicaments of Ethics in Postmodernity", *West Georgia College Studies in the Social Sciences*, Vol. 33 (November 1995), pp. 1-12
- "Destiny Without Destination(?): *Un Coeur en Hiver*, The Double Life of Veronique, and the Question of Postmodern Ethics", *West Georgia College Studies in the Social Sciences*. Vol. 33 (November 1995), pp. 66-100
- "Shoereal(i)ty" (a once act Surrealist play), *Perforations 5*, (Spring 1994), pp. 1-6
- "Many Exits" (a one act Derridean play), *Perforations 4*, (Summer 1993), pp. 1-6
- "Foucault and Rodney King: The "Rationality" of a Legal Beating", *Humanity & Society*, Vol. 16 (November 1992), pp. 564-570
- "Steroid-Using Athletes: The Body's Comportment in an Epoch of Nihilism" (co-authored with John R. Fuller), *Quarterly Journal of Ideology*, 1990, Vol. 14, No. 2, Pp. 1-18
- "Native American Struggles for Survival and Dignity: Editor's Introduction," *Humanity & Society*, November 1989, Vol. 13, No. 4, Pp. 383-385
- "Foucault and Dr. Ruth," *Critical Studies in Mass Communication*, June 1989, Vol 6, No. 2, Pp. 123-137
- "Illegal Steroid Use Among Fifty Weight Lifters" (co-authored with John R. Fuller), *Sociology and Social Research*, October 1988, Vol. 73, No. 1, Pp. 19-21
- "Performance-enhancing Drugs in Sport: A Different Form of Drug Abuse" (co-authored with John R. Fuller), *Adolescence*, Winter 1987, Vol. 23, Pp. 969-976.
- "Foundations of Humanistic Sociology," *The Humanistic Psychologist*, Autumn 1985, Vol. 13, No. 2, Pp. 18-27
- "Substance Consciousness: A New Look at Drug Abuse in America," *Humanity & Society*, August 1985, Vol. 9 No. 3, Pp. 328-341
- "Symbols as 'Delirious Phenomena': A Short Phenomenology of Symbol Use," *West*

Georgia Review, Vol. XVI, May 1984, Pp. 23-28

"North Georgia Mental Health Needs Assessment Study," (co-authored with W.T. Simons et al.), *Georgia Department of Human Resources* (Grant # DHR-314-D), 1978

Book and Video Reviews

"The Last Vaudevillian", *Teaching Sociology*, Vol. 28, No. 3 (July 2000), pp. 280-282

"The Gift: The Form and Reason for Exchange in Archaic Societies," *Journal of Developing Societies*, Vol. IX, 1993

"Text and Culture: The Politics of Interpretation," *Quarterly Journal of Ideology*, Vol. 14, 1990

"Anarchist Portraits," *Quarterly Journal of Ideology*, Vol. 13, 1989

"Society as Text: Essays on Rhetoric, Reason and Reality," *Contemporary Sociology*, November 1988

"Hermeneutics and the Sociology of Knowledge," *Social Forces*, March 1988

"Power Politics and Applied Ethics: A Study of the Research Evaluation Division of the Philadelphia Office of Mental Health," *Journal of Phenomenological Psychology*, Fall 1987

"A Rationalist Methodology for the Social Sciences," *Social Forces*, June 1987

"Reflections on America, 1984: An Orwellian Symposium," *Quarterly Journal of Ideology*, Vol. 11, 1987

"Systems of Discourse: Structures and Semiotics in the Social Sciences," *Social Forces*, Vol. 64, 1986

"Refugee Scholars in America: Their Impact and Their Experiences," *Quarterly Journal of Ideology*, Vol. 10, 1986

"The Flight From Ambiguity: Essays in Social and Cultural Theory," *Quarterly Journal of Ideology*, Vol 10, 1986

"From the Sociology of Symbols to the Sociology of Signs: Toward a Dialectical Sociology," *Social Forces*, June 1985

"The Existential Sociology of Jean-Paul Sartre," *Social Forces*, December, 1981

"Person Perception and Stereotyping," *Social Forces*, March, 1981

"Phenomenology and the Social World: The Philosophy of Merleau-Ponty and its Relation to the Social Sciences," *Social Forces*, December, 1979

"Approaches to Sociology: An Introduction to Major Trends in British Sociology," *Social Science Quarterly*, September, 1975

"Workers on the Move: The Sociology of Relocation," *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology*, October, 1974

"The Reference Other Orientation: An Extension of the Reference Other Concept," *Social Science Quarterly*, March, 1974

Papers Presented

"Phenomenology and Baudrillard: Super Size Me", Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Philadelphia, October, 2006

"Self-realization and Transformation in the Classroom: the Often Difficult Role of the Teacher", Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Salt Lake City, October 2005

"Phenomenology of the Dare: de Certeau and Phenomenological Sociology", Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Memphis, October 2004

"Are You Looking at My, Or WHAT?" - Embodied Sociology and Phenomenological Sociology", Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Boston, November 2003

"The Solitary, Singular Figure as an Enigmatic Letter: Dali and Lettrisme?", A Symposium on The Avant-Garde and Visual Poetry, Georgia Southern University, April 2000

"The Unsaved Have No Means of Redemption: Goffman and Levinas on Facework and Ethics", Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Washington, DC, October 1996

"Realist and Impressionist/Confessional Self Portraits: Two Visual Sociological Studies", Georgia Sociological Association, Carrollton, GA, November 1996

"The Oblique and the Irruption of Postmodern Phenomenological Sociology", Society for

Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Chicago, October 1995

"The Irruption of Singularity and Solitude in Dali's Surrealism", The International Conference on the Hideous and the Sublime, Atlanta, November 1994

"Environmental Literacy", Environmental History and the Georgia Classroom: A Curriculum-directed Symposium for Georgia School Educators, West Georgia College, February 1994

"Rereading Dali's *Endless Enigma*: Liberating a Repressed Postmodern Text," International Conference on Surrealism and the Oneiric Process, Atlanta, October, 1990

"Intuition: Hermeneutic Theatre II," (With M. Arons, S. Maylam, and S. LaFountain), American Psychological Association, Boston, August, 1990.

"Play and Ethics in *Culturatus Interruptus*: Gadamer's Hermeneutics in Postmodernity," International Symposium on Gadamer's Truth and Method, Heidelberg University, West Germany, July, 1989

"Intuition: Hermeneutic Theatre," (With M. Arons, S. Maylam, S. LaFountain, and W.G. Roll), International Human Science Research Conference, University of Aarhus, Denmark, August, 1989

"Steroid-Using Athletes: The Body's Comportment in an Epoch of Nihilism," Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, October, 1989

"The Erotic, Rhetorical War Machine: Subjectivity and Community in Postmodernity," Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Toronto, May 1988

"Postmodernism and Humanism: Critiques and Misunderstandings," Association for Humanist Sociology, Lexington, Kentucky, November, 1987

"Foucault and the Feminization of Biopower," International Human Science Research Conference, Ottawa, Canada, May, 1987

"Postmodernism: A Responsible Deconstructed Self?," Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, April 1987

"Essence and Phantasy in Husserl and Dali," International Human Science Research Association, San Francisco, May, 1986

"The Unarticulated Philosophical Grounds of Critique in Humanist Sociology: Reflexivity and the Problem of 'Right Praxis'," Association for Humanist Sociology,

Atlanta, November, 1985

"Progress Report on the Human Science Research Institute at West Georgia College," Georgia Sociological Association, Jekyll Island, October, 1985

"The Experience of Strangeness" (with C. Aanstoos), American Psychological Association, Los Angeles, August, 1985

"Phenomenology of the Strange," (with C. Aanstoos), International Human Science Research Association, Edmonton, Canada, May, 1985

"The Lived-Body, Sociality and Moments Beyond: Life in a High Performance Car," Third International Human Science Research Conference, West Georgia College, May, 1984

"Toward a Critical Ethnomethodology: The Problem of *Right Praxis*," Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Atlanta, October, 1984

"A New Look at Substance Abuse Education," (with G. Esslinger) Georgia Academy of the Sciences, Statesboro, Georgia, May, 1984

"Theory Here and Abroad," Georgia Sociological Association, Athens, Georgia, October, 1983

"Research in Para- and Transpersonal Sociology," Georgia Sociological Association, Jekyll Island, October 1980

"Imminent Crises in Contemporary Phenomenological Sociology," Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, April 1979

"Some Reflections on the Paranormal in Sociology," Southeastern Regional Parapsychology Association, Winter Park, Fla, March 1980

"Transpersonal Sociology," Fifth International Conference of Transpersonal Psychology, Boston, October 1979

"Toward a Future Ethnomethodology," Society for Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy, Purdue University, October, 1979

"Schutz and Merleau-Ponty: What Kinds of Sociology?," Mid-south Sociological Society, Memphis, October, 1979

"Holistic Insight and the Disintegration of the Symbolic Arc," National Conference on

Humanistic Education, Carrollton, Georgia, May, 1979

"Plumbing the Depths of Ethnomethodology," Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, 1975

"The Labelling Perspective: Prospects for Theories of Deviance," (with J. Cramer)
Southwestern Social Science Association, Dallas, 1973

"A Matrix for the Classification and Evaluation of Sociological Theory," Southwestern
Social Science Association, San Antonio, 1972

"Pre-decisional Dissonance and Interaction Theory," Southern Sociological Society,
Miami Beach, 1971

Sessions Organized, Chaired, and Discussed

Organizer, "Phenomenology of the Dare", Society for Phenomenology and the Human
Sciences, Memphis, October 2004

Discussant, "The Idea of Growth in the Human Sciences: Up, Down, Sideways", Society
for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Memphis, October 2004

Organizer, Qualitative Sociology, Georgia Sociological Association, November 1996

Organizer, "The Struggles of Native American Peoples," Association for Humanist
Sociology, Cincinnati, October, 1990

Chair, "The Postmodern Text and Other Reveries," International Conference on
Surrealism and the Oneiric Process in Literature and the Visual Arts, Atlanta, October,
1990

Chair, "Postdialectics in Modern Art," International Association for Philosophy and
Language, Emory University, May 1989

Organizer, "Postmodernism and Humanism," Association for Humanist Sociology,
Lexington, Kentucky, November, 1987

Organizer, "Advances in Critical Theory," Association for Humanist Sociology,
Philadelphia, November, 1986

Organizer, "Critical Theory," Association for Humanist Sociology, Atlanta, November,
1985

Organizer, "Ethnomethodology and Phenomenological Sociology," Southern

Sociological Society, Knoxville, April, 1984

Discussant, "Marxist Sociology," Southern Sociological Society, Knoxville, April, 1984

Organizer, "What is Human Science Good For?," Third International Human Science Research Conference, West Georgia College, May, 1984

Discussant, "Qualitative Methodology," Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, April, 1983

Awards/Honors

Finalist for UWG's nomination for University System of Georgia's Distinguished Teaching Professor Award, 1998

Invited Keynote Address for international meetings of Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Toronto, May 1988

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar 1988 "Surrealism and Dada Revisited," Hofstra University

National Endowment for the Humanities Institute 1986 "The Linguistic Turn in Recent Continental Thought," Purdue University

National Endowment for the Humanities 1984 "Contemporary German Social Philosophy: Critical Theory and Hermeneutics," Boston University

National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar 1980 "Post-Parsonian Sociology," Duke University. Also in 1980 awarded a second NEH stipend to participate in a seminar at Purdue University ("Philosophical Anthropology")

Most Outstanding New Faculty Member, Special Award, Student Government Association, Livingston University, 1976

National Institute of Mental Health Traineeship, University of Tennessee, 1969-71

Graduate Teaching Fellowship, University of Tennessee, 1969-71

Editorial Work

Manuscript Reviewer, *SUNY Press*, 1999

Associate Editor, *Human Studies*, 1998-present

Referee, *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*, 1999

Humanity & Society, 1997-99

Women and Politics, 1997
Consultant, Pine Forge Press, 1996
Referee, *Sociological Spectrum*, 1996
Book Review Editor, *Humanity & Society*, 1986-96
Associate Editor, *The Humanistic Psychologist*, 1985-89
Assistant Editor, *West Georgia Review*, 1981-89
Consulting Editor, Permanent Press and Second Chance Press (two small literary presses in New York), 1979-95
Associate Editor, *Theta*, 1987
Consultant, West Publishing Company, 1985
Consultant, Allyn and Bacon, 1983

Funded Research

“Changing Times: Studying Communities and Community Life in Carroll County”, STEP/16 Collaborative Research Grants, College of Education, UWG, with Ann McCleary (PI) and P. Lynott and P. Kirk (Co-Pis), 1999, \$8,000

"Environmental Literacy and Technology/Community/Nature Balance: A Pedagogical Demonstration", Co-Principal Investigator with Frank Orr), College of Education, SUWG, 1998, \$2,000

Board of Regents Faculty Enrichment Grant (\$665) to attend Chautauqua Short Course at Harvard University, 1997

Four awards from National Endowment for the Humanities (see above), total, \$12,000

Two small grants (>\$500) from the Learning Resources Committee of SUWG: in 1985 for research on book on Salvador Dali at the Dali Museum (St. Petersburg, Florida) and in 1983 (with Pick Conner) for research on hospice care in Georgia

Service for Professional Organizations

Program Chair, international meetings of Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, for 1998 (Denver) and 1999 (Eugene, Or)
Executive Council, Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, 1998-2000

Program Chair, international meetings of Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences, Louisville, Ky, 1987

Nominations Committee, Association for Humanist Sociology, 1987-89

Executive Committee, Society for Phenomenology and the Human

Sciences, 1987-88

Local Arrangements Committee, national meetings of Association for Humanist Sociology, Atlanta, 1985

Program Committee, annual meetings of International Human Science Research Association, West Georgia College, 1983

Memberships

Society for Phenomenology and the Human Sciences

Association for Humanist Sociology

International Visual Sociology Association

Georgia Sociological Association