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Higher Education

1961 B.A. (Sociology and Anthropology)
The George Washington University

1971 Ph.D. (Anthropology)
University of Oregon, Eugene

Research Awards and Academic Honors

B.A. with Distinction
Phi Beta Kappa
NDEA Graduate Fellowship
Sigma Xi
Carnegie Summer Overseas Fellowship
Doherty Fellowship (declined)
NSF Grant (1985) Project Director
NEH Grant (1984-1985) Project Director
Member, Advisory Board, Student Science Training Programs, Science Service (1986)
Member, Science Advisory Board, American Committee of the Weizmann Institute of Science (1987)
Meyerhoff Fellow (Hebrew Language Studies), Ulpan Akiva, Netanya, Israel, Summer 1993

Teaching and Other Academic Experience

1966-1970 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of New Mexico

1970 Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology, University of Minnesota. Summer

1971-1973 Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Lawrence University, Wisconsin

1977 Visiting Assistant Professor, Anthropology (tenured, 1978)

1977 Visiting Asst.Professor, Anthropology Northwestern University. Fall 1977

1973-pres Assistant Professor, Anthropology (tenured, 1978) University of Maryland, College Park

1988 Visiting Faculty, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, Summer 1987

Other Professional Experience

1959-1961 Staff Assistant (Demographic Research) Department of Sociology, George Washington University

1960 Field Assistant (Archaeology - New York State) N.Y. State Museum and Science Service. Summer

1961 Field Research Associate (Archaeology - Alaska) George Washington University. Summer

1962 Carnegie Fellow (Ethnographic Assistant Columbia, SA) Carnegie Foundation. Summer

1963-1965 Research Associate (Ethnographic Field Research) British Solomon Islands Protectorate, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony

1975 Field Advisor and Researcher (Ethnography-Zambia) University of New Mexico/IDRC-Ottawa. Summer.

1976 Co-Director (Ethnographic Field School -British Virgin Islands) University of Maryland. Summer

1985 Consultant and Workshop Presenter (Bangkok, Thai) U.S. Agency for International Development

1985 Adjunct Fellow (Development Anthropology) Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology, University of Arizona

1982-1983 Consultant (Research in Comparative Education) Personal Services Contract with Adm. H.G. Rickover, U.S. Department of Navy

1983-1986 Director, Research Science Institute (formerly, Rickover Science Institute), Center for Excellence in Education (formerly, Admiral H.G. Rickover Foundation)

1986 Member, Advisory Board, Student Science Training Programs, Science Service, Inc., Washington D.C.

1986-1987 Senior Consultant (Social Analysis), Innovative Research and Development Corporation (IDRC)

1986-1988 Member, Science Advisory Board, American Committee of the Weizmann Institute of Science, NY, NY

1988 Senior Staff Member (American Delegation), Bessie F. Lawrence International Summer Science Institute, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

1988 Associate Director, Student Selection Committee, American Committee of the Weizmann Institute of Science, NY, NY.

1988- present. Director, Undergraduate Program in Anthropology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

1990-present. Assistant Chair, Department of Anthropology, University of Maryland, College Park, MD

1999-present. Research consultant, Center for Excellence in Education (CEE), Vienna, VA

2000-present. Director, Research Science Institute (RSI), Center for Excellence in Education (CEE), Vienna, VA

Publications, Contract Manuscripts, Invited Lectures

"Algunas Instituciones Sociales Variables en San Miguel de Sema", chapter from Un Analisis Regional Preliminar DeSanMiguelDe Sema, Boyaca, ed. by: Gene Martin and Bill Hanneson, C.A.R., Bogota, Columbia, 1962.

"The Loci of Social Change: Sources of Flexibility in Gilbertese Culture as the Result of Resettlement", symposium lecture, Society for Applied Anthropology, Oakland, CA, 1968.

Cultural Ecology: Prolegomena to aNaturalScienceof Anthropology, Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Oregon-Eugene, University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, MI, 1971.

"The Explanation of Patron-Client Systems: Some Structural and Ecological Perspectives," chapter in A. Strickon and S. Greenfield (eds.), StructureandProcessin Latin America, University of New Mexico Press, 1972.

"On the Nonoccurrence of Patronage in San Miguel de Sema", chapter in A. Strickon and S. Greenfield (eds.), Structure and ProcessinLatinAmerica, University of New Mexico Press, 1972.

"Review of Liu, 'Murngin: A Mathematical Solution'", with J.M. Hickman, CurrentAnthropology, 14: 105-106, 1973.

"Evolutionary Cultural Ecology: The Materialist Study of Sociocultural Systems", chapter in A. Dessaint and E. Migliazza (eds.), AnthropologyandLinguistics: A Reader and Workbook, Kendall/Hunt Pub. Co., Dubuque, IA, 1975.

"Descent, Alliance and Moiety in Chucuito, Peru: An Explanatory Sketch of Aymara Social Organization", with J.M. Hickman, chapter in R. Bolton and E. Mayer (eds.), Andean Kinship and Marriage, Special Publication No. 17, American Anthropological Association, Washington, DC, 1977.

"Background Notes on the Ecological Anthropology of the West Indies", with J. Hourihan, working paper for USAID Conference, United States Agency for International Development, Washington, DC, 1977.

"Some Thoughts on the Prospects and Consequences of Crop Insurance Programs in the Caribbean", with J. Hourihan, contract paper, United States Agency for International Development, Washington, DC, 1977.

"Internal Review: 1980 N.E.H. Grant Proposal, The Making of the Fairfax County Landscape, contract paper, Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax, VA, 1980.

"An Anthropological Examination of Two Problems in the Local Revenue Programs in the Philippines", with J.J. Hourihan, invited symposium paper, Annual Meetings, American Anthropological Association, Los Angeles, 1981

"Eco-Evolutionary Anthropology", teaching module developed for Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park, 1982.

"The Baby and The Bathwater: An Anthropological Critique of Sociobiology", invited lecture, Philosophical Society of Washington, Washington, DC, 1983.

"Discussion: Pastoral Production Systems and Women", invited symposium presentation, Annual Meetings, Association for Women in Development, Washington, DC, 1983.

"Thoughts on 'The Relationship Between Environment and Human History: the Case of Fairfax County, Virginia'", invited keynote address, Fairfax County Park Authority, Virginia, March, 1984.

"Many Are Called, Few Are Chosen: Problems of Gifted and Talented Youth", keynote address to Annual Meeting, MENSA, Washington, DC, June 1984.

"Women in Development: A Framework for Project Analysis" revised chapter for AID

Workshop on Women in Development (Thailand Workshop), USAID, Bureau for Applied Research in Anthropology (BARA), University of Arizona, and National Education Foundation, 1985.

"The Worlds That Were Theirs: Ecological Perspectives on the Changing Meaning of the Commonwealth in Fairfax County, Virginia", invited lecture, Fairfax County Park Authority, Fairfax, VA, September 1985.

"Review of Lucy Mair, Anthropology and Development, co-authored with J.J. Hourihan, in Anthropological Quarterly, Vol. 59, No. 1, January 1986.

"Local Revenue Policy in LDCs: The Case for Energy Consumption Taxation", co-authored with C.R. Enis and J.J. Hourihan, in Advances in Taxation, Vol. I, No. 1, 1988.

"Outer Image, Inner Things: the Different Worlds of Mormon and Amish Quilting", with E.L. Lathrop, being revised for publication.

"Possession-and-exorcism" as co-opted new age religiosity". invited paper -- annual meetings Conference on New Age Religion, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 1990, Virginia Beach, VA.

"Another kind of teshuvah: Observations on Messianic Judaism." invited paper -- invited paper, Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 8-10, 1991, Pittsburgh, PA.

"The Power of Belief and Commitment: Some Observations on the Study of religion." invited paper, Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November, 1992, Washington, DC.

"Thicker Than Water: Notes on the Significance of Kinship as an Idiom for Religious Identification", invited paper, Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November 1993, Raleigh, NC.

"The Case for Kinship: The Nature and Continuing Relevance of Kinship and Marriage for Applied Anthropologies ", invited paper, annual meetings of Society for Applied Anthropology, March 1996, Baltimore, MD.

"New Forms of Monotheism as Global Religions: Messianic Judaism and Ahmadiyya Islam compared" invited paper, Annual Meeting, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November, 1997, San Diego, CA.

"Anthropological Perspectives on the Nature and Problem of 'Cults' on campus: with specific reference to HJ 22", testimony delivered, before the Appropriations Committee, Maryland House of Delegates Hearing, Annapolis, MD , 05 March 1998.

"Abusing Translated Texts: some reflections on Modern Fundamentalism(s)", paper presented at Session II: Crafting a Bible for Contemporary America for the symposium, Biblical Translation in Context, Meyerhoff Foundation, College Park, MD. 26 April 1998.

"Difficulties in Defending Minority Religions: an anthropologist's perspective", paper delivered at Conference on Religious Freedom in Europe toward the New Millennium, sponsored by The International Coalition for Religious Freedom, Berlin, Germany, 29-31 May 1998.

"The Role of Christianity and Christians in Promoting International Peace", talk given before the annual meeting of the Ahmadiyya Movement, Silver Spring, MD, 01 November 1998.

"The Radical Right in New Jewish Religions", paper presented in session: New Religions and the Radical Right in a Global Perspective I, "Voyager Savants: Following Religions Across Space and Time", Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Montréal, Québec, Canada, 6-8 November 1998.

"Difficulties in Defending Minority Religions: an anthropologist's perspective", paper delivered at Conference on Religious Freedom in Europe toward the New Millennium, The International Coalition for Religious Freedom, Berlin, Germany, 29-31 May 1998.

"Anthropological Perspectives on Cultural Knowledge and its Management", paper delivered at KM ANSI/ISO Standards Committee Meetings, Conquering the KM Tower of Babel: Knowledge management as a multidisciplinary science and applied science, KM, Inc., Silver Spring, MD, 28-29 January 1999. [online at URL: <http://www.km.ora/kmc/member/Papers.htm>, also: <http://cti.itc.virainia.edu/-ikh8x/soc25/stuart/defendinaminorities.htm>]

"Defining and Assessing "Cults" Part I: anthropological perspectives on New Religious Movements on Campus", Testimony Delivered before THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF CULT ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, hearings held at The Headquarters of the Maryland University System at Adelphi, MD, 25 May 1999 [on-line at URL: <http://cti.itc.virainia.edu/-ikh8x/soc25/stuartpart1.htm>]

"Defining and Assessing "Cults"- Part II: assessing the 'character-lists' of destructive Cults, Testimony Delivered before THE TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECTS OF CULT ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS, at Morgan State University, Baltimore, MD, 14 July 1999 [on-line at URL: <http://cti.itc.virginia.edu/-ikh8x/soc25/stuartpart2.htm>]

"Anthropological Perspectives on the Comparative Study of New Religious Movements", lecture delivered before the Cyril and Methodius International Foundation, Sofia, Bulgaria, 11 August 1999.

"Assessment of Role Models and Leaders Project (RMLP), with Recommendations", unpublished consultant's report to the Center for Excellence in Education, Mclean, VA, 15 October, 1999.

"Difficulties in Defending Religious Minorities" paper originally delivered at the conference on "Religious Freedom and the New Millennium" Berlin, Germany, May 29-31, 1998. (revised version of 1998 conference paper), chapter in Religious Freedom and the New Millennium, pp 297-301, Falls Church, VA: International Coalition for Religious Freedom, 2000.

"A New Strategy of Anti-cultism in America: An Examination of the Maryland Cult Task Force," joint plenary address with Jeffrey K. Hadden (University of Virginia, Session on New

Religious Movements: "Old" and "New", Cesnur's 14th International Conference, Riga, Latvia, August 29-31, 2000.

"'Israel' in the religio-political imagination of new societies and religions in the 20th century and beyond" invited conference paper, Session on "Y2K and Religion: Looking Backward at the Great Non-Event," at the 2000 meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Houston, Texas, 18-22 October 2000.