

## CURRICULUM VITA

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Stanford University 1989  
M.A. Sociology, Western Washington University 1983  
M.S. Counseling and Guidance, Troy State University, European Division 1977  
B.A. Sociology, Western Washington University 1974

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2005- Professor of Sociology, Saint Vincent College  
1997-2005 Associate Professor of Sociology, Saint Vincent College  
1994-1997 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Saint Vincent College  
1989-1994 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Arizona State University

### ADMINISTRATIVE/APPOINTED POSITIONS

1996- Chairperson, Department of Sociology/Anthropology, Saint Vincent College

2008-2011 Chairperson, Department of Communication

2007-2008 Interim Assistant Dean of the School of Social Sciences, Communication, and Education

2003-2005 Acting Chairperson, Department of Communication, Saint Vincent College

2002-2004 Liaison for Formation of School of Communication, Education, and Social Sciences  
*Participate in meetings and discussions about the focus and organizational structure of the proposed School. Also participated in initial meetings and discussions concerning the creation of the Fred Rogers Center within the School. In addition, I coordinated meetings of faculty within the proposed school, attended Faculty Council meetings as the representative of the proposed school, and disseminated information to members of the proposed school.*

1999-2001 Director, Saint Vincent College Honors Program  
*As first director of the newly reinstated Honors Program, my task was to transform the mandate from the faculty into a viable program for students. Duties included coordinating admission to the program and program requirements, course planning, arranging on-campus and off-campus events, publicity, budget management, and speaking at admissions recruiting events.*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 1994- Saint Vincent College.  
Current Courses: *Introduction to Sociology* (general sections, freshmen only sections, freshmen seminar section), *Sociology and Global Issues*, *Sociology of Childhood*, *Social Research Methods*, *Senior Seminar I* (the capstone course formerly titled *Senior Experience*).  
Previous Courses: *Sociological Perspectives*, *Popular Culture*, *Marriage and the Family*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology of Aging*, *Social Movements and Collective Behavior* (formerly titled *Riots, Rebellions, and Revolutions*), *Global Inequality*, *Classical Theory*, *Contemporary Theory*, *Data Management in the Social Sciences*, *Junior Seminar* (now titled *Senior Seminar I, Deviance*).
- 1989-1994 Arizona State University.  
*Political Sociology* (graduate and undergraduate), *Sociology of Education* (developed approved course proposal), *History of Social Thought*, including *Literacy and Critical Inquiry* sections, and independent study courses.
- 1987 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Western Washington University (Spring Quarter).  
*Introduction to Sociology*, *Political Sociology*.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social history/historical biography  
History and structure of higher education  
Curriculum studies (higher education)  
Scholarship of Teaching & Learning

## AWARDS AND GRANTS RECEIVED

- 2012 Sabbatical Awarded for Spring 2013  
2006 Sabbatical Awarded for Spring 2006  
2004 Saint Vincent College, Faculty Research Project Grant  
2004 Saint Vincent College, Boniface Wimmer Faculty Award  
1998 Saint Vincent College, Faculty Research Project Grant  
1997 Saint Vincent College, Quentin Shaut Faculty Award  
1996 Saint Vincent College, Faculty Research Project Grant  
1995 Saint Vincent College, Faculty Research Project Grant  
1991-1994 Wakonse Fellow (for excellence in teaching)  
1990-1991 Arizona State University College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Mini-Grant for travel to obtain data on colonial universities  
1987-1988 Spencer Dissertation Fellowship  
1983-1984 Stanford University Graduate Fellowship

## PUBLICATIONS

### Social History/Historical Biography

- 2005 “Journey from Denmark: The Life of Johanne Knudsen, 1900-1995.” Documentary on the life of a Danish immigrant. DVD format, 35 minutes.

### Refereed Articles

- 1996 Riddle, Phyllis. "The University and Political Authority: Historical Trends and Contemporary Possibilities." Research in Sociology of Education and Socialization 11: 43-62.
- 1993 Riddle, Phyllis. "Political Authority and University Formation in Europe, 1200-1800." Sociological Perspectives 36(1): 45-62.
- 1988 Benavot, Aaron. and Phyllis Riddle. "The Expansion of Primary Education, 1870-1940: Trends and Issues." Sociology of Education 61(July): 191-210.

### Book Chapter

- 1991 Ramirez, Francisco O. and Phyllis Riddle. "The Expansion of Higher Education." International Higher Education: An Encyclopedia, edited by Philip Altbach. New York: Garland Publishing, pp. 91-105.

### Invited Book Reviews

- 1996 Riddle, Phyllis. Review of Degrees of Control: A Sociology of Educational Expansion and Occupational Credentialism, by David K. Brown. Sociological Inquiry 66(4): 537-539.
- 1995 Riddle, Phyllis. Review of The Barbed-Wire College: Reeducating German POWs in the United States during World War II, by Ron Robin. Contemporary Sociology 24(6): 794-795.

### Dissertation

- 1989 “University and State: Political Competition and the Rise of Universities, 1200-1985.”

#### ABSTRACT

*In this dissertation, I examine patterns of university foundings throughout the world between 1200 and 1985. In contrast to earlier explanations that emphasize technical-functional or economic needs, I focus on key processes of political competition in three historical periods. During the first period, 1200-1800, I link the pattern of university growth to the development of a system of states within Western Europe. In medieval Europe, political decentralization within a common cultural framework produced a distinctive competitive structure in which control of the high forms of culture, including the university, became crucial to the consolidation of state authority relative to internal and external rivals. University expansion during this period was relatively slow and constant. During the second period, 1800-1950, I link European patterns of university*

*foundings and failures to the shift from state-building to nation-building. University reforms, which began in the late eighteenth century, reflected the new concepts of education, citizenship, and statehood. By the end of the nineteenth century, the ties among university, state, and society were stronger than they had ever been. Within Europe, the rate of university foundings increased after 1800, with the greatest increase during the early twentieth century. As European institutions and ideas became dominant in world society, the form and purpose of European universities were replicated throughout the world, often accompanied by the suppression of non-European forms of higher education. The third period, 1950-1985, was a time of unprecedented growth in the number of universities. Worldwide, levels of government commitment to education increased both to promote individual development, through access to higher education, and national development and success.*

*(Faculty advisors: John W. Meyer (principal advisor), Seymour Martin Lipset, Ann Swidler, Nancy Brandon Tuma.)*

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

“Journey to Saxon” – historical biography

“Deming” – public history

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2004 “Assessing Interdisciplinary Programs: Getting from Goals to Outcomes.” Presented at the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society, Philadelphia, October 22-23, 2004.
- 1997 "The Rationalization of Knowledge Production: Trends in Research-Oriented Course Offerings in Departments of Sociology, 1950-1995." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, August 1997.
- 1996 "The Diffusion of the University Model through Former Students: Institutional Backgrounds of Authors with Publications in the American Sociological Review and American Journal of Sociology, 1958-1963 and 1988-1993." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, August 1996.
- 1995 "The University and Political Authority: Historical Trends and Contemporary Possibilities." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 1995.
- 1995 "World Dynamics of University Formation and Expansion." Presented at the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, Boston, April 1995.
- 1994 "Overlooking Social Context: The 'Quantitative-Qualitative' Debate in Educational Researcher, 1972-1993." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August 1994.
- 1994 "Universities and Colonialism: The Diffusion of Higher Education in Empires and Nation-States." Presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, April 1994.
- 1994 "Issues and Outcomes: Are Academic Debates Reflected in the Curriculum?" Presented at the annual meeting of the Comparative and International Education Society, San Diego, March 1994.

- 1992 "Rethinking the Past: The Organizational Continuity of Universities in Europe, 1200-1950." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, August 1992.
- 1992 "The Politics of Transnational Universities." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, April 1992.
- 1991 "Patterns of Colonial Education: Higher Education in Africa, 1880-1950." Presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Irvine, March 1991.
- 1990 "Global Patterns of University Formation, 1950-1985." Presented by invitation at the U.S. Department of Education Conference on the Comparative Study of Educational Systems, Washington, D.C., September 1990.
- 1989 "Patterns of University Formation in Developed and Less Developed States." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 1989.
- 1988 "Political Competition and the Rise of Universities, 1200-1985: A Dynamic Analysis." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 1988.
- 1988 "Cross-National Research and Educational Policy" (with Francisco O. Ramirez). Presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, Atlanta April 1988.
- 1987 "World Rates of University Formation, 1200-1985." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 1987.

#### RESEARCH CONSULTING

- 2003-2005 SVC Diversity Climate Survey  
*Oversee and facilitate/organize development and administration, & conduct analysis*
- 2003-2004 Core Assessment Survey  
*Develop, administer, analyze, & present results to faculty*
- 1999-2004 Common Texts Assessment Survey  
*Develop, administer, analyze, & present results at Common Texts Summer Seminars or meetings*

#### COLLEGE COMMITTEES

- 2012- Rank and Tenure, SSCE Representative
- 2010-2012 Rank and Tenure, Alternate for SSCE
- 2009-2010 Ad Hoc Committee on Presidential Prospectus
- 2009-2010 Steering Committee for Online Evaluations
- 2008-2010 Committee on Service Learning
- 2006- Faculty Development Committee
- 2001-2012 Pre-Law Committee
- 1995-2011 Honors Committee (formerly known as Faculty Council for College Scholars Committee)
- 2007-2007 Short-Term Replacement Member of Middle States Subcommittee on the Curriculum
- 2006-2007 Ad Hoc Committee on the Spiritual Needs of Non-Catholic Students (not exact title)
- 2006-2007 Faculty Council Subcommittee on Faculty Handbook
- 2004-2005 Faculty Council (Fall 2004 through Fall 2005)

- 2003-2004 Faculty Council Subcommittee on Academic Leadership and Scholarly Affairs  
2002-2004 EPC Subcommittee on Core Governance  
*“Overview of Assessment at Saint Vincent College” presented at Faculty  
Workshop on Assessment, August 22, 2003 & October 28, 2003*
- 2002-2004 Faculty Council Subcommittee on Schools  
1999-2000 EPC Subcommittee on Internship/Cooperative Education  
1998-2000 Planning and Assessment Task Force  
1998-2001 Faculty Committee on Recruitment and Retention  
1998-1999 A.J. Palumbo Committee (Student Research Applications)  
1995-1997 College Teacher Education Committee  
1994-1999 Institutional Review Board, Chair 1995-1999

#### DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE/COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2007 Lecture for International Week 2007 “Journey from Denmark: An American Story”  
November 29, 2007
- 2006-2007 SVC Mentoring Program
- 2006 Lecture for International Week 2006 “The Haves and the Have Nots: Global  
Stratification” November 14, 2006.
- 2004 Faculty Panel Presentation to Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Directors  
*Presented information on faculty activities as part of a panel; September 10<sup>th</sup>*
- 2003-2006 Faculty Liaison to the President for Cultural Climate/Diversity Survey  
*Responsible for creation and development of appropriate survey instrument in  
conjunction with Office of Institutional Research.*
- 2003-2004 Formulate and Analyze Core Assessment Project for EPC Subcommittee on the  
Core Curriculum
- 2000 Initial Coordinator for Blockhouse Project – Winnie Palmer Nature Reserve  
*Meetings with representative of Arnold Palmer Enterprises to coordinate  
development of Blockhouse Project with faculty from Anthropology,  
Environmental Science (Chemistry), and History (April – May)*
- 1999-2004 Formulate and Analyze Yearly Assessment Survey for Common Texts Program
- 1996-2007 Sociology Club Advisor  
*Provide support for student meetings and events, including the Thanksgiving  
and Easter Food drives to benefit Westmoreland County Food Bank*
- 1994 Coordinated participation of Sociology 208 (Age, Aging and Life Course) students in  
Reminiscence Program (sponsored by AARP) at Green Meadows Personal Care Center
- 1994- Department of Sociology/Anthropology Internship Coordinator

#### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Sociological Association.  
Pacific Sociological Association  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Pennsylvania Sociological Society

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2007-2005 Committee on Committees, Pennsylvania Sociological Society
- 2005 Co-discussant (with Joan Spade), “Issues Linked to the Institutional Context: AA and BA Granting Institutions.” 2005 ASA Chair Conference, Philadelphia, August 2005.
- 2005 Reviewer, Sociological Viewpoints (The Journal of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society).
- 1998 Discussant, session on Historical and International Studies (section on Sociology of Education). Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 1998.
- 1996-1996-1997 Consulting Editor, Sociological Inquiry.
- 1996-1997 Willard Waller Award Committee, American Sociological Association, section on Sociology of Education
- 1995 “Reflections of a Recent Academic Job Seeker.” Presented at Job Seekers' Workshop sponsored by Sociologists for Women in Society. Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Washington, D.C., August 1995
- 1992 Discussant, session on International Education. Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Pittsburgh, August 1992.
- 1991 Presider, session on Cultural Analysis. Annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Irvine, March 1991.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2011 Chairpersons Meeting, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Las Vegas, Nevada, August 2011
- 2010 Chairpersons Meeting, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2010
- 2008 Chairpersons Meeting, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Boston, July 31, 2008
- 2006 Chairpersons Meeting, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montreal, August 2006
- 2006 Sabbatical, January 1- June 30, 2006
- 2005 Chairpersons Meeting, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, August 2005
- 2004 Chairpersons Meeting, American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, August 2004
- 2004 Faculty Grantseeking Workshop, January 8-9, 2004
- 2003 Assessment Workshop, Indiana University of PA (Dr. Thomas A. Angelo) September 17
- 2003 Teaching About Families Workshop, Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August 2003
- 2003 AAHE Assessment Conference, Seattle, June 2003
- 2002 GIS Workshop, SVC, Summer 2002
- 2002 CIC Department Chair Workshop, Cleveland, Ohio, June 4-7.
- 2002 Blackboard Workshop, SVC, August 5-9
- 2002 Chairpersons Meeting, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, August 2002
- 2000 AAHE Assessment Conference, Charlotte, June 2002

- 1999 Chairpersons Meeting, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, August 1999
- 1998 Chairpersons Meeting, American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, August 1998.
- 1997 Workshops on “Program Review” and “Anger in the Classroom” at the American Sociological Association annual meeting, Toronto, August 1997
- 1996 SVC Advising Workshop and Chairperson’s Workshop, August 1996
- 1995-1996 Participated in SVC Mentoring Program
- 1994- Participation in Interdisciplinary Writing Program
- 1994- Attendance at SVC TEMP workshops  
(Co-presenter “Teaching Larger Classes” – October 25, 2001)