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EDUCATION HISTORY

- Ph.D., May 15, 1985, Columbia University, New York, New York, Religious Studies (area of concentration: social-scientific study of religion)

Dissertation Title: “A Critical Assessment of Victor Turner’s Theory of ‘Ritual Anti-Structure’ as Agent of Social Change as an Interpretive Tool in Application to Pentecostal Spirit Possession and the Contemporary Theatrical Experiments of Jerzy Grotowski’s Polish Laboratory Theatre”

- Ph.D., May 14, 1985, Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York (awarded in cooperation with Columbia University), Systematic Theology
- Master of Philosophy, May 13, 1981, Columbia University, New York, New York, Religious Studies
- Master of Divinity, May 21, 1976, Union Theological Seminary, New York, New York, Systematic Theology
- B.A., May 18, 1973, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, Double Major: Religion, and English Literature; graduated *magna cum laude*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD)

- Associate Professor of Sociology, 2002-present, Sociology Program, Department of Public Affairs and Policy Studies, School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences (EPPS), Richardson, Texas
- Visiting Scholar, May 12-20, 2016, Social Work Program, School of Law, Guangdong University of Technology, Guongzhou, Guangdong Province, China
- College Master and Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Studies, August 1999-May 2002, School of Social Sciences (renamed School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences), Richardson, Texas
- Senior Lecturer III, August 2001-May 2002, School of Social Sciences, Richardson, Texas

- Senior Lecturer II, August 1999-May 2001, School of Social Sciences, Richardson, Texas
- Senior Lecturer I, August 1997-May 1999, School of Social Sciences, School of Arts and Humanities, and Office of Undergraduate Education, Richardson, Texas
- Lecturer II, January 1995-August 1995, School of Arts and Humanities, Richardson, Texas
- Lecturer I, June 1993-August 1997, School of Social Sciences, Richardson, Texas

Southern Methodist University

- Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, August 1986-May 1993, Department of Religious Studies, Dedman College, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

Hunter College of the City University of New York

- Adjunct Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, September 1985-May 1986, Hunter College of The City University of New York, Program in Religion, Department of Philosophy, New York, New York
- Adjunct Lecturer in Religious Studies, September 1981-May 1985, Program in Religion, Department of Philosophy, New York, New York

Barnard College

- Teaching Assistant, September 1979-May 1981, Department of Religion, New York, New York

While a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Religion at Columbia University, I was the Teaching Assistant (TA) for the Department of Religion at Barnard. My second year in the position I was assigned to Elaine Pagels, Ph.D., Chair of the Department, and McArthur Fellow.

Macmillan Publishing Company

- Editorial Assistant, 1983-1986, *Encyclopedia of Religion*, The Macmillan Publishing Company, New York, New York

RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE: OVERVIEW

I am Associate Professor of Sociology in the Sociology Program, Department of Criminology and Sociology, in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences (EPPS) at The University of Texas at Dallas. I received my Ph.D. from Columbia University in Religious

Studies in 1985; I was awarded a Ph.D. in Systematic Theology by Union Theological Seminary in New York in the same year.

I have published two book monographs on religion and social change; both books were published by the American Academy of Religion and are in the catalogue of Oxford University Press. The first book received grant support from Southern Methodist University. The second book was supported by a grant from the American Academy of Religion (Southwest Commission on Religious Studies) as well as Southern Methodist University. I was one of two primary authors and one of two co-editors of a third book, which was published by The Edwin Mellen Press. The last book was based on a U.S. Department of Education FIPSE grant. I was the PI for the grant project. The book grew out of a refereed, co-authored paper presented at a symposium on college educational opportunities for Hispanic students organized by The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University with support from the Pew Hispanic Center.

My single-author articles have appeared in *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion*, *Journal of Ritual Studies*, *Semeia: Journal for Biblical Interpretation*, and *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture*. A co-authored article, for which I was the lead author, appeared in the *Journal for Hispanic Higher Education*. I have published book chapters—all as the single author—in edited books by Sage Publications, Inc.; Greenwood Press; Parthian Books; Brill; and Great River Learning. I have published entries in two editions of *The Encyclopedia of Religion*, and entries in *Encyclopedia of Protestantism* and *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

I teach courses on religion in U.S. society, religion in public life (a graduate course), religions in global societies, religion in international development, immigrants and immigration in U.S. society, immigration policy (graduate course), field research methods, field research practicum, qualitative research methods (a graduate course for all EPPS students), and qualitative research practicum (the same). In the last two course, EPPS grad students design and conduct research for their dissertations and Master theses. EPPS undergraduate students do the same for research projects leading to graduate research. I currently serve on thirteen doctoral dissertation committees in EPPS and am Co-Chair of one of these committees. I was Visiting Scholar in the Social Work Program in the School of Law at Guangdong University of Technology in Guongzhou, Guangdong Province, China, where I taught my UTD course, Field Research Methods, to social work students in May 2016.

I am a Nominee for the 2018 Provost's Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring. I am a two-time recipient of the Student Choice Teaching Award presented by students in the formerly named School of Social Sciences at UTD, and I have received the Outstanding EPPS Faculty Comet Teaching Award in Sociology in two successive years (2015 and 2016). I received a Distinguished Teacher in Diversity and Multicultural Education Award (2014), which is presented by UTD's Office of Diversity and Community Engagement.

I currently serve on the UTD University Institutional Review Board (IRB) and the new UTD Interfaith Advisory Council. I have served on many other university-wide committees:

Committee on Education Policy (CEP), which I served as Chair; the Committee on Core Curriculum (CCC); Committee on Student Scholarships, of which I was Vice Chair; and the Advisory Committee of the Office of International Education. I have been a member of the Sociology Program Committee in EPPS and the School's Committee on Teaching Effectiveness. As former Assistant Dean and College Master in the School of Social Sciences, I served on the UTD Council of Masters, an administrative body. I have served as Faculty Advisor in UTD's Office of Undergraduate Education under the Dean of Undergraduate Education. I am Faculty Advisor to the UTD Sociology Club and UTD's Buddhism Discussion Club. I have been long-time Faculty Advisor to the UTD Baha'i Club, and was Faculty Advisor to the UTD Intercultural Women's Society.

I am a member of Friends of Yale Institute of Sacred Music (Yale ISM) at Yale University, an advisory body appointed by the Director of the Institute. I also am a member of the American Academy of Religion and a past member of the AAR's Ritual Studies Steering Committee.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Academy of Religion, 1986-present

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- Coolidge Fellow
CrossCurrents: The Association for Religion and Intellectual Life
Research Colloquium, with cooperation by Columbia University and Union
Theological Seminary, New York, New York, July 5-28, 2006

This residency program allowed me to draft a journal article on the contribution of religion to Mexican immigrant women's leadership of their Pentecostal religious organizations and families, and how their leadership encourages assimilation into American society and its social institutions.

- Resident
The Rockefeller Foundation
Residency, The Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study and Conference Center
Bellagio, Italy, July 15-August 13, 2004

This competitive residency program allowed me to begin writing a book monograph on religion, Mexican immigrant Pentecostal women, their leadership of their church organizations, and assimilation.

- Junior Scholar Award and Research Grant
Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (Southwest region of the American

Academy of Religion), 1989-1990
 Research and book on television religion

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Co-Authored

- 2012 *Barriers Faced by Hispanic Students Transferring from Community Colleges To University: An Ethnographic Approach*. Bobby C. Alexander and Victor Garcia, Editors. Lewiston, New York: The Edwin Mellen Press. I am one of two principal authors of the book as well as one of two co-editors.

The book presents ethnographic findings on barriers Hispanic community college students encounter in transferring to the university. Beyond identifying and analyzing transfer barriers and making suggestions for policy and practice, the ethnographic findings generate a variety of concepts, contexts, and questions for future research. The book is based on a grant project funded by the U.S. Department of Education's Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE), titled "An Ethnographic/Social-Scientific/Community-Based Model to Recruit and Retain Hispanics." I was Project Director of the grant.

The purpose of the FIPSE grant was to address Congressional Priorities 12 and 13 (1998): retain Hispanic students enrolled in two-year colleges, transfer them to four-year colleges and universities upon the completion of the Associate degree, graduate them with a Bachelor from four-year institutions, and enroll more Latino students as majors in the sciences. The book is an expanded version of a paper I and my co-authors presented at the symposium on "Community Colleges and Latino Educational Opportunity" organized by The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University with support from the Pew Hispanic Center.

Monographs

- 1994 *Televangelism Reconsidered: Ritual in the Search for Human Community*. Studies in Religion Series, No. 68. Atlanta: Scholars Press (in the catalogue of Oxford University Press; originally published by the American Academy of Religion's press).

By framing the phenomenon within the context of viewers' ideological and social marginalization within mainstream U.S. society, the book calls attention to televangelism's attractiveness as an opportunity viewers discover to redress their marginality. Fundamentalist Christian viewers' ideology and morality

differ from those of mainline Christians and of from mainstream society, which is historically committed to political, cultural, and religious pluralism. The book offers an analysis of the conflicting ritual uses of television religion by viewers to overcome their marginality that undermine these efforts: self-legitimation as a minority religious group, and adaptation of members of this group to a secularized U.S. society undergoing political, social, and cultural change.

- 1991 *Victor Turner Revisited: Ritual as Social Change*. Academy Series: Dissertation Series, No. 74. Atlanta: Scholars Press (in the catalogue of Oxford University Press; originally published by the American Academy of Religion's press).

The book offers an evaluation of Victor Turner's theory of "ritual anti-structure"—ritual stands in "dialectical relation" to social structure and, as such, is an agent of social change—applied as an interpretive tool to two examples of religious or spiritual ritual. The first is black Pentecostal ritual; the specific example is a well-known black Pentecostal congregation in Brooklyn, New York, engaged in political activism in that city. The second is the quasi-religious ritual of the highly influential counter-cultural experiments of Jerzy Grotowski's Polish Laboratory Theatre.

Journal Articles

Refereed

- 2007 "Barriers in the Transfer Process for Hispanic and Hispanic Immigrant Students." *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education* 6(2) (April):174-184. Co-authored with Victor Garcia, Laura Gonzalez, Geoffrey Grimes, and Dan O'Brien. The journal is published by Sage Publications.

I was the lead author of this article, which is based on the paper my co-authors and I presented at the symposium on "Community Colleges and Latino Educational Opportunity" organized by The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University and sponsored by the Pew Hispanic Center.

- 1998 "A Pentecostal-styled Mexican Mission in Dallas: An Illustration of Religious Diversity among New Latino Immigrants." *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture* 33(3) (Fall):175-187.
- 1998 "Introduction." *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture* 33(3) (Fall):155-161.

I was Editor of this special issue devoted to the "Religions of

America's Immigrants.”

- 1995 “An Afterward on Ritual in Biblical Studies.” *Semeia: Journal for Biblical Interpretation* 67 (Fall):209-225.
The editor of this special issue solicited my essay as a response to the other articles, which addressed the theme, “Passages, Transformations, and Processes: Ritual Approaches to Biblical Texts.”
- 1991 “Correcting Misinterpretations of Turner’s Theory: An African-American Pentecostal Illustration.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 30(1) (March):26-44.
- 1991 “Turner’s Definition of Ritual Reconsidered: Grotowski’s Experimental Theater as Secular Rituals of Spiritual Healing.” *Method & Theory in the Study of Religion* 3(1), Issue 31 (Winter):62-83.
- 1989 “Pentecostal Ritual Reconsidered: ‘Anti-structural’ Dimensions of Possession.” *Journal of Ritual Studies* 3(1) (Winter):109-128.

Non-Refereed

- 1994 Rejoinder to Don Hendelman’s review of my book, *Victor Turner Revisited: Ritual as Social Change*. *Journal of Ritual Studies* 8(2) (Summer):161-163.

Chapters in Edited Books

- 2017 “Contested Terrain: Texas Immigration Policy.” In *Texas: Yesterday and Today: Readings in Texas Politics and Public Policy*. Edited by Euel Elliott and Doug Goodman. Great River Learning.
- 2015 “Liminal/Liminality.” *Vocabulary for the Study of Religion*, edited by Kocku von Stuckrad and Robert Segal. Leiden, The Netherlands: Brill.

The editors invited me to discuss the concept of liminal/liminality as it is applied in the study of religion. I conclude the piece with a critique of Victor Turner’s theory of ritual liminality.

- 2014 Online version of the 2015 publication by Brill immediately above.
- 2010 “Public Art in the Ritual Construction of Human Community.” In *Holy Hiatus Art as Ritual and Community*, edited by Ruth Jones. London: Parthian Books.

In this chapter I apply sociological and anthropological theories of

ritual to illumine the role of performance art as ritual in the construction of human community and the experience of the “holy” in contemporary secular western society. The chapter is a revised version of my keynote address to the symposium, “Holy Hiatus: Performing Ritual, Community, and Space.” The symposium was funded by The University of West England and held at Cardigan, Wales, United Kingdom, May 24-25, 2008.

- 1997 “Ritual and Current Studies of Ritual: Overview.” *Anthropology of Religion: A Handbook*, edited by Stephen D. Glazier. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press.

I was editor of the chapters on ritual.

- 1997 “Televangelism Reconsidered: Ritual within a Larger Social Drama.” *Rethinking Media, Religion, and Culture*, edited by Stewart M. Hoover and Knut Lundby. Sage Publications, Inc.: Thousand Oaks, California.

The chapter is based on the paper I was invited to present by organizers of the first of three international symposia on “Media—Religion—Culture” at Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, held in 1993 and organized by Hoover and Lundby.

Entries in Encyclopedias

- 2011 “Rite of Passage.” In *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Chicago, Illinois.

The editors invited me to expand my entry published in 2009 (below) by including religious or quasi-religious rites in secular societies.

- 2009 “Rite of Passage.” In *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. Chicago, Illinois.

Editors of the encyclopedia invited me to update the entry originally written by Edwin Norbeck by discussing current theories that illumine the phenomenon.

- 2005 “Ceremony.” *Encyclopedia of Religion*, Second Edition, edited by Lindsay Jones, *et al.* Vol. 3:1512-1519. The Macmillan Publishing Company.

In this cross-cultural piece, I examine political applications of religious ritual and quasi-religious secular ritual, updating the piece I wrote for the 1987 publication (below).

- 2003 “Jerry Falwell.” *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*, edited by Hans Hillerbrand.

Vol. 2:738-739. Routledge Publications, Inc.

- 1987 “Ceremony.” *Encyclopedia of Religion*, edited by Charles Adams, *et al.*; Mircea Eliade, Editor in Chief. Vol. 3:179-183. New York: The Macmillan Publishing Company.

Conference Proceedings

- 2003 “New Challenges for Community Colleges: Latino Immigrants and the Transfer Process,” co-authored with Victor Garcia, Laura Gonzalez, Dan O’Brien, and Geoffrey Grimes, pp. - in “Community Colleges and Latino Educational Opportunity,” symposium organized by The Civil Rights Project at Harvard, October 11, 2003.
- 1993 “Television Religion: Ritual within a Larger Social Drama,” pp. 71-84 in “Media, Religion and Culture,” symposium organized by Department of Theology, University of Uppsala, Sweden, May 24-26, 1993.

Other Writings

Book Reviews

- 2001 *Rites in the Spirit: A Ritual Approach to Pentecostal/Charismatic Spirituality* by Daniel E. Albrecht, *Journal of Pentecostal Theology Supplement Series 17*, Sheffield, England: Sheffield Academic Press, 1999. In *Pneuma: The Journal of the Society for Pentecostal Studies* 23(2) (Fall):303-306.
- 1992 *By Means of Performance: Intercultural Studies of Theatre and Ritual*. Edited by Richard Schechner and Willa Appel. In *History of Religions: An International Journal for Comparative Historical Studies* 31(3) (February):323-324.
- 1989 *Ecstasy, Ritual, and Alternate Reality: Religion in a Pluralistic World* by Felicitas D. Goodman; and *Religious Worlds: The Comparative Study of Religion* by William E. Paden. In *American Anthropologist* Vol. 91, No. 4 (December):1057-1059.
- 1988 *To Take Place: Toward Theory in Ritual* by Jonathan Z. Smith. In the *Perkins Journal* 41(4) (October):32-34.
- 1987 *Grotowski and His Laboratory* by Zbigniew Osinski. In *Slavic Review: American Quarterly of Soviet and East European Studies* 46(2) (Summer):373-374.

Reports

- 2005 *Final FIPSE Report* (FIPSE Grant #P116D990399). March 3.

The report is available in the archive of the U.S. Department of Education’s Fund

for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE), Washington, D.C.

Works Submitted for Publication

- “Using NVivo Software in Teaching and Learning Qualitative Research.” Co-authored with Thomas Spencer, then a doctoral student in Public and Non-Profit Management at UTD. *National Social Science Association Journal*.

Our article reports technical and pedagogical challenges in teaching and learning NVivo Qualitative Data Analysis software in the Qualitative Research Methods course I teach at UTD and solutions put in place.

Work in Progress

Book Monograph

- *Immigrant Mexican Pentecostal Women’s Church Leadership: Toward a Revised Theory of Religion and Women’s Empowerment*

I currently am working on a book monograph and related journal articles using interpretive and critical ethnography to examine how Mexican immigrant church women from a traditional culture and religion who now reside in the U.S. assert their agency and institutional power in leadership of and/or engagement of their churches, families, workplace, and community organizations while maintaining traditional gender roles associated with these institutions. Such roles include less visible positions in their churches as minor leaders in worship, fundraising, and religious education of children, wife and mother, and gendered or female labor and community organizer. Structures of the workforce, along with paid income in the U.S., and of community organizations heighten opportunities for these church women to assert their agency and power. I also examine how leadership and/or engagement of these institutions encourages and contributes to assimilation of these church women into U.S. social institutions, and, through them, U.S. society. My study contributes to Development Studies a more nuanced understanding of mechanisms and processes through which women of color from traditional religions, cultures, and gender roles in developing countries, and those who migrate to developed ones, achieve institutional agency and power. These traditional, immigrant church women’s leadership enlarges or reconstructs concepts of women’s agency and institutional power, when Western feminist theory, which excludes women of color, cannot account for them. My research has been funded by the Rockefeller Foundation and CrossCurrents: The Association for Religion in Intellectual Life.

Journal Articles

- “Putting Validation Theory into Practice: Addressing Transfer Barriers for Hispanic Students.”

This article builds upon the co-authored book above examining barriers Hispanic community college students face in transferring to the university and strategies to address them employed in the U.S. Department of Education FIPSE grant project (see grants received above). Drawing upon validation theory, I call attention to validating aspects of the different strategies employed in the FIPSE Project in order to address transfer barriers.

- “Immigrant Mexican Pentecostal Women, Church Leadership, and A Revised Theory of Religion and Women’s Empowerment.”

The article is a condensed version of the argument I make in the book monograph now in progress (see book in progress above).

- “Mexican Immigrant Religious Women and Their Daughters: The Generational Divide in Religion and Women’s Empowerment”

Symposia Papers

Refereed

- 2006 “The Role of Institutional Religion in the Transformation of Migration through Encouragement of Women’s Agency: Mexican Pentecostal Women in the U.S.” Paper presented to the Fellows of CrossCurrents: The Association for Religion and Intellectual Life. New York, New York. July 12.
- 2004 “Religion and Transnational Migration: The Case of La Luz del Mundo.” Co-authored with Patricia Fortuny, Ph.D. Paper presented to the Residents of the Rockefeller Foundation’s Bellagio Study and Conference Center. Bellagio, Italy. August 2.
- 2003 “New Challenges for Community Colleges: Latino Immigrants and the Transfer Process.” Co-authored with Victor Garcia, Laura Gonzalez, Dan O’Brien, and Geoffrey Grimes. Paper presented to the symposium on “Community Colleges and Latino Educational Opportunity” organized by The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University with support by the Pew Hispanic Center. Cambridge, Massachusetts. October 11.

The paper was one of eight selected by The Civil Rights Project at Harvard for presentation at the symposium. The paper was published in the symposium proceedings.

- 1993 “Televangelism Reconsidered: Ritual within a Larger Social Drama.” The first of three international symposia on “Media—Religion—Culture” held at Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden. May 24.

The organizers of the symposium invited me to present my paper, which subsequently was published by Sage. See Book Chapters above.

Non-Refereed

- 2010 “Ritual Liminality as ‘Holy Play.’” Lecture for the second symposium, “Holy Hiatus: Performing Ritual, Community, and Space,” funded by The University of West England and held at Cardigan, Wales, United Kingdom, September 25.

I developed discussion of the concept of the “holy” I explored in my keynote address to the first symposium “Holy Hiatus” in 2008, examining the convergence of secular and religious definitions. The symposium was attended by faculty members and Ph.D. students in Performance Studies at the university, as well as practicing performance artists.

- 2008 “Public Art in the Ritual Construction of Human Community: Developments in the Cityscape.” Keynote address, first symposium, “Holy Hiatus: Performing Ritual, Community, and Space,” funded by The University of West England. Cardigan, Wales, United Kingdom, May 24.

Papers Presented at Professional Society Meetings

- 2015 “Using NVivo Software in Teaching Qualitative Research.” Co-presented with Thomas Spencer, doctoral student in Public Affairs, EPPS, UTD. National Social Science Association Fall Professional Development Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana. October 5.
- 2004 “The Role of a Mexican Protestant Church and Its U.S. Missions in Transnational Migration.” Joint Session of the Latino/a Religion, Culture, and Society Group and the Evangelical Theology Group, American Academy of Religion. San Antonio, Texas. November 21.
- 2002 “Social Mobility and Cultural Dissonance in a Transnational Mexican Pentecostal Church: A Case Study of the Dallas Mission.” Religion in Latin American and the Caribbean Group, American Academy of Religion. Toronto, Canada. November 24.
- 2002 “Social Mobility and Cultural Dissonance among Mexican Pentecostals: A Case Study of a Transnational Dallas Mission.” Society for the Anthropology of Religion, co-sponsored by the American Anthropological Association and the American Academy of Religion. Cleveland, Ohio. April 6.
- 2000 “Migration and Religion: Church Control as a Countervailing Force to Transnational Innovation in the Dallas Mission of a Mexico-Based Sect.” 50th Anniversary Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) on “Religion and Transnationalism: Challenges of the 21st Century.” Houston, Texas. October 22.
- 1997 “Mexican Immigrant Religion in the Resurgence of Ethnicity in Urban America.”

- Session on Religion and the Social Sciences, American Academy of Religion. San Francisco, California. November 24.
- 1992 “Televangelism Reconsidered: Ritual in the Service of Social Legitimation, Social Adaptation, Human Community, and Empowerment.” Roundtable Session, American Academy of Religion. San Francisco, California. November 22.
 - 1992 “Televangelism: Ritual in the Service of the Empowerment of Its Marginalized Constituency.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Washington, D.C. November 7.
 - 1992 “What Is Missing in Our Understanding of the Attraction of Televangelism?: Ritual in the Search for Human Community.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (Southwest Region meeting of the American Academy of Religion and of the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion). Dallas, Texas. March 13.
 - 1991 “How to Interpret Support for Televangelism from Outside It: Ritual in the Service of Social Legitimation and Social Change.” Roundtable Session, American Academy of Religion. Kansas City, Missouri. November 25.
 - 1991 “Interpreting Support for Televangelism from the Outside: Recent Patterns.” Session on “Current Issues in Televangelism,” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. November 9.
 - 1990 “Rituals of the Electronic Church: Robertson’s ‘700 Club’ and Falwell’s ‘The Old Time Gospel Hour’ in the Service of Social Legitimation and Social Adaptation.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Virginia Beach, Virginia. November 11.
 - 1989 “Electronic Storytelling: Televangelism’s Innovations with a Traditional Ritual Form.” Ritual Studies Group, American Academy of Religion. Anaheim, California. November 18.
 - 1989 “Rituals of the Electronic Church: Performance in the Service of Social Protest and Social Change.” Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Salt Lake City, Utah. October 29.
 - 1989 “Rituals of the Electronic Church: Performance in the Service of Social Protest.” Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (Southwest Region meeting of the American Academy of Religion and of the Association for the Scientific Study of Religion). Dallas, Texas. March 11.
 - 1988 “The Rituals of the Electronic Church: Performance in the Service of Social Conflict.” North American Religions Section, American Academy of Religion. Chicago, Illinois. November 21.
 - 1987 “Grotowski’s Recent Theater Projects as Modern Rituals of Spiritual Healing.” Ritual Studies Group, American Academy of Religion. Boston, Massachusetts. December 5.
 - 1986 “Pentecostal Ritual Reconsidered: Possession as ‘Anti-structure.’” Ritual Studies Group, American Academy of Religion. Atlanta, Georgia. November 23.

Conference Papers

- 2001 Poster Session on the UTD FIPSE grant, Annual FIPSE Project Directors Meeting of the U.S. Department of Education. San Diego, California. November 17.
- 2000 “Two Family Histories in the Early Mexican Community in Dallas, 1915-1945.” Co-authored with Dr. Laura Gonzalez. Second Annual “Legacies Dallas History Conference” held at Southern Methodist University. Dallas, Texas. October 21.
- 1998 Session on “Migration and Sex Roles: The Dallas-Guanajuato [Mexico] Connection.” UTD-U.N. Conference on Women: “Advancing Women through Global Policy,” sponsored by the School of Social Sciences, UTD and the United Nations, Dallas Chapter, held at The University of Texas at Dallas. Richardson, Texas. October 25.
- 1997 Session on the “Environment, Development, and Migration.” UTD-U.N. Conference on Women: “Advancing Women through Global Policy,” sponsored by the School of Social Sciences, UTD and the United Nations, Dallas Chapter, held at The University of Texas at Dallas. Richardson, Texas. October 25.

Invited Lectures

- 2016 I gave a presentation on Sociology field research and Social Work in the U.S. as a possible model for Social Work in China to a professional/governmental association of social workers in Hunan Province as part of the first ever conference of social workers in Hunan organized by the provincial government. Zhouzhou, Hunan Province, China, May 18th.
- 2013 “We Are the World: World Religions as American Religion.” The Office of Diversity and Community Engagement at UTD invited me to present this lecture for the “Diversity Lecture Series” scheduled for “National Diversity Month.” UTD, Richardson, Texas. October 4, 2013.
- 2013 “Vision Forum” at the Church of the Transfiguration (Episcopal), Dallas, Texas. Organizers invited me to give a lecture on the sociology and social history of current immigration for a symposium on “The Faces of Immigration.” January 20, 2012.
- 1999 “The Role of Genealogical Research in Preserving and Building upon Local Community Histories.” Session on “Communities and Their Histories.” Conference on “Creating Our Future Trinity: Community Action Conference” sponsored by The Dallas Plan with The City of Dallas. Dallas, Texas. October 28.
- 1993 “Television Religion in Recent American History.” American Historical Association, Regional Workshop for Teachers of History, held at The University of North Texas. Denton, Texas. October 30.

RESEARCH GRANTS

Federal

- “An Ethnographic/Social Science/Community-Based Model to Recruit and Retain Hispanics”
Bobby C. Alexander, Project Director (PI)
U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE)
September 1, 2003-August 31, 2004

The FIPSE grant was the largest grant (\$600,000) ever awarded by the U.S. Department of Education at the time. As FIPSE Project Director, I secured a no-cost extension of the FIPSE grant by applying interest earned during the original period of the grant and tapping money that had not been expended during the original grant period.

The purpose of the FIPSE grant was to address Congressional Priorities 12 and 13 (1998): retain Hispanic students enrolled in two-year colleges, transfer them to four-year colleges and universities upon completion of the Associate degree, prepare them to graduate with a Bachelor, and enroll more Hispanic students as majors in the sciences.

- “An Ethnographic/Social Science/Community-Based Model to Recruit and Retain Hispanics”
Bobby C. Alexander, PI (beginning October 2001)
U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE)
September 1, 2002-August 31, 2003

I secured a second no-cost extension of the grant.

- “An Ethnographic/Social Science/Community-Based Model to Recruit and Retain Hispanics”
Rita Mae Kelly, PI; Bobby C. Alexander, Co-PI (from September 1999 to October 2001)
U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE)
September 1, 1999-August 31, 2002
\$600,000

I assisted Dean Rita Kelly, the original FIPSE Project PI, in preparing the proposal for the FIPSE grant.

Other Federal Grant Activity

- U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) Migration and Gender in the Globalization Context Program

During the Fall 2004 semester, following the departure from UTD of Laura Gonzalez, Ph.D., the former Project Director of this second FIPSE grant project, I served as Project Director during the final phase of funding. Formerly known as the North American Mobility Project (NAMP), this international student-exchange program sent UTD students to The University of Guanajuato in Guanajuato, Mexico, and The University of Alberta in Alberta, Canada, and received students from these universities at UTD. I supervised a student from each of these universities during my term of office.

University

- Special Faculty Development Assistance (SFDA) leave (sabbatical)
Bobby C. Alexander
UTD
academic year 2006-2007
three-quarter salary

This leave allowed me to draft the book examining barriers Hispanic community college students encounter in transferring to four-year colleges and universities and strategies to address the barriers. While on leave, I completed follow-up interviews with clients and staff members of the Human Rights Initiative of North Texas (HRI) for the Asylum Research Project (see above).

- University Research Council Grant
Bobby C. Alexander
Southern Methodist University
1990

Research and book on television religion
- Fund for Faculty Excellence Grant
Bobby C. Alexander
Southern Methodist University's Dedman College
Summer 1990

Research and book on television religion
- Research Assistance Grant
Bobby C. Alexander

American Academy of Religion
1988-1989

Research and book on television religion

- Fund for Faculty Excellence Grant
Bobby C. Alexander
Southern Methodist University's Dedman College
Summer 1989

Research and book on television religion

Private Sources

- UTD Asylum Research Team (ART)
Cannon Flowers, Executive Director, Human Rights Initiative of North Texas (HRI)
The Overbrook Foundation
Summer 2009
\$7,500

I led a presentation by members of the UTD Asylum Research Project to the Director of The Overbrook Foundation in Fall 2008 that resulted in the renewal of the grant initially awarded by the foundation in 2007. All of the grants from the foundation were awarded directly to HRI, which dispersed the funds to the individual members of ART.

- UTD Asylum Research Team
Cannon Flowers, Executive Director, Human Rights Initiative of North Texas (HRI)
The Overbrook Foundation
Summer 2008
\$15,000

I assisted the Development Officer of HRI in writing two separate grant proposals to The Overbrook Foundation to fund the research of UTD's Asylum Research Team in Summer 2007 and Summer 2008.

- UTD Asylum Research Team
Cannon Flowers, Executive Director, Human Rights Initiative of North Texas (HRI)
The Overbrook Foundation
Summer 2007
\$12,500

- Oak Cliff Center for Community Studies (OCCCS)

A.

Donor Grant

The Dallas Women's Foundation

July 2004

\$5,000

In the final months of the FIPSE grant, I led the successful effort by principals of the FIPSE Project to secure a donor grant from the Dallas Women's Foundation (DWF). The grant, which was awarded through UTD, funded the creation by former FIPSE Project principals of a new 501(c)(3) non-profit organization: the Oak Cliff Center for Community Studies (OCCCS). The OCCCS, which operated out of the physical site of the former FIPSE Project's ethnographic field station in Oak Cliff, continued and expanded the activities of the U.S. Department of Education's FIPSE Project (see above). As President of the Board of Directors of the OCCCS, I wrote and submitted grant applications to a number of foundations, including the Dallas Women's Foundation and the Harold Simmons Foundation.

The OCCCS cooperated with Mountain View College (MVC), UTD's institutional partner in the FIPSE Project, in providing instructional staff for a "Cultural Studies" course offered by MVC originally funded by the FIPSE grant. The OCCCS also made the ethnographic field station it operated available to train students enrolled in the course in ethnographic research. As the FIPSE Project had done, the OCCCS assisted students in applying to four-year institutions, applying for scholarships and other forms of financial assistance, and mentored the students and their parents as well as other members of students' families. The OCCCS expanded the mission of the FIPSE Project by assisting high school students enrolled in Dallas Independent School District high schools in Oak Cliff in preparing for and applying to two-year and four-year colleges and universities, as well as applying for scholarships and financial aid. The OCCCS included students' parents as participants in its programs and activities in an effort to engage them more fully in supporting their children's higher education.

Toward the close of the FIPSE grant, I was instrumental in securing a new, successful FIPSE grant from the U.S. Department of Education developed by administrators and faculty members in the Dallas County Community College District. Dr. Gonzalez and I approached and with whom we worked to develop a second grant application. The new grant built upon the FIPSE Project's community and family-based model.

B., C., D., E., and F.

The Dallas Women's Foundation
Harold Simmons Foundation
TXU Electric

In my role as President of the Board of the OCCCS, I secured two additional grants from the Dallas Women's Foundation (2004 – \$19,125, and 2005 – \$15,000) to support programs and activities of the center, two grants from the Harold Simmons Foundation (2006 – \$20,000 and \$15,000) to support the salaries of the Executive Director and Assistant to the Director, and a grant from TXU Electric (2005 – \$1,000) to pay operating expenses.

- Junior Scholar Award and Research Grant
Bobby C. Alexander
Southwest Commission on Religious Studies (Southwest region of the American Academy of Religion
1989-1990
Around \$500

Research and book on television religion

PROFESSIONAL AND UNIVERSITY CITIZENSHIP

Professional Activities and Committees

Editorships and Associate/Assistant Editorship

- Guest Editor, special issue of *Listening: Journal of Religion and Culture* devoted to the “Religions of America’s Immigrants,” 33(3) (Fall 1998).
- Editor, chapters on “The Study of Ritual” in *Anthropology of Religion: A Handbook of Method and Theory*, edited by Stephen D. Glazier. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1997.
- Editorial Assistant, 1984-1986, *Encyclopedia of Religion*, edited by Charles Adams, *et al.*; Mircea Eliade, Editor in Chief; and published by the The Macmillan Publishing Company.

Peer Reviewer for Scholarly Journals

- *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*
- *Religions* (2015)
- *Journal of Religion and Popular Culture* (2010)
- *Journal of Ritual Studies*
- *Journal of Anthropological Research*

- *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice* (2013 and 2012)
- *Research in Social Science and Disability* (2011)

Professional Organizations

- American Academy of Religion, 1986-present
Ritual Studies Group, Steering Committee, 1987-1990
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1986-2000

Courses Taught (past ten years)

2018, Spring	EPPS 7V81 Qualitative Research Practicum (graduate course for all EPPS grad students) SOC 5V91 Independent Study in Applied Sociology SOC/PA 4317 Field Research Practicum (new course preparation) SOC 3333 Religion in Society SOC 4V99 Senior Honor Thesis SOC 4V97 Independent Study in Sociology
2017, Fall	EPPS 6346 Qualitative Research Methods SOC 5V91 Independent Study in Applied Sociology SOC 4388 Religions in Global Societies SOC/PA 3381 Field Research Methods
2017, Summer	SOC 6V92 Research Workshop in Applied Sociology SOC 5V91 Independent Study in Sociology PA 8V01 Independent Study in Public Affairs PA 7384 Readings in Public Affairs SOC 3363 Immigrants and Immigration in U.S. Society SOC 4V97 Independent Study in Sociology
2017, Spring	EPPS 7V81 Qualitative Research Practicum (graduate course for all EPPS grad students) (new course prep) SOC/PA 3381 Field Research Methods SOC 3333 Religion in Society SOC 4V97 Independent Study
2016, Fall	EPPS 6346 Qualitative Research Methods (graduate course for all EPPS grad students; the course also has enrolled grad students in other UTD Schools) SOC 4388 Religion in Global Societies SOC 3363 Immigrants and Immigration in U.S. Society SOC 4V97 Independent Study
2016, Summer	SOC 6V92 Research Workshop in Applied Sociology (graduate course) (new course prep)
2016, Spring	SOC 6347 Religion in Public Life (graduate course) (new course prep) SOC 3381 Field Research Methods

2015, Fall	SOC 3333 Religion in Society EPPS 6346 Qualitative Research Methods SOC 4387 Religion in International Development
2015, Summer	SOC 3363 Immigrants and Immigration in U.S. Society SOC 3333 Religion in Society
2015, Spring	PA 7384 Readings in Public Affairs/Independent Study (I supervised one Ph.D. student.) SOC 6348 Immigration Policy (graduate course) SOC 5V91 Independent Study in Applied Sociology (two grad students) SOC 5V92 Internship in Applied Sociology (one grad student) SOC 4388 Religions in Global Societies (new course prep) SOC 3381 Field Research Methods (new course prep) PA 3381 Field Research Methods (cross-listed with SOC 3381 Field Research Methods) (new course prep) SOC 4V98 Internship in Sociology (I supervised three students.)
2014, Fall	EPPS 6346 Qualitative Research Methods (graduate course) SOC 3363 (formerly SOC 4337) Immigrants, Immigration, and U.S. Society
2014, Summer	SOC 3333 Religion in Society SOC 4337 Immigrants, Immigration, and U.S. Society SOC 4V97 Independent Study in Sociology (I supervised one student.) SOC 4V98 Internship in Sociology SOC 3336.IND Culture Regions (Independent Study) (I supervised one student.)
2014, Spring	SOC 6V98 Internship in Sociology (graduate course)
2013, Fall	EPPS 6346 Qualitative Research Methods (graduate course) (new course prep) SOC 3347 Religion in International Development SOC 3306 Research and Writing for Sociological Practice (new course prep)
2013, Summer	SOC 3325 Race, Ethnicity, and Community
2013, Spring	SOC 6348 Immigration Policy (formerly SOC 5390) (graduate course) SOC 4337 Immigrants, Immigration, and U.S. Society SOC 4V97 Independent Study in Sociology SOC 3333 Religion in Society
2012, Fall	SOC 5V91 Independent Study in Applied Sociology (graduate course) SOC 3347 Religion in International Development (new course prep) SOC 3325 Race, Ethnicity, and Community
2012, Spring	SOC 6V92 Research Workshop in Applied Sociology (graduate course) (new course prep) SOC 6353 Immigrants and Immigration in U.S. Society (graduate course) (new course prep)
2011, Fall	SOC 4337 Immigrants and Immigration in U.S. Society SOC 3333 Religion in Society SOC 4V97 Independent Study in Sociology

2011, Spring	SOC 6348 (formerly SOC 5390) Immigration Policy (graduate course) SOC 3325 Race, Ethnicity, and Community
2010, Fall	SOC 3333 Religion in Society SOC 3306 Professional Writing for Sociology
2010, Spring	SOC 5390 Immigration Policy (graduate course) (new course prep) SOC 4396 (SOC 4335) Selected Topics in Sociology: Immigrants and Immigration
2009, Fall	SOC 6355 Race, Ethnicity, and Community (graduate course) SOC 3306 Professional Writing for Sociology
2009, Spring	SOC 4396 (SOC 4355) Selected Topics in Sociology: Immigrants, Immigration, and American Society SOC 3325 Race, Ethnicity, and Community
2008, Fall	SOC 3333, Religion in Society SOC 3306 Professional Writing for Sociology
2008, Spring	SOC 6355 Race, Ethnicity, and Community (graduate course) SOC 4396 (SOC 3333) Selected Topics in Sociology: Religion in Society

School (EPPS) Dissertation Committee Member

2017-2018

- Dissertation Committee #9, Department of Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #10, Department of Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #12, Department of Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #13, Department of Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #14, Department of GIS
- Dissertation Committee #15, Department of Public and Non-Profit Management
- Dissertation Committee #16, Department of PPEE
- Dissertation Committee #17, Department of Public and Non-Profit Management
- Dissertation Committee #18, Department of Public and Non-Profit Management
- Dissertation Committee #19, Department of PPPE
- Dissertation Committee #20, Department of Public and Non-Profit Management
- Dissertation Committee #21, Department of Public and Non-Profit Management
- Dissertation Committee #22, Department of PPPE

2016-2017

- Dissertation Committee #9, Department of Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #10, Department of Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #12, Department of Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #13, Department of Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #14, Department of GIS
- Dissertation Committee #15, Department of PA
- Dissertation Committee #16, Department of PPEE
- Dissertation Committee #17, Department of PA

2015-2016

- Dissertation Committee #6, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #9, Program in Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #10, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #12, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #13, Program in Political Science

2014-2015

- Dissertation Committee #6, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #8, Program in Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #9, Program in Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #10, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #12, Program in Public Affairs

2013-2014

- Dissertation Committee #6, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #7, Program in Public Policy and Political Economy
- Dissertation Committee #8, Program in Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #9, Program in Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #10, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #11, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #12, Program in Public Affairs

2012-2013

- Dissertation Committee #5, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #6, Program in Public Affairs
- Dissertation Committee #7, Program in Public Policy and Political Economy
- Dissertation Committee #8, Program in Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #9, Program in Political Science
- Dissertation Committee #10, Program in Public Affairs

2011-2012

- Dissertation Committee #2, Program in Public Policy and Political Economy
- Dissertation #4, Public Policy and Political Economy
- Dissertation #5, Public Policy and Political Economy

2010-2011

- Dissertation #2, Public Policy and Political Economy
- Dissertation #3, Public Policy and Political Economy
- Dissertation #4, Public Policy and Political Economy

2009-2010

- Dissertation #2, Public Policy and Political Economy

- Dissertation #3, Public Policy and Political Economy

2008-2009

- Dissertation #1, Public Policy and Political Economy

2007-2008

- Dissertation #1, Public Policy and Political Economy

2006-2007

- Dissertation #1, Public Policy and Political Economy

2005-2006

- Dissertation #1, Public Policy and Political Economy

2004-2005

- Dissertation #1, Public Policy and Political Economy

Program (Sociology) Master Degree Committee Member

2017-2018

- Master Committee #1, Master of Applied Sociology

2013-2014

- Master Committee #1, Master of Applied Sociology
- Master Committee #2 (Second Reader), Master of Applied Sociology

2012-2013

- Master Committee #1, Master of Applied Sociology

Teaching Awards and Nominations

2017-2018

- Nominee Provost's Award for Faculty Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring

2015-2016

- Outstanding EPPS Faculty Comet Teaching Award in Sociology

Presented by the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences, UTD.
The award is based on student nominations.

2014-2015

- Outstanding EPPS Faculty Comet Teaching Award in Sociology

2012-2013

- Honorable Mention, Outstanding EPPS Faculty Comet Teaching Award in Sociology

2010-2011

- Outstanding EPPS Faculty Comet Teaching Award
- Distinguished Teacher in Diversity and Multicultural Education Award
Presented by the UTD Office of Diversity and Community Engagement.

2000-2001

- Student Choice Teaching Award

Presented by the School of Social Sciences, UTD. Award based on student nominations.

1996

- Student Choice Teaching Award

1997

- Nominee, Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award, UTD

1996

- Nominee, Chancellor's Council Outstanding Teaching Award, UTD

1990-1991

- Nominee, Margareta Deschner Teacher Award

Nominated by female students and awarded by the Women's Center, Southern Methodist University

1989-1990

- Nominee, Margareta Deschner Teacher Award, the Women's Center, Southern Methodist University

1988-1989

- Nominee, Margareta Deschner Teacher Award, the Women's Center, Southern Methodist University

Departmental Committees

UTD

2015-2016

- I assisted in the recruitment of new faculty by the Sociology Program.

2014-2015

- Chair, Sociology Program Marketing Committee
- Sociology Liaison, Public Affairs Marketing Committee

2013-2014

- Chair, Sociology Program Marketing Committee
- Liaison, Public Affairs Marketing Committee

2011-2012

- Sociology Program Committee
- Program in Public Policy and Political Economy, Graduate Admissions Committee
- Co-Faculty Advisor, the UTD Sociology Club

2010-2011

- Sociology Program Committee

2009-2010

- Sociology Program Committee

2008-2009

- Sociology Program Committee

2007-2008

- Sociology Program Committee

2006-2007

- Sociology Program Committee

2005-2006

- Sociology Program Committee

Southern Methodist University

1987-1989

- Member, Steering Committee for the Graduate Program in Religious Studies, Department of Religious Studies

School Committees and Activities

UTD

2017-2018

- Mixed Methods Workshop for EPPS graduate students. October 25-26, 2016.

Co-taught with Meghna, Sabharwal, Ph.D., Public and Non-Profit Management

- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee for the promotion of Carol Lanham, Ph.D., Associate Dean for Undergraduate Education in EPPS and Sociology Program to Senior Lecturer II.

2015-2016

- Mixed Methods Workshop for EPPS graduate students. February 5-6, 2016.

Meghna Sabharwal, Ph.D., Public and Non-Profit Management, EPPS, and I co-taught the first ever EPPS Workshop on Mixed Methods for grad students.

- Mixed Methods EPPS Graduate Course

I initiated and secured approval by the EPPS Dean, Associate Dean, and all EPPS Program Heads to offer the first mixed methods course for EPPS students. Dr. Sabharwal and I will co-teach the course.

- Qualitative Research Practicum EPPS graduate course

I initiated and secured approval from the Dean, Associate Dean, and EPPS Program Heads to offer a new qualitative methods course building upon EPPS 6346 Qualitative Research to provide graduate students hands-on guidance in conducting qualitative research for their dissertations and Master theses. The new course also will provide instruction and guidance in using Qualitative Data Analysis software to organize and analyze students' research data.

2014-2015

- Ad Hoc Committee for Mid-Probationary Tenure Review (Nick Vargas, Ph.D.), School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences

I observed Dr. Vargas' class, "Race, Ethnicity, and Community," and wrote an evaluation report of his teaching before he accepted a position at another university.

- Qualitative Methods Workshop for EPPS Graduate Students. January 30-31, 2015.

Meghna Sabharwal, Ph.D., Public Affairs, EPPS, and I co-taught a workshop for EPPS graduate students.

2011-2012

- Ad Hoc Committee for Mid-Probationary Tenure Review (Meghna Sabharwal, Ph.D.), School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences

2009-2010

- Ad Hoc Committee for Mid-Probationary Tenure Review, School of Arts and Humanities

2008-2009

- Ad Hoc Committee for Granting of Tenure and Promotion to the Rank of Associate Professor (Sheryl Skaggs, Ph.D.), School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences

2007-2008

- Reader, Qualifying Examination for graduate students in the School of Economic, Political, and Policy Sciences

2005-2006

- Ad Hoc Committee for Mid-Probationary Tenure Review, School of Social Sciences

2004-2005

- Ad Hoc Committee for Mid-Probationary Tenure Review, School of Social Sciences

2003-2004

- Quality Teaching Committee, School of Social Sciences

1999-2002

- Chair, Committee for Undergraduate Studies (CUS), School of Social Sciences

The CUS is comprised of Program Heads of the six undergraduate majors offered by the School.

1997-1999

- Quality Teaching Committee, School of Social Sciences

University Activities and Committees

UTD

2017-2018

- Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (Institutional Review Board/IRB)
- Outside Chair appointed by Graduate Studies for doctoral oral final exam (dissertation defense, School of Engineering and Computer Sciences
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Sociology Club

Our Sociology Club members raised funds for the Brain Injury Network of Dallas (BIND).

2016-2017

- Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (Institutional Review Board/IRB)
- Outside Chair appointed by Graduate Studies for doctoral oral final exam (dissertation defense, School of Management)
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Sociology Club

On April 2nd, the Sociology Club co-sponsored with the Student Diversity Advisory Council to the UTD Office of Diversity and Community Engagement a visit to the UTD campus by refugee high school students and their parents, with the cooperation of the International Rescue Committee.

I gave a talk on my research on immigrants and refugees.

- Co-Faculty Advisor, the UTD Chapter of Oxfam International
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

2015-2016

- Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (Institutional Review Board/IRB)
- UTD Interfaith Advisory Board
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Sociology Club
- Co-Faculty Advisor, the UTD Chapter of Oxfam International
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

2014-2015

- Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (Institutional Review Board/IRB)
- UTD Interfaith Advisory Board
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club
- Co-Faculty Advisor, the UTD Chapter of Oxfam International

2013-2014

- Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (Institutional Review Board/IRB)

2012-2013

- Committee on Research Involving Human Subjects (Institutional Review Board/IRB)
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Intercultural Women's Society
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

I oversaw organizing a campus-wide event creating awareness of the international Baha'i project, "Education Under Fire," on persecution of Baha'is who pursue higher education in Iran, Spring 2013.

2011-2012

- Outside Chair, Ph.D. Final Oral Examination (dissertation defense), School of Arts and

Humanities

- Faculty Advisor, UTD Intercultural Women's Society

2010-2011

- Committee on University Calendar

2009-2010

- Committee on University Calendar
- Ad Hoc Committee for Mid-Probationary Tenure Review for Monica Rankin, Ph.D.,
School of Arts and Humanities
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

2008-2009

- Committee on Education Policy (CEP)
- Outside Chair, Ph.D. Final Oral Examination (dissertation defense), School of Arts and
Humanities
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

2007-2008

- Committee on Education Policy (CEP)
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

2006-2007

- On Special Faculty Development Assistance (SFDA) leave

2005-2006

- Outside Chair, Ph.D. Final Oral Examination (dissertation defense), School of Arts and
Humanities
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

2004-2005

- Vice Chair, Committee on Student Scholarships
- Office of International Education Advisory Committee
- President's Ad Hoc Committee for Community Outreach
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

2003-2004

- Chair, Committee on Education Policy (CEP)
- Committee on Core Curriculum (CCC), member Ex-Officio (as Chair of CEP)
- Outside Chair, Ph.D. Final Oral Examination (Dissertation Defense), School of Arts and
Humanities
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

2002-2003

- Committee on Education Policy (CEP)
- Planning Committee, UTD-U.N. Conference on Women, sponsored by the School of Social Sciences and the Dallas Chapter of the United Nations. Richardson, Texas. October 5-6, 2002
- Faculty Advisor, UTD Baha'i Club

2001-2002

- Council of Masters (College Masters/Associate and Assistant Deans for Undergraduate Education)
- Committee on Core Curriculum (CCC)
- Committee on Student Scholarships

2000-2001

- Council of Masters (College Masters/Associate and Assistant Deans for Undergraduate Education)
- Committee on Student Scholarships

1999-2000

- Council of Masters (College Masters/Associate and Assistant Deans for Undergraduate Education)
- Committee on Student Scholarships
- Planning Committee, UTD-U.N. Conference on Women, sponsored by the School of Social Sciences and the Dallas Chapter of the United Nations. Richardson, Texas. November 6-7, 1999

1998-1999

- Planning Committee, UTD-U.N. Conference on Women, sponsored by the School of Social Sciences and the Dallas Chapter of the United Nations. Richardson, Texas. October 24-25, 1998

Southern Methodist University

1987-1989

- "The Un-Committee" (a voluntary committee of faculty from across the University addressing social issues and issues of social justice relevant to the university community)

Selected Service External to UTD

2016

- Visiting Scholar, Guangdong University of Technology (GDUT), Guongzhou, Guangdong Province, China. May 12-20, 2016.

I taught my UTD Field Research Methods course to Social Work students enrolled in the School of Law at GDUT. At the time Vice Dean of the School and Head of the Social Work Program, Jane Liu, Ph.D. recruited me.

I also gave two talks on Sociology and Social Work to two professional/governmental associations of social workers, one in Guongzhou, the other in Zhouzhou, Hunan Province, China, as part of the first ever conference of social workers in Hunan organized by the provincial government (May 18th).

2007-present

- Member, Friends of Yale Institute of Sacred Music (Yale ISM), Yale University

I am in my tenth year of service on this advisory board appointed by the Director of the Yale Institute of Sacred Music. I and my colleagues have advised the Director in revising the Institute's mission statement; creating an interdisciplinary, cross-cultural, global ISM Fellows program in Sacred Music, Worship, and the Arts and a related research center at the ISM; creating a gallery and performance space for sacred music and art at Yale sponsored by the ISM; launching the "Congregations Project," which brings practicing church musicians and church staff members to the Yale campus for a summer seminar; and, most recently, proposing a consultation to study how sacred music and the arts are currently integrated in worship and outreach across churches, and to use this integration to engage other religions and their congregations in greater mutual understanding and support in an increasingly diverse and pluralist U.S. society and culture.

2010

- Presenter, Fourth Annual "Youth Summit and Diversity Dialogue" sponsored by Congresswoman Eddie Bernice Johnson.

Congresswoman Johnson invited me to serve as one of three North Texas university faculty presenters to the summit her office sponsors. I lead the forum for three groups of middle and high school youth on "Addressing the Need for Social Change." Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. August 17, 2010.

2008-2010

- Member, With One Voice

This body is a coalition of public and government institutions, including Dallas County's Parkland Hospital, and non-profit organizations in North Texas providing a variety of services to immigrants in the region. The mission of With One Voice is to improve the lives of immigrants, regionally and nationally, by advocating for reform in immigration laws and policies affecting illegals, refugees, individuals seeking political asylum, children, and other immigrants.

I helped arrange a workshop for eligible legal permanent residents on how to apply on-line for citizenship sponsored by Catholic Charities of Dallas, Inc., the Dallas Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW), which is represented in With One Voice, the New Americans Campaign United for Citizenship, the International Rescue Committee (IRC), and Proyecto Inmigrante ICS, Inc. The workshop, which was held on the UTD campus on January 13th, 2013, was endorsed by UTD's Office of Diversity and Community Engagement. The Dallas Chapter of NCJW and Catholic Charities had received a grant from New Americans to hold the workshop in coordination with the other organizations.

2004-2007

- President of the Board of Directors, Oak Cliff Center for Community Studies (OCCCS); and honorary Lifetime Member, Board of Directors, 2007-present

At the conclusion of the U.S. Department of Education FIPSE grant, I and other FIPSE Project principals co-founded this 501(c)(3) non-profit organization in the Oak Cliff neighborhood of Dallas, Texas. The OCCCS provided a variety of programs and services targeting Latino high school and community college students and their families that prepared students to enroll in colleges in the Dallas County Community College District and transfer to bachelor's degree-granting institutions upon completing the associate's degree. As President of the Board, I secured three grants from the Dallas Women's Foundation, two from the Harold Simmons Foundation, and a TXU Electric grant.

REFERENCE

Professor David A. Martin (Sociologist of Religion)
 Professor Emeritus, London School of Economics,
 Former International Research Associate with the Institute on Culture, Religion, and World
 Affairs (ISEC), Boston University
 Former Elizabeth Scurlock Professor of Human Values, Southern Methodist University
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