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### **CURRENT POSITION**

**Associate Professor**, Sociology and Community Development, Division of Social Sciences, College of Arts and Sciences, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS.

**Faculty Associate**, Center for Community and Economic Development, Cleveland, MS.

**Adjunct Instructor**, Sociology, Chadron State College, Chadron, NE.

### **EDUCATION**

**Ph.D.**, Development Sociology, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.  
Concentration: Rural and Environmental Sociology  
Minors: Conservation and Sustainable Development, Education (Research Methods)

**M.S.**, Forest Management, College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.  
Concentration: Forest Resource Policy and Land Use Planning

**B.A.**, Sociology/Spanish, College of Letters and Science, University of California, Berkeley, CA.

### **TEACHING**

#### ***Courses Taught:***

##### *At Delta State University:*

Principles of Sociology (Freshman level, 15 semesters, 21 sections)  
Methods of Social Research (Senior/Graduate level, 8 semesters)  
Environment and Society (Senior/Graduate level, 4 semesters)  
Sustainable Development (Senior/Graduate level, 3 semesters)  
Population and Environment (Senior/Graduate level, 3 semesters)  
The Delta in Global Context (Senior/Graduate level, 1 semester)  
Applied Rural Sociology (Senior/Graduate level, 2 semesters)  
Education and Participatory Community Development (Senior/Graduate level, 4 semesters)  
The Community in Literature (Senior/Graduate Level, 1 semester)  
Social Problems (Senior/Graduate level, 1 semester)  
Social Stratification (Senior/Graduate level, 1 semester)  
Sociology of the Mass Media (Senior/Graduate level, 1 semester)  
Culture and Community (Senior/Graduate level, field course in Guinea, Africa, 1 semester)  
Engaging the Social Sciences (Freshman level, 6 semesters)  
Integrative Seminar in the Social Sciences (Senior level capstone course, 6 semesters)

##### *At Chadron State College:*

Introduction to Sociology (Freshman level, 1 semester, 1 section)

#### ***Teaching Assistant:***

*At Cornell University:* Environment and Society (Junior level, 1 semester); Introduction to Rural Sociology (Freshman level, 4 semesters); Introduction to Sociology (Freshman level, 1 semester)

*At University of Washington:* Introduction to Forest Management (Freshman level, 4 quarters)

### **RESEARCH**

#### ***Articles/Chapters:***

Alan W. Barton and Sarah J. Leonard. (2010, forthcoming). "Incorporating Social Justice in Tourism Planning: Racial Reconciliation and Sustainable Community Development in the Deep South." *Community Development: The Journal of the Community Development Society*.

Alan W. Barton and Theresa Selfa. (2010, forthcoming). "Community Development and Natural Landscapes." In *An Introduction to Community Development: Theory, Practice and Service Learning*, edited by Jerry W. Robinson, Jr. and Gary P. Green. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Monica A. Rosas Gutierrez and Alan W. Barton. (2010, forthcoming). "Society for Medical Anthropology Notes from the Field: Mexican Immigrants; Healthcare in the Mississippi Delta." *Anthropology News*.

Alan W. Barton. (2010, forthcoming). "The Mississippi Blues Trail." In Charles R. Wilson and Ted Ownby (eds.), *Encyclopedia of Mississippi*. Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi.

Nina Glasgow and Alan Barton. (2003). "Older Workers and Retirement in Rural Contexts." Pp. 366–393 in *Communities of Work: Rural Restructuring in Local and Global Contexts*, edited by William W. Falk, Michael D. Schulman and Ann R. Tickamyer. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press.

Charles C. Geisler, Rees Warne and Alan Barton. (1997). "The Wandering Commons: A Conservation Conundrum in the Dominican Republic." *Agriculture and Human Values* 14(4):325–335.

**Edited Volumes:**

Alan W. Barton and Paulette Meikle. (In Development). *The Delta in Global Context*. Jackson, MS: University Press of Mississippi.

David L. Brown and Louis E. Swanson, with the assistance of Alan W. Barton. (2003). *Challenges for Rural America in the Twenty-First Century*. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press.

**Thesis Research:**

**PhD Dissertation:** Regulatory Authority and Participatory Protected Areas Management at Cerro Azul-Meámbar National Park, Honduras.

**Advisor:** Dr. Charles C. Geisler

**M.S. Thesis:** A Property Rights Economics Interpretation of the Formation of Landowner-Based Organizations for Non-Industrial Private Forest Owners.

**Advisor:** Dr. Debra J. Salazar

**Book Reviews:**

Review of *Protecting Nature: Organizations and Networks in Europe and the USA*, by C.S.A. Van Koppen and William T. Markham. *Society and Natural Resources* 22(4):397–399 (2009).

Review of *Two Paths Toward Sustainable Forests: Public Values in Canada and the United States*, by Bruce Shindler, Thomas M. Beckley and Mary Carmel Finley. *Society and Natural Resources* 20(3):281–283 (2007).

Review of *Rooted in Place: Family and Belonging in a Southern Black Community*, by William W. Falk, *Sociological Spectrum* 26(5):519–524, (2006).

Review of *The New Economy of Nature: The Quest to Make Conservation Profitable*, by Gretchen C. Daily and Katherine Ellison. *Society and Natural Resources* 16(7):668–670, (2003).

Review of *The Legacies of Liberalism: Path Dependence and Political Regimes in Central America*, by James Mahoney. *Rural Sociology* 68(1):141–144, (2003).

**Research Reports:**

*Constructing Sustainable Development in Bolivar County, MS: Linking Communities and Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge* (with E. Atchison, G. DeYoung, P. Ervin, M. Jones, K. Miller, M. Rosas, J. Scott, S. Shorter, J. Sims, S. Trapolino, N. Wallace, F. Wolfe and M.K. Wooten), Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, July, 2007.

*The 2007 Delta Rural Poll: Methods and Characteristics of the Sample*. Research Paper No. 07-01, Center for Community and Economic Development. Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. December, 2007.

*The 2005 Delta Rural Poll Annual Survey: Methods and Characteristics of the Sample*. Research Paper No. 05-01, Center for Community and Economic Development, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. August, 2005.

*The 2003 Delta Rural Poll: History, Methods and Characteristics of the Sample*. Research Paper No. 04-01, Center for Community and Economic Development, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. August, 2004.

**Policy Reports:**

- Attitudes About Smoking Bans in the Mississippi Delta.* Policy Brief No. 07-02, Center for Community and Economic Development, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, December, 2007.
- Visitation to Heritage Tourism Sites by Residents of the Mississippi Delta.* Policy Brief No. 07-01, Center for Community and Economic Development. Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. March, 2007.
- Attitudes and Perceptions of Heritage Tourism in the Mississippi Delta.* Policy Brief No. 06-01, Center for Community and Economic Development. Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. March, 2006.
- Attitudes About Heritage Tourism in the Mississippi Delta: A Policy Report from the 2005 Delta Rural Poll.* Policy Paper No. 05-02, Center for Community and Economic Development. Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. December, 2005.
- Technology Use in the Mississippi Delta: A Summary Report from the 2003 Delta Rural Poll,* with Roshun N. Williams. Policy Paper No. 05-01, Center for Community and Economic Development. Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. July, 2005.
- Employment and Quality of Life in the Mississippi Delta: A Summary Report from the 2003 Delta Rural Poll.* Policy Paper No. 04-02, Center for Community and Economic Development. Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. September, 2004.
- Debra J. Salazar, Alan Barton and John Macklin. *Comparative Analysis of State Forest Practice Regulations.* College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Report prepared for the California Department of Forestry. 1988.

**Program Evaluation Reports:**

- Evaluation of the Delta Volunteers Environmental Stewardship Project: Final Report Covering the Activities During 2004.* Program Evaluation Report, Delta Center for Culture and Learning, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. December, 2004.
- Evaluation of the Delta Volunteers Environmental Stewardship Project: Midterm Report Covering the Activities During Fall, 2003.* Program Evaluation Report, Delta Center for Culture and Learning, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS. January, 2004.
- Debra J. Salazar and Alan Barton. *Measuring the Value of Technical Forestry Assistance: The Washington Case.* College of Forest Resources, University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Report prepared for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources. 1988.

**Conference Papers and Panels:**

- "Understanding Racial Reconciliation from a Global Perspective: Tourism and Race in America's Periphery," Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA, August 7–9, 2009.
- "Perceptions of Racial Reconciliation from the Emmett Till Memorial Commission of Tallahatchie County, MS," Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, February 1–3, 2009.
- "Using Collaborative Learning Groups to Teach Sustainable Development," Paper presentation, Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, February 1–3, 2009.
- "Civil Rights Tourism in the Mississippi Delta: A Viable Option for Racial Reconciliation?" (with Sarah Leonard), Paper presentation, 71st Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Manchester, NH, July 28–31, 2008.
- "Creating a Service Learning Curriculum," Panel presentation, 14th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Burlington, VT, June 10–14, 2008.
- "Civil Rights, Heritage Tourism and Community Development in the Mississippi Delta," (with Sarah Leonard), Paper presentation, 4th Annual Faculty Research and Scholarship Symposium, Delta State University, April 15–16, 2008.
- "Post-Disaster Displacement and Community Attachment on the Mississippi Gulf Coast," (co-author with Eric Atchison), Paper presentation, 4th Annual Faculty Research and Scholarship Symposium, Delta State University, April 15–16, 2008.

- "Attitudes About Smoking Bans in the Mississippi Delta," Paper presentation, 39th Annual Meeting of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Starkville, MS, February 21–22, 2008.
- "Heritage Tourism in the Mississippi Delta: The Potential for Uneven Development," Paper presentation, 33rd Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, AL, October 24–27, 2007.
- "Integrating Assessment into the Course Curriculum: Social Sciences at Delta State University" Paper presentation, 3rd Annual Reaching Out to Mississippi – Education in Action Conference, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, September 26, 2007.
- "Ecotourism as a Community Development Strategy in the Mississippi Delta: Perspectives from Land Managers" (with Eric Atchison), Paper presentation, 70th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Santa Clara, CA, August 2–5, 2007.
- "Student Engagement Through Service Learning: Constructing University-Protected Area-Community Partnerships for Sustainable Development," Panel presentation, 13th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Park City, UT, June 17–21, 2007.
- "Ecotourism in the Mississippi Delta: Insights from Land and Tourism Managers" (with Eric Atchison), 3rd Annual Faculty Research and Scholarship Symposium, Delta State University, April 11–12, 2007.
- "Latinos and their Health Experiences in the Mississippi Delta" (co-author with Monica Rosas), 3rd Annual Faculty Research and Scholarship Symposium, Delta State University, April 11–12, 2007.
- "Defining Delta Heritage: Local Perceptions of Juke Joints as Blues Tourism Sites" (with Monica A. Rosas Gutierrez, Mary Kathryn Reid Wooten and Juanita Sims), Paper presentation, 69th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Louisville, KY, August 10–13, 2006.
- "Technologies of Repression: Assessing Internet Usage in the Mississippi Delta" (co-author with Brent Hales), Paper presentation, 69th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Louisville, KY, August 10–13, 2006.
- "Engaging Students Through Community-Based Research," Panel presentation, 69th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Louisville, KY, August 10–13, 2006.
- "Evaluating Rural Polls: Strategies for Sustainability," Panel presentation, 69th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Louisville, KY, August 10–13, 2006.
- "Conducting Focus Groups on Cultural Heritage Tourism: A Pathway to Student Engagement," Panel presentation, 38th Annual International Conference of the Community Development Society, St. Louis, MO, June 25–28, 2006.
- "Authenticity is in the Eye of the Stakeholder: Using Local Perceptions to Plan for Natural Heritage Tourism in the Mississippi Delta," (with Jolana Gibbs), Paper presentation, 12th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 3–8, 2006.
- "Assessing the Digital Divide in the Mississippi Delta," (with Brent Hales), Paper presentation, 37th Annual Meeting of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Oxford, MS, February 23–24, 2006.
- "How Rural Polls Can Guide Extension Programming, Community Dialogue and Policymaking: Examples From Three States," Panel presentation, Annual Meeting of the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, San Antonio, TX, February 13–16, 2006.
- "Community Stability, Intent to Migrate and Sustainable Development in the Mississippi Delta," Paper presentation, 36th Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Oxford, MS, November 3–5, 2005.
- "Local Attitudes and Perceptions of Heritage Tourism in the Mississippi Delta," Paper presentation, 31st Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, October 26–29, 2005.
- "Class, Race and Technology Use in the Mississippi Delta: Characteristics and Policy Implications," Paper presentation, 68th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Tampa, FL, August 10–13, 2005.
- "Heritage Tourism in the Local and Global Context." Paper presentation, Delta in Global Context workshop, Cleveland, MS, May 28–29, 2005.
- "The Delta Rural Poll: Collecting Data in the Delta." Panel presentation, 36th Annual Meeting of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Tuscaloosa, AL, February 24–25, 2005.

- "Race and Expectations for Public Schools in the Mississippi Delta: Evidence from the Delta Rural Poll," Paper presentation, 30th Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Biloxi, MS, October 20–23, 2004.
- "Work and Well-Being in the Mississippi Delta." Paper presentation, 67th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Sacramento, CA, August 11–15, 2004.
- "Incorporating Natural History Conservation into the Proposed Mississippi Delta National Heritage Area" (with Luther Brown). Paper presentation, 10th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Keystone, CO, June 3–6, 2004.
- "Parks, Participation and the Press: Facilitating the Formation of Protected Areas in the U.S. and Honduras." Paper presentation, 65th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, August 14–18, 2002.
- "Normative Parks: Informal Co-Management of Protected Areas in Honduras." Paper presentation, 9th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Bloomington, IN, June 2–5, 2002.
- "Regulatory Authority and Participatory Protected Areas Management: A Case Study from Cerro Azul-Meámbar National Park, Honduras." Paper presentation, 64th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Albuquerque, NM, August 15–19, 2001.

**Invited Lectures and Presentations:**

- "What Do Delta Residents Think About Smoking Bans?" Madison Center Lecture Series on Tobacco, Health Risks and Public Policy, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, November 12, 2009.
- "THE Most Southern Place on Earth: Patagonia, Antarctica and the South Atlantic," International Travel Series Brown Bag, Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, March 10, 2009.
- "Working Towards Racial Reconciliation: Perspectives from the Emmett Till Memorial Commission of Tallahatchie County," Monthly Brown Bag, Center for Community and Economic Development, Cleveland, MS, March 6, 2009.
- "Andes and Amazon: Exploring Eastern Ecuador," International Travel Series Brown Bag, Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, March 26, 2008.
- "Galápagos: Las Islas Encantadas," International Travel Series Brown Bag, Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, September 12, 2007.
- "Cultural and Heritage Tourism for Community and Economic Development," Panel Moderator, Community Development in Practice Symposium, Cleveland, MS, April 7, 2006.
- "The Delta Rural Poll: A Service to Delta Communities," Mayor's Open House, Center for Community and Economic Development, Cleveland, MS, March 1, 2006.
- "Access to and Use of Technology in the Mississippi Delta," Madison Center Brown Bag Series, Delta State University, May 4, 2005.
- "An Overview of Changing Conditions in the Mississippi Delta," Presented to the *Third World on the Mississippi: An Exploration of Sustainable Development Strategies in the Lower Mississippi Delta Region* course study tour from Brandeis University, Center for Community and Economic Development, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, February 20, 2005.
- "The Delta Rural Poll," for the Center for Community and Economic Development Tenth Year Celebration, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, December 2, 2004.
- "The Delta Rural Poll," Workshop on Community-Based Research in the Mississippi Delta, Institute for Community-Based Research, Delta State University, October 15, 2004.
- "The Delta Rural Poll," Madison Center Brown Bag Series, Delta State University, March 11, 2004.
- "Creating Regulatory Authority Through Community Participation in a Honduran National Park," Cornell University Dept. of Rural Sociology Seminar Series, November 16, 2001.

**Workshop Coordinator:**

- Co-organizer (with John J. Green) of the Delta in Global Context workshop, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, May 27–28, 2005. Author of proceedings from this workshop.

**Professional Posters:**

- “Perceptions of Social Problems in the Mississippi Delta,” Poster presentation, 39th Annual Meeting of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Starkville, MS, February 21–22, 2008; 4th Annual Faculty Research and Scholarship Symposium, Delta State University, April 15–16, 2008; and on display in the Division of Social Sciences and the Department of Social Work, Delta State University, 2007–08.
- “Know Your Region: Social Characteristics of the Mississippi Delta,” Poster presentation, “The Effects of Globalization on Agriculture and Agribusiness in the Mississippi Delta” workshop, convened by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, Greenwood, MS, November 7, 2007; and on display in the Division of Social Sciences and the Center for Community and Economic Development, Delta State University, 2007–08.
- “Fostering Student Engagement Through Service Learning: Building University–Community–Protected Area Partnerships for Sustainable Development,” Poster presentation, 3rd Annual Reaching Out to Mississippi–Education in Action Conference, Delta State University, September 26, 2007; 39th Annual Meeting of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Starkville, MS, February 21–22, 2008; and on display in the Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, 2007–08.
- “The Delta Rural Poll: Social Science Research In and With Mississippi Delta Communities,” Poster presentation, 3rd Annual Faculty Research and Scholarship Symposium, Delta State University, April 11–12, 2007.
- “Support Among Residents of the Mississippi Delta for Municipal Ordinances Prohibiting Smoking,” Poster presentation, 3rd Annual Faculty Research and Scholarship Symposium, Delta State University, April 11–12, 2007.

**SERVICE****University/College Service:**

- Writing Proficiency Exam Appeals Committee, Delta State University, 2008–09.
- Foundations for Excellence Evaluation of the First Year Experience, Delta State University, 2008–09.
- Dean’s Committee on Academic Excellence, College of Arts & Science, Delta State University, 2007–09.
- Student Engagement Champion, Delta State University, 2004–05.
- Coordinator, Writing Across the Curriculum Seminar Series, Delta State University, 2004–05.
- Search Committees, GIS Center Director, College of Arts & Sciences, Delta State University, 2004, 2005.

**Departmental Service:**

- Instructor, SSC 101: Engaging the Social Sciences and SSC 499: Integrated Seminar in the Social Sciences, courses designed to integrate assessment into the curriculum, Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, 2007–09.
- Academic Honesty and Ethics Committee (Chair), Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, 2005–09.
- Search Committees, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Community Development, Delta State University, 2005, 2007.
- Student Evaluation Committee (Chair), Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, 2004.
- Student Handbook Committee, Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, 2003–05.
- Research Methods Committee, Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, 2003–05.
- Community Development Committee, Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University, 2003–09.

**Student Advising:**

- Advisor to 75 undergraduate students with majors in Sociology, Social Science, Social Science Education and General Studies; Directed 1 M.S. thesis, 1 M.S. practicum; Member of 7 M.S. committees in Community Development; Member of 1 Ed.D. committee in Education; Participated in 8 M.S. thesis defenses; Participated in 1 doctoral defense; Two advisees elected to the DSU Hall of Fame (2005, 2006); One advisee awarded Second Diploma at graduation (Spring, 2006); Delta State University, 2003–09.

**Disciplinary Service:**

Panel Co-Chair and Organizer, "Teaching Tools: A Workshop on Teaching About Society and Natural Resources," 14th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Burlington, VT, June 10–14, 2008.

Panel Co-Chair and Organizer, "Voices from the Future: Constructing a New Rural Sociological Society for the 21st Century," 70th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Santa Clara, CA, August 2–5, 2007.

Panel Chair and Organizer, "Rural People and Rural Policy: Comparing Results from Rural Polls," 67th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Sacramento, CA, August 11–15, 2004.

**Community Service:**

Vice President and Board Member, Friends of Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge, Boyle, MS, 2004–09.

Advisory Board, Audubon Mississippi River Field Institute, 2008–09.

Friend of the Cleveland Farmers Market, 2008–09.

**Journal Reviewer:**

*Society and Natural Resources, Sociological Spectrum, Rural Sociology, Southern Rural Sociology, Culture and Agriculture*

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**Professional Workshops Attended:**

Professional Grant Development Workshop, conducted by the Grant Training Center, Arlington, VA; January 14–16, 2008, Delta State University.

**Courses Attended:**

Biology 312: Dendrology, Delta State University, Fall 2005.

Community Development 695: Grant Proposal Writing, Delta State University, Fall 2004.

Education 548: Effective College Teaching, Cornell University, Spring 1995.

**Teacher Training Workshops Attended:**

Cornell University Center for Learning and Teaching, Office of Instructional Support, Teaching Assistant Workshops, Fall 1994, Spring 1995, Fall 1996, Spring 1998, Spring 1999.

**Education Conferences Attended:**

"Moving Beyond Projects: Institutionalizing Civic Engagement," American Association of State Colleges and Universities, Portland, OR, June 16–18, 2005.

"Pedagogies of Engagement," American Association of Colleges & Universities, Bethesda, MD, April 14–16, 2005.

**Professional Meetings Attended:**

"Race, Ethnicity and the Continuing Problem of the Color Line," Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA, August 7–9, 2009.

"Modification and Adaptation in Rural Sociology," Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, February 1–3, 2009.

"Rural Sociology as Public Sociology: Past, Present, Future," 71st Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Manchester, NH, July 28–31, 2008.

"People and Place: Linking Culture and Nature," 14th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Burlington, VT, June 10–14, 2008.

"The Road to Smart Growth: Tough Choices, Challenges and Decision," 9th Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Smart Growth Conference, Biloxi, MS, May 5–6 2008.

- "Celebrating the Sociological Imagination," 33rd Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Mobile, AL, October 24–27, 2007.
- "Social Change and Restructuring in Rural Societies: Opportunities and Vulnerabilities," 70th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Santa Clara, CA, August 2–5, 2007.
- "Landscape Continuity and Change: Social Science Perspectives and Interdisciplinary Contributions," 13th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Park City, UT, June 17–21, 2007.
- "History and Heritage: Tourism Southern Style," 19th Annual Conference of the Travel and Tourism Research Association, South Central States Chapter, Prattville, AL, September 7–8, 2006.
- "Perils and Promises of Globalization: Difference, Resistance, and Possibility," 69th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Louisville, KY, August 10–13, 2006.
- "Communities that Click: Individuals, Families and Organizations Working Together," 38th Annual International Conference of the Community Development Society, St. Louis, MO, June 25–28, 2006.
- "Global Challenges and Local Responses," 12th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 3–8, 2006.
- "Spurring the Momentum," Annual Meeting of the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, San Antonio, TX, February 13–16, 2006.
- 36th Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Oxford, MS, November 3–5, 2005.
- "Unfinished Business: The Quest for Inclusion," 31st Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, October 26–29, 2005.
- "Reaching Out, Reaching Ahead, Reaching Beyond," 68th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Tampa, FL, August 10–13, 2005.
- "International Heritage Development Conference," Alliance of National Heritage Areas, Nashville, TN, June 4–8, 2005.
- "The Delta in Global Context," Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, May 28–29, 2005.
- "A Positive Sociology," 36th Annual Meeting of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Tuscaloosa, AL, February 24–26, 2005.
- 30th Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Biloxi, MS, October 20–23, 2004.
- "Public Sociologies," 99th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 14–17, 2004.
- "Strengthening Partnerships: New Paths to Rural Prosperity," 67th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Sacramento, CA, August 12–15, 2004.
- 10th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Keystone, CO, June 3–6, 2004.
- "The Changing Face of Bottomland Hardwoods," Mississippi Society of American Foresters Annual Meeting, Vicksburg, MS, March 3–4, 2004.
- "Spatial Inequality: Continuity and Change in Territorial Stratification," 66th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, QE, Canada, July 27–30, 2003.
- "The Community Effect in Rural Places," 65th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, August 14–18, 2002.
- "Choices and Consequences: Natural Resources and Societal Decision Making," 9th International Symposium on Society and Resource Management, Bloomington, IN, June 2–5, 2002.
- "Locality and Society: Challenges and Opportunities for Rural Places in the New Millennium," 64th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Albuquerque, NM, August 15–19, 2001.
- "Community of Communities: Shaping Our Future," 90th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC, August 19–23, 1995.
- "Restructuring Rural Society and Rural Sociology," 58th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Pentagon City, VA, August 17–20, 1995.

**OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Training Coordinator/Technical Trainer in Environmental Education  
International Training and Development Institute/American Cultural Exchange, Seattle, WA  
Mississippi Consortium for International Development, Jackson, MS

Peace Corps Technical Trainer in National Park Management and Environmental Education  
CHP International, Santa Lucia, Honduras and Alajuela, Costa Rica

National Park Service Ranger  
Everglades National Park, Homestead, FL  
Channel Islands National Park, Ventura, CA  
Katmai National Park, King Salmon, AK

Peace Corps Volunteer  
Agricultural Extensionist, San Patricio, Paraguay; Rural Health Educator, Las Cabras, Chile

**Grants:**

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Nature of Learning Grant  
Delta State University, Office of Information Technology Challenge Grant  
National Science Foundation Research Training Grant  
Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development Travel Grants  
Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies Travel Grants  
Cornell Graduate School Travel Grant  
Cornell Department of Rural Sociology Travel Grants

**Honors:**

Delta State University Foundation Faculty Prize for Excellence in Research, 2007–08  
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society  
Xi Sigma Pi Forestry Honor Society  
Pi Gamma Mu Social Science Honor Society

**Professional Memberships:**

American Sociological Association	Rural Sociological Society
International Association for Society and Natural Resources	Society of American Foresters
Mid-South Sociological Association	International Society of Tropical Foresters
Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association	Society for Conservation Biology
Southern Rural Sociological Association	Society for the Study of Social Problems

**Languages:**

Fluent in spoken and written Spanish