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Professional Positions

1977-present Lecturer to Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (Associate Chair, 1986-1987)

1975-present Assistant Research Scientist to Research Professor, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan

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2005-present Faculty Associate, Center for Chinese Studies, The University of Michigan

2005-present Research Associate, Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies, The University of Michigan

2008-present Faculty Associate, Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies, The University of Michigan

Special Awards or Honorary Positions

National Science Foundation Fellowship, 1971-1975.

Council Member, Population Section, American Sociological Association, 1982-1986.

Social Sciences and Population Study Section, Division of Research Grants, National Institutes of Health, 1987-1991.

Board of Directors, Population Association of America, 1991-1994.

Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor, Population Section, American Sociological Association, 1991-1994.

Council Member, Family Section, American Sociological Association, 1991-1994.

Member, Family and Child Well-Being Research Network, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 1993-1999.

Council Member, Sociology of Children Section, American Sociological Association, 1995-1998.

Otis Dudley Duncan Book Award for Social Change and the Family in Taiwan, given by the Population Section of the American Sociological Association, 1995.

Goode Distinguished Book Award for Social Change and the Family in Taiwan, given by the Family Section of the American Sociological Association, 1995.

Excellence in Research Award, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts. University of Michigan, 1995.

Population Research Subcommittee, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 1996-2000.

Distinguished Career Award, Family Section, American Sociological Association, 2000.

President, Population Association of America, 2001.

MERIT Award, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, 2001-2011.

Goode Distinguished Book Award for Reading History Sideways, given by the Family Section of the American Sociological Association, 2007.

Outstanding Publication Award for Marriage and Cohabitation, given by the Section on Aging and the Life Course of the American Sociological Association, 2008.

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Thornton, A. "Framework for Interpreting Longterm Trends in Values and Beliefs Concerning Single-Parent Families." Journal of Marriage and the Family, Vol. 71, 2009, 230-234.

Thornton, A. and Philipov, D. "Sweeping Changes in Marriage, Cohabitation, and Childbearing in Central and Eastern Europe: New Insights from the Developmental Idealism Framework." European Journal of Population, Vol. 25, 2009, 123-156.

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Thornton, A. "Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Marriage." In Marriage and Family: Complexities and Perspectives, edited by H.E. Peters and C.M. Kamp Dush (eds.). New York: Columbia University Press, forthcoming.

Thornton, A. A Book Review for A Historical Sociology of Childhood: Developmental Thinking, Categorization, and Graphic Visualization. American Historical Review, forthcoming.

Presentations before Professional Audiences in Past Fifteen Years

Thornton, A., Lin, H. L., and Lee, M. L. "International Perspectives on Changing Marital Formation and Dissolution in Taiwan." Paper presented at Conference on Family Formation and Dissolution: East and West Perspectives, Taipei, Taiwan, May 21-23, 1992.

Fricke, T. E., Axinn, W. G., and Thornton, A. "Going Home Again: Interfamilial Relations, Marriage, and Women's Contact with Their Natal Families in Two Nepali Communities." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, 1992.

Thornton, A. and Axinn, W. G. "Does Cohabitation Really Influence Divorce?" Presentation at Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, 1992.

Thornton, A. and Lin, H. S. "Family Change in Taiwan." Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, 1992.

Thornton, A. "Perspectives on Changing Marriage, Sexuality, and Family Life." Paper presented at a workshop on Communicating the Catholic Vision of Life, Dallas, TX, February 15, 1993.

Thornton, A. Discussant at Session on the Intergenerational Consequences of Divorce. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 1993.

Thornton, A. "Comparative and Historical Perspectives on Marriage." Presentation at Council on Families in America. Marriage Symposium, New York, June 3-4, 1993.

Thornton, A. "Comparative and Historical Perspectives on Marriage, Divorce, and Family Life." Presentation at Family Law Symposium, "Twenty-Five Years of Divorce Revolution," University of Utah, October 15-16, 1993.

- Thornton, A., Axinn, W. G. and Teachman, J. D. "The Influence of Educational Experiences on Cohabitation and Marriage in Early Adulthood." Presentation at annual meeting of Population Association of America, Miami, 1994.
- Axinn, W. G. and Thornton, A. "The Influence of Parents' Marital Dissolutions on Children's Family Formation Attitudes." Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, 1994.
- Axinn, W. G., Duncan, G. J., and Thornton, A. "The Effects of Parental Income, Wealth and Attitudes on Children's Completed Schooling and Self-Esteem." Paper presented at conference "Consequences of Growing Up Poor" sponsored by the NICHD Child and Family Well-Being Network and the Russell Sage Foundation, February 2-3, 1995, Washington, DC.
- Thornton, A. "Social Change and the Family in Taiwan." Keynote address to the annual meeting of the Population Association of China, Taipei, March 4, 1995.
- Fricke, T., Thornton, A., and Dahal, D. R. "Community and Family Context, Non-familial Experience, and First Marriage Timing: Quantitative and Qualitative Results from Nepal." Paper presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, San Francisco, April 1995.
- Thornton, A. "New Data Needed to Study Children and Youth." Organizer and chair at session of annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, April 1995.
- Thornton, A., Orbuch, T., and Axinn, W. G. "Parent-Child Relationships During the Transition to Adulthood." Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC., August 1995.
- Yang, L.S., Thornton, A., and Hareven, T. "Social Change from a Historical and Life Course Perspective: Comparisons of Family Changes in Taiwan and the United States." Paper presented at conference of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population, Taipei, Taiwan, January 1996.
- Thornton, A. and Young-Demarco, L. "Measuring Union Formation and Dissolution in Surveys." Paper presented to the Interagency Forum on Data Needs for Children and Families, Washington, D.C., May 1996.
- Thornton, A. "Thoughts Concerning the Possibilities and Challenges in Combining Research Methodologies." Paper presented at Conference on Developmental, Ethnographic, and Demographic Perspectives on Fatherhood, Bethesda, MD, June 11-12, 1996.
- Orbuch, T. L., Thornton, A and Cancio, J. "The Impact of Divorce, Remarriage and Marital Quality on the Relationships Between Parents and Their Children." Paper presented at NICHD Conference on Father Involvement, Washington, D.C., October 10-11, 1996.
- Thornton, A; Arnaudo, D; Marsiglio, B; Sugland, B. and Waite, L. "Data and Research Needs Concerning Union Formation and Dissolution." Paper prepared for NICHD Workshop "Improving Data on Male Fertility and Family Formation," Urban Institute, Washington, D.C., January 16-17, 1997.

- Thornton, A. "Research and Data Needs for Studying Male Fertility and Family Formation." Presentation for Conference on Fathering and Male Fertility: Improving Data and Research, Report of the Working Group on Male Fertility and Family Formation, NIH, Bethesda, March 13-14, 1997.
- Barber, J.S; Axinn, W.G. and Thornton, A. "The Influence of Unwanted Childbearing on Mother-Child Relationships." Paper presented at Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, Washington, D.C., April 1997.
- Thornton, A. "Research on the Transition to Adulthood: Marriage and Childbearing." Organizer and Chair at Session of Annual Meeting of Population Association of America, Washington, D.C., April 1997.
- Thornton, A. "Research on the Transition to Adulthood: Education and Work." Organizer of Session of Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C., April 1997.
- Yabiku, S., Axinn, W. G., and Thornton, A. "Family Integration and Children's Self-Esteem: Family Organization, Family Social Capital, and the Development of the Self." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 1997.
- Thornton, A. "Workshop on Research Ideas and Data Needs for Studying the Well-Being of Children and Families." Organizer and Chair of Workshop sponsored by Family and Child Well-Being Research Network of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Warrenton, Virginia, October 1997.
- Thornton, A., Axinn, W. G., Fricke, T., and Alwin, D. F. "Values and Beliefs in the Lives of Children and Families." Paper presented at the Workshop sponsored by Family and Child Well-Being Research Network of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Warrenton, Virginia, October 1997.
- Axinn, W. G., Thornton, A., Yang, L. S. Young-DeMarco, L., and Yu Xie. "Mothers' Reports of Children's Family Formation Behavior." Paper presented at annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, California, April 2-4, 1998.
- Axinn, W. G. and Thornton, A. "The Transformation in the Meaning of Marriage." Paper presented at the NICHD-sponsored conference, "Ties That Bind: Perspectives on Marriage and Cohabitation", Washington, D. C., June 28-30, 1998.
- Binstock, G. and Thornton, A. "Separations, Reconciliations, and Living Away in Marital and Cohabiting Unions." Paper presented at annual meeting of Population Association of America, New York, March 25-27, 1999.
- Thornton, A. "Family Disruption and Children's Well-Being." Organizer and Presider at session of the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, March 1999.
- Thornton, A. "Family Disruption and Children's Well-Being: International Perspectives." Organizer of session of the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, March 1999.

Thornton, A., Freedman, R., and Axinn, W. G. "Intergenerational Panel Study of Parents and Children." Presented at conference, "Landmark Studies of the Twentieth Century", Radcliffe College, April 23-25, 1999.

Thornton, A. "Cross-National Research on Family and Demographic Change." Organizer and Presider at session of the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 1999.

Thornton, A. "Patterns and Mechanisms of Intergenerational Transmission." Discussant at session of the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 1999.

Cunningham, M., Beutel, A. and Thornton, A. "The Influence of Gender Role Attitudes on Life Course Events in Early Adulthood." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles, March 2000.

Thornton, A. "The Future of the Family." Chair of session at annual meetings of the Population Association of America, March 2000.

Thornton, A. "The Developmental Paradigm, Reading History Sideways, and Family Change." Presidential Address at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C., March 2001.

Yu Xie, Raymo, J., Goyette, K. and Thornton, A. "Economic Potential and Entry into Marriage and Cohabitation." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, March 29-31, 2001.

Thornton, A. "Improving Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage, and Cohabitation Data." Paper presented at conference, "Counting Couples: Improving Marriage, Divorce, Remarriage, and Cohabitation Data in the Federal Statistics System," sponsored by the Demographic and Behavior Sciences Branch of NICHD, the Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics, and Child Trends, Bethesda, MD, December 13-14, 2001.

Thornton, A. "What is Marriage: Just A Piece of Paper or Everything but the Piece of Paper?" Paper presented at symposium, "Marriage Law: Obsolete or Cutting Edge?" The University of Michigan School of Law, March 22, 2002.

Thornton, A. "Introduction of Author Meets Critic Session: The Case for Marriage." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association Meetings, Chicago, August 2002.

Thornton, A. "The Influence of the Developmental Paradigm and Reading History Sideways on the History of Family Studies." Presentation at Cambridge University, October 11, 2002.

Cunningham, M. and Thornton, A. "The Influence of Parents' and Children's Union Formation And Dissolution on Adult Children's Attitudes Toward Divorce." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, May 1-3, 2003.

Cunningham, M. and Thornton, A. "Choosing between the Available Alternatives:

Intergenerational and Intragenerational Influences on Attitudes toward Cohabitation.” Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Boston, April 1-3, 2004.

Thornton, A. “Authors Meet Critics: “One-Quarter of Humanity: Malthusian Mythology and Chinese Reality 1700-2000. By James Lee and Wang Feng.” Discussant at session of the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Boston, April 1-3, 2004.

Thornton, A. “The Demography of Marriage in the Western World.” Paper presented at the University of Tehran, April 25, 2004.

Thornton, A. “International Networks, Ideas, and Family Change.” Paper presented at the University of Tehran, April 26, 2004.

Thornton, A., Binstock, G., and Ghimire, D. “International Networks, Ideas, and Family Change.” Paper presented at the Conference on Ideational Factors in International Family Change, at The University of Michigan, June 3-5, 2004. Paper also presented at a plenary session of the National Council on Family Relations Annual Meeting, Orlando, November 17-20, 2004.

Pearce, L. and Thornton, A. “Religious Identity and Family Ideologies in the Transition to Adulthood.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, August 14-17, 2004.

Thornton, A. “Developmental Idealism and Family Change.” Paper presented at The Pennsylvania State University, October 26, 2004.

Thornton, A., Ghimire, D., and Mitchell, C. “The Measurement and Prevalence of Developmental Thinking about the Family: Evidence from Nepal.” Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, March 31-April 2, 2005.

Thornton, A. “Author Meets Critic Session: Reading History Sideways.” Session at the Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association, November 3-6, 2005.

de Jong, J., Ghimire, D., and Thornton, A. “The Influence of Developmental Idealism on Marriage: Evidence from Nepal.” Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Conference, Los Angeles, March 30 - April 1, 2006.

Kimball, M., Mitchell, C., Thornton, A., and Young-DeMarco, L. “Reciprocal Influences of Education on Values Concerning Family, Careers, and Society.” Paper presented at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, March 30-April 1, 2006.

Thornton, A. “Author Meets Critic Session: Reading History Sideways.” Session at the Population Association of America Annual Conference, Los Angeles, March 30 - April 1, 2006.

Cunningham, M., and Thornton, A. "The Influence of Parents' Marital Quality on Adult Children's Attitudes toward Marriage and its Alternatives: Main and Moderating Effects." Paper presented at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Los Angeles, March 30-April 1, 2006.

Thornton, A. "Reading the Past, Present, and Future Sideways: Historical and Cross-Cultural Perspectives on Family Life." Paper presented at the Cornell Evolving Family Conference: *Marriage and Family: Complexities and Perspectives*, April 7-8, 2006.

Thornton, A. "Research Agendas Concerning Family and Gender." Presentation at Brown University, May 3-4, 2006.

Thornton, A., Ghimire, D., and Mitchell, C. "The Measurement and Prevalence of Developmental Thinking about the Family: Evidence from Nepal." Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Liverpool, United Kingdom, June 21-24, 2006.

Binstock, G., and Thornton, A. "Knowledge and Use of Developmental Thinking about Societies and Families among Teenagers in Argentina." Presentation at the European Population Conference, Liverpool, United Kingdom, June 21-24, 2006.

Kimball, M., Mitchell, C., Thornton, A., and Young-DeMarco, L. "College Major and Preferences: The Case of Religion." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montréal, August 11-14, 2006.

Thornton, A. "The Measurement and Prevalence of Developmental Thinking about Societies and Families." Paper presented at the University of Illinois Department of Sociology Seminar Series, September 28, 2006.

Thornton, A. "The Developmental Paradigm, Reading History Sideways, and Family Myths." Paper presented at the Emory University MARIAL Center, Atlanta, December 6, 2006.

Thornton, A. "The Developmental Paradigm, Reading History Sideways, and Family Change." Paper presented at the University of Michigan Developmental Psychology Department, March 12, 2007.

Thornton, A. "Ideational Factors in Fertility Behavior and Change". Organizer and Chair of session at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, New York, March 29-31, 2007.

Thornton, A. "Ideational Factors in Family Behavior and Change". Organizer and Chair of session at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, New York, March 29-31, 2007.

Thornton, A. "Developmental Idealism and Worldwide Family Change." Paper presented at the Vienna Institute of Demography Colloquium, Vienna, June 13, 2007.

Thornton, A. "The Influence of Religiosity of Three Generations of Family Members on Cohabitation and Marriage." Paper presented at the Vienna Institute of Demography Colloquium, Vienna, June 20, 2007.

Thornton, A. "Growing Old, Growing Young: Demographic Changes." Chair of Session at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development's 2nd World Forum on Statistics, Knowledge, and Policy, on "Measuring and Fostering the Progress of Societies", Istanbul, Turkey, June 27-30, 2007.

Thornton, A. and Philipov, D. "Family and Demographic Behavior in Central and Eastern Europe: Changing Influence of Developmental Idealism, Political Economy, and Intergenerational Relationships." Paper presented at the Fourth International Conference of the European Association of Population Studies Working Group, Social Exclusion and the Changing Demographic Portrait of Europe, Budapest, Hungary, September 6-8, 2007. Also presented at the University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 9-12, 2007.

Thornton, A. "Developmental Idealism and Worldwide Family Change." Paper presented at Renmin University, Beijing, China, October 15, 2007. Also presented at Max Planck Institute, Rostock, Germany, June 23, 2008.

Thornton, A. "Values and Beliefs Concerning Children and Related Things." Paper presented at International Conference, "Can Policies Enhance Fertility in Europe?" Vienna Institute of Demography, Vienna, December 6-7, 2007.

Thornton, A. and Philipov, D. "Developmental Idealism and Family and Demographic Change in Central and Eastern Europe." Paper presented at the Population Association of America Meetings, New Orleans, April 16-19, 2008.

Thornton, A., Achen, S., Barber, J., Binstock, G., Garrison, W., Ghimire, D., Guangzhou, W., Inglehart, R., Jayakody, R., Jiang, Y., de Jong, J., King, K., Lesthaeghe, R., Mehenna, S., Mitchell, C., Moaddel, M., Ofstedal, M.B., Schwarz, N., Xie, Y., Yang, L.S., Young-DeMarco, L., and Yount, K. "Process and Method for Creating Questions and Protocols for an International Study of Developmental Idealism, Developmental Thinking, and Family Life." Paper presented at the International Conference on Survey Methods in Multinational, Multiregional and Multicultural Contexts (EMC), Berlin, June 25-28, 2008.

Gjonca, A. and A. Thornton. "Family Change and Developmental Idealism: Results from 2005 Albania Survey of Individual Data About Ideas, Perceptions, and Attitudes." Paper presented at the European Population Conference, Barcelona, July 9-12, 2008

Thornton, A. "Influence of Religion and Religiosity on Marriage and Family Formation." Paper presented at Conference on Analysis of the Iran 2006 Census, Statistical Center of Iran, Tehran, Iran, December 24-25, 2008.

Thornton, A. "Ideational Perspectives on International Family Change." Presentation at the University of Tehran and Population Association of Iran, Tehran, Iran, December 27, 2008.

Thornton, A. and Xie, Y. "Knowledge, Values, and Beliefs Concerning Within and Between Country Inequality among People in Everyday Life in China and the United States." Paper to be presented at Conference on Social Inequality and Social Change, sponsored by Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association, Renmin University, Beijing, China, May 14-16, 2009.

Thornton, A. "Family and Fertility Patterns and Changes: Considering the Past, Present and Future." Paper presented for Conference on "The Persistence of the Past: Connecting Fertility and Family Patterns of the Past to the Present" sponsored by the Laboratory of Historical Demography of the Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany, May 25-27, 2009.

Thornton, A., Binstock, G., Yount, K., Abbasi-Shavazi, M.J., Ghimire, D., Xie, Y.
"International Fertility Change: Insights from the Developmental Idealism Framework." Paper to be presented at the Special Interdisciplinary Workshop on Fertility Declines in the Past, Present and Future: What we Don't Know and what we Need to Know, sponsored by the British Society for Population Studies and Cambridge Group for the History of Population and Social Structure, Cambridge, England, July 15-17, 2009.

Research Grants

Fertility after the Baby Boom: The Role of Economic Stress, Female Employment, and Education. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1975-1976)

Longitudinal Study of Correlates of Fertility: 1962-1977. Co-principal investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1975-1980).

Value of Children in the United States. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1977)

Intergenerational Consequences of Fertility Behavior. Principal investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1979-1984).

Changing Patterns of Marriage and Divorce in the United States. Co-principal investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1980-1983)

The Changing Family Network and Fertility in Taiwan. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1981-1983).

Family and Institutional Factors in Adolescent Sexuality. Principal investigator. Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Programs (1983-1986).

Social Change, The Family, and Fertility in Taiwan. Principal investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Chiang Ching-Kuo Foundation, and Republic of China Committee for Scientific Cooperation with the United States of America (1988-1992).

Economy, Family Change, and Fertility in Nepal. Co-principal investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and National Science Foundation (1987-1993).

The Causes of Divorce and Divorce Change in Nepal. Co-Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1993-1997).

Influence of Parental Family on Well-Being of Children. Principal Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1993-2000).

Changing Social Contexts and Family Formation. Co-Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1994-1999).

Intergenerational Panel Study of Parents and Children. Principal Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1984-2000).

Intergenerational Effects on Marriage and Cohabitation. Principal Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (2000-2003).

Research and Training in Developing Countries. Principal Investigator. Fogarty International Center (2003-2005).

Population Studies Center Infrastructure Grant. Principal Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (2003-2011).

Determinants of Marriage and Childbearing Attitudes. Principal Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (2001-2011).

Ideational Perspectives on International Family Change. Principal Investigator. Mellon Foundation (2002-2005).

The Effect of College Major on Religiosity. Co-Investigator. John Templeton Foundation (2004-2005)

Measuring Developmental Idealism and Family Life. Principal Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (2005-2008).

Ideational Influences on Marriage and Childbearing. Principal Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (2008-2013).

Training Grants

Social, Science, Training in Population Studies. Principal Investigator. National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (1997-1999; 2003-present).

Training in the Demography and Economics of Aging, Principal Investigator, National Institute on Aging (1997-1999).

Teaching Experience

American Family
Comparative Family Systems
Family and Kinship Research Seminar
Social Change
Sociology of Families and Kinship
Statistics

Professional Association Memberships

American Sociological Association
Committee on Family Research
International Sociological Association
National Council on Family Relations
Population Association of America
Sociological Research Association
International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
The European Association of Population Studies

Occasional Journal Referee

American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
Annual Review of Sociology
Demography
Developmental Psychology
Family Planning Perspectives
Journal of American Statistical Association

Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Marriage and the Family
Marriage and Family Review
Population and Environment
Population Studies
Public Opinion Quarterly
Social Forces
Sociological Focus
Sociological Inquiry
Sociological Methods and Research
Sociological Perspectives
Sociology of Education
Sociology of Work and Occupations

Related Professional Activity

Member of Contract Review Committee, Center for Population Research, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Reviewer for the National Science Foundation.

Consulting Editor, Population and Environment: Behavioral and Social Issues, 1981-present.

Associate Editor, Journal of Family Issues, 1984-1998.

Consultant, Australian Institute of Family Studies, 1981.

Consultant, National Family and Household Survey, The University of Wisconsin, 1983-1985, 1997.

Consultant, Family Health and Demographic Surveys Project, Westinghouse Public Applied Systems, 1984-1989.

Nominations Committee, Family Section, American Sociological Association, 1983, 1985, 1987 (Chair).

Steering Committee, Workshop on Demographic Change and the Well-Being of Children and the Elderly, National Academy of Science, 1985.

William Goode Book Award Committee, Family Section, American Sociological Association, 1986-87.

Dorothy Thomas Award Committee, Population Association of America, 1990-1993.

American Family Research Council, Wingspread Commission on the Family in America, 1991-1999.

Advisory Panel, Sociometrics Family Archive, 1990-present.

Nominating Committee, Population Association of America, 1996-1997.

Consultant, Adolescent Health Survey, 2000. University of North Carolina, 1997, 1999.

Consultant, Colorado Adoption Project Young Adult Follow-Up: Nature and Nurture in Social Demography. University of Colorado, 1998-present.

Consultant, A Twin Family Study of Drug Use, Abuse, and Dependence. Virginia Medical College, 1998.

External Review Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame, 1998.

Occasional Reviewer, National Institutes of Health.

Editorial Board of Advances in Life Course Research, Elsevier Ltd.

Administration

Executive Committee, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan (1980-1982).

Budgets and Contingencies Committee, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan (1981-1982).

Executive Committee, Detroit Area Study, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1980-1987).

Field Review Committee, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan (1983-1984).

Applied Masters Degree Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1983-1985).

Senior Staff Advisory Committee, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan (1983-1985; 1994-1997; 2000-2002).

Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1985-1987; 1994-1995; 1997-1999; 2007-present).

Chair, Graduate Committee on Educational Policy, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1988-1992).

Population and Human Ecology Program and Preliminary Examination Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1988-1994; 1995-1999; Chair, 1995-1997).

Family and Kinship Program and Preliminary Examination Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1990-1999; Chair, 1990-1996, 1998-1999).

Social Demography Program and Preliminary Examination Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (2004-2006; Chair, 2005-2006).

Committee on Intellectual Exchange and Renewal, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan (1991-1992).

Committee on Statistics and Methods Course, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1991-1993).

Chair, Recruitment Committee, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan (1991-1995).

Chair, Survey Methodology Search Committee, Survey Research Center, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan (1992-1995).

Personnel Committee, Department of Sociology (1993-1994; 2003-2004).

Institute for Social Research Director Search Committee, Institute for Social Research, The University of Michigan (1994).

Tenure Committee, The University of Michigan (1994-1997).

Ombudsman, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1993-1995).

Internal Advisory Committee, Population Studies Center, The University of Michigan (1995-1997; 2000-2002).

Chair, Training Committee, Population Studies Center, The University of Michigan (1995-1997).

Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1995-1997; 2000-2002).

Co-chair, Internal Review Committee, Department of Sociology, The University of Michigan (1996-1997).

Director, Population Studies Center, 2003-2008.