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| • <i>Ain Shams Engineering Journal</i> | • <i>Korean Journal of Population and Development</i> |
| • <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> | • <i>Land – MDPI</i> |
| • <i>American Sociological Review</i> | • <i>Melbourne Historical Journal</i> |
| • <i>Behavioral Sciences – MDPI</i> | • <i>Occupational Health – MDPI</i> |
| • <i>Cancers – MDPI</i> | • <i>OMNES: Journal of Migration and Society</i> |
| • <i>Challenges – MDPI</i> | • <i>PLOS One</i> |
| • <i>City & Community</i> | • <i>Population Research and Policy Review</i> |
| • <i>COVID – MDPI</i> | • <i>Populations – MDPI</i> |
| • <i>Cultural Conflict and Integration</i> | • <i>Psychiatry International – MDPI</i> |
| • <i>Current Oncology – MDPI</i> | • <i>Psychology International – MDPI</i> |
| • <i>Current Urban Studies</i> | • <i>Qualitative Sociology</i> |
| • <i>Demography</i> | • <i>Race and Social Problems</i> |
| • <i>Digital – MDPI</i> | • <i>Regional Studies</i> |
| • <i>Discover Global Society – Springer Nature</i> | • <i>Religions – MDPI</i> |
| • <i>Discover Mental Health – Springer Nature</i> | • <i>Sage Open</i> |
| • <i>Discover Sustainability – Springer Nature</i> | • <i>Sexes – MDPI</i> |
| • <i>Diseases & Research</i> | • <i>Social Currents</i> |
| • <i>Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race</i> | • <i>Social Forces</i> |
| • <i>Economies – MDPI</i> | • <i>Social Problems</i> |
| • <i>Education Sciences – MDPI</i> | • <i>Social Science History</i> |
| • <i>Encyclopedia – MDPI</i> | • <i>Social Science Quarterly</i> |
| • <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> | • <i>Social Science Research</i> |
| • <i>Forensic Sciences – MDPI</i> | • <i>Social Sciences – MDPI</i> |
| • <i>Frontiers in Earth Science</i> | • <i>Societies – MDPI</i> |
| • <i>Genealogy – MDPI</i> | • <i>Sociological Focus</i> |
| • <i>Geoforum</i> | • <i>Sociological Forum</i> |
| • <i>Geographies – MDPI</i> | • <i>Sociological Inquiry</i> |
| • <i>Global Journal of History and Culture</i> | • <i>Sociological Perspectives</i> |
| • <i>Healthcare – MDPI</i> | • <i>Sociological Spectrum</i> |
| • <i>Historical Methods</i> | • <i>Southeastern Geographer</i> |

- *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*
- *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*
- *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health – MDPI*
- *International Journal of Population Studies*
- *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*
- *Journal of Ageing and Longevity – MDPI*
- *Journal of Chinese Architecture and Urbanism*
- *Journal of Community Practice*
- *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*
- *Journal of Geography and Regional Planning*
- *Journal of Human Resources*
- *Journal of Infrastructure, Policy and Development*
- *Journal of International Migration and Integration*
- *Journal of Socio-Economics*
- *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*
- *Sustainability – MDPI*
- *Sustainable Cities and Society*
- *The American Economist*
- *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*
- *The Social Science Journal*
- *The Sociological Quarterly*
- *The Western Journal of Black Studies*
- *Tropical Medicine and Infectious Disease – MDPI*
- *Urban Affairs Review*
- *Urban Geography*
- *Urban Science – MDPI*
- *Urban Studies*
- *Water – MDPI*
- *Women – MDPI*
- *World – MDPI*

OTHER REVIEWER SERVICE:

- EXTERNAL REVIEWER OF NINE PROMOTION AND TENURE CASES SINCE 1998:

For promotion to full professor: University of Oklahoma (sociology), University of Virginia (business administration), Wright State University (sociology), University of North Texas (sociology), Rochester Institute of Technology (sociology). For tenure and promotion to associate professor: University of Virginia (African American Studies), Rochester Institute of Technology (sociology), University of Virginia (business administration), Oklahoma State University (sociology).

- REVIEWER OF NUMEROUS CONFERENCE PAPERS, GRANT PROPOSALS, TEXTBOOKS, ETC., SINCE 1993:

For Academic Press (1996), Allyn & Bacon (2002), Eastern Sociological Society (1994-95), McGraw-Hill (1994, 1995, 2003), National Science Foundation (1993-94, 2003, 2006), Prentice Hall (1993, 1996, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2007), Roxbury Publishing (2001), Sage Publications (2006), Southern Sociological Society (1993, 1996), The www.febm.org Economic and Business Management Conference, China (2020), U.S.–Israel Binational Science Foundation (1993), Wadsworth Publishing (2001, 2002, 2008).

AWARDS, HONORS, AND SUPPORT:

- AWARDS, HONORS, AND SUPPORT, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY:

Certificate of recognition in appreciation for 30 years of service to Mississippi State University, 2025.

“Researcher of the Month,” College of Arts & Sciences, May, 2012.

Clinton Wallace Dean’s Eminent Scholar Award (stipend of \$5,000 per year for three years), College of Arts & Sciences, 2010-11.

State Pride Award (one-time \$2,500 bonus), 2010.

Support for travel (\$170), Academic Excellence Fund, College of Arts & Sciences, 1997.

- OTHER AWARDS AND HONORS:

Named as one of the “2024 MDPI Top 1000 Reviewers” selected from “215,000 reviewers from 65 countries,” 2025.

“Certificate of Outstanding Contribution in Reviewing,” Editors of *The Social Science Journal*, 2017.

“Urban Studies Best Article for 2012” Award, Editors of *Urban Studies*, April, 2013.

Howard W. Odum Award (Outstanding Graduate Student), Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (co-winner with Edward M. Crenshaw), 1989.

National Research Service Award Demography Traineeship, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Supported by an NICHD grant [# 5 TH32 HD07168-10] to the Center), 1986-89.

Member, Honors Student Program of the American Sociological Association, 1986.

Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, 1983-86.

Member, honor societies of Phi Theta Kappa, 1979, Beta Gamma Sigma, 1982, Alpha Kappa Delta, 1984, and Phi Kappa Phi, 1986. Listed in *The National Dean’s List*, 1981-82.

Dean’s List and President’s Honors List, Florida Atlantic University, 1980-81.

- OTHER RESEARCH SUPPORT:

“Race, Social Mobility, and Contraceptive Sterilization.” Proposal supported by the Research Development Fund, SUNY Buffalo (\$3,350), 1994-95.

Support for travel to the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Professional Development and Quality of Working Life Faculty Development Award, SUNY Buffalo (\$181), 1994.

“Racial Differences in Contraceptive Sterilization.” Proposal supported by the Research and Productive Scholarship Fund, University of South Carolina (\$1,450), 1991.

Departmental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research Award, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of South Carolina, 1990 (\$3,750). Supplemented in 1991 (\$1,000) and 1992 (\$1,500).

GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY:

- PHD STUDENT COMMITTEES (COMPLETED):

Bunnak Poch, awarded PhD in sociology, 2002 (member, 1999-2002), Thomas Kersen, awarded PhD in sociology, 2003 (member, 1999-2003), Mahasin Owens-Sabir, awarded PhD in sociology, 2005 (member, 2003-05), Stevie Watson, awarded PhD in marketing, 2006 (member, 2000-06), Xuhui Zeng, awarded PhD in sociology, 2011 (member, 2009-11), Jamie Boydston, awarded PhD in sociology, 2014 (member, 2010-14), Young Bin Lim, awarded PhD in sociology, 2015 (chair, 2011-15), Xuan Zhou, awarded PhD in sociology, 2016 (chair, 2013-16).

- MS STUDENT COMMITTEES (COMPLETED):

Lei Chen, awarded MS in sociology, 2004 (member, 2003-04), Sharon Fuller, awarded MS in wildlife and fisheries, 2006 (member, 2003-06), Sheena Gardner, awarded MS in sociology, 2008 (member, 2006-08), John McCown, awarded MS in sociology, 2011 (chair, 2009-11), Jed Pressgrove, awarded MS in sociology, 2013 (member, 2008-13).

FACULTY SERVICE, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY (since last promotion)*:

*covers August 2012 – present; on sabbatical, fall 2020 semester

- DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY:

Member, promotion and tenure committee, 1999-present.

Member, curriculum and policies committee, 2025.

Member, undergraduate curriculum and policy committee, 2021-22, 2023-24, 2024-25.

Chair, communities, environment, and health prelim exam committee, 2025.

Member, MS exit exam committee, 2023-24, 2025-26.

Member, communities, environment, and health prelim exam committee, 2024-25, 2025-26.

Vice chair, promotion and tenure committee, 2014-15, 2020, 2024.

Member, graduate curriculum and policy committee, 2012-14, 2014-16, 2019-20, 2021, 2022-24.

Chair, promotion and tenure committee, 2013-14, 2019, 2023.

Member, demography/rural sociology/community prelim exam committee(s), 2003-18, 2019-20, 2021-22, 2022-23.

Member, appeals committee, 2009-18, 2021-22.

Alternate member, appeals committee, 2019-20, 2021.

Chair, appeals committee, 2016-17, 2021.

Chair, demography prelim exam committee, 2013-14, 2014-18, 2019-20.

Member, sociology major committee, 2019-20.

Member, sociology undergraduate curriculum and policies committee, 2016-18.

Member, PhD qualifying exam committee, 2013-14, 2014-16, 2017-18.

Graduate program coordinator, most of fall 2018.

Member, graduate admissions and support committee, 2015-17.

Chair, PhD qualifying exam committee, 2014-16.

Library representative, 2002-15.

Member, social demography faculty search committee, 2014.

Member, department head search committee, 2014.

- COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES:

Chair, College of Arts & Sciences committee on promotion and tenure, 2015-16, 2017-18.

Member, College of Arts & Sciences committee on promotion and tenure, 2015-18.

Faculty Senator, Robert Holland MSU Faculty Senate, 2014-17.

Member, committee on the General Liberal Arts major, 2011-15.

Member, College of Arts & Sciences committee on courses and curricula, 2012-14.

- OTHER SERVICE AS AN MSU FACULTY MEMBER:

Member, Speakers Bureau, Mississippi Humanities Council (<http://mshumanities.org/speaker/robert-l-boyd>), 1996-present.

COURSE PREPARATIONS*:

*Taught at Mississippi State U (M), U of South Carolina (S), SUNY Buffalo (B), U of Florida (F)

- UNDERGRADUATE LEVEL:

Introduction to Sociology (M,S,B), Principles of Sociology (F), Racial and Cultural Minorities (M), Social Demography (S), Urbanization (S), Urban Sociology (M,S,B).

- GRADUATE OR SPLIT LEVEL:

Human Ecology and Urbanization (S), Research Design (M), Seminar in Race Relations (M), Social Statistics I (B), Social Statistics II (M), Urban Sociology (M,S,B).

POSITIONS:

- FACULTY POSITIONS, MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY:

Full Professor, Department of Sociology, 2012-present.

Clinton Wallace Dean's Eminent Scholar, College of Arts & Sciences, 2010-13.

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, 1999-2012.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 1995-99.

- PREVIOUS POSITIONS:

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, State University of New York at Buffalo, 1993-95.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, 1989-93.

Graduate Student, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1986-89.

National Research Service Award Demography Trainee, UNC Carolina Population Center, 1986-89.

Graduate Student and Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, 1983-86.

Shipping Clerk and Crew-Leader, Sensormatic Electronics Corporation, Deerfield Beach, FL, 1982.

(Various full- / part-time jobs as a high school / undergraduate college student, 1973-81 [list available]).