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Education: B.A., Brown University (with honors), 1967, Sociology
M.A., University of Chicago, 1968, Sociology of Education
Ph.D., University of Chicago, 1974, Sociology of Education

Current Position

President, Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah, 2002 -

Administrative Appointments

Dean, University of South Florida, Sarasota/Manatee Campus, and *Warden* of New College, 1998-2000; *Dean & Warden* of New College, 2000-2001.

President, Olivet College, Olivet, Michigan, 1993-1998

Executive Vice President and University Provost, Antioch University, 1989-1993

Vice President for Academic Affairs, Eastern Connecticut State University, 1986-1989

Interim Assistant Chancellor for Educational Services, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 1985-1986

Associate Dean of Faculty, University of Wisconsin-Parkside, 1981-1985

Acting Assistant Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, University of Rhode Island, 1977-1979

Assistant Director, Academic Potential Project, Brown University, 1966-1967

Academic Appointments

Westminster College

Professor of Sociology, 2002-

New College of Florida

Professor of Sociology (with tenure), 1998-2002

Olivet College

Professor of Sociology, 1994-1998

University of Wisconsin-Parkside

Division of Behavioral Science, Associate Professor of Sociology (with tenure),
1981-1986

Harvard University

Graduate School of Education, Associate in Education, 1980-1981

University of Rhode Island

Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Instructor, Assistant Professor,
Associate Professor (with tenure), 1971-1981

University of Pennsylvania

Center for the Study of the Acts of Man, Research Associate, 1968

Books

1982 Social Problems (with R. J. Gelles and A. Levine), Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, Inc.

1980 Sociology: An Introduction (with R. J. Gelles and A. Levine), Random House, Inc.

* Second Edition, 1984

* Third Edition, 1987

* Fourth Edition, 1990

1976 The Social Organization of Nautical Education: The U.S., Great Britain, and Spain
(with W. R. Rosegren), D.C. Heath.

Other Publications

- 2003 "Lessons from the Edge: What Mainstream Higher Education Can Learn from Colleges that Have Broken the Rules", *Liberal Education*.
- 2000 "A New College for Florida", *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, April 16.
- 1999 "Leading Organizations", in *Living the 7 Habits*, Stephen R. Covey (ed.), Simon and Schuster, NY., pp. 272-278.
- 1998 "Duke Could Learn from New College", *Sarasota Herald Tribune*, October 19.
- 1997 "One College's Compact for Individual and Social Responsibility", *Educational Record*, Vol. 738, Nos. 3,4, Summer/Fall, pp 43-44.
- 1996 "Institutional Transformation: Service Learning Across the Curriculum at Olivet College," (with J. Foreman, M. Kennard and D. Tuski), *Thresholds in Education*, Vol. XXII, No. 2, pp. 12-16.
- 1996 "Preparing Students for Leadership in The Workplace of the 21st Century," *Enterprise*, Vol. IX, No. 10, pp. 13-15.
- 1995 "End Finger-Pointing by Teaching Responsibility," *Detroit Free Press*, February 3. Reprinted in: *Executive Citizen*, Vol. 5, No. 4, July/Aug. 1996 *Campus Current*, Vol. 10, No. 1, Jan./Feb. 1996
- 1986 "Building Quality: Research and the Regional Institutions," (with A. E. Guskin), *Change*, Vol. 18, No. 4, July/August, pp. 57-60, 66.
- 1986 "The Quality of Undergraduate Education: Toward an Agenda for Inquiry and Action," *Teaching Sociology*, Vol. 14, No. 1, January, pp. 1-11.
- 1985 "Leadership Styles and Institutional Renewal," (with A. E. Guskin) in *New Directions in Higher Education: Leadership and Institutional Renewal*, No. 49, Ralph Davis (ed.), Jossey-Bass, pp. 13-22.
- 1978 *Readings and Review for Society Today*, 3rd edition, Random House.
- 1977 "The Campus as a Frog Pond: A Theoretical and Empirical Reassessment," *American Journal of Sociology*, May, pp. 1318-1326.
- 1977 "Teaching Introductory Sociology with TIPS: An Evaluation," (with J. Allen), *Teaching Sociology*, January, pp. 141-154.

- 1976 "The University Opinion Index," (with R. C. Crafts), *NASPA Journal*, Vol. 14, No. 2, Fall, pp. 59-61.
- 1976 "TIPS: Individualization and Economy for Mass Instruction," (with J. Allen), *Teaching Sociology*, January, pp. 185-190.
- 1975 "The Organization of Nautical Training and Executive Leadership," (with W. R. Rosengren), *Maritime Studies and Management: An International Journal*, Vol. 3, No. 2, October, pp. 87-94.
- 1975 "Socialization for Occupational Disengagement: Vocational Education in the Merchant Marine," (with W. R. Rosengren), *Work and Occupations*, Vol. 2, No. 2, May, pp. 133-149.
- 1975 "Ship Contingencies and Nautical Education: A Problem of Level and Scope of Certification," (with W. R. Rosengren), *Maritime Studies and Management: An International Journal*, Vol. 2, No. 3, January, pp. 154-163.
- 1973 "External Control and Organization Adaptability: American, British and Spanish Merchant Academies," (with W. R. Rosengren) in *Seafarer and Community*, P. H. Frick (ed.), Croom Helm Ltd., London.

Selected Presentations

- 2002 "Developing Collaborative Campus Leadership", invited presentation at the Association of American Colleges and Universities Institute on Campus Leadership for Sustainable Innovation, Leesburg, VA
- 2000 "How Can Knowledge from Research Help?", panel presentation at the Symposium on Institutional Transformation, Higher Education Research Institute, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2000 "Creating Cultures of Achievement: Lessons from the Public Liberal Arts College", (with M. Carrasco and K. Fitzgerald), panel presentation at the Association of American Colleges and Universities annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 1998 "Successful Models of Restructuring: the Olivet College Story", invited presentation at the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges Conference on transformation through academic restructuring, Pittsburgh, PA.
- 1998 "Strategic Planning: The Board's Role", invited presentation at the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) National Conference on Trusteeship, Nashville, TN.

- 1998 “Transforming Higher Education: Reality, Possibility or Wishful Thinking?” panel presentation at the American Council on Education Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 1998 “Organizational Renewal: A Principle-Centered Approach”, invited presentation at the Capital Quality Initiative meeting, Lansing, MI.
- 1997 “New Thinking about Educational Quality”, keynote address at the Michigan School Volunteer Partners annual statewide conference, Lansing, MI
- 1997 “Educating for Responsibility in a Diverse Society”, invited presentation at the Ford Foundation Campus Diversity Initiative Conference, Miami, FL.
- 1997 “A Case Study in Comprehensive Institutional Transformation”, National Governor’s Conference on Quality in Education, Dearborn, MI.
- 1997 “Reports from the Field,” panel presentation at the Presidents Leadership Colloquium, Campus Compact, Washington, D.C.
- 1997 “Institutionalizing an Ethic of Service,” invited presentation at Volunteering Super Conference, Grand Rapids, MI
- 1997 “Education for Individual and Social Responsibility,” invited presentation at the Institute on College Student Values, Tallahassee, FL
- 1997 “Leadership and Leverage in the Current Climate,” invited presentation at Diversity Learning and Institutional Change Conference sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1996 “Teaching as a Moral Activity”, keynote address at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation Excellence in Education Day Celebration, Battle Creek, MI
- 1993 “Linking Higher Education to National Needs,” invited presentation at a session sponsored by the National Commission for Cooperative Education, Annual Meeting of the American Council on Education (ACE), San Diego, CA
- 1992 “Enhancing Enrollment: The Role of Academic Policy,” invited presentation at the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO) Conference on Strategic Enrollment Management, Long Beach, CA
- 1992 “Experiencing Liberal Learning,” invited keynote address at a symposium titled “From Community to Classroom: Strategies for Integrating Experiential Learning into the Curriculum,” sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

- 1989 "Research at AASCU Institutions," (with R. Pattenau), invited presentation at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Academic Affairs Resource Center annual meeting, Cooper Mountain, CO
- 1987 "Academic Leadership: Ensuring Effectiveness When the Honeymoon Ends," (with R. Pattenau), invited workshop at the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) Academic Affairs Resource Center annual meeting, Vail, CO
- 1985 "The Freshman Year Experience: A Problem of Cultural Adaptation," (with C. Cashen), read at National Conference on the Freshman Year Experience, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
- 1984 "Academic Leadership," presentation at the American Sociological Association workshop on Helping Sociologists to be Effective Chairpersons and Deans, Milwaukee, WI
- 1984 "Rethinking Our Notions About Quality," invited presentation at the annual meeting of the Illinois Sociological Association, Argonne National Laboratory, IL
- 1983 "Negotiated Realities: On Looking Beneath the Surface," (with R. M. Pavalko), read at annual meeting of Wisconsin Sociological Association, Waukesha, WI
- 1982 "Faculty Work: Contrasting Formulations of a Problem and Its Solution," (with R. M. Pavalko), read at annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Detroit, MI
- 1977 "The Impact of College Grades and College Quality of Student Self-Evaluations," read at annual meeting of American Educational Research Association, Chicago, IL
- 1976 "Teaching Information Processing System: A Demonstration," read at annual meeting of American Sociological Association, New York, NY
- 1975 "The Social Organization of the Marine Environment: A Theoretical Perspective," (with W. R. Rosengren), read at annual meeting of Southern Sociological Society, Washington, D.C.
- 1974 "Organizational Structure and Organizational Leadership: A Cross-Cultural Comparison," (with W. R. Rosengren), read at annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Montreal
- 1973 "Organizational Chartering: A Comparative Approach," (with W. R. Rosengren), read at annual meeting of American Sociological Association, New York, NY

Additional Professional Development Experiences

Wharton/IRHE Program on Managing Higher Education,
University of Pennsylvania, 1997
Covey Leadership Week, Covey Leadership Center, Sundance, UT, 1996
Harvard Seminar for New Presidents. Harvard Graduate School of Education,
Cambridge, MA, 1993
Outward Bound, Hurricane Island, ME, 1976

Westminster College – Community Activities

Board of Governors, Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce
Trustee, Henry W. and Leslie M. Eskuche Foundation
Board of Trustees, Coalition for Utah's Future

Other Professional Activities

New College/USF-Community Activities

Economic Development Council Board of Directors, Sarasota, FL, 1999-2001.
Suncoast Technology Alliance Board of Directors, 1999-2000
SCOPE (Sarasota Openly Plans for Excellence) Board of Directors, 1999-2001.
United Way of Sarasota County, Homeless Continuum of Care Committee, 2000-
2001

Olivet College

Michigan Colleges Foundation, Board of Directors, 1993-1998
Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association, Presidents Council, 1993-1998
Michigan Campus Compact, Presidents Council, 1993-1998
Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Michigan, Board of
Directors, 1993-1998
American Council on Education, Project on Leadership and Institutional
Transformation, 1995-1998
Kellogg Forum on Higher Education Transformation, 1998

Presidents' Summit for America's Future

Delegate, April 1997

Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio

Board of Trustees, 1997- 2000

Michigan Non-Profit Association

Board of Directors, 1996-1998

American Council on Education

Commission on Women, 1996-98

Association of American Colleges and Universities,

Core Staff, Institute on Campus Leadership for Sustainable Innovation, July 2002
Core Staff, Institute on Collaborative Leadership for Academic Change, July 1998
Senior Development Advisor, 2001-2002

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Undergraduate Education Section:

- Membership Committee, 1979-1981
- Council, 1980-1982, 1986-1989
- Chair, 1987-1988

Co-Editor, Inaugural Issue of ASA-sponsored journal, Teaching Sociology, January 1986
(based on symposium on “Teaching and the Academic Profession,” convened in August, 1985, Washington, D.C.)

Teaching Sociology (a quarterly journal published by Sage Publications)

Associate Editor, 1977-1979, 1985-1987
Editor, 1982-1985

National Society for Experiential Education (NSEE)

Board of Directors, 1990-1995
Executive Committee of the Board, 1992-1995
Treasurer, 1992-1995

Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, North Central Association of Colleges and Universities

Consultant-Evaluator, 1992-1998

Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education

Incentive Fund for Excellence Review Panel, 1987, 1988

Connecticut State University System

Council of Academic Vice Presidents, 1986-1989
Institutional Assessment Advisory Council, Connecticut Department of Higher Education, 1987 Co-Director, Survey Research Project on The Role of Research at AASCU Institutions (supported by a grant from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities), 1987-1988

University of Wisconsin System

Undergraduate Teaching Improvement Council, 1981-1983
Advisory Committee for the Center for the Study of Minorities and the Disadvantaged, 1984-1986
Council of Deans of Arts and Sciences, 1981-1985

University of Rhode Island

Co-Director, Cross-Cultural Maritime Education Project (supported by a grant from the International Center for Marine Resource Development), 1972-1974
Curriculum Development in Sociology (supported by a grant from the Exxon Education Foundation), 1975-1976

University of Chicago

Editorial Review Panel for the Journal, Sociology of Education, 1969-1971
Research Associate, Higher Education Survey Project (sponsored by the American Council on Education [ACE] and National Institute of Mental Health [NIMH], 1969-1971