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**Position**

2008- Van Winkle Professor of Sociology, Centre College

2006-08 National Endowment for the Humanities Professor of Sociology, Centre College

2005-06 NEH Associate Professor of Sociology, Centre College

1997-05 Associate Professor of Sociology, Centre College; Centre Scholar 2001-03

1990-97 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Centre College

1987-90 Research Associate, OERI, U.S. Department of Education

**Education**

1988 Ph.D., Sociology, Yale University

1986 M.A.R., Ethics, Yale Divinity School

1986 M.Phil., Sociology, Yale University

1985 M.A., Sociology, Yale University

1982 B.A. with High Honors, Swarthmore College

**Selected Honors and Awards**

2016 Stodghill Research leave

2014 Kirk Award for Excellence in Teaching, Centre College

2011 Kentucky History Award, *Centre College: Scholars, Gentlemen, Christians*

2004 Kirk Award for Excellence in Teaching, Centre College

2004 Delivered the Willson-Gross Lectures at Union College (KY)

1995-99 Staff Member, Associated Colleges of the South Teaching Workshop

1984 Mary C. Tew Prize, Yale University

1982 Phi Beta Kappa, Bramson Prize in Sociology, Swarthmore College

**Selected Grants**

2016 Human flourishing and critical realism group moderator, Templeton

2011 Enduring Questions course development for “The Happy Society,” NEH

2008 “Strike Up the Band: A Lincoln Homecoming” KY Historical Society

2004 “Teaching the Reformed Tradition,” Wabash Center

2000 “Religious History of Centre College.” Rhodes Consultation

1999 “Vocation of the Presbyterian Teacher.” Wabash Center

1992 “Christian Realism and Family Life.” Louisville Institute.

**Selected Publications**

The Gruntled Center: Exploring the Happy Society. A blog (gruntledcenter.blogspot.com)

*Between Bohemia and Suburbia: Boburbia in the USA.* Forthcoming from Routledge.

“Are Neighbourhoods Real?” *Journal of Critical Realism*, February 2018.

“Happy, Busy Calvinists.” *Society*, May/June 2015.

“A Deeper Durkheimian Society for Haidt’s Righteous Minds.” *Society*, September 2014.

“The College Class at Work and at Home.” *Society,* April 2011.

*Centre College: Scholars, Gentlemen, Christians*. Danville: Centre College, 2010.

“The Power Elite and the Philadelphia Gentlemen: Arguing with Mills and Baltzell about How the Nation Is Led.” *Society*, March 2010.

“Rebuilding the Presbyterian Establishment.” Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 2008.

*Leading From the Center: Strengthening the Pillars of the Church*. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2003.

*Called to Teach: The Vocation of the Presbyterian Educator*. Edited, with Duncan Ferguson. Louisville: Geneva Press, 2003.

*Presbyterian Pluralism: Competition in a Protestant House*. Univ. of Tennessee Press, 1997.

*Education and the American Family: A Research Synthesis*, ed. New York Univ. Press, 1989.

“Politics of Mainline Protestant Clergy: Presbyterian Church (USA).” In *Pulpits and Politics: Clergy in American Politics at the Advent of the Millennium*, edited by Corwin Smidt. Baylor University Press, 2004.

“The ‘Fidelity and Chastity’ Amendment: A Competition to Renew the Presbyterian Church.” In *Reformed Vitality*, D. Luidens, H. Stoeffels, and C. Smidt, eds. Univ. Press of America, 1998.

“The Hidden Class Struggle in American Class and Family Research.” *Sociological Imagination*. Vol. 34 no. 1 (1997): 19-27.

“Teaching American Denominational Religion.” *Teaching Sociology*, 25, 2 (Apr. 1995): 159-64.

Book reviews for *Choice, Social Forces, Contemporary Sociology, Sociology of Religion, Rev. of Religious Research, J. of Comparative Family Studies, First Things, Lexington Herald-Leader.*

**Selected Courses**

Introduction to Sociology

Social Structure

Introduction to Family Life

The Happy Society

Coffeehouses and Public Life

Sociology of American Religion

Class Culture

Teaching Abroad: South Africa (2001), London (2002), Australia (2009)

**Professional Societies**

American Sociological Association (sections: Religion; Family; Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity [Newsletter editor, 2012 - 17])

Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky (President, 1994-95)

Phi Beta Kappa (Chapter President, 2008-09, 2014-15)

**Service**

2016 – Pre-Social Work Advisor

2014 – Advisor, Alpha Phi Omega service organization

2012-17 Mentor, Centre College Brown Fellows classes of 2016 and 2017

2006-10 Mentor, Centre College Posse 1, Posse Foundation Scholars

2006-08 Site-Based Council, Danville High School

2005-09 Reforming Ministry Program, Presbyterian Church (USA)

2000-03 Task Force on Higher Education, Presbyterian Church (USA)

1999-02 Task Force on Changing Families, Presbyterian Church (USA)

1998-99 Member, Public Education and Religion in Kentucky Task Force

**Personal**

Hometown: Plymouth Meeting, PA

Married to Susan Perkins Weston

Father to Molly, Nora, and Rebecca Weston