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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. 2019. Routledge.

“Social Science and a Responsible Establishment.” *Society*, June 2019.

“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. 2010 Danville: Centre College.

- Revised as *Centre College: A Bicentennial History*. 2019. Centre College.

“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.” 2008. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

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

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

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

Education and the American Family: A Research Synthesis. 1989. Editor and contributor. New York University Press.

“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
Sociology of Family Life
The Happy Society
Coffeehouses and Public Life
Sociology of American Religion
Public Sociology
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