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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology

Texas A&M University
[Expected] Spring, 2009

Dissertation: "A Race-Based Theoretical Understanding of Power"

Committee: Joe Feagin (Chair); James Burk; Sarah Gatson

Field Exams: Sociology of Race/Ethnicity; Sociology of Culture

M.A. Sociology

(Sociology Track in the Cultural Studies PhD Program)
George Mason University
2005

Concentrations: Sociology of Culture; Sociology of Race/Ethnicity

Thesis: "Early Divisions in American Sociological Thought and Race Theory in the Writings of W.E.B. Du Bois and Robert E. Park"

Committee: Rutledge Dennis (Director); Mark Jacobs; Marilyn Mobley
Reader: John Stone (Boston University)

B.A. Philosophy (With Distinction)

George Mason University
1995

Concentrations: Continental Thought; Martin Heidegger

Advisor: Wayne Froman

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Sociology. Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, August 2008 to the present

Instructor of Sociology, Social Sciences Division. Colorado Mountain College. Glenwood Springs and Vail, CO. August 2007 to May 2008

Instructor of Sociology. Social Sciences Division. Blinn College. Bryan, Texas. January 2007 through May 2007

Substitute Teacher in Special Education. Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, Virginia. 1990-1995

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Theory; Historical, Political, and Cultural Sociology; African American Studies; Power

PUBLICATIONS

(forthcoming) 2009. "Racism, Origins and Patterns." *Encyclopedia of Human Rights*. Dave Forsythe, editor. Oxford University Press

(forthcoming) with Joe Feagin and Jennifer Mueller. 2009. "Social Justice and Critical Public Sociology." *Handbook of Public Sociology*. Vincent Jeffries, editor. Rowman and Littlefield

(forthcoming) 2008. "Investigating the Aspen Elite." *Contexts* 7(4)

"Allen Toussaint." 2008. *African American National Biography*. W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Editors-in-Chief. Oxford: Oxford University Press

"Washboard Sam." 2008. *African American National Biography*. W.E.B. Du Bois Institute, Harvard University. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. and Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Editors-in-Chief. Oxford: Oxford University Press

"Comment to G. William Domhoff." 2007. *Contemporary Sociology*, 36(4)

"W.E.B. Du Bois's Position in Sociological Theory." 2006. *Perspectives*, 28(4)

WORKS IN PROGRESS

(Revise & Resubmit: *Sociological Theory*) "The Sociological Significance of and Theoretical Distinction between Double Consciousness and Marginality"

(Under Review: *American Journal of Sociology*) "The Currency of W.E.B. Du Bois's and Robert E. Park's Sociological Understandings of Race Relations"

(Under Review: *Social Forces*) "Defining Racism: Seven Measures"

"Henry Hughes and George Fitzhugh: American Sociology's 'Bachelor Uncles' or Disowned Forefathers?"

"Field Notes on Zydeco Music and Western 'Third Coast' Creole Culture"

with Roy Carrier. *Zydeco's Living Legend: The Life of Roy Carrier*

with Joe Feagin. *Why African Americans Are So Smart*

with Joe Feagin. "Theorizing Race in America" (provisional title)

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"The Sociological Significance of and Theoretical Distinction between Double Consciousness and Marginality" (Critical Social Psychology). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, 2007

“Contrasting the ‘Dual Marginality’ of Black and White Americans” (Dual Marginality and the Changing Realities of Race, Class, and Gender). Annual Meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Montreal, Canada, 2006

“W.E.B Du Bois’s and Robert E. Park’s Introduction to the Developing Field of Sociology: Historical and Social Context, Biographical Notes, and Matters of Race” (Social Thought and Thinkers). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, 2006

“Early American Sociology’s Roots in Germany: How Graduate Studies at German Universities and German Social Thought Influenced the Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois and Robert E. Park” (Interactions in Academia). *Crossovers: African Americans and Germany*. International Conference, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität, Muenster, Germany, 2006

“W.E.B. Du Bois’s and Robert E. Park’s Understanding of Race Relations” (Black Studies). Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2005

“The Nationalist and Pan-Africanist Thought of W.E.B. Du Bois” (Intellectual and Historical Atlanticisms and the Black Atlantic). The Collegium for African American Research Annual Conference, *The Making of Black Diasporas*, King Alfred’s College, Winchester, England, 2003

“Postmodernist Thought and the End of the Human Sciences: Epistemological and Ontological Uncertainties Posed by Nietzsche, Heidegger, Foucault, and Derrida.” International Studies Association Annual Conference, *The Construction and Cumulation of Knowledge*, Portland, Oregon, 2003

“Balancing W.E.B. Du Bois’s Understanding of Race” (Urban Colonies and Post-Colonial Race Problems). Harvard University’s W.E.B. Du Bois Graduate Society Conference, *The Problem of Race*, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 2002

INVITED TALKS & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Revamping sociology texts for the Quigley Library collection of Colorado Mountain College, 2008

Co-organizer of the panel, “W.E.B. Du Bois: Sociological Perspectives,” an event sponsored by the Department of Sociology and the Racial and Ethnic Studies Institute at Texas A&M University [to coincide with the world premiere of the *The Smoke King*, the first play on the life of W.E.B. Du Bois, a one-man production by Charles Holt with the assistance of the playwright, Levy Lee Simon], 2006

“The Critical Sociology of W.E.B. Du Bois” (W.E.B. Du Bois: Sociological Perspectives). Texas A&M University, 2006

“W.E.B Du Bois and Robert E. Park and the Development of Early American Sociology, 1880s-1920s.” Presentation and Q&A at the Sociology Department’s Race and Ethnicity Workshop, Texas A&M University, 2005

“Zydeco Music and SW Louisiana/East Texas Creole Culture.” Lecture in Joseph Jewell’s course, “Sociology of Black Americans.” Texas A&M University, 2005

“Lessons from W.E.B. Du Bois’s *The Souls of Black Folk*: Maintaining African Traditions, Cultural Plurality, and Racial Identity.” Panel discussion organized by the Black Student Alliance for George Mason University’s Black History Month Lecture Series, 2004

Co-chair of the panel, "Twentieth Century African American History," the Collegium for African American Research Annual Conference, *The Making of Black Diasporas*, King Alfred's College, 2003

HONORS AND AWARDS

Academic Recognition Scholarship. Department of Sociology at Texas A&M University. 2007/2008

Outstanding Distinguished Citizen Award. Brazos Valley African American Museum. Bryan, Texas. 2006

Academic Recognition Scholarship. Department of Sociology at Texas A&M University. 2005/2006

Fellowship, Cultural Studies PhD Program at George Mason University. 1998

ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (sections: Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Theory); Association of Black Sociologists; Brazos Valley African American Museum; Collegium of African American Research; Friends of Benjamin Banneker Historical Society and Museum

REFERENCES

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