

CURRICULUM VITA

April, 2013

PROFESSIONAL IDENTIFICATION

1. ACADEMIC AFFILIATION

Gary Shepherd
Oakland University
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Professor of Sociology Emeritus

2. EDUCATION

<u>Degree</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Field</u>
Ph.D.	Michigan State University	1976	Sociology
M.A.	The University of Utah	1971	Sociology
B.A.	The University of Utah	1969	Sociology

FACULTY TEACHING APPOINTMENTS

1. MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Part-Time Instructor (Department of Sociology; School of Social Work), 1974-1976.

2. OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

Rank and Date of Appointment:

Visiting Assistant Professor, 8/15/76 - 8/14/77
Assistant Professor, 8/15/77

Dates of Reappointment:

Assistant Professor, 8/15/81
Assistant Professor, 8/15/79

Rank and Date of Promotion:

Associate Professor With Tenure, 8/15/83
Full Professor With Tenure, 4/6/95
Professor Emeritus, 9/15/09
Interim Director, The Honors College, 2010-2011

COURSES TAUGHT

1. Introduction to Sociology (SOC 100)
2. Introduction to Social Science Research Methods (SOC 202)
3. Social Statistics (SOC 203)
4. Self and Society (SOC 206)
5. Social Stratification (SOC 301)
6. Sociology of Religion (SOC 305)
7. Sociology of The Family (SOC 335)
8. Moral Socialization (SOC 338)
9. Sociology of New Religious Movements (SOC 392)
10. Sociological Theory (SOC 400)
11. Honors College Freshman Colloquium (HC100)

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

1. PUBLISHED BOOKS:

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. Binding Heaven and Earth: Patriarchal Blessings in the Prophetic Development of Early Mormonism. The Penn State University Press, 2012.

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. Talking with The Children of God: Prophecy and Transformation in a Radical Religious Group. The University of Illinois Press, 2010.

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. Mormon Passage. The University of Illinois Press, 1998.

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. A Kingdom Transformed: Themes in the Development of Mormonism. The University of Utah Press, 1984.

Scherer, Jacqueline and Gary Shepherd (Eds.). Victimization of the Weak. Springfield, Illinois: Charles C. Thomas Publishers, 1982.

2. GUEST EDITOR:

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. guest editors. Theme Topic for issue: “New Religions and Community.” Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions, 2010, Vol. 13, Number 3.

3. PUBLISHED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. “The Doctrinal and Commitment Functions of Patriarchal Blessings in Early Mormon Development, 1834—1845.” Journal of the American Academy of Religion, 2012, Vol. 80, Number 3, pp. 718-53.

Shepherd, Gordon, Gary Shepherd, and Natalie Shepherd. “Gender Differences in the Early Patriarchal Blessings of the LDS Church.” The John Whitmer Historical Association Journal, 2011, Volume 30, pp. 39-65.

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. “New Religions and Community.” Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions, 2010, Vol. 13, Number 3, pp. 5-13. (Editor invited)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. “Prophecy Channels and Prophetic Modalities: A Comparison of Revelation in The Family International and the LDS Church.” Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2009, Volume 48, Number 4, pp.734-755. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gary. “Blood on Blanket Hill: A Memoir of the Kent State Shootings.” The Oakland Journal, Fall 2009, Number 17, pp. 8-28. (Editorial Board Review)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. “World Services in The Family International: The Administrative Organization of a Mature Religious Movement.” Nova Religio, 2009, Volume 12, Number 3, pp. 5-39.

Shepherd, Gary. “Hello Sociology,” The Oakland Journal, Winter 2009, Number 16, pp. 36-43. (Editorial Board Review)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. “Evolution of the Children of God/Family International as a Responsive Communitarian Organization.” Communal Societies, 2008, Vol. 28, Number 1, pp. 27-53 (refereed).

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. “Grass Roots Prophecy in The Family International.” Nova Religio, 2007, Vol. 10, Number 3, pp. 38-71. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "The Social Construction of Prophecy in The Family International." Nova Religio, 2006, Vol. 10, Number 2, pp. 29-56. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. "The Family International as a Case Study in New Religious Movement Research." Religious Compass, 2006 Vol. 1, Number 1. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. "Accommodation and Reformation in the Family/Children of God." Nova Religio, 2005, Vol. 9, Number 1 pp. 67-92. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "Liberal Tolerance Among College Students: A Regional Comparison." Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology, 2002, vol. 29: 2, pp. 101-114. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "The Moral Career of a New Religious Movement." Oakland University Journal, 2000, Number 1, pp. 9-22. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gary, Jacqueline Scherer, and Peter Bertocci. "The Career of a Scholar and Colleague." Michigan Sociological Review, 1997, Vol. 11, pp. 110-113. (Invited)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "Membership Growth, Church Activity, and Missionary Recruitment." Dialogue, 1996, Vol. 29, No. 1, pp. 33-57. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "War Attitudes and Ideological Orientations of Honors Directors in American Higher Education." The Journal of Higher Education, 1996, Vol. 67, No. 3, pp. 298-321. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "War and Dissent: The Political Values of the American Professorate." The Journal of Higher Education, 1994, Vol. 65, No. 5, pp. 587-614. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gary and Lawrence Lilliston. "Children of the Church Universal and Triumphant: Some Preliminary Impressions." The Church Universal and Triumphant, a special edition of Syzygy: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture (James R. Lewis and J. Gordon Melton, Eds.), 1994, Vol. 3, pp. 66-95. (Invited)

Lilliston, Lawrence, and Gary Shepherd. "Psychosocial Functioning and the Experiential World of Children in the Church Universal and Triumphant." CUT special edition of Syzygy (*Ibid.*) pp. 96-118. (Invited)

Shepherd, Gary, and Gordon Shepherd. "Political Attitudes of the American Professoriate Toward the Persian Gulf War." The American Review of Politics, 1993, Vol. 14, pp. 71-96. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gary, and Gordon Shepherd. "Modes of Leader Rhetoric in the Institutional Development of Mormonism." Sociological Analysis, 1986, Vol. 47, No. 2 pp. 125-136. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gordon, and Gary Shepherd. "Mormonism in Secular Society: Changing Patterns in Official Ecclesiastical Rhetoric." Review of Religious Research, 1984, Vol. 26, No. 1. pp. 28-42. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gary, and Gordon Shepherd. "Mormon Commitment Rhetoric." Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1984, Vol. 23, No. 2, pp. 129-139. (Refereed)

Shepherd, Gary, and Gordon Shepherd. "Measuring Mormonism: A Content Analysis of Mormon General Conference Addresses." Measuring Mormonism, 1980, Vol. 6, pp. 27-36. (Invited).

Shepherd, Gary. "A Critique and Extension of Bronfenbrenner's Moral Dilemma Test." International Journal of Psychology, 1977, Vol. 12, No. 3, pp. 207-217. (Refereed).

4. PUBLISHED BOOK CHAPTERS, ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLES, AND ON-LINE RESOURCE ARTICLES:

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "The Face of Modern Mormonism: The Lay Missionary Program of the LDS Church." In The Mormon World (Richard Sherlock and Carl Mosser, Eds.). Taylor & Francis/Routledge Publishing Ltd., 2013.

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "Mormonism and The Family International: Toward a Theory of Prophecy in the Development of New Religious Movements." In Prophecy in the New Millenium: When Prophecies Persist (Sarah Harvey and Suzanne Newcombe, Eds.). Surrey, England: Ashgate Publishing Limited, 2013.

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. "Profiles of The Family International (TFI): Profile I: 1968-2009; Profile II: 2009-present." Virginia Commonwealth University Religions and Spirituality Project at <http://www.has.vcu.edu>. 2012, 2013.

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. "Learning the Wrong Lessons: A Comparison of FLDS, Family International, and Branch-Davidian Child-Protection Interventions." In Modern Polygamy in the United States: Historical, Cultural, and Legal Issues (Cardell Jacobson and Lara Burton, Eds.). New York: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Shepherd, Gary. "Cults: Social Psychological Aspects." In Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology (George Ritzer, Ed.). London, Blackwell Publishers, 2006.

Lilliston, Lawrence and Gary Shepherd. "New Religious Movements and Mental Health." In New Religious Movements: Challenge and Response (Bryan Wilson and Jamie Cresswell, Eds.). London and New York, Routledge, 1999.

Shepherd, Gary and Lawrence Lilliston. "Field Observations of Young People's Experience and Role in The Family." In Sex, Slander, and Salvation: Investigating The Family of Love/Children of God (James R. Lewis, Ed.). Santa Barbara, California: Center for Academic Publishing, 1994.

Lilliston, Lawrence, and Gary Shepherd. "Psychological Assessment of Children in The Family." In Sex, Slander, and Salvation (Ibid.).

Shepherd, Gary, and Gordon Shepherd. "Sustaining a Lay Religion in Modern Society: The Mormon Missionary Experience." In A Sociological Analysis of Mormonism (Marie Cornwall, et al., Eds.). The University of Illinois Press, 1994.

Shepherd, Gary. "Victims, Values and the Social Structure of Everyday Life." Chapter 13, pp. 232-248. In Victimization of the Weak (Ibid.).

Shepherd, Gary, and Glen Vernon. "Religion and Mental Health." In Types and Dimensions of Religion: Readings in the Sociology of Religion (Glen Vernon, Editor). Salt Lake City: Association for the Study of Religion, Inc., 1972.

Shepherd, Gary. "Religion and Politics." In Social Symbolic Dimensions of Religion (Glen Vernon, Editor). Salt Lake City: Association for the Study of Religion, Inc., 1971.

5. PUBLISHED BOOK REVIEWS:

Shepherd, Gary. The Rise of Mormonism, by Rodney Stark. In The Sociology of Religion, 2007.

Shepherd, Gary. All Abraham's Children: Changing Mormon Conceptions of Race and lineage, by Armand Mauss. In Sunstone, December 2004, Issue 135, pp. 68-69.

Shepherd, Gary. The Boston Heresy Case in View of the Secularization of Religion, by George Pepper. In The Review of Religious Research, 1989, Vol. 31, No. 2, pp. 210-211.

Shepherd, Gary. The Conferring Church, by Richard Troeh and Mary Troeh. In Dialogue, 1989, Vol. 22, No. 3, pp. 146-148.

Shepherd, Gary. [A MORMONISM MISCELLANY] A combined review of: Joseph Smith and the Beginnings of Mormonism, by Richard L. Bushman; and Mormonism: The Story of a New Religious Tradition, by Jan Schipps. In Sociological Analysis, 1987, Vol. 48, No. 1. pp. 270-272.

Shepherd, Gary. Joseph Smith and the Beginning of Mormonism, by Richard L. Bushman. In The Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1986, Vol. 25, No. 2., pp. 267-268.

6. PAPERS PRESENTED AT SCHOLARLY MEETINGS:

Shepherd, Gordon, Gary Shepherd, and Natalie Shepherd. "Gender Differences in Early Mormon Patriarchal Blessings." Presented at the annual Sunstone Conference in Salt Lake City, August, 2010.

Shepherd, Gordon, Gary Shepherd, and Natalie Shepherd. "Prophetic Discourse in LDS Patriarchal Blessings." Presented at the annual Restoration Studies Symposium, Graceland-Independence, Missouri, April 2010. (By invitation of session chair.)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "Patriarchal Blessings and Gender in the Early LDS Church." Paper presented at the John Whitmer Historical Association Meetings, September 26, 2009. (By invitation of session chair.)

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd, "Learning the Wrong Lessons: A Comparison of FLDS, Family International, and Branch Davidian Child-Protection Interventions." Paper presented at the Mormon History Association Meetings, May 23, 2009. (By invitation of session chair.)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd, "Prophecy Channels and Prophetic Modalities: A Comparison of Contemporary Revelation in The Family International and the LDS Church." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October, 2008. (Invited by the Mormon Social Science Association to give the Glen Vernon Lecture.)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd, "Evolution of The Family International/Children of God in the Direction of a Responsive Communitarian Organization. Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Communal Studies Association, September 28, 2007. (By invitation of session chair.)

Shepherd, Gary, "Mormon Women's Issues in the 21st Century." Critique of Janet Benson Bennion's paper on Mormonism and Gender in a session on Contemporary Mormon Identities at the annual Sunstone Meetings, May 29, 2007. (By invitation of session chair.)

Shepherd, Gary. "A Sociological Reaction to Richard Bushman's, Joseph Smith: A Rough Stone Rolling." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October, 2005. (By invitation of session chair.)

Shepherd, Gary. "Religious Values and Life Choices: Mormonism as a Case Study of Tension between Religious Totalism and Religious Pluralism." Paper presented at the O.C. Tanner Symposium on Religion and Culture, Utah State University, November 2004. (By invitation of selection committee.)

Shepherd, Gary. "The Contributions of Armand Mauss to Mormon Studies." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, November, 2002. (By invitation of session chair.)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "The Family in Transition: The Moral Career of a New Religious Movement." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of The Center for the Study of New Religions (CESNUR), June, 2002. (Abstract submitted to and accepted by session chair.)

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. "The Social and Political Values of Honors College Students." Paper presented at the Western Social Science Association Annual Meetings, April, 1998. (Abstract submitted to and accepted by session chair.)

Shepherd, Gordon, and Gary Shepherd. "Sustaining a Lay Religion in Modern Society: The Mormon Missionary Experience." Paper presented at the meetings of The Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October, 1989. (Abstract submitted to and accepted by session chair.)

Shepherd, Gary, and Gordon Shepherd. "Recruiting the Recruiters: Member Mobilization and Missionary Socialization in Mormon Culture." Paper presented at the meetings of The Association for the Study of Religion, August, 1987; and also at the Sunstone Symposium, August, 1987. (Abstract submitted to and accepted by session chairs for both presentations.)

Shepherd, Gary, and Gordon Shepherd. "Modes of Ecclesiastical Rhetoric: Exposition and Admonition of Belief at Mormon General Conferences." Paper presented at meetings of the Association for the Study of Religion, August, 1984. (Abstract submitted to and accepted by session chair.)

Shepherd, Gordon, and Gary Shepherd. "Mormonism and Secularization." Paper presented at meetings of the Southwestern Sociological Association, March, 1982. (Abstract submitted to and accepted by session chair.)

Shepherd, Gary, and Gordon Shepherd. "Measuring Mormonism." Paper presented at meetings of the Western Social Science Association, April, 1981. (Abstract submitted to and accepted by session chair.)

Shepherd, Gary, and Ray Canning. "Visits to the Land of the Dead: Cross Cultural Accounts." Paper presented at meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, March, 1973. (Abstract submitted to and accepted by session chair.)

7. INVITED SPEECHES, COLLOQUIA, AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS:

"Research Summary on The Family International." Co-presented lecture with Gordon Shepherd at Forum on Religious Issues, Bloomington, Indiana, April, 2013.

Respondent (with Gordon Shepherd) on "Authors Meet Critics" panel discussion of *Talking with the Children of God: Prophecy and Transformation in a Radical Religious Group* (University of Illinois Press). Annual Meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, Maryland, October 29, 2010

Commenter on presentation by Henri Gooren: "The Scientific Study of Religion: A Contradiction in Terms?" Eighth Debate in Religion and Sciences Series, April 12, 2010, Oakland University, sponsored by Oakland University College of Arts and Sciences.

"Conceptualizing Prophetic Claims based on Mormonism and The Family International as Case Studies." Co-presented lecture with Gordon Shepherd at Mormon Studies Association, Potomac, Maryland, March 21, 2010.

"An Unlikely Merger: Sixties Countercultural Politics and Fundamentalist Religion." Lecture presented at Louhelen Conference Center, Davison, Michigan, March 31, 2007.

"Sex, Lies, and Salvation: Normal Deviance in a So-called Religious Cult." Lecture presented to Birmingham Unitarian Women's Alliance, Birmingham, Michigan, January 17, 2007.

"Everyday Conversations with Jesus, Part II: The Social Construction of Prophecy in a Transnational Religious Society." Lecture presented at Oakland University Speakers Series, November 30, 2006,

“Everyday Conversations with Jesus, Part I: Field Observations on Communal Life in a Transnational Religious Society.” Lecture presented at Oakland University Speakers Series, September 29, 2005.

Respondent (with Gordon Shepherd) to assessments of Mormon Passage (University of Illinois Press), at “Authors Meet Critics” session of the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Columbus, Ohio, October 22, 2002.

“Millennial Anxieties and Apocalyptic Cures: Religious Cults in the Modern Age.” Lecture presented at the Oakland University Science and Religion Seminar Series, February 3, 1999.

“Prophets, Apocalypse, and the End of Time: Reflections on the Sociology of New Religious Movements.” Lecture presented at the OU Honors College Faculty Forum, January 20, 1999.

Response to critiques of co-authored book, *Mormon Passage*(University of Illinois Press), at “Authors Meet Critics” session of annual Sunstone Symposium in Salt Lake City, UT, July 31, 1998.

“Vietnam: Coming and Going.” Panel Moderator at the University of Michigan-Flint Theater Enrichment Series, October, 1997.

"How I Spent My Summer Vacation: Researching So-Called 'Cults.'" Presentation at a colloquium sponsored by the Department of Sociology-Anthropology, Oakland University. April, 1994.

"Prophets, Bomb Shelters, and the End of Time." Paper presented at the Honor's College Colloquium, University of Central Arkansas. November, 1994.

Panel participant in a conference session entitled: "Sex, Lies, and Videotapes: A Close-up View of The Family." Meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. October, 1993.

"Cults." Presentation for Student Affairs Division at Oakland University. January, 1991.

"The Transformation and Growth of Mormonism as a Successful Religious Movement." Colloquium presentation sponsored by the Department of Sociology at Wayne State University. January, 1990.

"Teaching the Sociology and Anthropology of Religion: Understanding the Relationship of Religion to Social Structures and Cultural Patterns." Presentation made at the Conference On Teaching About World Religions in Secondary Schools, Meadow Brook Hall, Oakland University. November, 1989.

Participant in panel on "Student Activism: The Kent State shootings," at Oakland University Wednesday Forum series. November, 1989.

“The Sociology of Religion.” Speech given at the National Honor Society Conference at Oakland University. September, 1988.

“The Sociology of Religion.” Presentation made at Oakland University Honors College Sedebat Seminar. January, 1988.

Participant in panel on "Cults" at Oakland University Fireside Lounge series. January, 1988.

8. SCHOLARLY WORK IN PROGRESS:

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. “Liberal Tolerance Among Honors College Students: A Ten Year Replication.” Survey research project on a number of measured variables, including tolerance for stigmatized social groups, among a sample of regular admission and honors college students (N=860) drawn from both a Midwestern and Southern university. Article submitted for review at the Journal for College Student Development.

Shepherd, Gordon and Gary Shepherd. Revision and updating of Kingdom Transformed: Themes in the Development of Mormonism (University of Utah Press, 1984). We have accessed and are performing a statistical content on the last 30-plus years of LDS General Conference Reports (1980-2013). The results of this analysis will constitute one or two new chapters in our original book, which examined the transformation of Mormon beliefs, attitudes practices, and institutions over the course of its then 150-year history. We will thoroughly rewrite all of the original chapters to reflect current scholarship in Mormon studies, which has emerged as a major research field in both the sociology and history of religion. Our book has been out of print for some years now, and the University of Utah Press has indicated interest in re-issuing our updated, new version to celebrate its 30th anniversary and make it more readily available for contemporary scholars.

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. "Reboot or Oblivion: An Update on The Family International." Invited article for Nova Religio, to be completed by August, 2013.

Shepherd, Gary and Gordon Shepherd. "Kent State Radicals: A Case Study in the Transformation of Social Identities." Working title for an ongoing project of intensive interviews with a snowball sample of former members of Students for a Democratic Society and its Weatherman faction. The focus is particularly on people whose lives have been forever marked by their connection to the tragic shooting of anti-war demonstrators and bystanders by units of the Ohio National Guard at Kent State University in 1970.

9. AWARD:

Co-recipient (with Gordon Shepherd) of the Thomas Robbins Research Excellence Award in the Study of New Religious Movements for 2006, presented by the Editorial Board of Nova Religio.

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

1. UNIVERSITY:

Search Committee (Chair) for permanent Director of the Honors College 2010-2011

Academic Advisor for Secondary Education Teaching Program with Minor in Sociology 1995-2008

Academic Advisor for Bachelors of General Studies with Minor in Sociology 2000-2008

Richard J. Burke Lecture in Philosophy, Religion and Society Series, Committee Member 2004-Present

AAUP Tenure Review Committee, Chair Winter 2005

Evaluator of transfer religion credits to Oakland University 1995-2008

Student Life Lecture Board (member). 2002—2004

Honors College Director Search Committee (member). 2001-02.

Academic Affairs Review Committee (Chair). 2001-02.

Assessment of Bachelors of General Studies Committee (member). Winter, 2000.

Group Leader All University Fund Drive. 1998 – 2003.

Honors College Council (member). 1995-02.

Senate (member). 1992-95; 1984; 1979-81.

New Student Orientation Program (participant). 1985-2008

Parent Orientation Program (participant). 1985-2008

AAUP Tenure Review Committee (member). Fall, 1993.

King/Chavez/Parks College Days Program (participant). 1987-92.

Student Fullbright Selection Committee (member). Fall, 1990.

Search Committee for Director of Academic Services (member). Spring, 1989..

General Education Committee (member). 1988-90.

Wilson Award Committee (member). 1988.

Faculty Review and Promotion Committee. Member, 1985-86; Secretary, 1986-87;

Chair, 1987-88; replacement member, Spring 1995.

Ethics in the Curriculum Committee (member). 19883-86.

2. COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES:

Academic Advisor for Religious Studies Concentrators 1995-2008

Supervisor for Independent Majors in Religious Studies 1995-2008

College 2010 Vision Committee (member) 2003-04

Search Committee for Director of Women's Studies (Chair). 1999

Interim Director of Concentration in Women's Studies. 1998-2000.

Ad Hoc Varner Hall Space Committee (Chair). 1998-2000.

Women's Studies Executive Committee (member). 1998 - 2005

Director, Program in Religious Studies, 2006 - 2008

Coordinator, Program in Religious Studies. 1995-2006.

Concentration in Religious Studies Committee (member). 1977-95.

Assembly (member). 1986-88; 1994-1996.

College Planning Committee (member). 1985-88.

College Executive Committee (member). 1986-87.

Editorial Associate Search Committee (member). 1984; 1986.

Meadow Brook Young Scholars Program (director). 1984-86.

Committee on Instruction. Member, 1983-84; Chair, 1984-85.

3. DEPARTMENT

Jacquelyn Scherer Scholarship Committee (member) 2002-2008

Department Self-Study Committee (member). 2002

Women's Studies Major Advisor. 2000 – 2001

Curriculum Committee. 2000-2008.

Search Committee for New Faculty Position. 1998-99; 1996-97.

Social Work Partnership with Michigan State University Initiative, 1998 – 2008.

Department Chair, 8/15/95 – 8/15/2000.

Department Secretarial Hiring Committee (chair), Spring, 1996.

Department Acting Chair, 8/15/91 – 12/31/91.

Sociology Major Academic Advisor. 1978-Present.

Department Assessment Committee, Sociology (chair). 1993-95.

Tenure Review Committees:

Full-Professor for Suzanne Spencer-Wood (member). Fall 2006.

C-4 for Jo Reger (chair). Fall 2004

C-4 for Lynetta Mosby (chair). Fall 2002.

Full-Professor for Jay Meehan (chair). Winter 2002.

C-2 for Abdi Kusow (member). Fall, 2001.

C-2 for Lynetta Mosby (chair). Fall, 2000.

Full-Professor for Don Warren (chair). Winter 1996.

C-4 for Jay Meehan (chair). Fall, 1992.

C-2 for Jay Meehan (member). Fall, 1990.

C-2 for Rebecca Warner (member). Fall, 1988.

C-4 for Edward McCabe (chair). Fall, 1985.

Department Assessment Committee (chair). 1990 – 95.

Committee to Revise Procedures and Criteria for Tenure and Promotion (member). 1990.

Acting Department Chair. Summer and Fall, 1989.

Supervision of Masters Theses, 1986-1989.

Chair of Committee for John Burek, 1989.

Chair of Committee for Brian Garavaglia, 1988.

Member of Committee for Geri McGregor, 1988.

Chair of Committee for Loran Walker, 1987.

Chair of Committee for David Lopez, 1986.

Ad Hoc Committee on Sabbatical Leaves (member). 1983-84.

Library Coordinator. 1976-1982.

4. PROFESSIONAL:

Co-editor (with Gordon Shepherd) for special issue of Nova Religio on communitarian religious movements, 2010, Volume 13, Number 3.

Co-recipient (with Gordon Shepherd) of Thomas Robbins Award for Excellence in the Study of New Religious Movements, 2006, presented by the editors of Nova Religio.

Session Organizer/Chair/Convener:

Organizer and presenter of speech by Chaplin James Yee, "Lost Liberty in Guantanamo," April 3, 2007, Oakland University, sponsored by Oakland University Religious Studies Program.

Author Meets Critics Session on Armand Mauss's All Abraham's Children: Changing Mormon Conceptions of Race and Lineage, annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, October 2004.

"The Role of Researchers in Religious Organizations." SSSR Meetings, November, 1999.

"Religious Fathering in Times of Change and Challenge." SSSR, November, 1999.

"Mormonism and the Canadian Experience." SSSR, November, 1998.

"Mormonism on the Margins." SSSR, November, 1998.

"The Glen M. Vernon Lecture." SSSR, November, 1998.

"Mormons and New Age Spirituality." Sunstone Symposium, July, 1998.

Co-editor, Mormon Social Science Association Newsletter. 1997-99.

Local Arrangements Coordinator for North Central Sociological Association Meetings, Spring 1999

President, Mormon Social Science Association. 1997- 99

Editorial Board Member for Syzygy: Journal of Alternative Religion and Culture. 1994-98.

Article Referee for Novo Religio 1998 – Present

Article Referee for the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion. 1985-94.

Book Manuscript Reviewer for

Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, 2007-present.

Nova Religio, 2005-present.

Mental Health, Religion, and Culture, 2007.

Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology, 2005-06.

Dialogue: A Journal of Mormon Thought, 2004-present.

The University of Illinois Press, 2000 – present.

The University of Utah Press, 1984 – 1986.

5. COMMUNITY:

Board Member, The MESA (a residency-retreat institution for artists and writers), 1998 – 2002.

Judge for the Michigan Social Science Olympiad. 1992; 1993.

Committee on Teaching About World Religion in Secondary Schools (member). 1988-89.

350th Anniversary of Jews in America, Oakland University liaison to South Eastern Michigan Committee

Oakland University coordinator for International Sikh Conference, December 2003.