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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of Maryland. Sociology. (1990)
M.A. University of Delaware. Psychology. (1982)
B.S. University of Maryland. Psychology. (1976)

ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

University of Oklahoma (2001-present)

Primary Full-Time Appointment

Department of Sociology

- O Professor (2004-present)
- O Associate Professor (2001-2004)

Program & Department Affiliations

- O Religious Studies (2002-present)
- O Environmental Studies (2004-present)
- O International Relations (2014-present)

University of Utah (1990-2001)

Primary Full-Time Appointments

Department of Sociology

- O Associate Professor (1996-2001)
- O Assistant Professor (1990-1996)

Program & Department Affiliations

School of Medicine, Dept. of Family and Preventive Medicine

- O Adjunct Associate Professor (1999-2001)

University Statistics Committee/Master of Statistics Program

- O Chair (1998-2000)
- O Faculty Member (1992-2001)

National Rehabilitation Hospital-Research Center

- O Project Director/Statistician (1988-1990)
- O Statistician/Research Analyst (1987-1988)

University of Maryland, Department of Sociology

- O Instructor (1988)
- O Research Assistant (1987-1988)
- O Teaching Assistant (1987)

AREAS OF SCHOLARLY INTEREST:

Comparative and Historical Development, Environment and Human Ecology, Sociology of Health, Social Theory, Statistics and Methods, Social Institutions (particularly Religion, Stratification, Military and Education Systems), Communication, Culture and Social Change. Empirical work focuses on studies

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relating to the environment, including health and well-being outcomes, deforestation, pollution, environmental ethics, social movements, theory, and religion and the environment.

RESEARCH:

Articles in Refereed Journals and Edited Volumes

- Burns, Thomas J., Tom W. Boyd, and Peyman Hekmatpour. 2021. Elective Affinities in the Anthropocene: Christianity and the Natural Environment Reconsidered. *Social Science, Humanities and Sustainability Research*, 2(4):82-95.
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- Burns, Thomas J. 2017. Marine Pollution: The Causes and Scope of the Problem. In George Ritzer and Chris Rojek (eds.), *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. New York and London: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Hekmatpour, Peyman, Thomas J. Burns, and Tom W. Boyd. 2017. Is Islam Pro- or Anti-Environmental? Interpretations and Implications. *Journal of Asian Research*, 1(1):92-110.
- Trachtenberg, Zev M., Thomas J. Burns, Kirsten de Beurs, Stephen E. Ellis, Kiza K. Gates, Bruce W. Hoagland, Jeffrey F. Kelly, Thomas M. Neeson, Asa R. Randall, Ingo Schlupp, Peter S. Soppelsa, Gerilyn S. Soreghan, and James J. Zeigler. 2017. The Anthropocene Biosphere: Supporting 'Open Interdisciplinarity' through Blogging. *Trends in Ecology & Evolution*, 32(1):1-3.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2016. Marine Pollution. In George Ritzer (ed.), *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*. New York and London: Wiley-Blackwell.

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- Burns, Thomas J. 2014. Reconsidering Scripture in Late Industrial Society: Religious Traditions and the Natural Environment. In Beth Schaefer Caniglia, Thomas J. Burns, Rachel Gurney and Erik L. Bond (eds.), *Rise of Environmental Consciousness: Voices in Pursuit of a Sustainable Planet*, pp. 43-60. San Diego: Cognella.
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- Burns, Thomas J. Culture and the Natural Environment. 2009. In Alpina Begossi and Priscila F. Lopes (eds.), *Current Trends in Human Ecology*, pp. 56-72. Newcastle upon Tyne, U.K.: Cambridge Scholars Press.
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Conference Presentations

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- Burns, Thomas J., and Peyman Hekmatpour. 2021. The ECOSAPIENS Model: Master Keys for Understanding Human Ecological Systems. Paper presented (virtually) for the Society for Human Ecology International Convention, organized through the Brazilian Society for Human Ecology (SABEH), Universidade Federal do Vale do São Francisco, and Universidade do Estado da Bahia, Brazil.
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- Burns, Thomas J., Tom W. Boyd, Peyman Hekmatpour, Carrie McLachlin Leslie, and Gilbert Richard Wolford. 2020. A Metatheoretical Framework for Understanding the Complexities of Religious Dialogue in Late Modernity. Paper presented (virtually) for the American Sociological Association annual meeting.
- Burns, Thomas J., Tom W. Boyd, and Carrie McLachlin Leslie. 2020. Metatheorizing in Late Modernity: Toward a Unifying Model of the Social Sciences. Paper presented (virtually) for the Oklahoma Sociological Association annual meeting.
- Callen, Kyle, and Thomas J. Burns. 2020. Native American Hegemonic Struggle and Problematizations. Paper presented (virtually) for the Oklahoma Sociological Association annual meeting.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2019. Beyond POET, IPAT, ImPACT, and STIRPAT: ECO SAPIENS as a Metaphorical Framework for the Anthropocene. Paper presented at conference of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- Burns, Thomas J., Tom W. Boyd, and Peyman Hekmatpour. 2019. Elective Affinities in the Anthropocene: Christianity and the Natural Environment Reconsidered. Paper presented at conference of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Peyman Hekmatpour. 2019. Influences of Gender, Age, Religiosity, and Income on Environmental Attitudes: Considering Interaction Effects. Paper presented at conference of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Carrie M. Leslie. 2019. Toward a Workable Environmental Ethic for the Anthropocene: Developing Theory to Move toward Praxis. Paper presented at conference of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2018. Anti-Environmentalism in the Anthropocene Age: The Paradox of Runaway Cultural Lag. Paper presented at conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2018. *Eco Sapiens*: Master Keys to Understanding and Healing the Relationship Between Humankind and the Natural Environment in the Anthropocene. Paper presented at conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Lisbon, Portugal.

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- Burns, Thomas J. 2018. Unpacking Anti-Environmental Attitudes: Enantiodromic Processes Fuel Ecologically Maladaptive Beliefs. Paper presented at conference of the Oklahoma Sociological Association, Edmond, Oklahoma.
- Davidson, Tim, and Thomas J. Burns. 2018. The Wounded Hero's Quest in the Anthropocene Era: Reconnecting with the Ecosystem and Healing Within. Paper presented at conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Lisbon, Portugal.
- Murray, Kimberly, and Thomas J. Burns. 2018. Deeply Held Beliefs and Discourses of Eco-Terrorism: Do Ethics Constrain Frames? Paper presented at conference of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Tom W. Boyd. 2017. Paradoxes of Science and Technology, and Their Implications for the Environment in the Third Millennium. Paper presented at the conference of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Burns, Thomas J., Joshua T. Davis, G. Rick Wolford, and Leslie A. Miller. 2017. Whither the Lost Progressives? Collapse of the Family Farm, Alienation, and Conservatism in Rural America. Paper presented at the conference of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Hekmatpour, Peyman, and Thomas J. Burns. 2017. Anti-Western Sentiment among European Muslims Before and After ISIS: The Important Roles of Residential Segregation and Education. Paper presented at the conference of the Oklahoma Sociological Association, Norman, Oklahoma.
- Steelman, Burle, and Thomas J. Burns. 2017. A Cross-National, Quantitative, Study of the Relationship between Income Inequality and Incarceration Rates. Paper presented at the conference of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2016. Toward a Theory of Culturally Maladaptive Beliefs: The Persistence of Anti-Environmentalism in the Anthropocene Age. Paper presented at conference of the International Consortium on Social Theory, Ames, Iowa.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Trent C. Cason. 2016. Java Jive: Unequal Ecological Exchange in the Nicaraguan Coffee Trade. Paper presented at annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Beth Schaefer Caniglia. 2016. Teaching Environmental Sociology at the Dawn of the Third Millennium. Paper presented at annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Beth Schaefer Caniglia. 2016. Thoughts on Teaching Human Ecology: Social Science and Interdisciplinary Perspectives. Paper presented at conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Santa Ana, California.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Trent C. Cason. 2016. The Structure of Unequal Ecological Exchange: Stirring up the Coffee Trade. Paper presented at conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Santa Ana, California.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Julia R. Dinger. 2015. Comparing Models for Greenhouse Gas Emissions. Paper presented at annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Burns, Thomas J., Martin Piotrowski, and Erik L. Bond. 2015. Gender, Religion, Culture and Environmental Consciousness: A Cross-National, Multilevel Study. Paper presented at annual

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- conference of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Tom W. Boyd. 2015. Global Culture, World Religions and the New Syncretism, with a Case Study in Environmental Science. Paper presented at the Parliament of the World's Religions, Salt Lake City, Utah.
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- Burns, Thomas J., Erik L. Bond, Martin Piotrowski, and John T. Billington. 2014. The Analogical Imagination Revisited: Religious Beliefs and Orientation to the Natural Environment. Paper presented at conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Bar Harbor, Maine.
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- Burns, Thomas J. and Thomas Rudel. 2014. Metatheorizing Structural Human Ecology. Paper presented at conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Bar Harbor, Maine.
- Murray, Kimberly, and Thomas J. Burns. 2014. Framing Used by Ecoterrorist, Right-Wing Terrorist, and Left-Wing Terrorist Groups. Paper presented at annual conference of the Oklahoma Sociological Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2013. A Theory of Ecological Mismatch in a World-Systems Perspective. Paper presented at joint conference of the Political Economy of the World-System Section of the American Sociological Association and the World Society Foundation, Riverside California.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2012. Toward an Overarching Theory of Environmental Sociology. Paper presented at annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Denver, Colorado.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Tom W. Boyd. 2012. Problems with Economism. Paper presented at annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Denver, Colorado.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2011. A Critical Look at the Persistence of Anti-Environmental Beliefs. Paper presented at conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2011. On Earth as It Is in Heaven: Paradigms of the Cosmos and Social Organization. Paper presented at annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Tom W. Boyd. 2011. Scientism and Its Discontents: An Ecological Look at the Scientific Enterprise. Paper presented at annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2010. Theorizing and Researching the World-System in the Third Millennium. Paper presented at annual conference of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2009. Building Interfaith Dialogue in an Interconnected World: Approaches, Obstacles and Prospects. Paper presented at the Oxford Roundtable, Harris Manchester College, Oxford University, U.K.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Robert V. Clark. 2009. Global Integration and Environmental Treaty Ratifications. Paper presented at annual conference of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.

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- Burns, Thomas J. 2008. Human Ecology and Social Institutions in the Third Millennium: What Is New and What Is Timeless? Paper presented at annual conference of the Oklahoma Sociological Association, Claremore, Oklahoma.
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- Burns, Thomas J., and Jesse Fuchs. 2007. Macro-Social Factors in the International Flows of Hazardous Waste. Paper presented at annual conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
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- Burns, Thomas J., and Andrew K. Jorgenson. 2005. Is There an Environmental Kuznets Effect? Yes, but it's Changing. Paper presented at annual conference of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, Oregon.
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- Gubin, Oleg I., Thomas J. Burns, and Edward L. Kick. 1999. The Dynamics of Income Inequality in Soviet and Post-Soviet Russia: System Disintegration Analysis. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- Gubin, Oleg I., Edward L. Kick, Thomas J. Burns, and Byron L. Davis. 1999. Rational Choice in the 1996 Russian Presidential Elections. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Burns, Thomas J., Jerald Hage, and Maurice Garnier. 1998. State Supply, Employer Support, and the Rational Choice of Education: Differential School Expansion in Britain, 1911-1975. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.
- Burns, Thomas J., Edward L. Kick, and Byron L. Davis. 1998. Theorizing and Rethinking Linkages between Population and the Environment. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Terri LeMoyne. 1998. Epistemology, Culture and Rhetoric: Some Social Implications of a Micro-Macro Linkage. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Kick, Edward L., Oleg I. Gubin, Thomas J. Burns, and Byron L. Davis. 1998. Income Inequality in Russia: A World-System Analysis. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.
- LeMoyne, Terri, and Thomas J. Burns. 1998. 'Specialists without Spirit?' A Cross-National, Empirical Investigation of the Effects of Weberian Rationality on Job Satisfaction. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Burns, Thomas J., Edward L. Kick, and Byron L. Davis. 1997. Interaction Effects of the Colonial Legacy and Domestic Institutions in Third World Development. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics, Montreal, Canada.
- Burns, Thomas J., Edward L. Kick, Byron L. Davis, and Simon Cheng. 1997. Environmental Problems in Developing Countries. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, California.
- Burns, Thomas J., Edward L. Kick, and Byron L. Davis. 1997. Development and the Colonial Legacy in Former British and French Colonies: The Contributions of Militarization and Education. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Fraser, James, Thomas J. Burns, Liya Wang, and Edward L. Kick. 1997. The Status Attainment Process: Mediating Effects of Locus of Control and Self-Esteem in Achievement. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada.
- Kick, Edward L., Thomas J. Burns, and Byron L. Davis. 1997. Interaction Effects of World-System

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- Position and Domestic Institutions on Economic Growth in Developing Countries. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics, Montreal, Canada.
- Burns, Thomas J. 1996. A Century of Educational Expansion in Two European Nation-States: Stream Specific Diffusion Effects. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, New York.
- Burns, Thomas J. 1996. Continental Drift: Comparing Gender- and Class-Based Effects in the Expansion of French and German Secondary Schools. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington.
- Burns, Thomas J., Edward L. Kick, and Byron L. Davis. 1996. Institutional Coupling in Former British and French Colonies: An Examination of Constraints to the Payoff of Education. Paper presented at National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Kick, Edward L., Byron L. Davis, and Thomas J. Burns. 1996. Preconditions to Infant and Child Mortality in Third World Settings. Paper presented at National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Segal, David R., Michael P. Silver, Thomas J. Burns, and William W. Falk. 1996. The All-Volunteer Force in the 1970s. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, New York.
- Burns, Thomas J., Byron L. Davis, and Edward L. Kick. 1995. Impacts of Foreign Trade and Domestic Development on Deforestation: A World-System Perspective. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Burns, Thomas J., Byron L. Davis, and Edward L. Kick. 1995. The World-System, National Institutions, and the Greenhouse Effect. Paper presented at National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Davis, Byron L., Edward L. Kick, and Thomas J. Burns. 1995. Military Participation and Educational Expansion as Alternative Paths to Third World Development. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.
- Fain, Heidi D., Edward L. Kick, Byron L. Davis, and Thomas J. Burns. 1995. World-System Position, Social and Environmental Variability, and Population Stability. Paper presented at meeting of the Society for Human Ecology, Lake Tahoe, California.
- Kick, Edward L., Thomas J. Burns, Byron L. Davis, and Li-Ying Li. 1995. The World-System, National Institutions, and Infant Mortality. Paper presented at National Third World Studies Conference, Omaha, Nebraska.
- Kick, Edward L., Byron L. Davis, Thomas J. Burns, and Oleg I. Gubin. 1995. International Multiple Networks in World-System Approaches. Paper presented at International Conference on Social Networks, London, U.K.
- Burns, Thomas J. 1994. Forward to the Past: Towards a Sociology of Rhetoric. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, California.
- Burns, Thomas J., David A. Murray, Edward L. Kick, Byron L. Davis, and Holly Lehigh-Bruce. 1994. The World-System Network, Deforestation and National Development. Paper presented at International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- Fain, Heidi, Mindy Sartor, and Thomas J. Burns. 1994. Teen Pregnancy: A Reproductive Strategy for

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- Perceived Future Resources? Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, California.
- Burns, Thomas J. 1993. Crunch Times and Orphan Issues: The *Quid pro Quo* of Collective Decisions. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Miami, Florida.
- Burns, Thomas J., and David A. Murray. 1993. Development, Demography, and Deforestation: A Cross National Perspective. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Liya Wang. 1993. Comparative Effects of the Status Attainment Process on Asian-Americans. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Miami, Florida.
- Fain, Heidi, Thomas J. Burns, and Mindy Sartor. 1993. The Human Environment: When Is It 'Group' or 'Individual' Selection? Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, Oregon.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Jerald Hage. 1992. Epistemology and Culture: Some Pragmatic Implications of Cognition. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, California.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Li-Ying Li. 1992. Infant Mortality in a Cross-National Perspective. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Li-Ying Li. 1992. Political Economy of the Greenhouse Effect. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Liya Wang. 1992. Processes of Achievement of Asian-Americans, Blacks, and Whites in the U.S: A Comparison. Paper presented at annual meeting of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Social Stratification, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Hage, Jerald, and Thomas J. Burns. 1992. The Best Laid Schemes: Culture and Material Conditions as Predictors of Scottish and English Educational Expansion. Paper presented at annual meeting of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Social Stratification, Salt Lake City, Utah.
- Martinez, Theresa A., and Thomas J. Burns. 1992. Teaching Sociology through Popular Culture. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, California.
- Burns, Thomas J., and Susan M. Beckman. 1991. Modeling Inter-Generational Change: Gender- and Race-Specific Labor Market Effects and Individual Goals in the Status Attainment Process. Paper presented at annual meeting of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Social Stratification, Columbus, Ohio.
- Wang, Liya and Thomas J. Burns. 1991. Socioeconomic Status, Psychological Factors and Achievement. Paper presented at annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Irvine, California.
- Burns, Thomas J. 1989. Class, Individualistic Orientation, and Political Party Identification among U.S. Men and Women. Paper presented at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, California.

Research Monographs

Thomas J. Burns

Suruda, Anthony, Stacey Knight, Thomas J. Burns, James Reading, Lawrence J. Cook, and J. Michael Dean. 2001. *Analysis of the Importance of Economic Status and Health Insurance Status upon Delivery of Emergency Medical Services to Children*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Intermountain Injury Control Research Center, University of Utah.

Batavia, Andrew I., Gerben DeJong, Thomas J. Burns, Quentin W. Smith, Sigrid E. Melus, and Dennis Butler. 1989. *A Managed Care Program for Working-Age Persons with Physical Disabilities: A Feasibility Study*. Washington, D.C.: Office of Research, National Rehabilitation Hospital.

DeJong, Gerben, Andrew I. Batavia, Quentin W. Smith, Thomas J. Burns, Jessica Scheer, Ruth Brannon, Naomi Naierman, and Dennis Butler (eds.). 1989. *Meeting the Primary Health Care Needs of Persons with Physical Disabilities: Setting the Agenda*. Proceedings of the NRH National Invitational Conference on Primary Care and Disability. Washington, D.C.: Office of Research, National Rehabilitation Hospital.

Magazine Articles

Dialogic Magazine

Burns, Thomas J., and Tom W. Boyd. 2011. Scientism and Its Discontents, part 3: What's Worth Knowing?

Burns, Thomas J., and Tom W. Boyd. 2011. Scientism and Its Discontents, part 2: The Consequence of Scientific Hubris.

Burns, Thomas J., and Tom W. Boyd. 2011. A Convergence of Crises.

Burns, Thomas J., and Tom W. Boyd. 2010. Scientism and Its Discontents, part 1: Limits and Questions.

Burns, Thomas J. 2010. Quantum Spirituality

Burns, Thomas J. 2010. Cutting-Edge Technology and Age-Old Ethics

Burns, Thomas J. 2009. Asleep at the Switchboard

Book Reviews

Burns, Thomas J., and Leslie Riggle Miller. 2018. Review of *Climate Change and Society: Sociological Perspectives*, by Riley E. Dunlap and Robert J. Brulle (eds.). *Human Ecology Review*, 24(1): 183-190.

Burns, Thomas J. 2016. Review of: *Structural Human Ecology: New Essays in Risk, Energy, and Sustainability*, by Thomas Dietz and Andrew K. Jorgenson (eds.). *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 56(6):484-486.

Burns, Thomas J. 2015. Review of: *Ecology and Experience: Reflections from a Human Ecological Perspective*, by Richard J. Borden, *Human Ecology Review*, 21(1):181-183.

Burns, Thomas J. 2014. Review of: *Defensive Environmentalists and the Politics of Global Reform*, by Thomas K. Rudel. *Human Ecology Review*, 20(2):193-196.

Burns, Thomas J. 2013. "Briefly Noted" {short reviews of: *Industrial Disasters, Toxic Waste, and Community Impacts: The Health Effects and Environmental Justice Struggles around the Globe*, by Francis Olajide Adeola; *The Language of Life: How Communication Drives Human Evolution*,

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- by James Lull and Eduardo Neiva; *Animals Erased: Discourse, Ecology, and Reconnection with the Natural World*, by Arran Stibbe; *Seeds, Science, and Struggle: The Global Politics of Transgenic Crops*, by Abby Kinchy; *Islands in the Rainforest: Landscape Management in Pre-Columbian Amazonia*, by Stephen Rostain; *Local Commons and Democratic Environmental Governance*, edited by Takeshi Murota and Ken Takeshita}. *Human Ecology Review*, 20(1):63-64.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2011. Review of: *Tackling Wicked Problems: Through the Trans-Disciplinary Imagination*, by Valerie A. Brown, John A. Harris, and Jacqueline Y. Russell (eds.). London: Earthscan. *Human Ecology Review*, 18(1):90-91.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2010. Reviews of: *The Ecological Revolution: Making Peace with the Planet*, by John Bellamy Foster; and *The Bridge at the Edge of the World: Capitalism, the Environment, and Crossing from Crisis to Sustainability*, by James Gustave Speth. *Human Ecology Review*, 17(1):75-76.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2008. "Briefly Noted" {short reviews of: *The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl*, by Timothy Egan; *The Weathermakers: How Man Is Changing the Climate and What it Means for Life on Earth*, by Tim Flannery; *Blessed Unrest: How the Greatest Movement in the World Came into Being and Why No One Saw it Coming*, by Paul Hawken; *When the Rivers Run Dry: Water—The Defining Crisis of the Twenty-First Century*, by Fred Pearce; and *The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth*, by E.O. Wilson}. *Human Ecology Review*, 15(1):109-110.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2003. "Briefly Noted" {short reviews of: *In the Absence of Predators: Conservation and Controversy on the Kaibab Plateau*, by Christian Young; *Inventing Medieval Landscapes: Senses of Place in Western Europe*, by John Howe and Michael Wolfe (eds.); *Materials Matter: Towards a Sustainable Materials Policy*, by Kenneth Geiser; *The Environmental Implications of Population Dynamics*, by Lori M. Hunter; *Democracy in Practice: Public Participation in Environmental Decisions*, by Tomas C. Beierle and Jerry Cayford; and *Resource Rebels: Native Challenges to Mining and Oil Corporations*, by Al Gedicks}. *Human Ecology Review*, 10(1):79-81.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2002. Review of *How Claims Spread: Cross-National Diffusion of Social Problems*, by Joel Best (ed.). *Social Forces*, 81(1):376-378.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2002. Review of *Agency, Democracy, and Nature: The U.S. Environmental Movement from a Critical Theory Perspective*, by Robert J. Brulle. *Human Ecology Review*, 9(2):69-71.
- Burns, Thomas J. 2000. Review of *Environment, Scarcity, and Violence*, by Thomas F. Homer-Dixon. *Human Ecology Review*, 7(1):76-77.

Other Publications

- Batavia, Andrew I., Gerben DeJong, Thomas J. Burns, and Ruth Brannon. 1992. "Health Insurance Coverage of Disability Beneficiaries." *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development*, Vol. 29 Annual Supplement: *Rehabilitation R & D Progress Reports 1991*, 29:488-489.
- DeJong, Gerben, Andrew I. Batavia, Thomas J. Burns, and Sigrid E. Melus. 1989. "Delphi Survey and National Invitational Conference on the Primary Health Care Needs of Persons with Physical Disabilities." *Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development*, Vol. 25 Annual Supplement: *Rehabilitation R & D Progress Reports 1988*, 25:374-375.

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Grants, Honors and Awards

University of Oklahoma

- o Presidential International Travel Fellowship (2018)
- o Good Teaching Award (2016)
- o Online Course Development Grant from the Office of the Dean of Arts & Sciences (2008)
- o Travel Grant from Office of the Vice-President for Research (2006, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2012)
- o Travel Grant from Office of the Dean of Arts and Sciences (2006, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016)
- o Computer from the Center for Teaching Excellence (2015)
- o Summer Research Grant from Office of the Dean of Arts & Sciences (2002)

University of Utah

- o University Research Committee, Seed Grant {with O. Gubin and E. Kick} (1998)
- o Distinguished University Teaching Award Nominee (1994, 1995, 1996)
- o Presidential Scholar-Teacher Award Nominee (1996)
- o Hatch Award Nominee (1993, 1994, 1995)
- o University Teaching Committee, Course Development Grant (1993)

College of Social and Behavioral Science

- o Superior Teaching Award Winner (1995)
- o Superior Teaching Award Nominee (1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995)
- o Proposal Initiation Grants (1993, 2001)
- o Summer Research Grant (1992)

College of Science, Biomedical Research Support Grant (1991)

Society for Human Ecology

- o Gerald L. Young International Book Award (2016)
- o Distinguished Leadership Award (2014)

Institute of Interfaith Dialogue

- o Representative on Intercultural Goodwill Mission to Turkey (2004)

U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration, Grant {with A. Suruda, L. Cook, S. Knight} (1999-2001)

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology

- o Visiting Fellow (1998)

Utah System of Higher Education

- o Technology Initiative Grant (1997)

U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Social Security Admin.

- o Grants {with G. DeJong and A. Batavia} (1988-1990)

Mid-South Sociological Society

- Best Article in a *Sociological Spectrum* Volume Nominee {with L. Wang, E. Kick and J. Fraser} (1999)

University of Maryland

- o Summer Research Grant (1988)
- o Research Assistantship (1987-1988)
- o Teaching Assistantship (1987)

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TEACHING:

Courses Taught

Undergraduate Level

Introduction to Sociology {in various venues including classroom, lecture hall, blended and online}
Introduction to Statistics
Research Methods
Introduction to Social Theory
Environment, Ecology, and Society
Religion and Society
World Religions and Society
Sociology of Education
Sociology of Health and Illness
Social Psychology
Organizational Behavior {team taught}
Micro-Macro Linkages in Stratification Systems
America as Civilization {team taught; cross-listed as graduate course}
Senior Capstone
Social Institutions in a Comparative/Historical Perspective

Graduate Level {taught solo and in traditional format unless otherwise noted}

Classical Social Theory
Contemporary Social Theory
Seminar in Social Theory
Basic Graduate Level Statistics
Intermediate Statistics
Advanced Statistics
Time Series and Structural Equation Modeling {team taught}
Archival Methods of Social Research
Seminar in Teaching Sociology
Religion and Society
Seminar in Environment, Ecology, and Society
World Religions and Society
Overview of Environmental Issues from a Global and Strategic Perspective
{The last two courses are taught primarily for the University of Oklahoma's
Advanced Programs at various Military and Strategic Installations}

Dissertation and Thesis Advising (with defense year; in Sociology unless otherwise noted)

Dissertation Committees

Gilbert Richard Welford. 2021 (Chair)
Julie Kogan Davis. 2019 (College of Education)
Borislav Nikoltchev. 2017 (Geography and Environmental Sustainability)
Sophia Morren. 2017 (Geography and Environmental Sustainability)
Julia Dinger Blanton. 2016 (Chair)
Burle Steelman. 2016 (Chair)
Kimberly Murray. 2015 (Chair)
Karla Finnell. 2015 (College of Public Health)
Ryan Blanton. 2014. (Anthropology)
Barbara Ann Borden. 2014
Ami Stearns. 2014
David Ferman. 2014. (College of Journalism)
Nur Uysal. 2013. (College of Journalism)

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Jason Hall. 2011.
Rebecca Nees. 2009.
Jesse Fuchs. 2007. (Chair)
Dara Fogel. 2006. (Philosophy)
Christopher Hill. 2004.
Katarzyna Celinska. 2001. (Chair)
Cori Groth. 2001.
Frank J. Page. 2000. (Chair)
Nancy Anderson. 1997. (Educational Psychology)
Lawrence L. Bench. 1997.
Randa Nasser. 1997.
Liya Wang. 1997.
Allen W. Palmer. 1996. (Communication)
John E. Kablach. 1996. (Parks, Recreation and Tourism)
Tian-Yow Wang. 1996.
Terry D. Allen. 1995.
Nancy Jane Shelby. 1993.

Thesis and Master's Project Committees

Kyle Callen. 2020 (Chair)
Maura Hobbs. 2019 (College of Education)
Noel Isom. 2016 (Chair)
Brenda Wiebe. 2011.
Brandon Pearson. 2010. (Chair)
Ami E. Stearns. 2010.
Robinne Farrell-Zelznat. 2008. (Chair)
Julia R. Dinger. 2007. (Chair)
Rachel Jones. 2005.
Brian Head. 2005.
Stephen D. Rich. 1997. (M.Stat. / Mathematics)
Michael P. Silver. 1996. (Chair; M.P.H. / Family & Preventive Medicine)
Heidi D. Fain. 1994. (Chair)
Michael T. Hopkins. 1994.
Glenda G. Love. 1992.
Liya Wang. 1991. (Chair)

SERVICE:

Departmental/University

University of Oklahoma

Faculty Senate, 2003-2006; 2011-2014; 2016-2018; 2019-present

Academic Program Review Committee, 2019-2020

Evening Meditation Gathering
Convener/Leader, 2019-2020

Environmental Concerns Committee, 2016-2017

Earth Month Planning Committee, 2017-2019

Department of Sociology
Graduate Committee, 2001-2002; 2003-2005; 2015-2017

Thomas J. Burns

Undergraduate Committee 2002-2003; 2006-2007, 2011-2014
Committee "A" (Exec Cmte), 2001-2003; 2005-2006; 2008-2010; 2011-2013
Ad Hoc Committee on Online Course Policy, 2005
Faculty Search Committee, 2006-2007; 2012-2013; 2014-2015
Tenure and Promotion Committee, 2019
Comprehensive Examination Committees
Rotate through committees and years, primarily Cross-National and Environmental Sociology

Affiliated Programs: Religious Studies; Environmental Studies; Center for Social Justice;
International Relations

Religious Studies Program

Committee "A" (Exec Cmte), 2003-2006; 2008-2010; 2015-2017; 2019
Faculty Search Committee, 2006-2008; 2015-2016

Environmental Studies/Interdisciplinary Program on the Environment

Committee "A" (Exec Cmte), 2009-2011
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, 2016-2019

M.A. in International Relations (MAIR) Program

Teaching in MAIR Program (2014-present)
Executive Committee (2015-2016)
Comprehensive Examination Grader (2015-present)

Elite Retention Squad, 2016-2018

Faculty Welfare Committee, 2004-2007

United Campus Ministry

Faculty Sponsor for "Bridge" Outreach Program, 2005-2007

Xenia Institute

Faculty Fellow, 2008-2012

Nepali Student Association

Faculty Sponsor, 2009-2010

Students against a Factory-Farming Economy (S.A.F.E.)

Faculty Sponsor, 2010-2013

College of Social and Behavioral Science

Kinney-Sugg Award Committee, 2011

University of Utah

Academic Senate, 1993-1996, 1999-2001

Faculty Hearing Committee, 1998-1999

College of Social and Behavioral Science

- o College Computing Advisory Committee, 1999-2000
- o College Statistics Committee, 1996
- o College Retention, Promotion and Tenure Advisory Committee, 1996-1997

St. Catherine of Siena Newman Center

Thomas J. Burns

- o Faculty Representative on Parish Council, 1992-1996

Department of Sociology

- o Statistics and Methodology Comprehensive Examination Committee, 1990-2001 (Chair, 1994-2001)
- o Theory Comprehensive Examination Committee 1990-1993 (Chair, 1991)
- o Sociology of Health Specialty Examination Committee, 1991-1992
- o Culture and Social Change Specialty Examination Committee, 1995
- o Faculty Recruitment and Search Committee, 1993-1994
- o Library Liaison, 1992-1993; 1995-1997
- o Executive Committee, 1991-1993; 1995-1997 (Chair, 1996-1997)
- o Graduate Committee, 1990-1991; 1998-2001
- o Personnel Committee, 1998-2000 (Chair, 1999-2000)

University of Maryland

Department of Sociology

- o Graduate Student Forum President, 1988-1989
- o Policy Committee Graduate Student Representative, 1989-1990

Community

City of Norman, Oklahoma

Ad Hoc Bicycle Advisory Committee, 2005-2006

Cimarron Circuit Opera Company

Board Member, 2007-2009

Professional

Oklahoma Sociological Association

President (2016-2017)

President-Elect (2015-2016)

Past-Officers' Advisory Group (2017-present)

Conference Organizing and Moderating

Discussant in Panel on Intersectionality and the Natural Environment. Paper presented (virtually) for the Society for Human Ecology International Convention, organized through the Brazilian Society for Human Ecology (SABEH), Universidade Federal do Vale do São Francisco, and Universidade do Estado da Bahia, Brazil. (2021).

Chair of Session on Gender and the Environment. Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY. (2019).

Chair of Session on Socio-Cultural Adaptation to Environmental Change. Society for Human Ecology, Lisbon, Portugal (2018)

Chair of Session on Valuing Ecosystem Services. Society for Human Ecology, Lisbon, Portugal (2018)

Advisor to Conference Planning Committee, Oklahoma Sociological Association (2018)

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Chair of Conference Planning Committee (Ex-Officio), Oklahoma Sociological Association (2017)

Chair of Session on the Intersection of Religion and Contemporary Social Issues, Oklahoma Sociological Association (2017)

Moderator for Session on Health, Spirituality, and Ecological Lifestyles at conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Bar Harbor, Maine. (2014)

Co-President for Session on Food and Ecological Aspects of Sustainable Development: Risk Assessments and Ways to Resolve Them. Global University Summit, Moscow, Russia. (2014)

Discussant for Session on Rising Powers in the World System at joint conference of the Political Economy of the World-System Section of the American Sociological Association and the World Society Foundation, Riverside, California. (2013)

President and Discussant for Session on Perceptual Lenses for Visioning the Environment at annual conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Las Vegas, Nevada. (2011)

Organizer and President of Roundtable Session on World-Systems and the Environment at the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia. (2010)

Chair of Session on Social Institutions at annual conference of the Oklahoma Sociological Association, Claremore, Oklahoma. (2008)

Chair of Session on Religion and Violence at conference of the Institute of Interfaith Dialogue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. (2008)

Chair of Session on Globalization and the Environment at annual conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. (2007)

Chair of Symposium on Environmental Sociology at annual conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Salt Lake City, Utah. (2005)

Organizer and Moderator of Session on Human Ecology and the New Global Economy at annual convention of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, Oregon. (2005)

Discussant for Session on Globalization and the Environment at annual convention of the Pacific Sociological Association, Portland, Oregon. (2005)

Moderator of panel to discuss the History of Catholic Education, Cardinal Newman Lecture Series, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (2005)

Moderator of Session on Political Culture and Consumption at joint conference of the International Sociological Association Research Committees on the Environment and Community. San Francisco, California. (2004)

Member of Organizing Committee of Joint Conference of the Political Economy of the World System and Environment, Technology and Society Sections of the American Sociological Association (2001)

Member of Organizing Committee of Conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Jackson Hole, Wyoming. (2000)

Co-Organizer and Discussant of Session on Social Institutions and Environmental Outcomes at annual convention of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, California. (1997)

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Organizer and Moderator of Session on Peace and War in an Institutional Context at annual convention of the Pacific Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington. (1996)

Moderator of Session on Evaluating Student and Teaching Performance at annual Teaching Rendezvous, Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah. (1994)

Member of Organizing Committee of Conference of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Social Stratification, Salt Lake City, Utah. (1992)

Moderator of Session on International Ethnic Stratification at annual meeting of the International Sociological Association, Research Committee on Social Stratification, Salt Lake City, Utah. (1992)

Member of Organizing Committee for NRH National Invitational Conference on Primary Care and Disability, Washington, D.C. (1988)

External Reviewer for Tenure and Promotion Cases

Binghamton University (SUNY)
Tulane University
Lehigh University
University at Stony Brook (SUNY)
New Mexico State University
Drexel University

Professional Organization Positions

Society for Human Ecology
Executive Board, 2006-2012; 2018-present
Gerald Young International Book Award Committee, 2007-2014 (Chair/Co-Chair); 2018-present

American Sociological Association, Political Economy of the World System Section
Nominations Committee, 2015-2016

Oklahoma Sociological Association
President, 2016-2017
President Elect, 2015-2016

Reviewing and Editorial Responsibilities

Book Review Editor, *Human Ecology Review*, 1999-present
ad hoc reviewer for various journals and publishers, 1991-present
Editorial Board, *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 2007-present

Selection of Invited Lectures and Panels

Invited Critic in Author Meets Critics Session hosted by SSSP President David Smith, considering Jason W. Moore's *Capitalism in the Web of Life: Ecology and the Accumulation of Capital*, at Annual Convention of Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, Washington. (2016)

Unwinding Wicked Problems of the Late Modern Age: Views from Structural Human Ecology. Keynote address given to XX1st International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology, Santa Ana, California. (2016)

Thomas J. Burns

Teaching about Religions of the World. Invited lecture given at the University of Oklahoma's Teaching Scholars Initiative on Addressing Diversity Issues in the Classroom, Norman, Oklahoma. (2015)

Engaging Ecological Challenges in the Third Millennium: Multilateral Approaches. Invited Lecture for University of Oklahoma's Outreach Program in International Relations, R.A.F. Mildenhall, U.K. (2015)

Teaching Environmental Sociology in the Context of Global Risk. Invited Lecture at the Global University Summit, Moscow, Russia. (2014)

Issues in Environmental Governance in the Context of Global Risk. Invited Lecture at the Global University Summit, Moscow, Russia. (2014)

Sociology and World Religions. Interviewed as Featured Guest on *Exploring Religions* Television Program. Cox Cable Channel, and available on vimeo.com/channels/exploringreligions. (2013—originally airing on 5/14/13; available on the internet at <https://vimeo.com/66163899>).

Perspectives on Gratitude in the World's Religions. Lecture to the Morningstar Fellowship, Norman, Oklahoma. (2012)

Comparing World Religions. Lecture and Discussion at the Second Wind Coffee House/First Presbyterian Church, Norman, Oklahoma. (2011)

Religion in the Third Millennium: What Is Old and What Is New? Lecture to the Moore Baha'i Community, Moore, Oklahoma. (2010)

Sustainable Alternatives to Factory Farming. Invited Lecture and Discussion sponsored by University of Oklahoma Non-Profit Leadership Student Association, Norman, Oklahoma. (2010)

Culture and the Natural Environment. Invited Lecture and Discussion at the Oklahoma Institute for Conscious Living Expo, Norman, Oklahoma. (2010)

Life Lessons from the World's Religions. Invited Lecture to the Norman Baha'i Community, Norman, Oklahoma. (2009)

Five Theaters of Modernity: Finding Re-Enchantment amidst Long-Term Cultural Change. Lecture to the Department of Psychology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (2009)

Quantum Spirituality. Lecture to the Morningstar Fellowship, Norman, Oklahoma. (2008)

Drawing on the Rhetorical Tradition. Lecture to the Norman High School Debate Club. (2008)

Studying Religion through the Lenses of the Social Sciences. Lecture to Tom Boyd's Senior Capstone Seminar in Religious Studies. (2008)

Guest panelist to discuss challenges to children and adults over the life course in the context of globalization on *TRT-30* television program. Oklahoma Public Television. (2008)

Hermeneutics and Sociology. Invited Lecture on Religion and Social Institutions. Renaissance Project, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (2006)

Report on a Recent Trip to Turkey with the Institute for Interfaith Dialogue. Invited Lecture to the Morningstar Fellowship, Norman, Oklahoma. (2005)

Specifying and Testing a Theoretical Framework for Environmental Sociology. Invited Lecture to the Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University. (2005)

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A Non-Systematic Tour of the World's Religious Traditions. Invited Lecture to the Morningstar Fellowship, Norman, Oklahoma. (2004)

Member of panel to discuss Democracy across the Curriculum, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma (2004)

A Social Scientist Looks at Religions and Social Institutions. Invited Lecture for Mornings with the Professor Series, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (2003)

Member of panel to discuss Just War Theory, Cardinal Newman Lecture Series, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (2003)

Invited Presentation on Teaching Social Theory, as Member of Panel on Teaching Social Theory at annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois. (2002)

Disaggregating Global and Domestic Effects on Social Outcomes in Developing Countries. Invited Lecture to the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Geography, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. (2000)

Interaction Effects of World System Position and Domestic Institutionalization on Economic Growth in Developing Countries. Invited Lecture to the Department of Sociology, Iowa State University. (1999)

Interaction Effects of World System Position and Domestic Institutionalization on Economic Growth in Developing Countries. Invited Lecture to the Department of Sociology, Johns Hopkins University. (1998)

Deforestation in a Macro-Comparative Perspective. Invited Lecture to the Department of Geography, University of Utah. (1995)

Epistemology, Culture and Rhetoric: Some Social Implications of Human Cognition. Invited Lecture to the Department of Communication, University of Utah. (1995)

Macro-Comparative Analysis of Social Causes of Deforestation. Invited Lecture to the Department of Sociology, Catholic University of America. (1995)

Work Disincentives for Disabled Persons in Public Health Insurance: A Note on Perverse Consequences of Social Policy. Invited Lecture to the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Utah School of Medicine. (1995)

Interaction and Feedback in the Classroom: A Key to Teaching and Learning Excellence. Invited Lecture at the Center for Teaching and Learning Excellence, University of Utah. (1994)

Social and Cultural Implications of Individual Cognitive Processes. Invited Lecture to American Mensa, Ltd., Utah Chapter. (1993)

The Logic and Uses of Structural Equation Models. Invited Lecture to the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of Utah School of Medicine. (1993)

Social Organization and Homelessness in the U.S. Invited Lecture at the University of Utah Newman Center. (1993)

The Form and Substance of Structural Equation Models. Invited Lecture to J. David Mason's seminar in Statistics, Department of Mathematics, University of Utah. (1993)

Structural Equation Modeling as a Vehicle for Integrating Theory and Method in the Social Sciences. Invited lecture to the American Statistical Association, Utah Chapter. (1992)

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Social Class and Social Psychology: Views on the Objective-Subjective Linkage. Invited lecture to the Social Psychology Research Group, Department of Psychology, University of Utah. (1992)

A Comparative-Historical View of Class- and Gender-Specific Educational Expansion in Three European Nation-States. Invited lecture to the Department of Economics, University of Utah. (1991)

Using Statistics in Public Policy Research. Invited lectures at the National Rehabilitation Hospital Research Center, Washington, D.C. (1990)