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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: January 8, 1957
Place of Birth: Atlanta, Georgia

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS:

Refugees; Cambodia; Papua New Guinea
Farming Systems Research Vietnam
Human Ecology; American Culture
Theory of Sociocultural Change

EDUCATION:

Ph.D., University of Florida, April 1994
Dissertation Title: Patterns of Adaptation in a
Refugee Camp: Vietnamese Refugees in the
Philippine Refugee Processing Center

M.A., University of Florida, 1988
Thesis Title: "Human Predictive Systems and
Sociocultural Change"
Major: Anthropology
Minor: Farming Systems Research
Certificate: Tropical Agriculture

B.S., University of Florida, 1986
Double Major: Anthropology and Agricultural
Economics

B.A., University of Florida, 1978
Major: Psychology

LANGUAGES:

Vietnamese, Melanesian Pidgin

TEACHING INTERESTS:

Cultural Anthropology, Four-field Introduction to Anthropology, Applied Anthropology, Southeast Asia, Vietnam, The Vietnam War.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Instructor, University of Central Florida, Orlando Fl. August 1999 to December 2007. Prepare and teach class on Medical Anthropology, Human Evolution, General Anthropology, Magic, Ritual and Belief and Sex, Gender and Culture.

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Rollins College, Winter Park Fl., January 1995 to December 2006. Prepare and teach classes on Vietnamese culture, the Vietnam War, Human Evolution, Society, Biology and Culture and Applied Anthropology

Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, August - 1994 to August 1999. Prepare and currently teach Human Species and Evolution (an Introduction to Biological Anthropology), Cultural Anthropology, General Anthropology, Peoples of the World (a class in comparative social organization), Indians of the Southeast United States, Indians of the North American High Plains, World Prehistory

Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Florida, 1994. Prepared and taught an Introduction to Applied Anthropology course during Summer A term (May 9 - June 17).

Instructor for Introduction to Anthropology course, Department of Social Science Santa Fe Community College, Gainesville, Florida, August-December 1993, January-April 1994.

Teaching Assistant for Biological Anthropology Department of Anthropology University of Florida, January 1990-January 1991, August 1993-May 1994. Taught three laboratory sections, created and graded exams, read and graded student research papers, advised students.

Teaching Assistant for Human Sexuality Department of Anthropology University of Florida, August-December 1990. Taught three discussion sections, created and graded exams, read and graded student research papers, advised students.

Teaching Assistant for Cultural Anthropology, Department of Anthropology University of Florida 1987-88. Taught three discussion sections, created and graded exams, read and graded student

research papers, advised students.

PUBLICATIONS:

"The Reintegration of the Border Khmer: The Critical Issues and Factors Affecting the Repatriation and Reintegration of the Khmer Refugees from the Thai-Cambodian Border." in *Between Hope and Insecurity: The Social Consequences of the Cambodian Peace Process*. Edited by Peter Utting. The United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), Geneva. 1995

"Refugee Cognitive Expectations and Sociocultural Change Theory." in Selected Papers on Refugee Issues 1993, MaryCarol Hopkins and Nancy Donnelly Eds, Committee on Refugee Issues, American Anthropological Association. Accepted for publication in the Fall of 1993

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

"A Culture of Preparedness? Or the Culture of Me, Myself and I Against the Hurricane." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Tampa, March 2006.

"Red People, Blue People and Schizmogogenesis." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of Southern Anthropological Society, Chattanooga, TN, March 2004.

"American Cultural Narratives and Crisis." Paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Ethnological Society, Charleston South Carolina, April 2004.

"Real Culture, Virtual People: A Method for Teaching the Importance of Culture to Undergraduates." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Atlanta Georgia March 7, 2002.

"Legible Spaces Make Legible Faces: The Construction of Legible People Through Place." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Merida Mexico, March 17, 2001.

"Stuck in Stage Two: Integrating the Scudder-Colson Model and Chamber's Integrated Rural Poverty in Refugee Resettlement. Paper Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Tuscon AZ, April 1998.

"Getting Stuffed," or "A House is Not Always a Home," : The Over-Emphasis on the Material and the Under-Emphasis of the Interpersonal in the Repatriation and Reintegration of

Khmer Refugees. Presented at the Annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, March 28-April 2, 1996, Albuquerque New Mexico.

"The Philippine Refugee Processing Center: How It Worked and Why." Paper Presented at the National Symposium on Refugees, San Antonio Texas, September 27-29, 1995.

Issues and Factors Affecting the Repatriation and Reintegration of the Khmer Refugees from the Thai-Cambodian Border." Presented at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD) sponsored Workshop on the Social Consequences of the Peace Process in Cambodia in Geneva April 29-30, 1993.

"Refugee Cognitive Expectations and Sociocultural Change Theory." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, December 2-6, 1992

"Stress, Coping and Learning: An Analysis of the Scudder-Colson Model." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Memphis, March 25-29, 1992

"Culture, Learning and Human Motivation: A Theory." Presented at the 56th annual meeting of the Florida Academy of Sciences, Orlando, Florida, March 12-14, 1992

"Case Studies of Refugee Initiative in the PRPC." Presented to the Inter-Management Meeting of the International Catholic Migration Commission ESL/CO Program in the Philippine Refugee Processing Center, July, 1991.

"Factors affecting Refugee Independence In A Refugee Camp" Presented at the 50th Annual Meeting the Society for Applied Anthropology, Charleston, South Carolina, March 13-17, 1991.

"Dependence or Independence? Refugees in the Philippine Refugee Processing Center." Presented the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, November 28, 1990

"Patterns of Vietnamese Refugee Adaptation in the Philippine Refugee Processing Center." Paper presented at the first Bataan Conference on Language and Culture, Philippine Refugee Processing Center, Bataan, Philippines, Feb. 14 1990

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Consultant to the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development, Cambodia, 1992. Conducted research on how the policies and programs implemented in the repatriation of Khmer refugees from Thailand affected the refugee's reintegration into Cambodia.

Consultant to the International Catholic Migration Commission, Cambodia, 1992. Conducted a community study of Tapoung village and the Tamoeun refugee resettlement site.

Dissertation research, August 1988-July 1990. Conducted research on the adaptation of Vietnamese refugees in the Philippine Refugee Processing Center. Research methods included participant observation, formal and informal interviews and statistical analysis of the population.

DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE:

Peace Corps Volunteer, Papua New Guinea 1983. Developed and managed a piggery, cattle project and gas station for Kagua High School in the Southern Highlands Province. Also maintained accounting records and purchased supplies for the school. Supervised four employees in maintaining the school's facilities and businesses

AWARDS:

Recipient of a University of Florida Graduate School Social Sciences and Humanities Fellowship, 1993.