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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, 1993
Michigan State University, East Lansing
Dissertation Title: Child Foster Care: A Comparative Analysis of Social Welfare Workers'
Ideology and Politics

MA, Sociology, 1984
Michigan State University, East Lansing
Thesis Title: Autonomy and Control in the Air Traffic Control Tower

BA, Economics, 1982
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

EMPLOYMENT

August 1996 to Present
Assistant Professor, Sociology, Aquinas College

January 1999 to April 2002
Chair, Sociology Department, Aquinas College

October 1994 to June 1996
Policy Analyst, Michigan Department of Social Services, Employment Services

August 1992 to October 1994
Welfare Services Specialist, Michigan Department of Social Services, Employment Services

February 1990 to August 1992
Educational/Paternity Leave of Absence from the State of Michigan

October 1987 to February 1990
Social Work Specialist, Michigan Department of Social Services, Children's Foster Care and
Protective Services

March 1987 to October 1987
Research Assistant, Michigan State University Sociology Department
Project Title: Investigation of the Effect of Farm Crisis/Farm Flooding on Michigan Communities

EMPLOYMENT continued

September 1982 to March 1985

Teaching Assistant, Michigan State University Sociology Department

Courses included:

Social Psychology
Introduction to Sociology
Criminology

Sociology of Sex and Gender
Industrial Sociology
Social Problems

June 1975 to June 1979

Air Traffic Controller, U. S. Air Force. Rank at Discharge: Staff Sergeant

PUBLISHED WORKS

Book review, Lost Fathers. "Teaching Sociology," April 2001.

Cushion, Michael, "Oral History Assignment." Class assignment published in Teaching About Families: Collections of Essays, Syllabi, Projects and Assignments, Websites and Bibliographies (3rd Edition). Washington, D.C., American Sociological Association, 2000.

Cushion, Michael, "Sociology of Marriage and Family on the World Wide Web," Teaching About Families: Collections of Essays, Syllabi, Projects and Assignments, Websites and Bibliographies (3rd Edition). Washington, D.C., American Sociological Association, 2000.

Indergaard, Michael and W. Michael Cushion, "Conflict, Cooperation, and the Global Auto Factory," in Workers, Managers, and Technological Change, Dan Cornfield, Ed. (New York: Plenum Press, 1987).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Cushion, Michael, "Replacing the Intro Textbook with a Sociology Dictionary," Introductory Sociology Resource Manual, Washington, D.C., American Sociological Association

Cushion, Michael, "Teaching Social Problems through the Use of a Student-Produced Documentary Film," *Teaching Sociology*

WORKS IN PROGRESS

"Science Fiction and Religion: The Cult of Star Trek," with Timothy Kopenen, Indiana University/Purdue University, Indianapolis

PRESENTATIONS

"Star Trek: Media Representations of Technology," Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, April 2005

"The Concept of Technology *a la* Star Trek," Aquinas College Lecture Series, March 2005.

Teaching Workshop. Teaching Organizational Theory. American Sociological Association Meetings, August 2004

"Classroom Exercises and the Development of Critical Thinking and Sociological Imagination," Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, April 2004

"Teaching Social Problems through the Creation of a Documentary Film," Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, April 2003

"Active Learning: Teaching Marriage and Family on the Web," American Sociological Association meetings, August 2000

"Foster Parenting: Parenting or Social Welfare Labor?" Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, April 2000

"Lessons Learned from Distance Education in Sociology: Successes, Failures, Syllabi and Course Materials," Panel Presentation, North Central Sociological Association meetings, April 1999.

"Distance Learning vs. Traditional Learning," Opposing Viewpoints Panel, Ferris State University, April 1998

"The Sociology of Star Trek," Aquinas College Lecture Series, April 1998.

"Lessons from Lilly," Aquinas College Teachers of Quality presentation, April 1998

"Farm Crisis/Flooding in Michigan Communities," Roundtable presentation at the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Chicago, Illinois, August 1997.

The publication above was developed from a General Motors sponsored university research competition on the effects of technology on labor relations. Our results were delivered before a panel of expert judges in the Spring of 1984.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, August 2002

North Central Sociological Association Meetings, April 2000

Critical Thinking Conference. June 1999

American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, August 1999

Asynchronous Learning Networks Online Workshop, Summer 1998

Lilly Conference on Teaching. Fall 1997

Great Lakes Teaching Workshop. Summer 1997.

TEACHING

Instructor: Criminology, Summer 1986. Michigan State University

Instructor: Sociology of Sex and Gender, Summer 1985. Michigan State University

SY 101, Introduction to Sociology, Aquinas College

SY 102, Introduction to Social Work, Aquinas College

SY 200, Sociology of Mass Media

SY 260, Social Problems, Aquinas College

SY 205, Trying Social Work, Aquinas College

SY 210, Sociology of Marriage and Family, Aquinas College

SY 275, Sociology of Sport, Aquinas College

SY 291, History of Sociological Thought

SY 313, Race and Ethnicity, Aquinas College

SY 375, Complex Organizations, Aquinas College

SY 403, Capstone Seminar

GE 401, Global Explorations and Meanings, Aquinas College

Sociology of Mass Media, Emeritus College at Aquinas College

AWARDS

Mini-grant award, Aquinas College, Spring 2003

Base Airman of the Month Award, K. I. Sawyer A.F.B., Michigan.

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Midwest Sociological Association

Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association