

Chet Ballard

Brief Vita

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Education

Ph.D. (Sociology), Texas A & M University, College Station, Texas; December 1980

Academic Positions

Valdosta State University
Coordinator of the MS Sociology Degree Program, August 2008 – present
Graduate Faculty Status Reaffirmation 2007
Interim Department Head, July 2005 – December 2006
Professor 1994 to Present
Associate Professor 1989
Assistant Professor 1985

Publications

- Ballard, Chet and Rudy Prine. 2009. "If Crime is the Problem, Is Community or Problem Solving Policing the Solution?" pp. 37-54 in *Doing Sociology: Case Studies in Sociological Practice*. Jammie Price, Roger Straus and Jeffrey Breese (Eds.). Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.
- Ballard, Chet and Rudy Prine, with Neil Rose. 2008. "Thomasville Residents' Perception of Community Policing and Police Department Performance: Survey Results", a research monograph presented to the Thomasville, Georgia City Manager and Police Department. February.
- Ballard, Chet and Rudy Prine with Neil Rose. 2008. "Moultrie Residents' Perception of Community Policing and Police Department Performance: Survey Results", a research monograph presented to the City of Moultrie Police Department and City Manager. March.
- Ballard, Chet and Lauren Brady. 2007. Violence Prevention in Georgia's Public School Systems: A Comparison of Perceptions of School Superintendents, 1995-2005. *The Journal of School Violence*. Vol. 6, No. 4.
- Chet Ballard. 2007. "An Epistle on the Origin and Early History of the Association for Humanist Sociology", in *Public Sociology: The Contemporary Debate*, Lawrence T. Nichols, Editor. New Brunswick, N.J.: Transaction Publishers.

Steverson, Leonard A. and Chet Ballard. 2006. *Giants of Sociology: A Little*

Guide to the Big Names in Sociological Theory. Boston, MA: Pearson Custom Publishing.

Ballard, Chet. 2005. "People are Not Numbers: Qualitative and Quantitative Methods in Humanist Sociology" in *'Professing' Humanist Sociology, 5th Edition, Edited by Glenn Goodwin and Martin Schwartz, ASA Teaching Resources Center, American Sociological Association*.

Ballard, Chet. 2005. "A Select Bibliography of Humanist Sociology Sources" in *Guide to Teaching Humanist Sociology, 4th Edition, Martin Schwartz and Glenn Goodwin, Editors, American Sociological Association, Teaching Resources Center Publication*.

Ballard, Chet and Rudy Prine. 2004. "Thomasville Residents' Perceptions of Community Policing and Police Department Performance Survey Results", a sponsored research report presented to the Thomasville Police Department and Thomasville City Manager, July.

Papers/Presentations at Professional Meetings

Ballard, Chet. 2008. "Using Citizen Input to Improve Policing Services and Police Performance", Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, Jacksonville, FL. October 18.

Leech, Don, Thad Clayton, Nicole Gibson, Chet Ballard, Robert Smith, Leon Pate, and Gerald Siegrist. 2008. "Perceptions of High School Teachers and Administrators Concerning Teacher Evaluation", 62nd Annual Summer Conference of Professors of Education Administration, San Diego, CA. July 19.

Ballard, Chet. 2008. "Just Trying to Keep the Customer Satisfied", Georgia Sociological Association, St. Simons Island, GA. October 24

Ballard, Chet. 2008. "Core Components of a Humanist Sociology Curriculum", Association for Humanist Sociology, Boston, MA. November 7.

Katy Kelly, Chet Ballard, and Rudy Prine. 2008 Public Perceptions of Policing in Thomasville Georgia: A Comparison of Survey Results from 1998, 2001, and 2004", Georgia Sociological Association, October 18, 2008, Athens, Georgia.

Chet Ballard. 2006. "A Content Analysis of the Early Years of *The Humanist Sociologist*: Themes, Causes, and Controversies", Association for Humanist Sociology, November 5, St. Louis, Missouri.

Chet Ballard. 2005. "Student Retention, Progression and Graduation: New Challenges and Directions in Public Universities", Georgia Sociological Association, October 22,, St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Chet Ballard, 2005. "Participatory Action Fieldwork for Social Change: Giving Some

Respect to William Foote Whyte", Association for Humanist Sociology, October 28, Tampa, Florida

Chet Ballard. 2004. "Credentialing Accreditation: Helping Graduates Market Their Applied and Clinical Sociology Degrees" , Sociological Practice Association Annual Meeting, August 16, San Francisco, CA, supported by a grant from VSU's Center for Faculty Development and Instructional Improvement.

Chet Ballard, 2004. "Humanist Sociology and Aftermath of the Election, Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Meeting, November 5, Louisville, KY, supported by a grant from VSU's Center for Faculty Development and Instructional Improvement.

Current Memberships and Offices Held in Professional Associations

Association for Humanist Sociology
Constitution Review Committee 2009

Georgia Sociological Association
Editorial Board, *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology* 2006-09

American Association of University Professors
VSU Chapter Vice-President 2007-2009
VSU Chapter President 2004-2005
VSU Chapter Executive Committee 1999-2005; 2007-2009

AAUP Georgia Conference
At-Large Public Institution Representative 2009 and 2003-2007
Secretary, Georgia Conference, AAUP 2005-2007
Web Listserv Moderator 2005-2008

Commission on Clinical and Applied Sociology
Institution Representative and Secretary 2004-2008
Committee on By-Laws Revision 2003-2004
Committee on Site Visitations 2003-2004

Sociological Practice Association
Associate Editor, *Sociological Practice: A Journal of Clinical and Applied Sociology*, 2005

Education Doctoral Program Dissertation Committee Member

2009 – Julie Halter, "The Role of Late-Life Learning in the Conceptualization of Successful Aging".

2007- Mattie Butts, "The Effects of After School Remediation on Low-Achieving Students".

2006 – Jacqueline C. Scott, “Teacher and Student Perceptions of Academic Achievement and Characteristics of an Effective School”.

2006 – Maura C. Schlairet, “Survey of Nurses’ Educational Needs Related to End of Life Care”.

2005 – Gary A. Shoupe, “Teachers’ Perceptions of School Climate: Principal Leadership Style and Teacher Behaviors on Student Academic Achievement in Select Georgia Schools”.

2005 – Matt Shawn Utle, “Portraits of Six Successful Principals: Context and Components fo Effective Leadership”.

2004 - David Lamar Cole, “Perceptions of Moving from an Old to New Building: An Ethnographic Study of a School in Transition”.

2004 - Mattie Marie Butts, “The Effects of After-School Remediation on Low-Achieving Students”.

Masters Degree in Nursing Thesis Committee Member

2006 - Kelly Bell McQuiag, “A Study of the Relationship of Educational Resources Incorporated Exit Examinations for Nursing Courses and Success on the NCLEX-RN Examination for Students in an Associate Degree Nursing Program in Southern Georgia”.

2005 – Jaime Todd Carter, “The Predictive Value of an External Testing Program Used in One College of Nursing for First Time NCLEX-RN Examination Outcomes”.

Meetings and Conferences in Support of the Education Doctoral Program and as a Representative of the College of Arts and Sciences

September 11, 2007, Content Advisory Committee, Marker Selection Conference for Behavioral Science and Birth to Five of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) with National Evaluation Systems (NES) regarding the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) teacher certification program in Georgia, Crowne Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA.

April 14, 2006, Content Advisory Committee, Item Selection, Conference for Behavior Science of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) with National Evaluation Systems (NES) regarding the Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE) teacher certification program in Georgia, Crown Plaza Ravinia, Atlanta, GA.

March 31-April 1, 2005 “Preparing Teachers to Teach The New Georgia Performance Standards”, University of Georgia, Tifton Campus Conference Center, Tifton, GA.

March 9, 2004 "Georgia's Leadership Institute for School Improvement, Leadership Summit Conference, Evergreen Conference Resort/Marriott Conference Center, Stone Mountain, GA.

Service Award

2006 – Presented in recognition of outstanding service as Interim Department Head July 2005-December 2006