

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 – 2016
Graduate Faculty Status Reaffirmation 2013
Professor 1994 to Present
Interim Department Head, July 2005 – December 2006
Associate Professor 1989
Assistant Professor 1985

Longwood College

Assistant Professor 1980-1984

Publications / Research Monographs

Ballard, Chet and Rudy Prine. 2018. "A Longitudinal Study of Violence Prevention by Georgia's Rural Public School Superintendents: Three Decades of Changes and Continuities," *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology*: Vol. 10 : Iss. 2 , Article 3. Available at: <https://digitalcommons.kennesaw.edu/jpps/vol10/iss2/3>.

Ballard, Chet and Rudy Prine. 2017. "Violence Prevention in Georgia's Rural Public School Systems. *Journal of Education and Human Development. Journal of Education and Human Development*. Vol. 6. No. 2 pp. 1-8. ISBN: 2334-296X (Print), 2334-2978 (Online). Copyright © The Author(s). All Rights Reserved. Published by American Research Institute for Policy Development DOI: 10.15640/jehd.v6n2a1 URL: <https://doi.org/10.15640/jehd.v6n2a1>

Rutherford, S., Schmertzing, R. W., Schmertzing, L. C., Raiford, S. A., Ballard, C. C. 2015. Derivation of Benefits from Dislikes in the Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) College Readiness System. 12(2). *Journal of Studies in Social Science*.

Ratts, R. F., Pate, J. L., Archibald, J. G., Andrews, S. P., Ballard, C. C., Lowney, K. S. 2015. The Influence of Professional Learning Communities on Student Achievement in Elementary Schools. 2(4), 10. *Journal of Education and Social Policy*

Ballard, Chet and Brittany Daniel 2015. "What Skills are Important: A Replication". Sage (January 2015), 1-13. *Journal of Applied Social Science*.

Ballard, Chet and Carl Hand with Brittany Daniel, Maria Trinh, and Kenya Wiggins, Graduate Research Assistants. June 2013. *Final Report: Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity - Client Satisfaction with Required Homebuyer Educational Classes*. Presented to the Family Support Committee of the Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity Chapter.

Ballard, Chet and Carl Hand with Brittany Daniel, Maria Trinh, and Kenya Wiggins, Graduate Research Assistants. July 2013. *Final Report: "Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity - An Exploration of Client Foreclosure Risk Patterns*. Presented to the Family Support Subcommittee of the Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity Chapter.

Ballard Chet and Carl Hand with Maria Trinh, Graduate Research Assistant and Aimee Napier, Intern. October 2013. *Final Report: A Survey of Thomas County Residents' Litter and Solid Waste Opinions*. Presented to the Thomas County Board of Commissioners / Pam Lister, Executive Director of Keep Thomas County Beautiful. October. Research support from Keep Thomas County Beautiful and VSU's Center for Applied Social Sciences.

Chet Ballard and Kenya Wiggins. February 2012. *Thomasville Residents' Perception of Community Policing and Police Department Performance*, a presentation to the Thomasville City Council, Thomasville, GA

Steverson, Leonard and Chet Ballard. 2010. *Giants of Sociology: A Little Guide to the Big Names in Sociological Theory*. Boston, MA: Pearson.

Ballard, Chet. 2010. "Introduction: Sociology for Whom? The "Public" Roots of Humanistic Sociology" in *Pioneers of Public Sociology: 30 Years of Humanity and Society*, Corey Dolgon and Mary Chayko Editors, Cornwall-on-Hudson, NY: Sloan Publishing.

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.

Papers/Presentations at Professional Meetings

Ballard, Chet and Rudy Prine. 2016. "Violence Prevention in Georgia's Rural Public Schools: An Analysis of Three Decades of Data from School Superintendents",

presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association, September 28 in Savannah, GA.

Ballard, Chet. 2015. "What Skills Are Important: Comparing Views of Sociologists Working in Academic and Non-Academic Sites", presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology, October 9-10 in Montgomery, AL.

Ballard, Chet. 2015. "Critical Reflections on Humanist Sociology and Social Change", presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology, October 22-25 in Portland, OR.

Ballard, Chet. 2015. "Obesity Prevention: Lessons from the Georgia Organics Conference" presented at the Cook County Family Connection quarterly board meeting, Adel, GA, March 2.

Ballard, Chet. 2015. "Results of the Collaborative Partners Comprehensive Survey", presented at the Cook County Family Connection Board Retreat in Octahatchee, FL, April 14.

Ballard, Chet. 2015. "Cook County Family Connection Evaluation Plan", presented at the Healthcare Georgia Foundation - Georgia Childhood Obesity Prevention Program Grantee Meeting, June 22-23.

Ballard, Chet 2015. "A Statistical Health Profile of Cook County, Georgia: Comparisons to Georgia and the USA", presented at the Cook County Family Connection quarterly board meeting, Adel, GA, May 28.

Prine, Rudy and Chet Ballard. 2014. "Internship External Evaluation", Georgia Sociological Association annual meeting, St. Simons Island, GA October.

Myers, Zoe and Chet Ballard. 2014. "The Art and Science of Sustainability", Georgia Family Connection Conference 2014. Augusta, GA October.

Ballard, Chet. 2014. "Evaluating Efforts to Reduce Childhood Obesity in Cook County, GA: Family Connections and the Healthcare Georgia Foundation Grant Program" Cook County Family Connection Board Retreat, Honey Lake Plantation, Greenville, FL January

Professional Applied Research Work

- Evaluation Research Consultant, Georgia Healthcare Foundation, Family Connection, Cook County, Georgia 2013-2016.
- Evaluation Research Consultant, Healthy Kids/Healthy Communities, Family Connection, Cook County, GA 2010 – 2013.

- Evaluation Research Consultant, Habitat for Humanity, Family Support Committee, Valdosta, GA 2013.
- Research Consultant, with Carl Hand, Keep Thomas County Beautiful, Thomasville, GA 2013.
- Research Consultant, with Rudy Prine, "Citizen Satisfaction with City Services in Camilla, GA". City Manager, City of Camilla, GA April 2012.
- Research Consultant, with Rudy Prine, Thomasville Residents' Perception of Community Policing and Police Department Performance". Thomasville Police Department, Thomasville, GA, October 2011 – February 2012.

Applied Research / Faculty Mentoring with Graduate Assistants/Students

- Maria Trinh, 2013. "Effects on Educational Quality of Life in Relation to Health Quality of Life and Unequal Income Distribution in Georgia Counties" presented at the Georgia Sociological Association annual meeting, October 11 in Jekyll Island, GA.
- Maria Trinh, 2013. "Valdosta/Lowndes County Habitat for Humanity: Client Satisfaction with Required Homebuyer Educational Classes and Exploration of Client Foreclosure Risk Patterns" presented at the Gregory P. Domin Graduate Research Conference, October 24 in Columbus, GA.
- Chet Ballard, Brittany Daniel, Hailee Donahue, Kelly McGroarty, and Andrew Tatch, 2012. "Mapping of Parks and Playgrounds: An Observation Study". Funding was provided for the Evaluation of Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities Programming by a grant from The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to Cook County Family Connection and Transtria, Inc. October – November. Description: I organized a research team to conduct direct observation studies of parks and playground activity in Cook County, Georgia. Team members underwent webinar training to conduct the parks and playground assessments and spent several days collecting data at research sites.

Memberships and Offices Held in Professional Associations

Association for Humanist Sociology

President 2000

Constitution Review Committee 2009-2010

Georgia Sociological Association

President 1994

Editorial Board, *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology* 2006-present

American Association of University Professors

President, 2007 and 2010

VSU Chapter Vice-President 2008-2009

VSU Chapter Executive Committee 1999-2005; 2007-2015

AAUP - Georgia Conference
At-Large Public Institution Representative 2009-2010

Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology 2007-2017

Service to the University

- Student Affairs Committee 2011-2012

Service to the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice

- Executive Committee 2008 – 2016
- Search Committees 2009, 2012, 2017
- Promotion and Tenure Subcommittee 2013, 2017
- Promotion and Tenure Committee 2009-present

Service to the Sociology Program

- Coordinator, 2008-2016

Service to MS Sociology Degree Program

Chet Ballard, 2012. Self Study Chair, Reaffirmation of Accreditation of the MS Sociology Degree Program, The Commission on the Accreditation of Programs in Applied and Clinical Sociology. The MS Sociology Degree Program earned reaffirmation of accreditation in 2012.

Dissertation Committees

PADM

- Chair, 2014, Verna Harvey. *A Case Study Examining the Social and Educational Impact of Public School Consolidation on Families and Students of Sumter Central High in Rural South Alabama: After Year One*
(Note – Ms. Harvey's doctoral degree is the first to be awarded of a PADM student with a Concentration in Sociology)
- 2012 Committee Member – Danny Bass - *Stakeholder Groups Leaders' Perceptions of the Columbus, Georgia Office of Crime Prevention*
- 2011 Committee Member – Neal McIntyre, *Program Evaluation of the Tifton Judicial Circuit Day Reporting Center.*

Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Technology Doctoral Program

- 2013 Committee Member - Samuel Rutherford, *A Phenomenological Study of the Lived Experiences of Students in the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) College Readiness System at Central High School*
- 2012 Committee Member – Robert Dechman, *Following a Legend: Leadership Succession in a Rural Georgia High School, an Historical Case Study*
- 2011 – Jasmine Adkins, *Trust in Schools: Teacher Trust and Adequate Yearly Progress*
- 2011 – Christopher Kinsey *A Descriptive Study of Freshman Orientation Courses*

and Their Relevance in Meeting the Needs of Nontraditional Students

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

Community Service

- 1996-present Chairman, Board of Directors, America's Second Harvest of South Georgia.
- 2012 Member, Focus 2012 Strategic Planning Group, Valdosta/Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce.
- 2009 Member, Community Policing Subcommittee, Valdosta Police Department.