

Faculty – Introduction

The Division of Social Sciences is proud of its diverse cadre of academically strong faculty. The faculty is comprised of nine tenured and tenure track professors, several instructors, and adjunct professors. Adjunct professors bring practical expertise in the areas of criminal justice, law, community development, political science, and university administration. Several faculty members from DSU's College of Business also teach in the Community Development Program. Two professors are international, one from India and the other from Jamaica.

Faculty members have earned Ph.Ds and a Ed.D from schools such as Cornell University, Delta State University, Louisiana State University, Mississippi State University, University of Connecticut, University of Idaho, University of Maryland, University of Mississippi, University of Missouri, the University of Southern Mississippi, and Texas Tech University.

Scholarship is given high priority in the division, and faculty members have published in several journals such as *Caribbean Geography*, *Community Development Journal*, *Journal of Extension*, *Rural Sociology*, *Sociological Spectrum*, *Southern Rural Sociology*, *Journal of Environmental Assessment Policy and Management*, *Journal of Environmental Planning and Policy* and *the Electronic Green Journal*.

Faculty have edited or written books that have been published by Iowa University Press, University of Texas Press, JAI Press, and the Meredith Corporation. These scholarly publications cover a range of topics, and they bring fascinating insights and diverse theoretical perspectives to the interpretation, explanation, and understanding of a range of social issues, political matters, environmental concerns, the criminal justice system, the physical earth and its patterns, spatio-social relationships, and community and economic development. Books include: "Deleuze and Geophilosophy: A Guide and Glossary" by Mark Bonta, and J. Protevi; "Seven Names for the Bellbird: Conservation Geography in Honduras" by Mark Bonta; "Understanding Politics" by Mark Routman; *Community Development in America* co-edited by James Christenson, and Jerry Robinson Jr.; *Community Development in Perspective* by James Christenson, and Jerry Robinson, Jr. Faculty members have published several book chapters, the most recent being John Green and Albert Nylander in "A Community Study of Disaster Impacts and Redevelopment Issues Facing East Biloxi, Mississippi." In *The Sociology of Katrina: Perspectives on a Modern Catastrophe*. Edited by D. Brumsa, S. Overfelt and S. Picou. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield (August, 2007).

Faculty embrace the importance of knowledge shared through international faculty exchange, instruction by multi-disciplinary overseas professors, and enlarging the perimeter of traditional teaching and learning experiences, and scientific inquiry in a global era. Thus, faculty in the Division have designed and implemented courses that required students and professors to study and do research in countries such as Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Italy, Ireland, Jamaica, Mexico, Thailand, Sweden, the United Kingdom and Venezuela.