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CURRICULUM VITAE
ALTON M. OKINAKA

EDUCATION:

- Ph.D. Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana.
Department of Sociology
Minor: Mathematics (modelling and graph theory)
Research skill: Mathematics (probability)
Dissertation: Social Factors Affecting the Academic Performance of
Student Athletes at Indiana University
- M.A. Indiana University, Department of Sociology
Thesis: A PROBIT Model Application to Housing Decisions in
Indianapolis
- B.A. University of Hawaii, Honolulu, Hawaii
Department of Sociology, High Honors
Department of Mathematics, Honors

AREAS OF SPECIALTY:

Social Psychology
Sociology of Education
Mathematical Modelling
Networks
Race and Ethnic Relations

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

American Sociological Association
Hawaii Sociological Association
American Educational Research Association

HONORS AND AWARDS:

UHH Outstanding Advisor/Mentor Award. 2005.

UHH Service Award. 2003.

UHH Service to Student Life Award. 2003.

PUBLICATIONS:

- 2006 "Human Services in Rural Areas." with Cheryl Ramos and Carol Ignacio. Edited by Gary Aguiar. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, Dubuque, Iowa.
- 2005 "Affirmative Action is an Acceptable Way to Address Discrimination: Pro" and "The 'War on Drugs' Should be Ended and Marijuana Decriminalized: Con." Debating the Issues, Edited by Robert P. Watson. Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company, Dubuque, Iowa.
- 2004 "Exploring the Purging Behavior of Asian-Pacific Adolescents in Guam: Does Heavy Television Viewing Make a Difference?" (With Thomas Pinhey) Deviant Behavior, 25(1): 27-41.
- 2003 Book Review: Social Movements, Civil Society, and Radical Adult Education. In The Social Science Journal.
- 2002 "An Analysis of Breeding and Selection Practices Among Pork Producers." (With Erik R. Cleveland and Gilbert R. Hollis) Journal for Hawaiian and Pacific Agriculture, 12:7-14.
- 2002 "Assessing the Organization: Accountability and Public Appeal." Public Administration: Cases in Managerial Role-Playing. Edited by Robert P. Watson. Longman, New York.
- 2001 "Critique of Student Government." Sociology Through Active Learning: Student Exercises. Edited by Kathleen McKinney, Frank D. Beck, and Barbara S. Heyl. Pine Forge Press, Thousand Oaks, California. Selected for inclusion in second edition published 2009.
- 2000 "A Survey of Breeding and Selection Practices Among Hawaii, Illinois, and Iowa Pork Producers." (With Erik R. Cleveland and Gilbert R. Hollis) Journal for Hawaiian and Pacific Agriculture, 11:51-59.

PUBLICATIONS (continued):

- 1999 "Critical Thinking in the Classroom: The Intentional Use of Flawed Material." "Cooperative Learning in the Classroom." "Sociology Major/Minor Requirements: A Small College Design." Teaching Sociology at Small Institutions. Edited by Eric Godfrey. Teaching Resource Center of the American Sociological Association.
- 1992 "The Reality of Cultural Diversity: Hawaii's Contribution To A Changing Europe." (with Jeffrey Crane). Non-European Youth and the Process of Integration. For a Tolerant Society. Trento, Italia.
- 1992 Sociology in Hawaii: Facts and Commentaries (with Jeffrey Crane, Jan Mejer and Anthony Blasi). Harper-Collins Publisher.
- 1991 "Social Dynamics of the Aloha State: The Population of Hawaii" (with Jeffrey L. Crane). In Politics and Public Policy in Hawaii. By Zachary Smith and Richard Pratt. State University of New York Press.
- 1990 "Factors Related to Persistence Among Asian, Black, Hispanic and White Undergraduates at a Predominantly White University: Comparisons Between First and Fourth Year Cohorts" (with Christine Bennett). The Urban Review, 22(1):33-60.
- 1985 "Explanations of Black Student Attrition in Predominantly White and Predominantly Black Universities" (with Christine Bennett). Integrated Education, Winter.

PAPERS PRESENTED:

- 2002 "Television and Self-Directed Deviance: A Research Note on the Purging Behavior of Asian-Pacific Males in Guam." With Thomas K. Pinhey and Rachel T. Leon Guerrero, Southwestern Sociological Association Meetings. New Orleans..
- 1999 "What's in a Name? Racial and Ethnic Identities." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Chicago.
- 1991 "The Reality of Cultural Diversity: Hawaii's Contribution To A Changing Europe." with Jeffrey Crane. International Congress: "Non European Youth and the Process of Integration For A Tolerant Society." Trento, Italia.

PAPERS PRESENTED (continued):

- 1990 "An Analysis of Attitudes and Applications of Breeding Practices Among Illinois Commercial Pork Producers." (with E. R. Cleveland, G. R. Hollis, M. Tsang, and M. L. Christiansen) Annual Meeting of the American Society of Animal Science.
- 1990 "An Analysis of Attitudes and Applications of Breeding Practices Among Iowa Commercial Pork Producers." (with E. R. Cleveland, M. Tsang, and M. L. Christiansen) Annual Meeting of the American Society of Animal Science.
- 1989 "Factors Related to Persistence Among Asian, Black, Hispanic, and White Undergraduates at a Predominantly White University: Comparison Between First and Fourth Year Cohorts." with Christine Bennett, Annual Meetings of the American Educational Research Association, San Francisco.
- 1988 "The Effects of a Multicultural Education Course on Preservice Teacher's Attitudes, Knowledge and Behavior." with Christine Bennett and Wu Xiao-yang, Annual Meetings of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans.
- 1988 "Interracial Contact, Attitudes and Social Adjustment Among Collegiate Student Athletes." Annual Committee on Institutional Cooperation Graduate Minority Conference, Bloomington, Indiana.
- 1986 "Social Factors in College Drop Outs." Annual Committee on Institutional Cooperation Graduate Minority Conference, East Lansing, Michigan.
- 1984 "Explanations of Black Student Attrition in Predominantly White and Predominantly Black Universities" with Christine Bennett, Annual Meeting of the American Educational Research Association, New Orleans.
- 1981 "A Probit Model Application of Housing Decisions in Indianapolis." Annual Committee on Institutional Cooperation Graduate Minority Fellowship Conference, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

August 1992 to Present. Associate Professor, University of Hawaii at Hilo. Duties include teaching occasionally over interactive television system and polycom for Early College and courses at the West Hawaii branch campus as well as the North Hawaii Education and Research Center (Honokaa).

July 1988 to July 1992. Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii at Hilo. Duties include teaching occasional courses at the West Hawaii branch campus.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (continued):

August 1987 to June 1988. Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Hawaii at Hilo.

August 1985 to July 1987. Associate Instructor, Indiana University-Purdue University, Columbus. Full responsibility for five sections of R121: Social Problems Through Science Fiction, one section each of R312: Sociology of Education, R420: Sociology of Education and R461: Race and Ethnic Relations.

August 1983 to July 1987. Associate Instructor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University. Full responsibility for eight sections of S230: Society and the Individual and one section of S101: Social Problems Through Science Fiction.

August 1981 to May 1983. Associate Instructor, Department of Mathematics, Indiana University. Full responsibility for four sections of M118: Finite Mathematics, joint responsibility with another Associate Instructor for two sections of M014: Algebra and assisting with a large section of M118: Finite Mathematics with duties including grading, the conducting of independent lab sessions and individual tutoring.

August 1978 to December 1978. Instructor for the Freshmen Seminar Program, University of Hawaii. One section of S100: Introduction to Sociology.

COURSES TAUGHT:

level)	Introduction to Sociology	Social Psychology (Sophomore and Senior
	Statistics	Socialization and Identity
	Social Problems	Sociology of Education
	Social Organizations	Sociology of Religion
	Practicum in Social Research	Race and Ethnic Relations
	Social Stratification	Social Institutions
	Internships	Career Opportunities
	Political Economy of Hawaii	Social Theory
level)	Research Methods (Junior, Master in Social Work and Master in Education	

Seminar in Higher Education Ethnic Groups in Hawaii (MEd)
College Algebra Finite Mathematics
Applied Calculus Theoretical Calculus I
Advanced Social Psychology (Med)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

August 1989 to present. Director, the Social Sciences Training and Research Laboratory.

Arranging, supervising and conducting of research projects as well as consulting on survey methods and data analysis. Includes surveys for private research firms, public agencies and intramural research needs. Examples of projects include Hilo Area Business Training Needs survey, Social Impact Assessments for development projects (e.g. Puainako Street Extension, Multi-Range Complex at Pohakuloa Training Area), Sampan Bus Service Expansion survey, UHH-Housing survey, Fear of Falling Among the Elderly survey, Office of Mauna Kea management phone survey and focus group survey, and UHH-Alcohol and Drug Use survey.

August 2004 to March 2005. Consultant for USPACOM Hawaii Public Schools Survey with Strategic Research Group, Columbus, Ohio.

August 2004 to May 2005. Field coordinator for Assessing Critical Thinking Project under National Science Foundation Grant through Tennessee Tech University, Principal Investigator Dr. Barry Stein.

January 2002. Directed Hawaii County Quality of Life Survey under grant from Hawaii County.

November 1989 to May 1990. Directed Hawaii County Homeless Survey, under subcontract to SMS as part of a statewide survey of the homeless.

August 1985 to August 1987. Consultant for research project funded by a PROFITT Grant, School of Education, Indiana University. (Director: Christine Bennett)

January 1982 to December 1983. Statistical Consultant for a research project funded by a Spencer Foundation Grant, School of Education, Indiana University. (Director: Christine Bennett)

January 1980 to June 1980. Participant, Indianapolis Area Project, Institute of Social Research, Indiana University. (Director: Susan A. Stephens)

PROFESSIONAL/SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Reviewer *Sociological Perspectives* 2010 to present.

Chair, Membership Committee, Section on Race, Class and Gender of the

American

Sociological Association, August 1999 to 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (continued):

Steering Committee, Section on Race, Class and Gender of the American Sociological Association. 1994 to 1999.

Gender
Selection Committee, Outstanding Research Article Award, Race, Class and Section. American Sociological Association 2008 and 2009, Outstanding Graduate Research Paper 2010.

Steering Committee, Section on Mathematical Sociology of the American Sociological Association. 1995-1996.

Chair Roundtable at Annual Meetings of the Hawaii Sociological Association. 1994, 1992, and 1991.

Vice-President Hawaii Sociological Association. 1993 to 1994.

Secretary/Treasurer Hawaii Sociological Association. 1990 to 1991.

ADMINISTRATIVE/POLICY DUTIES:

Chair, Social Sciences Division. July 2003 to June 2006.

Chair, Education Department. July 2005 to August 2007.

Co-Chair, Education Department. July 2004-June 2005.

Chair, Department of Sociology. June 1999 to June 2003.

Administrator Computer Based Testing Center for ETS 1993 to 2009.

External Reviewer for Proposal for Qualification in Physical Pursuits by Te Wananga-o-Raukawa (Maori University) New Zealand. 2005.

North Hawaii Education and Research Planning Committee. 2001 to 2010. Including serving on Curriculum subcommittee.

North Hawaii Education and Research Center Community Advisory Board, 2010 to present.

UH-Hilo Student Life and Special Events Center Planning Committee. 2001 to 2004.

Academic Technology Strategic Plan Committee. 2005 to 2006.

Academic Technology Advisory Committee/Academic Computing Advisory Committee, one year as Chair. 1995 to 2002.

ADMINISTRATIVE/POLICY DUTIES (continued):

Educational Technology Committee. 1996 to 2004.

UHH Budget Committee. 1997 to 1998.

UHH Retention Task Force. 1997 to 1998.

University of Hawaii System Marketing Plan Task Force. 1997 to 1998.

Director of Institutional Research, UHH. 1992 to 1994.

Institutional Research Committee, UHH. 1999-2000.

Academic Computing Committee. 1992 to 1993.

PC Users Advisory Committee. 1992 to 1993.

College of Arts and Sciences Writing Program Committee. 1992.

Interim College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Committee on Admissions. 1991.

Study Group on Admission Standards, Provisional Admissions, Advising, Remediation, etc. 1990 to 1991.

College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate. 1989 to 1993.

Freshman Year Experience Committee. 1989 to 1991.

Presidential Educational Improvement Fund Grant Committee. 1989.

Campus Assessment Committee. 1989.

UHH Council Ad Hoc Writing Intensive Program Committee. 1988 to 1990.

UHH Values Assessment Task Force. 1988 to 1989.

Social Science Division Computer Committee. 1988 to 1989.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEES:

Social Science Division Personnel Committee. 2009-2010, Chair 2008-2009, 2007-2008, Chair 2002-2003, 2000-1999, Chair 1998-1999, 1997-1998, 1994-1995.

Tenure Promotion Review Committee 1994, 2008 and 2017.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEES (continued):

Search Committees, CAS Dean, Sociology Department (eight positions), Department of Health and Physical Education, Department of Education (twelve positions),

Electronic Technician I, Computer Technician IT Specialist, Student Life Programmer, Student Leadership Development Coordinator, Institutional Researcher, Recruiter/Outreach Specialist.

Student Activities Council Selection Committee. Chair 1998.

Representative, University of Hawaii Professional Assembly (Union). 1991 to 1995.

STUDENT LIFE INVOLVEMENTS:

Faculty Advisor Sociology Club. 1989 to present.

Faculty Advisor UHSA (student government) 2001 to 2002, 2003 to 2006.

Faculty Athletics Representative. 1997 to 1999.

Academic Coordinator, UHH Women's Softball Team. 1994 to 1998.

Faculty Advisor Ke Kalaheea (school newspaper). 1994 to 1995.

Board of Directors, UHH Athletic Booster Club, including one year on Budget Committee and one year as Chair Nominations Committee. 1994 to 1997.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Hawaii Historic Place Review Board July 2015 to present.

Local School Board for Ke Ana La'ahana Public Charter School 2014 to present.

Friends of Liliuokalani Gardens Board March 2016 to present.

Hui Kaua (Community based Alumni and Friends Organization) charter member, Executive Board 2007-2014.

Governor's Council of Advisors for East Hawaii. 2004 to 2012, Chair 2002-2004, 2005-2006.

Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce Sustainable Tourism Task Force. 2004 to 2005.

Downtown Hilo Visioning Task Force. 2004 to 2005.

Hawaii Island United Way Strategic Management Committee. 1995 to 1998.

Ho'onani Hawai'i Nei Impact of Littering Symposium Organizer. 1994.

Presentation on role of research for Sales and Marketing Committee of the Hawaii Island Chamber of Commerce. 1994.

Guest Lecture, Waiakea High School. 1993.

Guest Lecturer Hilo High School, 2014, 2015.