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### **EDUCATION**

M.A., 1972, Ph.D., 1975 (Sociology), Temple University

Post-doctoral: National Science Foundation short courses,  
National Endowment for the Humanities summer seminars

### **EMPLOYMENT**

2002–2016 Distinguished College Professor and Senior Fellow (Young Center), Elizabethtown College  
2003–2004 Interim Provost, Elizabethtown College  
1996–2002 Provost and Professor of Anabaptist Studies, Messiah College  
1994–1996 Carl W. Zeigler Professor of Religion and Philosophy, Elizabethtown College  
1989–1996 Director, Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown College  
1971–1993 Assistant, Associate, and Professor of Sociology, Elizabethtown College

### **BOOKS**

*What the Amish Teach Us*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2021. 200 pp. Cloth.

*Simply Amish: An Essential Guide*. Harrisonburg, VA: Herald Press, 2018, 96 pp. Paper.

*Eastern Mennonite University: A Century of Countercultural Education*. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2017. 406 pp. Cloth.

*The Amish of Lancaster County*. Lanham, MD: Stackpole Books, an imprint of Rowman & Littlefield, 2019. 2nd ed. 108 pp. Paper.

*The Upside-Down Kingdom*. (A sociological analysis of the synoptic gospels). Harrisonburg, VA: Herald Press, 2018. 40th anniversary ed. 300 pp. Paper. Over 100,000 in print. National Religious Book Award, 1979. United Kingdom edition, London: Marshall, Morgan & Scott, 1985. Translated into nine languages.

*Renegade Amish: Beard Cutting, Hate Crimes, and the Trial of the Bergholz Barbers*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2014. 232 pp. Cloth.

*The Amish*, with Karen M. Johnson-Weiner and Steven M. Nolt. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013. 500 pp. Cloth. Selected as Outstanding Academic Book by *Choice*.

*Concise Encyclopedia of Amish, Brethren, Hutterites, and Mennonites*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010. 328 pp. Cloth.

*The Amish Way: Patient Faith in a Perilous World*, with Steven M. Nolt and David L. Weaver-Zercher. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2010. 288 pp. Cloth and paper.

*The Amish of Lancaster County*. Mechanicsburg, PA: Stackpole, 2008. 96 pp. Paper. Japanese translation, 2009.

*Amish Grace: How Forgiveness Transcended Tragedy*, with Steven M. Nolt and David L. Weaver-Zercher. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass, 2007. 256 pp. Cloth. Paperback edition, 2010. Japanese translation, 2008. German translation, 2009. Korean translation, 2010. Chinese and French translations pending. Recipient of a 2008 Award of Merit from *Christianity Today*. Selected as a Best Book of 2007 by *Publisher's Weekly* and as a Best Spiritual Book of 2007 by *Spirituality & Practice*.

*Horse-and-Buggy Mennonites: Hoofbeats of Humility in a Postmodern World*, with James P. Hurd. Pennsylvania German History and Culture Series. State College, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2006. 312 pp. Cloth and paper.

*Amish Enterprise: From Plows to Profits*, with Steven M. Nolt. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004. 2nd ed. 286 pp. Cloth and paper. Selected as Outstanding Academic Book by *Choice*.

*The Amish and the State* (ed). Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2003. 2nd ed. 350 pp. Cloth and paper. Selected as Outstanding Academic book by *Choice*.

*Who Are the Anabaptists? Amish, Brethren, Hutterites, and Mennonites*. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 2003. 48 pp. Paper.

*The Amish: Why They Enchant Us*. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 2003. 48 pp. Paper.

*Where was God on September 11?: Seeds of Faith and Hope*, with Linda Gehman Peachey. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 2002. 215 pp. Paper.

*On the Backroad to Heaven: Old Order Hutterites, Mennonites, Amish, and Brethren*, with Carl D. Bowman. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001. 330 pp. Cloth and paper.

*The Riddle of Amish Culture*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001. rev. ed. 400 pp. Cloth and paper. 85,000 in print. French translation, 2004.

*Anabaptist World USA*, with C. Nelson Hostetter. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 2001. 350 pp. Paper.

*The Riddles of Human Society*, with Conrad L. Kanagy. Thousand Oaks, CA: Pine Forge Press, 1999. 375 pp. Paper.

*Building Communities of Compassion: Mennonite Mutual Aid in Theory and Practice*, with Willard M. Swartley (eds). Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1998. 320 pp. Paper.

*The Puzzles of Amish Life*. Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 1998. rev. ed. 126 pp. Paper. Japanese trans., 1996.

*The Amish Struggle with Modernity*, with Marc A. Olshan (eds). Hanover, NH: University Press of New England, 1994. 256 pp. Cloth and paper.

*Old Order Amish: Their Enduring Way of Life*, with Lucian Niemeyer. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1993. 190 pp. Cloth. Paper edition, 1996.

*Mennonite Peacemaking: From Quietism to Activism*, with Leo Driedger. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1994. 345 pp. Paper.

*Passing on the Faith: The Story of a Mennonite School*. Intercourse, PA: Good Books, 1991. 315 pp. Paper.

*Facing Nuclear War: A Plea for Christian Witness*. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1982. 306 pp. Paper.

*Perils of Professionalism: Essays on Christian Faith and Professionalism*, with Phyllis P. Good (eds). Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1982. 240 pp. Paper.

*Nuclear War and Lancaster County*, with John P. Ranck. Elizabethtown, PA: Star Co., 1981. 106 pp. Paper.  
*Mennonite Education: Issues, Facts, and Changes*. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1978. 77 pp. Paper.

*Ethnic Education: The Impact of Mennonite Schooling*. San Francisco: R & E Research Associates, 1977. 161 pp.

*Our Star-Spangled Faith*. Scottdale, PA: Herald Press, 1976. 216 pp. Paper.

## **SELECTED ARTICLES, CHAPTERS, AND PAPERS**

“How Do We Know What We Know About the Amish and Other Minorities?” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 58, no. 3 (2019):743-752.

“Anabaptist Forgiveness in Cultural Context: An Amish Example.” In *The Philosophy of Forgiveness in World Religions* vol. III, edited by Gregory L. Bock, 33-46. Wilmington, DE: Vernon Press, 2018.

“Language Use among Anabaptist Groups,” with Steven M. Nolt, and Edsel Burdge Jr. In *Pennsylvania Germans: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*, edited by Simon J. Bronner and Joshua R. Brown, 108-130. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2017.

“Use of Old Order Anabaptist-Produced Publications to Develop an Injury Surveillance System for Old Order Populations,” with Paul Jones, William Field, and Stephen Scott. *Journal of Amish and Plain Anabaptist Studies* 1, no. 2 (2013): 17-30.

“Forgiveness in the Face of Tragedy: The Amish at Nickel Mines.” In *Just Peace: Ecumenical, Intercultural, and Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, edited by Fernando Enns and Annette Mosher, 201-214. Eugene, OR: Pickwick Publications, 2013.

“Culturally Competent Safety Interventions for Children in Old Order Anabaptist Communities,” with Jerene M. Gilliam. *Journal of Agromedicine* 17, no. 2 (2012): 247-250.

“The Amish Family,” with Gertrude Enders Huntington. In *Ethnic Families in America: Patterns and Variations*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed., edited by Charles H. Mindel, Robert W. Habenstein, Roosevelt Wright, Jr. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2011.

“Sources of Enterprise Success in Amish Communities,” with Steven M. Nolt and Erik J. Wesner. *The Journal of Enterprising Communities: People and Places in the Global Economy* 5, no. 2 (2011): 112-130.

“Amish Enterprise: The Collective Power of Ethnic Entrepreneurship,” with Steven M. Nolt and Erik J. Wesner. *Global Business and Economics Review* 12, nos. 1 & 2 (2010): 3-20.

“Imitating God: Nickel Mines, Forgiveness, and Yoder.” *Brethren Life and Thought* 54, no. 4 (2009): 1-13.

“Forgiveness and Apology: The Amish, Yoder, and Peacebuilding.” Presented as the John Howard Yoder Dialogues on Nonviolence, Religion and Peace at the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies at Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, September 26, 2008.

- “Amish Informants: Mediating Humility and Publicity.” In *The Amish and the Media*, edited by Diane Zimmerman Umble and David L. Weaver-Zercher. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008.
- “Farm-Related Injuries Among Old Order Anabaptist Children: Developing a Baseline from which to Formulate and Assess Future Prevention Strategies,” with Jerene M. Gilliam, Paul J. Jones, William E. Field, and Stephen E. Scott. *Journal of Agromedicine* 12, no. 3 (2007): 11-23.
- “Bush Fever: Amish and Old Order Mennonites in the 2004 Presidential Campaign,” with Kyle C. Kopko. *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 81 (April 2007): 165-205.
- “Amish Grace and the Rest of Us,” with Steven Nolt and David Weaver-Zercher. *Proteus: A Journal of Ideas* 24, no. 2 (Fall 2007), 55-60.
- “Amish Forgiveness Touches the World.” *Der Reggeboge* 41 no. 1 (2007).
- “The Redemptive Community: An Island of Sanity and Silence.” In *Writing the Amish: The Worlds of John A. Hostetler*, edited by David L. Weaver-Zercher. University Park, PA: Pennsylvania State University Press, 2004.
- “Negotiating with the Modern World.” *Christian History and Biography* 84 (Fall 2004), 37-41.
- “Amish Shunning: Rituals of Purification and Shaming,” with Amos Stoltzfus. Presented at the Interdisciplinary Conference on Ritual in Anabaptist Communities, Hillsdale College, MI, June 2003.
- “The Provost’s Seminar: Building Community and Commitment.” *About Campus* 7 no. 5 (2002), 25-27.
- “How Will the Internet Change Society?” In *Mapping the Social Landscape: Readings in Sociology*. 3rd ed. Comp. Susan J. Ferguson. Boston: McGraw-Hill, 2002.
- “Select Your Mother Carefully: Reflections on a Sociological Journey.” In *Minding the Church*, edited by David Weaver-Zercher. Telford, PA: Pandora Press, 2002.
- “Amish Economics: The Interface of Religious Values and Economic Interests.” In *Christianity and Culture Economics*, edited by Donald A. Hay and Alan Kreider. Cardiff: University of Wales Press, 2001.
- “The Social Architecture of Amish Society.” In *Mapping the Social Landscape: Readings in Sociology*, 2nd ed., compiled by Susan J. Ferguson. Mountain View, CA: Mayfield Publishing Company, 1999.
- “Plain Reservations: Amish and Mennonite Views of Media and Computers.” *Journal of Mass Media Ethics* 13, no. 2 (1998): 99-110.
- “The Rise of Entrepreneurship in Two Old Order Amish Communities,” with Conrad Kanagy. *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 70, no. 3 (July 1996): 263-79.
- “Social Change among the Old Order Amish.” Paper presented to American Association for the Advancement of Science, Baltimore, MD, February 1996.
- “From Enclave to Engagement: MCC and the Transformation of Mennonite Identity.” Invited paper for MCC 75th Anniversary Symposium in Fresno, CA, March 1995. *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 70 (Jan. 1996): 23-58.
- “Nonagricultural Micro-Enterprise Development Among the Pennsylvania Amish: A New Phenomenon,” with S. Smith, J. Findeis, and S. Nolt. *Journal of Rural Studies* 13, no. 3 (1996): 237-51.

“The Quiltwork of Amish Culture.” Introductory essay in *A Quiet Spirit: Amish Quilts from the Collection of Cindy Tietze and Stuart Hodosh*. Los Angeles, CA: UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History, 1996.

“The Riddle of Amish Culture.” Paper presented at the International Conference on the Amish Tricentennial 1693-1993, Alsace, France. Published in *Les Amish: Origine et Particularismes 1693-1993*, edited by Lydie Hege and Christoph Wiebe, Ingersheim: AFHAM, 1996.

“Modernity: Meaning and Measures.” In *Anabaptist-Mennonite Identities in Ferment*, edited by Leo Driedger and Leland Harder. Elkhart, IN: Institute of Mennonite Studies, 1990.

“Marketing the Amish Soul,” with John A. Hostetler. In *Image Ethics*, edited by Larry P. Gross, John Stuart Katz, and Jay Ruby. New York: Oxford University Press, 1988.

“The Mennonite Woman's Veiling: The Rise and Fall of a Sacred Symbol.” *Mennonite Quarterly Review* 61 (July 1987): 298-320.

“Amish, Mennonites, and Brethren in the Modern Era,” with Donald R. Fitzkee. *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 10 (April 1987): 2-11.

“At the Crossroads of Modernity: Amish, Mennonites, and Brethren in Lancaster County in 1880.” *Pennsylvania Mennonite Heritage* 10 (Jan. 1987): 2-12.

“Suicide Patterns in a Religious Subculture: The Old Order Amish,” with J.A. Hostetler. *International Journal of Moral and Social Studies* 1 (Autumn 1986): 249-64.

## ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

“Amische.” In *Mennonitisches Lexikon (MennLex)*, 2013. <http://www.mennlex.de/doku.php?id=top:amische>.

“Amish.” In *Gale Encyclopedia of Multicultural America*. Vol. 1. New York: Gale Research Inc., 2013.

“Amish,” “Anabaptist Movement and Its Theology,” “Brethren (Church of the) and Its Theology,” “Hutterites,” “Anabaptist Movement,” “Radical Reformation.” In *The Cambridge Dictionary of Christianity*. Ed. Daniel M. Patte. New York: Oxford University Press, 2010.

“Amish,” “Hutterites,” “Mennonites.” In *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*. Ed. Richard T. Schaefer. Los Angeles: Sage Publications, 2008.

“Amish,” “Quakers,” with Cynthia L. Nolt. In *The New Book of Knowledge*. Danbury, CT: Scholastic Library Publishing, 2005.

“Amish.” In *Encyclopedia of Protestantism*. Vol. 1. Ed. Hans J. Hillerbrand. New York: Routledge, 2004.

“Amish.” In *Encyclopedia of Community*. Vol. 1. Ed. Karen Christensen and David Levinson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications, 2003.

“Amusements,” “Automobile,” “Civil Religion,” “Motion Pictures,” “Nuclear Weapons,” “Professions,” “Radio,” “Tourism.” In *The Mennonite Encyclopedia*. Vol. 5. Ed. C.J. Dyck. Scottsdale, PA: Herald Press, 1990.

## **HONORS**

Alumnus of the Year, Eastern Mennonite University, 2008  
Distinguished Sociologist Award, Pennsylvania Sociological Society, Fall 2007  
Founder's Award, Mid-Atlantic Undergraduate Research Conference, 2000  
Centennial Award for Distinguished Service to Elizabethtown College, 2000  
Exceptional Performance Award, Elizabethtown College, yearly 1987–1995  
Professor of the Year, Teaching and Leadership Award, Elizabethtown College, 1990  
Steinman Award for Excellence in Research, Elizabethtown College, 1983

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Series editor, Young Center Books in Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005–2016  
Consultant for media projects on Amish culture including *The Amish* produced by American Experience for PBS, 2012  
Consultant and expert witness, US Department of Justice, 2012  
Reviewer for NEH Collaborative Research Program proposals, 1999, 2006, 2010  
Editorial board, *Encyclopedia of American Folklife*, 2002–2006  
Editorial board, Pennsylvania German Society, 2000–2009  
Advisor, “Old Order Anabaptist Communities of Indiana.” Lilly Foundation, 2000–2003  
Consulting editor, Johns Hopkins University Press, Center Series on Anabaptist Studies, 1995–2004  
Review panelist for NEH fellowships in political science and sociology, 1994  
Commonwealth Speaker, Pennsylvania Humanities Council, various years

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Fetzer Institute Grant (2006, 2008), Louisville Institute Grant (1994–1995, 2006–2008), Kauffman Foundation Grant (2006–2008), NEH Collaborative Research Grant (2005–2008), Schowalter Foundation Grant (2005–2006), MMA Church Member Profile Grant (2004–2007), NEH Challenge Grant (2004–2008), Foundation for Improvement of Post Secondary Education Grant (2000–2003), Sauder Foundation Grant (2002), Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Grant (1993), Center for Rural Pennsylvania Grant (1992), Mennonite Central Committee Research Grant (1982, 1992), NEH Senior Research Fellowship (1991), Pennsylvania Humanities Council Conference Grant (1991), Elizabethtown College Faculty Research Grant (1976, 1985, 1991), NEH Summer Research Stipend (1990), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Research Grant (1988), C. Henry Smith Peace Lectureship (1987), NEH Senior Research Fellowship (1986), Mennonite Historical Society Research Grant (1986), NEH Summer Fellowship, Yale University (1979)

## **MEMBERSHIPS**

The American Sociological Association, The Pennsylvania Sociological Society,  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Association for the Sociology of Religion

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Additional Selected Papers/Chapters/Articles

Invited Lectures/Presentations

Education/Civic Group Presentations

Religious Group Presentations

Dissertation/Thesis Advising

Book Reviews

Editorial Consulting on Book Manuscripts