



Sociologist At Valdosta State University

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# How did I get here?



# It was the Valdosta State University Sociology Department

- Meet my Sociology awesome Professors. They set the foundation for my future in education.
- The U-Can! Man is yearnings to become one of America's future sociologists.
- **If they Can, I Can!**

# Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Criminal Justice



Darrell L. Ross, Ph.D.

Professor and Department Head

- The faculty of the Department are experts in their respective disciplines and are passionately engaged in teaching excellence, highly active in quality research and scholarship, and provide service to the profession and the community.

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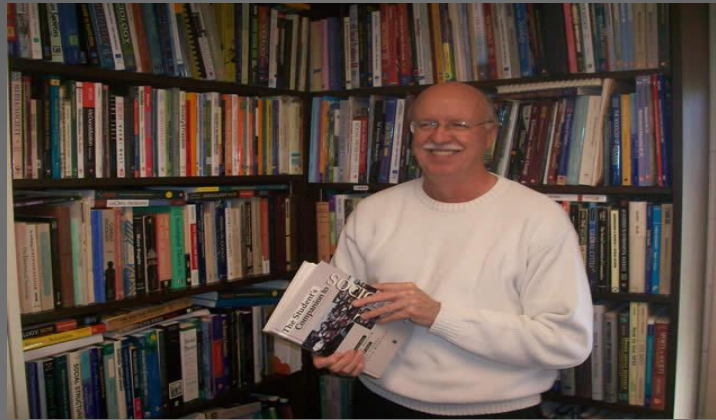
## Sociology Faculty Team

- [Dr. Chet Ballard](#)
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**IF EVERYONE IS MOVING  
FORWARD TOGETHER,  
THEN SUCCESS TAKES  
CARE OF ITSELF.**

**HENRY FORD**

Dr. Chet Ballard, Professor of Sociology  
Coordinator of the M.S. Sociology Degree Program  
Ph.D. (Sociology), Texas A & M University, 1980



- My career as a sociologist, teacher, researcher, and community volunteer has produced over 45 publications including articles, research reports, monographs, and three co-edited books:, Giants of Sociology: A Little Guide to the Big Names in Sociological Theory (2006) with Lenny Steverson, The Student's Companion to Sociology (1997) with two British co-authors, and Order and Change:...



Dr. Kathleen Lowney, Professor of Sociology  
Ph.D. (Religion and Society), Drew University, 1986



- And now? Well, I am in the early stages of writing about professional wrestling, especially the WWF. The first article is an analysis of professional wrestling as soap opera for men. My second article is on how the WWF parodied one of its critics, the Parents Television Council, by creating the wrestling faction, Right To Censor. So if you are a fan of The Rock, 'Taker, Jericho, or any other wrestler -- stop by and chat a while!!

Dr. Carl Hand, Professor of Sociology  
Coordinator of Sociology Undergraduate Programs  
Ph.D. (Sociology), University of Tennessee, 1986



- I've recently become interested in community sociology-the place where almost all sociological interests come together. My current writing efforts involve the greening of Christianity, and teaching social theory. I guess I owe my eclecticism to a broad liberal arts education. For hobbies, I scuba dive and mountain bike and try to otherwise stay physically active. I also like playing guitar and piano for relaxation.

Dr. Ginger Macheski, Professor of Sociology  
Ph.D. (Sociology), Michigan State University, 1986



- Sociology was not even something I had ever heard of before I went to college, (the first person in my family to do so) but over time sociology became both my world view and my vocation. As an undergraduate I was a psychology major and I was politically active. Through the peace movement and the women's movement, I learned to ask why? who benefits? and maybe more importantly why not? which left room for social change. Right along beside me asking the same questions and with some answers were Sociology faculty at Michigan State. So it made sense when I decided upon more school after my B.A. to apply to Sociology graduate programs.

Dr. Dana Williams, Professor of Sociology  
Ph.D. (Sociology), Drew University, 1986



- Dr. Williams has an interest in classroom critical thinking strategies and the creation of student-managed learning spaces.

Dr. Thomas R. Hochschild Jr., Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Ph.D. (Sociology), University of Connecticut, 2011



While I enjoy doing research, and have published several papers in peer-reviewed journals, my primary passion is teaching. What I enjoy most about teaching is helping students find a sociological issue that moves them personally, and then working with them to develop the analytical and research skills to more fully understand and address the issue.

Dr. Suzanne Slusser, Ph.D  
Professor of Sociology  
Ph.D. (Sociology), University of Akron, 2009



Outside the classroom, Professor Slusser has been involved in creating, a regularly-scheduled, Social Issues in Film Series that invites the campus community to discuss contemporary social issues through film. Additionally, she has previously worked with adjunct faculty to better their working conditions.

Her other interests include biking, wood working, historic building restoration, sewing, bread baking, permaculture, anti-capitalist self-sufficiency projects, and reading.

Dr. Michael Gary Meacham,  
Professor of Sociology,  
Ph.D, (Sociology), LCSW, DCSW, University of Kansas



He has been a full time educator since 1997 and has taught graduate courses in the social work program and undergraduate courses in the sociology program. He was awarded the 2006 – Valdosta State University Excellence in Service Award and the University President’s Citation for excellence in work as Executive Secretary of Faculty Senate. He has done over 100 presentations in social work and sociology and 25 articles, including one book. His interests are in street gangs, clinical issues, and the sociology of religion, but presently he is working with colleagues in Psychology on an international study on autism.

## Dr. Anne M. Price



Anne M. Price received her Ph.D. in Sociology from Ohio State University in 2011. Her teaching and research specializations are in political/comparative sociology, social movements, and methodology, with a particular focus on gender. In previous and current work, she has examined the success of a campaign against sexual harassment of women in Egypt; cross-national variation in attitudes towards women's employment rights; the potential for political protest in the Middle East; and the influence of religion on attitudes towards democracy



**Dr. Tracy Woodward Myers**  
**Professor of Sociology**

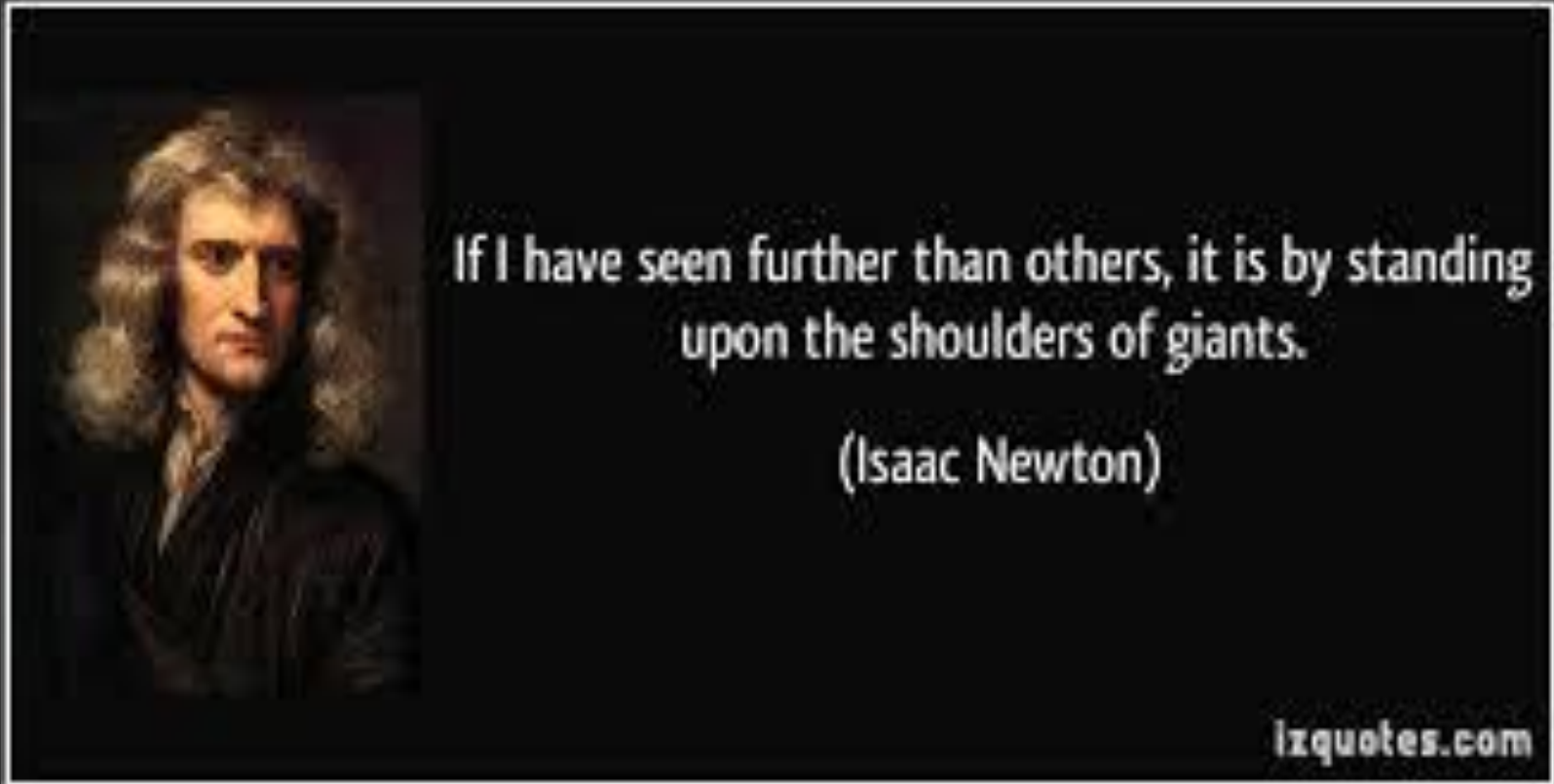
Ph.D. (Human Sciences), Florida State University, 1996



I have been teaching at Valdosta State University since 1994. My teaching interests include sociology of gender, sociology of family, gender in popular culture, intimate partner violence, global feminism, and race, class, gender, and sexuality. My current research focuses on sexual attitudes, behaviors, and experiences among college students. I have published articles and book chapters regarding secondary traumatic stress in child protective service workers. I have also published strategies for conducting successful sexual assault interviews. I am very involved on campus and in the community advocating for social justice. I think everyone can benefit from a minor in Women's and Gender Studies.

# Bottom-Line

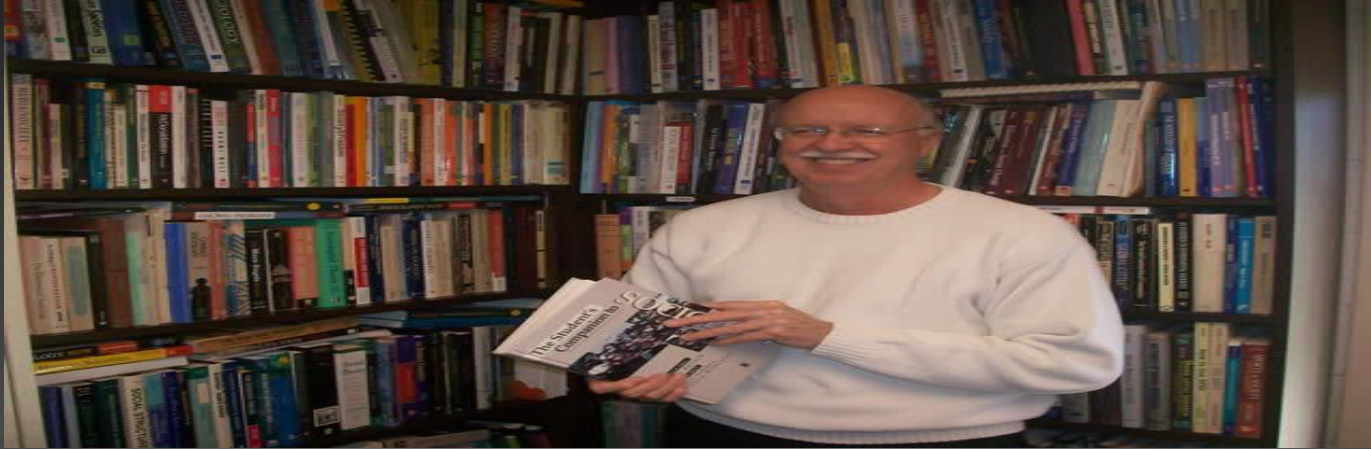
- This is Your Time To Shine



If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants.

(Isaac Newton)

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“You have learned a lot, and your challenge with your sociology degree is to go out and be a ‘do gooder.’ If you can create a one-size-fits-all product, you will be able to help solve problems around the world.”



# Always Remember U-CAN!

- U- You
- C- Capture your message, moments, memories, moments, memories
- A- Attack every Job Search with your best effort
- N- Never be defeated



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