

Curriculum Vitae: Karl T. Pfeiffer

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Education: Doctor of Philosophy: South Dakota State University - Brookings, South Dakota: 1993. Sociology major. Areas of concentration: formal organizations, research methodology, and social theory. Minor: demography. Dissertation Title: *Alaskan Native Suicide*. GPA: 4.0.

Master of Arts: Loyola University of Chicago: 1981 (Sociology).

Bachelor of Science: Loyola University of Chicago: 1978 (Psychology).

Teaching Experience:

<u>Course (level)</u>	<u>Number of Sections</u>
Introduction to Sociology (101)	34
Introduction to Social Welfare (106)	1
Social Problems and Solutions (201)*	23
Sociology of Deviant Behavior (343)	6
Social Science Research Methods (361)*	5
Theories of Sociology (402)	12
Environmental Sociology (404)	1
Formal Organizations (407)*	13
Evaluation Research and Change (454)*	2
Sociology Practicum (487)*	18
Sociology Directed/Independent Study (499)	14
Capstone Seminar (488)*	3
Selected Topics: Circumpolar Health Issues (HS 690)	2
Program Evaluation (HS/SWK 628)	1

Courses marked with an asterisk have service-learning options. They have produced job placements for a number of students, and evaluation research projects for the Anchorage School District Alternative Career Education Program, ASETS, STAR, the Anchorage Center for Families, the Anchorage Boys and Girls Clubs, the UAA Center for Human Development, and the Alaska Workers' Association. Other service learning placements have supported Catholic Social Services, Anchorage AIDS Assistance Agency, various Anchorage School District Schools, ARCA, Special Olympics, Bean's Café, Brother Francis Shelter, local food banks, Providence Extended Care Program, Providence Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Hope Community Resources, The Office of Public Advocacy, The Office of Children's Services, and other community service agencies.

Fall 2002 – Present: Associate Professor of Sociology (tenured), University of Alaska Anchorage.

Fall 1995 – Spring 2002: Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Alaska Anchorage.

Fall 1994 – Spring 1995: Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Alaska Anchorage, Sociology Department

Fall, 1990: Term Instructor with the University of Alaska Anchorage, Sociology Department.

1989 - Spring 1994: Adjunct Instructor, University of Alaska Anchorage, Sociology Department.

Research Experience:

- 1997 - August 2000: Evaluation and Research Coordinator for the Center for Human Development: University Affiliated Program. Duties involve evaluation planning and analysis for projects related to services for people experiencing disabilities. Grant preparation and supervision of research assistants were additional responsibilities.
- 1996: Contract Research Analyst for the Bering Sea Partnership for a Healthy Community. Duties involved statistical analysis of survey data collected in Bering Sea communities regarding drug and alcohol use, related attitudes, behavior, and problems.
- 1993 - 1994: Community Impacts Planning Project Advisor and Contract Administrator, Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (RCAC), a private, non-profit citizens' organization promoting environmentally safe oil industry operations in the Prince William Sound area. Duties involved the administration of community impacts research, and contingency planning for future oil spills.
- 1992 - 1993: Contract Administrator, Prince William Sound Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (RCAC). Duties involved contract administration of RCAC's Socioeconomic Impact and Mitigation Strategies research contract with University of Alaska's Institute for Social and Economic Research.
- 1992 - 1993: Research Analyst/Consultant, Anchorage Partnership for a Healthy Community, a federally funded community-based drug and alcohol abuse prevention program.

Professional Experience:

- 1989 - 1993: Business Manager, Board Member and primary incorporator of Educational and Residential Specialists of Alaska (ERSA), Anchorage, Alaska. Created and managed a grass-roots non-profit social service agency for people with physical, mental, and developmental disabilities.
- 1987 - 1991: Resource Specialist, Hope Cottages, Inc. - Anchorage, Alaska. Responsibilities included local and rural outreach case management for 25-30 children and adults with developmental disabilities, and supervision of 5 - 7 group homes and staff providing related residential programs.
- 1985 - 1987: Program Director - Try House Center, Marshall, Minnesota. Program administration for a licensed residential treatment facility for emotionally disturbed adolescents.
- 1983 - 1985: Cottage Consultant/Case Manager - Presbyterian Home for Children, Farmington, Missouri.
- 1981 - 1983: Group Leader - Arden Shore Home for Boys, Lake Bluff, Illinois. Worked as primary therapist and case manager for delinquent boys.

1980 - 1981: Group Leader - Sunnyridge Family Center, Wheaton, Illinois. Worked as primary therapist and case manager for delinquent boys.

1977 - 1979: Teacher Aid and Counselor: direct-care staff positions for the North Suburban Special Education District, Lake Forest, Illinois; and The Evanston Children's Home, Evanston, Illinois. These were part-time positions during college and postgraduate studies.

Research Activity:

- "A Briefing Paper to the Hunger Initiative Committee of the Anchorage United Way: Historical and Demographic Data Related to the Problem of Hunger in Anchorage 1970-2005." United Way internal report. Unpublished. 2005.
- *An Introduction to Formal Organizations* is a textbook in preparation, under a contract with Prentice-Hall. (See "Work in Progress" section.)
- "Centers for Community-Service Learning and Applied Research: A Review of Selected Metropolitan Colleges and Universities." This project was conducted under contract with the Office of Academic Affairs during the summer session 1999, in support of planning for a similar center as part of the University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Community Risk Index, 1998-2000. Work in progress with the Center for Human Development. This project involves the development and validation of an index for measuring risk and changes in degree of risk associated with people in community-based placement for treatment of deviant sexual behavior. A paper on the Community Risk Index was presented at the 1999 American Sociological Association Conference. (Specific dates and location are listed in the Professional Development section.)
- A Survey of High Risk Programs, 1998-2000. Completed project with the Center for Human Development. A paper on the Survey of High Risk Programs was presented at the 1999 TASH conference in December. (Specific dates and location are listed in the Professional Development section.) A separate paper on this project authored by K. Ward, J. Trigler, and K. Pfeiffer was published by the refereed journal *Mental Retardation*.
- Alaska Works Project Evaluation, 1999-2000. This is a five year, federally funded systems change grant involving UAA's Center for Human Development, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. It is intended to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities. It involves regular training and presentation of project results for the Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) and the Social Security Administration (SSA) in Washington, DC. A paper on this project was presented at the 2000 American Sociological Association Conference in Washington, D.C. (Specific dates and location are listed in the Professional Development section.)

- Evaluation of the Video Futures Project, 1998. A project coordinated through UAA Center for Human Development.
- Evaluation of Alaska Center for Deaf Adults Rural Outreach for Vocational Rehabilitation (ROVR) Grant, 1998. A project coordinated through UAA Center for Human Development.
- Evaluation of Employment First Program for Southcentral Counseling, 1997. A project coordinated through UAA Center for Human Development.
- Evaluation of Community Networks Project for Alaska Department of Mental Health - Developmental Disabilities Unit, 1997. A project coordinated through UAA Center for Human Development.
- Evaluation of Supplemental Assistance for Facilities to Assist the Homeless Program (SAFAH) for the Alaska Housing Finance Commission, 1997. A project coordinated through UAA Center for Human Development.
- Evaluation of the Assistive Technology Project for the Alaska Department of Vocational Rehabilitation, 1997. A project coordinated through UAA Center for Human Development.

Research Interests:

- Applied Sociology: human service and public health program development and evaluation.
- Formal Organizations: the formation, management and administration of efficient and effective corporations, particularly non-profit social welfare organizations.
- Social Problems: the social-psychological dimensions of suicide, crime, homelessness, addiction, and social deviance, and the development and evaluation of effective treatment and social policy for reducing these problems.

Professional Development

- Attended "The Neuropsychiatry of Aggression." Educational seminar presented by North Star Behavioral Health System on July 22, 2005.
- Attended the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology Symposium: "Antimicrobial Resistance: Trends and Impact on Clinical and Public Health Practice in Alaska – When Good Bugs Go Bad." May 5-6, 2005, Anchorage, Alaska.
- Attended the American Sociological Association Conference, August 12-16, 2000 in Washington, DC and presented a paper: "Evaluating Welfare Systems Change in Alaska: The Alaska Works Project."
- Attended the Pacific Sociological Association Conference, March 23 - 26, 2000, San Diego, CA and presented a paper: "Student Priorities: A Research Methods Exercise in Survey Development." I also participated in two student paper sessions as the presider for "Undergraduate Student Papers: Minorities," and as a discussant for "Undergraduate Student Papers: Crime and Delinquency."

- Attended the 1999 TASH Conference in Chicago, Illinois December 8-11, 1999 to present two papers: "Community Services for People with Inappropriate or Deviant Sexual Behaviors," co-authored with Karen Ward, and "Indexing Community Risk for Treatment of Sexual Deviance," co-authored with Karen Ward.
- Attended the Social Security Administration/Rehabilitation Services Administration Projects' Annual Meeting, September 22-25, 1999, in Washington, D.C.
- Attended the 1999 conference of the Pacific Sociological Association April 15 - 18, 1999, Portland, OR and presented a paper: "10 Reasons for the Newspaper as Required Reading for Introductory Sociology Classes."
- Attended the American Sociological Association Conference, August 6-10, 1999 in Chicago, IL and presented a paper: "Evaluating an Index of Community Risk for People with Cognitive Disabilities in Treatment for Deviant Sexual Behavior," co-authored with Karen Ward.
- Attended the Social Security Administration/Rehabilitation Services Administration Interagency Employment Initiative Meetings, December 7-9, 1998, in Washington, D.C.
- Attended the 1998 conference of the Pacific Sociological Association April 16 - 19, 1998 in San Francisco, CA: presented a paper: "Experiential Learning and Volunteer Community Service Projects for Courses in Evaluation Research and Social Problems."
- Attended the 1997 conference of the Pacific Sociological Association April 17 - 20, 1997 in San Diego, CA: discussant for "Deviance, Crime, and Program Evaluation I," organized by Sharon Araj, University of Alaska Anchorage.
- Attended the 1996 Arctic Science Conference Sept. 29, 1996 in Girdwood, AK: panelist for "Technological Disasters and Polar Communities: Perspectives on Emerging Social Problems," organized by Steven Picou, University of South Alabama.
- Attended the 1996 conference of the Midwest Sociological Society, April 3-6, 1996, Chicago, Illinois.
- Attended the 1995 conference of the Midwest Sociological Society, April 6-9, 1995, Chicago, Illinois.
- Attended the 1992 American Sociological Association Conference, August 19-24, 1992 in Pittsburgh, PA.
- Attended the 1991 conference of the Great Plains Sociological Association, October 17-18, 1991 in Brookings, SD and presented a paper: "Alaskan Native Suicide: 1977-1990."

Professional and University Service Activity

- UAA College of Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee Member, Spring 2005.
- Sociology Department Faculty Search Committee Member, 2004-2005.
- College of Arts and Sciences Course and Curriculum Committee, 1999-2001; 2003 - present.
- UAA Standard IV Accreditation Committee, 1999-2000.
- College of Arts and Sciences Technology Committee, 1998-2004.
- Ongoing participation in the Sociology Department curriculum review and updating, and with the 1999-2000 accreditation self-study.
- Sociology Department Faculty Search Committee Chair - 1999 and 2000.
- Authored syllabi and facilitated committee approval of the catalogue revision of Sociology 407 - Formal Organizations, the creation/addition of Sociology 490 -

Research Seminar in Contemporary Issues, and revision of Sociology 488 – Capstone Seminar to fulfill UAA’s Capstone General Education Requirement.

- Participated in the 1998 Professional Development for the Validation of the Learner-Centered Battery for Higher Education.
- Session organizer for student paper session at the Pacific Sociological Association Conference, April 17, 1998; San Francisco, CA.
- Sociology Department Faculty Search Committee Member – 1998 and all Sociology Department searches since. (Approximately 6 faculty and 4 staff.)
- Faculty Advisor for UAA Student Sociology Club, 1994 - 2002.
- UAA Nominations Committee (1996 - 1997)
- Sociology Department Faculty Search Committee Chair - 1997.
- Peer reviewer for the journal *Teaching Sociology*, 1997 - 2005.
- Faculty assistant during registration 1996 - 2000.
- Regular participant in UAA Graduation Ceremony, 1996-present.
- Author of Sociology Department’s original Internet homepage, 1996.

Professionally Related Community Service Activity

- Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) 1996-present
- Alaska Health Project Board Member, Nov. 1995 - May 1996.
- Pro bono consultant to Hope Cottages, STAR, ASSETS, Office of Public Advocacy, Anchorage School District ACE Program, and Anchorage Center for Families: 1995-2002.

Professional Associations:

- American Evaluation Association, 1998-1999
- American Sociological Association, 1990-2006
- Great Plains Sociological Association, 1991-1992
- Midwest Sociological Society, 1990-2006
- Minnesota Council of Residential Treatment Centers, 1985-1987
- Minnesota Association of Voluntary Social Service Agencies, 1985-1987
- National Association of Homes for Children, 1985-1987
- National Association of Peer Group Treatment Agencies, 1985-1987, 1995-1997
- Pacific Sociological Association, 1995-2006
- Society for the Study of Social Problems, 1998-2006
- Society for Applied Sociology, 1998-2001
- United Academics-AAUP/AFT, 1996-2006

Publications:

- "Community Services, Issues and Service Gaps for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities Who Exhibit Inappropriate Sexual Behaviors," by Karen Ward, Jordan Trigler, and Karl Pfeiffer. 2001. *Mental Retardation*: Vol. 39, No. 1:11-19.
- "A Critical Consideration of the Introduction of Community-Service Learning Projects to Courses in the Sociology of Social Problems." 2000. *The Great Plains Sociologist*: Vol. 12, No. 1:22-36.
- Book Review: *Perspectives on Current Social Problems* by Greg Lee Carter, ed. *Teaching Sociology*, Vol. 25, Number 3, July 1997.

Work In Progress:

- *Power in the Workplace: An Introduction to the Sociology of Formal Organizations*. This is a textbook for upper division sociology of formal organizations courses. The text uses a sociological perspective to integrate classical and contemporary research and theory on formal organizations, and to explore the social structural and cultural contexts in which formal organizations operate. Particular emphasis is upon distinctively sociological contributions to the subject. As noted above, it is currently in preparation under contract with Prentice-Hall.
- "Pfeiffer's Classes." This is a web site for syllabi, schedules, and related information and coursework that students may access via the Internet. Finished 1996, but requires ongoing maintenance and updating each semester. ([Http://afktp.uaa.alaska.edu](http://afktp.uaa.alaska.edu))

Awards, Honors, Recognition:

- Spring 2005 Mini-Grant Recipient for Community-Based Service Learning Research with the United Way of Anchorage.
- 2004 *Light of Hope Award* from the National Court Appointed Special Advocates organization.
- 2004 Mini-Grant Recipient for GER Integrative Capstone course development.
- 1999 UAA Community-Service Learning Minigrant Recipient
- *Who's Who: American University Professors*, 1998.
- Alpha Kappa Delta, 1990-2006. Sociology Honor Society, Charter member of UAA chapter.