

January 2009

**RONALD C. WIMBERLEY**

**William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
North Carolina State University  
Raleigh 27695-8107**

**Office: (919) 515-9026, 515-3180**

**Fax: (919) 515-2610**

**Home: (919) 781-1575**

**Email: [Wimberley@ncsu.edu](mailto:Wimberley@ncsu.edu)**

**PERSONAL**

**Date of Birth: November 7, 1942**

**Family status: Married; one child**

**EDUCATION**

**Ph.D. University of Tennessee, 1972; sociology. Minor: psychology and psychometrics. Dissertation: *Commitment and Commitment Strength with Application to Political Parties: A Conceptual and Causal Analysis.***

**Special study in research techniques and political research at the University of Michigan, Inter-University Consortium for Political Research, Institute for Social Research, Summer 1970.**

**M.S. Florida State University, 1967; sociology.**

**B.A. Louisiana College, 1963; sociology.**

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**North Carolina State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology**  
**William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor, 1996 to present.**  
**(Distinguished Professor added to named professorship, 2001)**  
**Professor, 1981 to 1996.**  
**Department Head, 1981 to 1985.**  
**Associate Professor, 1975 to 1981.**  
**Assistant Professor, 1972 to 1975.**  
**Instructor, 1971 to 1972.**

**Served as an Associate in the field with the Cooperative State Research Service,**  
**Science and Education Administration of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.**  
**An assignment through North Carolina State University, January, 1987 to**  
**September, 1988.**

**U.S. Congress, Joint Economic Committee, Washington, D.C.**  
**Served as an economics member of the U.S. Senate Joint Economic**  
**Committee professional staff while on leave from North Carolina State**  
**University, 1985 to 1986.**

**Assignment from North Carolina State University to the Science and Education**  
**Administration as Social Scientist.**  
**United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., Calendar year**  
**1979.**

**University of Tennessee, Department of Sociology.**  
**Teaching Assistant, 1968 to 1969.**  
**NIMH Traineeship, 1969 to 1971.**  
**Part-time teaching, Knoxville and Oak Ridge campuses, 1969 to 1971.**

**Louisiana State University in New Orleans (now the University of New Orleans),**  
**Department of Sociology.**  
**Visiting Instructor, Summer, 1968.**

**Stetson University, Department of Sociology. Instructor, 1967 to 1968.**

**Tennessee Technological University, Department of Sociology, Geography, and**  
**Anthropology.**  
**Instructor, 1967.**

**Research consulting, analysis, and thesis research.**  
**Nashville, Tennessee, 1965 to 1966.**

### **Consulting.**

Private consulting on topics including research design, survey research, social and behavioral measurement, sampling, data analysis, rural development, environmental issues, farming and agriculture, social services, child abuse, Russian privatization, Russian agricultural and rural development, court cases, and other topics, 1974 to present.

### **Advising.**

Advisor to congressional members and committees and to government agencies including the House Committee on Agriculture; the Bureau of the Census; USDA's Research, Education, and Economics mission area; the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service; the Economic Research Service, the Forest Service, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the National Agricultural Statistics Service.

## **ACADEMIC AREAS**

### **Scientific Methodology:**

Teaching and writing interests in the scientific method, research design, measurement, dimensional and scaling techniques, and statistical analysis techniques.

### **Spatial, Rural, Environmental, Agricultural, and Applied Sociology:**

Research, writing, and teaching interests are the South and Black Belt, various regional and rural issues, natural resource and environmental issues, agricultural structure, causes and consequences of structural change, agricultural and rural demography, and agricultural and rural policy.

### **Social Organization and Institutions:**

Research and writing interests in various social institutions including agriculture and food, community structure and development, political behavior, and civil religion.

### **Social Psychology:**

Research and writing interests with theoretical concern for commitment and commitment strength through data on political, religious, and occupational commitments.

## **CURRENT RESEARCH AREAS**

**The southern Black Belt and its quality-of-life conditions, poverty, dependence, demographics, and program and policy initiatives.**

**"Rural Restructuring: Causes and Consequences for Globalized Agriculture and Natural Resource Systems." USDA, CSREES, and NCARS Regional Project S-276 plus related analyses in other research projects including causes and consequences of changes in agricultural structure, structural patterns of agricultural commodity production, public perceptions and social risks of agriculture, and agricultural and rural policy.**

**Social causes and consequences of climate change with emphasis on rural, agricultural, and natural resource areas.**

**Political behavior and public policy preferences according to social interaction, friendships, civil religious, and political influences.**

## **ELECTED OFFICES**

**Past President and member of the Executive Committee, Southern Sociological Society, 2007 to present.**

**President, Southern Sociological Society, 2006 to 2007.**

**President-Elect, Southern Sociological Society, 2005 to 2006.**

**Past President and Executive Board Member, National Council of State Sociological Associations, 2003 to 2005.**

**President, National Council of State Sociological Associations, 2001 to 2003.**

**Chair, Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2001 to 2002.**

**Council Member, as Past President of the North Carolina Sociological Association, 2001 to 2002.**

**President, North Carolina Sociological Association, 2000 to 2001.**

**President Elect and Program Chair, North Carolina Sociological Association, 1999 to 2000.**

**Council Member, as Past President of the Rural Sociological Society, 1992 to 1993.**

**President, Rural Sociological Society, 1991 to 1992.**

**Co-Chair and Presider of Agricultural Scientific Associations Advisory Group to the Board of Agriculture, National Research Council, National Academy of Sciences, 1991 to 1992.**

**President-Elect, Rural Sociological Society, 1990 to 1991.**

**Council, Rural Sociological Society, 1990 to 1993.**

**Vice-President, Rural Sociological Society, 1988 to 1989.**

**Delegate, State Employees Association of North Carolina, 1984 to 1985, 1985 to 1986.**

**Council, Rural Sociological Society, 1984 to 1986.**

**Chair, Census Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1983 to 1984.**

**President, Sociology Section, Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, 1983 to 1984. During this term, led in constituting the Southern Rural Sociological Association, and in initiating the current refereed journal of the Association, *Southern Rural Sociology*.**

**Program Chair, Rural Sociology Section, Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, 1981 to 1982.**

**Secretary and Program Chair-Elect, Rural Sociology Section, Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists, 1980 to 1981.**

**Board of Directors, Religious Research Association, 1975 to 1979.**

**Graduate Council, University of Tennessee; elected through Graduate Students' Association, 1969 to 1970 and 1970 to 1971.**

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistics Service, February, 2005.**

**Contributions to Sociology Award, North Carolina Sociological Association, March, 2004.**

**The Award for Excellence in Teaching, Southern Rural Sociological Association, February, 2004.**

**Distinguished Alumnus Award, 2002. The University of Tennessee.**

**The Award for Excellence in Research, Southern Rural Sociological Association, February, 1998.**

**Induction into the George Washington Carver Hall of Fame, "...For performing the greatest good to the greatest number of people." Tuskegee University, 1997.**

**The George Washington Carver Public Service Award. Tuskegee University, 1997.**

**Appointed as William Neal Reynolds Distinguished Professor, North Carolina State University, September, 1996. (Distinguished Professor added to named professorship in 2001)**

**Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, 1996.**

**Distinguished Alumnus Award, 1996. Louisiana College.**

**Award for Outstanding Accomplishments in Research, Southern Rural Sociological Association, January, 1995.**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture Honor Award, "For originating the Public Use Farm Census and its breakthroughs in quality and quantity of U.S. agricultural information." Highest award granted by USDA, September, 1994.**

**Recognition for research accomplishments by the Cooperative State Research Service, USDA, in conjunction with USDA Honor Award, September, 1994.**

**Commendation from the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy, National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, 1994. For "...Leadership in establishing the Public Use Farm Census which has led to improved analysis needed to understand farmers and the programs serving them...advancement of scientific research in the field...creativity and leadership qualities recognized as outstanding."**

**Certificate of Appreciation, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, for exceptional contributions in support of promoting the 1992 Census of Agriculture, 1993.**

**Plaque of Appreciation for Professional Contributions, Tuskegee University, Professional Agricultural Workers Conference, 1992.**

**Fellow, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, 1992.**

**Certificate of Appreciation, Rural Sociological Society, in recognition for a sequence of activities and efforts to help raise congressional attention and concern for rural and farm issues, August, 1990.**

**Award of Merit for Administrative and Professional Service, Gamma Sigma Delta, April 1985.**

**Certificate of Appreciation, Cooperative Research Division, Science and Education Administration, USDA, 1979.**

## PUBLICATIONS

Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

2008 "Dependence." Pp. 258-261 in Encyclopedia of Rural America: The Land and People. 2nd Edition. Vol. 1. Gary A. Goreham, Ed. Millerton, NY: Grey House Publishing. (Revision of the entry in the original 1997 edition.)

Wimberley, Ron.

2008 "Kay Michael Troost, 1947-2007." Footnotes 37(No. 5, May/June): 15.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2008 "Sociology with a Southern Face: Why Are We Sociologists and What Are We Doing About It in the South?" Social Forces 86(March, No. 3): 881-909.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2007 "The RSS by Another Name." The Rural Sociologist 27(December, No. 4): 31-32.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2007 "Communicating Research to Policymakers." The American Sociologist 38(September, No. 3): 288-293. See <http://www.metapress.com/content/107894/>.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Gregory M. Fulkerson, and Libby V. Morris.

2007 "Predicting a Moving Target: Postscript for *The Rural Sociologist* on Global Rural-to-Urban Transition Dates." The Rural Sociologist 27(September, No. 3): 19-22.

Wimberley, Ronald, Libby Morris, and Gregory Fulkerson.

2007 "World Population Takes a Turn.@ The News and Observer (May 23): 15A.

Reprinted in The Rural Sociologist 27(September, No. 3): 18-19.

Wimberley, Ronald, Donald Woolley, and Linda Treiber.

2007 "Come to the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual SSS Meeting in Atlanta.@ The Southern Sociologist 38(Winter, No. 3): 1-4.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2006     AThe Poor Rural Areas That Must Support >The Cities of the Future=.@  
          Sociation Today. 4(Fall, No. 2).  
          WWW.ncsociology.org/sociationtoday.

Wimberley, Ron.

2006     AGet Ready for the 2007 SSS Program: It=s Sociology with a Southern  
          Face,@ The Southern Sociologist 38(Fall, No. 2): 1-5.

Wimberley, Ron.

2006     AThe SSS Has a New Archivist.@ The Southern Sociologist 38(Fall, No.  
          2): 21.

Wimberley, Ron.

2006     ASociology with a Southern Face—And an Agenda.@ The Southern  
          Sociologist 38(Summer, No. 1): 1-5.

Wimberley, Ron.

2006     AUpdate Yourself, and Ask Your Friends.@ The Southern Sociologist  
          38(Summer, No. 1): 17.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2006     ASociology with a Southern Face: The 2007 SSS Program Theme.@  
          The Southern Sociologist 37(Winter, No. 3): 13.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2005     AThe World Is Still Round and Sociology Is Still Flat.@ The Journal of  
          Professional and Public Sociology. 1(December, No. 1).  
          WWW.GSAJournal.com.

Moxley, Robert, and Ronald Wimberley.

2004     AIn Memoriam, James N. Young, July 26, 1924 - June 18, 2004.@ The  
          Rural Sociologist 24(No. 4, December): 18.

Also, 2005, AJames N. Young.@ The Southern Sociologist 36(No.3,  
Winter): 22-23.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2004     ASociology Out Front.@ Footnotes 32(February, No. 2): 7.

Beaulieu, Lionel J., Glenn D. Israel, and Ronald C. Wimberley.

2003     APromoting Educational Achievement: A partnership of Families,  
          Schools, and Communities.@ Pp. 273-289 in Challenges for Rural  
          America in the 21st Century. David L. Brown and Louis Swanson,

Eds. University Park: Rural Studies Series (refereed) of the RSS and the Penn State Press.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2003 A U.S. Poverty in Space and Time. @ Sociation Today 1(No. 2, Fall).  
[WWW.ncsociology.org/sociationtoday](http://WWW.ncsociology.org/sociationtoday).

Wimberley, Ronald C., Brenda J. Vander Mey, Betty L. Wells, Godfrey D. Ejimakor, Larry L. Burmeister, Craig K. Harris, Marlene A. Lee, Edward L. McLean, Joseph J. Molnar, George W. Ohlendorf, Terry J. Tomazic, and Gerald Wheelock.

2003 A The Globalization of Food and How Americans Feel About It. @ Southern Perspectives 6(No. 2, Winter): 1-9.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Brenda J. Vander Mey, Betty L. Wells, Godfrey D. Ejimakor, Larry L. Burmeister, Craig K. Harris, Marlene A. Lee, Edward L. McLean, Joseph J. Molnar, George W. Ohlendorf, Terry J. Tomazic, and Gerald Wheelock.

2003 A Food from Our Changing World: The Globalization of Food and How Americans Feel About It. @ <http://sasw.chass.ncsu.edu/global-food>, posted February 24. 17pp.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2002 A C. Paul Marsh (1926 - 2002). @ The Rural Sociologist 22(No. 4, December): 26-27.

Also, 2003 A C. Paul Marsh, April 12, 1926 to June 29, 2002. @ The Southern Sociologist 34(Winter, No. 3): 27-29.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2002 A The Regionalization of Poverty: Assistance for the Black Belt South? @ Southern Rural Sociology 18(1): 294-306.

Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

2002 A Appendix A, Principal Project Team, Results from the Secondary Data Analysis Team for the Study of Persistent Poverty in the South. @ In Dismantling Persistent Poverty in the Southeastern United States. Athens, Georgia: Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia. Posted as [www.cviog.uga.edu/poverty/final/B.pdf](http://www.cviog.uga.edu/poverty/final/B.pdf).

Morris, Libby V., Ronald C. Wimberley, Dawn Eaker, David Lynn, John McKissick, Walter Hill, Ava Hopkins, and Douglas Bachtel, Contributors.

2002 **Dismantling Persistent Poverty in the Southeastern United States.**  
Athens, Georgia: Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of  
Georgia. Posted as [www.cviog.uga.edu/poverty/final/report.pdf](http://www.cviog.uga.edu/poverty/final/report.pdf).

Wimberley, Ronald C., Craig K. Harris, Joseph J. Molnar, and Terry J. Tomazic, Eds.

2002 The Social Risks of Agriculture: Americans Speak Out on Food, Farming, and the Environment. Westport, Connecticut: Praeger.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2002 A Social, Agricultural, and Environmental Interdependence.@ Pp. 1-13 in The Social Risks of Agriculture. Edited by R.C. Wimberley, J.J. Molnar, C.K. Harris, and T.J. Tomazic. Westport, Connecticut: Praeger.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Alton Thompson, and Linda M. Lobao.

2002 A Public Perceptions of Government=s Role in Agriculture and Farming.@ Pp. 15-30 in The Social Risks of Agriculture. Edited by R.C. Wimberley, J.J. Molnar, C.K. Harris, and T.J. Tomazic. Westport, Connecticut: Praeger.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Alton Thompson.

2002 A Agriculture=s Social Risks and Directions.@ Pp. 117-124 in The Social Risks of Agriculture. Edited by R.C. Wimberley, J.J. Molnar, C.K. Harris, and T.J. Tomazic. Westport, Connecticut: Praeger.

Molnar, Joseph J., Terry J. Tomazic, and Ronald C. Wimberley.

2002 A Appendix A: Technical Documentation.@ Pp. 125-132 in The Social Risks of Agriculture. Edited by R.C. Wimberley, J.J. Molnar, C.K. Harris, and T.J. Tomazic. Westport, Connecticut: Praeger.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2002 A Appendix B: Comparisons with Other Surveys and National Data.@ Pp. 133-142 in The Social Risks of Agriculture. Edited by R.C. Wimberley, J.J. Molnar, C.K. Harris, and T.J. Tomazic. Westport, Connecticut: Praeger.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Libby V. Morris, and Donald P. Woolley.

2001 The Black Belt Databook. Lexington, Kentucky: TVA-Rural Studies Press.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2001 "The Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, 2000-2001." The Rural Sociologist 21(No. 4, December): 29.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2001 "New Listserv Unites NC Sociologists." Sociation Today 27(No. 1):2.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2000     AReflections on the Session [on >Historical and Future Outlooks on Global Food Security=].@ Pp. 205-206 in Global Food Security: Exploring the Nexus Between Domestic and International Strategies. Edited by Robert Zabawa, Ntam Baharani, and Walter Hill. Tuskegee, AL: Tuskegee University.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2000     AGlobalization, Assistance, and Workforce Preparedness in the Black Belt South.@ Pp. 153-155 in Global Food Security: Exploring the Nexus Between Domestic and International Strategies. Edited by Robert Zabawa, Ntam Baharani, and Walter Hill. Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.

Allen-Smith, Joyce E., Ronald C. Wimberley, and Libby V. Morris.

2000     "America's Forgotten People and Places: Ending the Legacy of Poverty in the Rural South." Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics. 32(No. 2, August): 319-329.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2000     "Tomorrow's Black and Southern History." Op-ed piece in several southern daily newspapers. Late February. (E.g., "From New South to Next South and a better quality of life," Winston-Salem Journal (Sunday, February 27, 2000): A15; "All Southerners must make a commitment to help create a prosperous 'Next South'," Durham Herald Sun (Sunday, February 27, 2001): A19.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2000     "Can Sociology Survive Another Century?" Sociation. 26(No. 1, January): 1-3.

Larson, Olaf F., Robin M. Williams, Jr., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1999     "The Dismissal of a Sociologist and the AAUP Report on Carl C. Taylor." Rural Sociology. 64(No.4): 533-553.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1999     "Y2K and Beyond." Sociation. 25(No. 3, November): 1.

Moxley, Robert L., Ronald C. Wimberley, and K. Brandon Loughridge.

1999     Peanut Farming in St. Elizabeth Parish, Jamaica: Socioeconomic Impacts of CRSP/CARDI New Technology. Report to US/AID. Griffin,

Georgia: Peanut CRSP, University of Georgia.  
([www.griffin.peachnet.edu/pnutcrsp.html](http://www.griffin.peachnet.edu/pnutcrsp.html).)

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1999 Review of Services & Quality of Life in Rural Villages in the Former Soviet Union. Contemporary Sociology. 28(May, No. 3): 332-333.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1998 "Applied Sociology? Even Musicians Give Concerts." The American Sociologist. 29(Winter, No. 4): 5-19.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1998 "Acceptance." Pp. 51-53 in Access and Equity Issues in Agriculture and Rural Development. Ntam Baharanyi, Robert Zabawa, and Walter Hill, Eds. Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1998 "...What It Was, Was Partisanship." News and Observer. (December 23): 19A.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1998 "Letter," and "The Blue, the Orange, Where the Corn Grows Green." Pp. 79-80 and 80-81 in Community: A Biography in Honor of the Life Work of Kenneth Wilkinson. Eileen Zuber, Steve Nelson, and A. E. Luloff, Eds. University Park: Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development, Pennsylvania State University. Electronic version at [www.cas.nercrd.psu.edu/Community/community.html](http://www.cas.nercrd.psu.edu/Community/community.html).

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1998 "The Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics: 1997-1998." The Rural Sociologist. 18(September): 29.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

1998 "Race and Region: The Black Belt South." Section 8 in The American Sociological Association Conference on "Social Science Knowledge on Race, Racism, and Race Relations. Washington, D.C.: American Sociological Association.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1998 "Social Psychology." Pp. 479-480 in Encyclopedia of Religion and Society. William H. Swatos, Jr., Ed. Walnut Creek, California: AltaMira Press.

- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1998 "Commitment." Pp. 104-109 in Encyclopedia of Religion and Society. William H. Swatos, Jr., Ed. Walnut Creek, California: AltaMira Press.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and William H. Swatos, Jr.  
 1998 "Civil Religion." Pp. 94-96 in Encyclopedia of Religion and Society. William H. Swatos, Jr., Ed. Walnut Creek, California: AltaMira Press.
- Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
 1997 "Dependence." Pp. 185-188 in Encyclopedia of Rural America: The Land and People. Vol. 1. Gary A. Goreham, Ed. Santa Barbara, California: ABC-CLIO Press.
- Revised edition of "Dependence," Pp. 258-261 in Encyclopedia of Rural America: The Land and People. 2nd Edition. Vol. 1. Gary A. Goreham, Ed. Millerton, NY: Grey House Publishing.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.  
 1997 The Southern Black Belt: A National Perspective. Lexington, Kentucky: TVA Rural Studies.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1997 "Rural Research and Development Funds for the South." Pp. 37-48 in Natural Resources and the Environment: Community Development Issues. Ntam Baharanyi, Robert Zabawa, and Walter Hill, Eds. Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1997 "The Census Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics: 1996-1997." The Rural Sociologist. 17(September): 22-23.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., Libby V. Morris, and Ruth E. Heuer.  
 1997 North Carolina's Black Belt Counties: Demographic and Social Conditions. Raleigh: North Carolina State University.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1997 "What is a Farm and Why Does It Matter?" Pp. 110-118 in Proceedings of the National Small Farm Conference. Denis Ebodaghe, Ed. Washington, D.C.: Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

- Wimberley, Ronald C., Libby V. Morris, and Douglas C. Bachtel.  
 1996 The Southern Black Belt in National Perspective. Poster and map.  
 Raleigh: North Carolina State University.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris  
 1996 "Reference Book on Well-Being Reveals Major Differences Among  
 Regions." Capsules, Southern Rural Development Center newsletter.  
 16(November-December, No.10): 1-2, and 17(January, 1997, No. 1):  
 4.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris  
 1996 The Reference Book on Regional Well-Being. Mississippi State,  
 Mississippi: Southern Rural Development Center.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1996 "Beyond Empowerment." Forum for Applied Research and Public  
 Policy 11(Winter): 135.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.  
 1996 "Welfare Reform for the South?" Pp. 51-57 in The 1995 Farm Bill:  
 Issues and Innovations for Rural Communities. Robert Zabawa,  
 Ntam Baharanyi, and Walter Hill, Eds. Tuskegee, Alabama:  
 Tuskegee University.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1996 "Half of America's Farms: Gone with the Definition?" Pp. 59-67 in  
The 1995 Farm Bill: Issues and Innovations for Rural Communities.  
 Robert Zabawa, Ntam Baharanyi, and Walter Hill, Eds. Tuskegee,  
 Alabama: Tuskegee University.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1996 "Lose Half of America's Farms? A Definition Can." The Rural  
 Sociologist. 16(May, No. 2): 37-41.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.  
 1995 "Welfare: South in Trouble." The Atlanta Constitution (December 8):  
 A19.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.  
 1995 "Poverty, Rurality, and Race in Regional and National Perspective."  
 Pp. 21-29 in Robert Zabawa, Ntam Baharanyi, and Walter Hill, Eds.,  
Empowering Local Communities for Sustainable Development.  
 Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1995 "Farm Definition? Rural Data Base? The Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics: 1994-1995." The Rural Sociologist 15 (September): 14-15.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1995 "What's Rural?" Community and Rural Development News Capsules 1 (No. 1): 3. Raleigh: North Carolina State University.

Reprinted in Unit 3, Article 3-b, pp. 1-2 in Gary Farley and David C. Ruesink, Eds., Discovering the Uniqueness of Rural Communities: A New Perspective, Vol. 1. Revised edition. College Station: Rural Social Science Education Program, Texas A&M University, 1996.

Abridged version reprinted as, "What Is Rural?," in Small and Part Time Farms. USDA CSREES (Winter, 1997): 4.

Abridged version reprinted as, "What's Rural?," in Capsules, Southern Rural Development Center. 17(No. 2, February, 1997): 2.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Alton Thompson

1995 Perceptions of Farming, Food, and the Environment Across the Nation, the Region, and the State. Report to the North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, Raleigh. 95 pp.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1995 Review of Forgotten Places: Uneven Development in Rural America by Thomas A. Lyson and William W. Falk for Social Forces 74 (September): 351-352.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1995 "Social, Agricultural, and Rural Perspectives for Land-Grant Universities." Pp. 9 and 20-21 in Peter T. Bromley and J. T. Morris, Eds. Conference on Agroecosystems: Proceedings Raleigh: North Carolina State University.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Robert L. Moxley.

1995 "Dimensions of Farm Commodity Production: Horses, Strawberries, and Why." Southern Rural Sociology 11 (No. 1): 43-59.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

1994 "Growing Powers in Big South." The Atlanta Constitution (December 27): A9.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Libby V. Morris, and Douglas C. Bachtel.

1994 "The Southern Rural Black Belt and Policy Initiatives." Pp. 55-61 in R. Zabawa, N. Baharanyi, and W. Hill, Eds. Rural Development and a Changing USDA. Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.

Wimberley, Ronald C. and Libby V. Morris.

1994 "Cooperatives for Rural Development in the South: A Concept." Pp. 75-78 in Robert Zabawa, Ntam Baharanyi, and Walter Hill, Eds. Rural Development and a Changing USDA. Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1994 "Let's Get N.C. Off the Poverty Map." The News and Observer (November 29): 13A.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1994 "The Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics: 1993-94." The Rural Sociologist 14 (No. 3): 47-50.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1994 "Natural Resources, the Environment, Economic Development: Can Rural America Have It All? Remarks on Sustainability and Policy." Pp. 3-6 in Agenda for Rural America. Washington, D.C.: National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Christensen, Robert L., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1994 "Issues in Land-Grant University Research and Education." Pp. 381-396 in Food and Agricultural Policy Issues and Choices in 1995. M. C. Hallberg, R. G. Spitze, and D. E. Day, Eds. Boulder, Colorado: Westview.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

1993 "Black Belt Counties: A Challenge for the Land-Grant System." Pp. 63-74 in Challenges in Agriculture and Rural Development. Robert Zabawa, Ntam Baharanyi, and Walter Hill, Eds. Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.

Reprinted in Disparity: An Analysis of the Historical, Political, and Funding Factors at the State Level Affecting Black Academic Agriculture. R. Grant Seals, Ed. New York: Vantage, 1998. Chapter 8, pp. 105-123, 232-233.

Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1993 "Old Missions and New Directions for Land-Grant Universities." Pp. 55-61 in Challenges in Agriculture and Rural Development. Robert Zabawa, Ntam Baharanyi, and Walter Hill, Eds. Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.

Morris, Libby V., Ronald C. Wimberley, and Douglas C. Bachtel.

1993 "Current Conditions and Trends in the Southern Black Belt." Pp. 5-12 in Focus on Black Belt Counties: Life Conditions and Opportunities. Ntam Baharanyi, Robert Zabawa, Walter Hill, and Ronald C. Wimberley, Eds. SRDC Pub. No. 176. Mississippi State, Mississippi: Tuskegee University and Southern Rural Development Center.

Reproduced in part as cover for Focus on Black Belt Counties: Life Conditions and Opportunities. Ntam Baharanyi, Robert Zabawa, Walter Hill, and Ronald C. Wimberley, Eds. SRDC Pub. No. 176. Mississippi State, Mississippi: Tuskegee University and Southern Rural Development Center, 1993.

Baharanyi, Ntam, Robert Zabawa, Walter Hill, and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1993 "Introduction." Pp. 1-3 in Focus on Black Belt Counties: Life Conditions and Opportunities. Ntam Baharanyi, Robert Zabawa, Walter Hill, and Ronald C. Wimberley, Eds. SRDC Pub. No. 176. Mississippi State, Mississippi: Tuskegee University and Southern Rural Development Center.

Baharanyi, Ntam, Robert Zabawa, Walter Hill, and Ronald C. Wimberley, Eds.

1993 Focus on Black Belt Counties: Life Conditions and Opportunities. SRDC Pub. No. 176. Mississippi State, Mississippi: Tuskegee University and Southern Rural Development Center.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1993 "Developments in the Census of Agriculture: 1992-1993." The Rural Sociologist 13 (No. 4): 54-56.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1993 "1992-93 National Priorities for the Rural Sociological Society." The Rural Sociologist 13 (No. 4): 50-52.

Gale, Judith A., Daniel E. Line, Deanna L. Osmond, Steven W. Coffey, Jean Spooner, Jon A. Arnold, Thomas J. Hoban, and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
1993 Executive Summary: Evaluation of the Experimental Rural Clean Water Program. National Water Quality Evaluation Project, NCSU Water Quality Group, Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department, North Carolina State University, Raleigh. 46 pp.

Gale, Judith A., Daniel E. Line, Deanna L. Osmond, Steven W. Coffey, Jean Spooner, Jon A. Arnold, Thomas J. Hoban, and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
1993 Evaluation of the Experimental Rural Clean Water Program: Abbreviated Version for Congressional Review. National Water Quality Evaluation Project, NCSU Water Quality Group, Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department, North Carolina State University, Raleigh. 109 pp.

Gale, Judith A., Daniel E. Line, Deanna L. Osmond, Steven W. Coffey, Jean Spooner, Jon A. Arnold, Thomas J. Hoban, and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
1993 Evaluation of the Experimental Rural Clean Water Program. National Water Quality Evaluation Project, NCSU Water Quality Group, Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, EPA-841-R-93-005. 599 pp.

Hoban, Thomas J., and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
1993 "Farm Operator Survey." Pp. 53-74, 76 in Evaluation of the Experimental Rural Clean Water Program. National Water Quality Evaluation Project, NCSU Water Quality Group, Biological and Agricultural Engineering Department, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, EPA-841-R-93-005.

Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1993 "Policy Perspectives on Social, Agricultural, and Rural Sustainability." Rural Sociology 58 (Spring): 1-29. Presidential address for the 1992 meetings of the Rural Sociological Society.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Ed.  
1992 Research for Rural North Carolina. Raleigh: Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, North Carolina State University.

Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1992 "North Carolina as a Rural State." Pp. 1-7 in Research for Rural North Carolina. Raleigh: Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, North Carolina State University.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1992 "Rural Sociology and Research Challenges." Pp. 41-42 in Strengthening Social Science Research at 1890 Institutions and Tuskegee University. Ntam Baharanyi, Robert Zabawa, Walter Hill, and Jacqueline Tisdale, Eds. Mississippi State, Mississippi: Southern Rural Development Center.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Libby V. Morris, and Douglas C. Bachtel.

1992 "New Developments in the Black Belt: Dependency and Life Conditions." Pp. 77-84 in New Directions in Rural Development. Ntam Baharanyi, Robert Zabawa, and Walter Hill, Eds. Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Libby V. Morris, and Douglas C. Bachtel.

1992 "What Future Waits for the Former Farmer." The Atlanta Constitution (October 1): A15.

Hoban, Thomas J., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1992 "Farm Operators' Attitudes About Water Quality and the RCWP." Pp. 247-253 in The National Rural Clean Water Program Symposium. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Bonnen, James, and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1992 "Rural Data Needs in Changing Times: A Summary." Pp. 419-439 in Rural Information Systems: New Directions in Data Collection and Retrieval. Reuben Buse and James Driscoll, Eds., Ames: Iowa State University Press.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1992 "President's Column." The Rural Sociologist 12 (July): 9-10.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1992 "President's Column." The Rural Sociologist 12 (May): 7-10.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1992 "President's Column." The Rural Sociologist 12 (March): 9-10.

D'Antonio, William V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1992 "Foreword." Pp. vii-ix in Sociology in Government: A Bibliography of the Work of the Division of Farm Population and Rural Life, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1919-1953. Olaf F. Larson, Edward O. Moe, and Julie N. Zimmerman, Eds. Boulder, Colorado: Westview.

- Wimberley, Ronald C., Libby V. Morris, and Douglas C. Bachtel.  
 1991 "Agriculture and Life Conditions in the Land-Grant Black Belt: Past, Present, and Policy Questions." Pp. 33-48 in Public and Private Partnerships for Rural Development. Tuskegee, Alabama: Tuskegee University.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1991 Directory of Rural and Small Town Revitalization Research at North Carolina State University. Principal editor and author. North Carolina State University: Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1991 "Golden Half-Time Highlights From the First Century of the Rural Sociological Society." The Rural Sociologist 11 (Fall): 15-36, and 12 (May, 1992): 13.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1991 "Public Use Sample of Farms to Be Released by Census Bureau." The Rural Sociologist 11 (Fall): 50-51.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1991 "Rural Transportation." Pp. 209-221 in Rural Policies for the 1990s. Cornelia B. Flora and James A. Christenson, Eds., Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press. Refereed.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1991 "Foreword." P. xi in Rural Policies for the 1990s. Cornelia B. Flora and James A. Christenson, Eds., Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1991 "Program Evaluation Research." In Proceedings of the 1990 Rural Clean Water Program National Workshop. Pierre, South Dakota: South Dakota Department of Water and Natural Resources.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1990 "Social Risks and Consequences of Global Climatic Change." Eos. American Geophysical Union. 71 (October 23): 1263-1264.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1990 "The Census Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics." The Rural Sociologist. 10 (Fall): 41.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1990 "The Rural Studies Series of the Rural Sociological Society: The First Place to Publish Scholarly Books in Rural Sociology." The Rural Sociologist. 10 (Fall): 26-28.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Marjorie M. Trotter.

1990 "Innovative Infrastructure Strategies: Air Transportation." Pp. 3-13 in Case Studies: Examples of Innovative Infrastructure Financing and Delivery Systems. Gerald A. Doeksen, Ed. Southern Rural Development Center Task Force on Alternatives for financing Infrastructure Development in Rural Communities in the South. Mississippi State, Mississippi: Southern Rural Development Center.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1990 "Social Consequences of Global Climatic Change." College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Global Climate Change Symposium: Proceedings. Robert I. Bruck, Ed. Raleigh: North Carolina State University, North Carolina Agricultural Research Service, pp. 79-82.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Ed.

1990 Revitalizing the Rural Economy for Families and Communities. Editor and contributing author. Report for the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges. Raleigh: North Carolina Agricultural Research Service and North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, North Carolina State University.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1989 "How is North Carolina Changing?" Economic & Agricultural Outlook Conference: Proceedings. Raleigh: North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and North Carolina Bankers Association.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1989 "Report on 1988-1989 RSS Research and Interest Groups." The Rural Sociologist 9 (Fall): 48.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1989 "Report on the Site Selection Committee for the 1991 RSS Meeting." The Rural Sociologist 9 (Fall): 46.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1989 "Options for Support for RSS Interest Groups." The Rural Sociologist 9 (Summer): 35-36.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1989 "Funding of 'Agriculture and Rural Viability' Research Proposed." Choices (Second Quarter): 41.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1989 "National Data Priorities for the Rural Social Sciences: Responses Needed." With Cornelia Flora. The Rural Sociologist 9 (Spring): 76.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1988 "Report Released for a Research and Funding Program in Agriculture and Rural Viability." The Rural Sociologist 8 (December): 585-586.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1988 "Where to Be or Not to Be: For the 1991 RSS Meeting, That Is." The Rural Sociologist 8 (December): 583-584.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Ed.

1988 Agriculture and Rural Viability. Editor and contributing author. A publication of the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy in cooperation with the Cooperative State Research Service. Raleigh: North Carolina Agricultural Research Service, North Carolina State University.

Pierce, George, and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1988 "The 1987 Census of Agriculture: An Update." The Rural Sociologist 8 (February): 91-92.

Johnson, Doyle P., William R. Brown, Jerald Hage, Thomas A. Lyson, Dennis K. Orthner, Steven K. Paulson, Gregory D. Squires, and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1987 "The Challenge of Training in Applied Sociology." The American Sociologist 18 (Winter): 356-368.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1987 "Agri-Rural Issues and the Social Sciences of Agriculture." Research for a Better Tomorrow: Commemorating the Hatch Act Centennial, 1887-1987. Washington, D.C.: U.S. Department of Agriculture, pp. 141-148, 167.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1987 "Dimensions of U.S. Agristructure: 1969-1982." Rural Sociology 52 (Winter): 445-461.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1987 "Agri-Rural Issues for the Social Sciences of Agriculture." The Rural Sociologist 7 (March): 99-106.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1986 "Threats to the Integrity of Rural and Farm Statistics." Senate floor speech for Senator James Abdnor (ND). Congressional Record June 25.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Dale Jahr, and Jerry W. Johnson, Eds.

1986 New Dimensions in Rural Policy: Building Upon Our Heritage. Washington, D.C.: Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1986 "Agricultural and Rural Transition." In New Dimensions in Rural Policy: Building Upon Our Heritage. Ronald C. Wimberley, Dale Jahr, and Jerry W. Johnson, Eds. Washington, D.C.: Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States, pp. 39-45.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1986 "America's Three Agricultures." In New Dimensions in Rural Policy: Building Upon Our Heritage. Ronald C. Wimberley, Dale Jahr, and Jerry W. Johnson, Eds. Washington, D.C.: Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States, pp. 192-199.

Jahr, Dale, and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1986 "Introduction." Written for Senator James Abdnor. In New Dimensions in Rural Policy: Building Upon Our Heritage. Ronald C. Wimberley, Dale Jahr, and Jerry W. Johnson, Eds., Washington, D.C.: Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States, pp. 1-8.

Milner, Joel S., Ruth G. Gold, and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1986 "Prediction and Explanation of Child Abuse: Cross-Validation of the Child Abuse Potential Inventory." Journal of Clinical and Consulting Psychology 54 (No. 6): 865-866.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1986 "Labor and Direct Marketing Items in the 1987 Census of Agriculture." The Rural Sociologist 6 (January): 61.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1986 "Trends and Dimensions in U.S. Agricultural Structure." In Agricultural Change: Consequences for Southern Farms and Rural Communities. Joseph J. Molnar, Ed. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, pp. 91-138.

- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1985 "50th Anniversary Committee Seeks Historical Items." The Rural Sociologist 5 (January): 56-57.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1985 "Planning Underway for the 1987 Census of Agriculture." The Rural Sociologist 5 (January): 59.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1984 "Statement of Ronald C. Wimberley, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University, Raleigh. In The Economic Evolution of Agriculture. Washington, D.C.: Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States, pp. 49-106.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1984 "Discussion of 'Research and Methodology for the 1982 Census of Agriculture'." Pp. 608-609 in American Statistical Association 1984 Proceedings of the Section on Survey Research Methods. Washington, D.C.: American Statistical Association.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1983 "The Census Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics." The Rural Sociologist 3 (March): 107-110.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1983 "The Emergence of Part-Time Farming as a Social Form of Agriculture." In Research in Sociology of Work, Vol. 2, Ida Harper Simpson and Richard L. Simpson, Eds. Greenwich, Connecticut: JAI Press, pp. 325-356.  
  
Reprinted in The Economic Evolution of Agriculture, Joint Economic Committee, Congress of the United States, 1985, pp. 75-106.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., Ed.  
1982 Rural Sociology in the South: 1982. Editor and Compiler. Raleigh, North Carolina: North Carolina State University.
- Coughenour, C. Milton, and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
1982 "Small and Part-Time Farmers." Pp. 347-356 in Rural Society In the U.S.: Issues for the 1980s, Don A. Dillman and Daryl J. Hobbs, Eds., Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.

- 1982 "Issues in the Measurement of Food and Nutrition Attitudes." In Attitude Theory and Measurement in Food and Nutrition Research, Laura S. Sims and J. H. MacNeil, Eds. University Park, Pennsylvania: College of Human Development and Agriculture, Pennsylvania State University, pp. 29-38.
- Moxley, Robert L., and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
1982 "Dimensions of Nutrition Knowledge Among Preadolescent Girls." Home Economics Research Journal 11 (September): 41-46.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and James A. Christenson.  
1982 "Civil Religion, Social Indicators, and Social Policy." Social Indicators Research 10 (February): 211-223.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1982 Review of Varieties of Civil Religion by Robert N. Bellah and Philip E. Hammond for Contemporary Sociology 11 (September): 577-578.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1982 Review of American Civil Religion: An Assessment by Gail Gehrig for Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 21 (December): 272-273.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1981 "Stability and Change in Dimensions of Agriculture Structure: 1969, 1974, and 1978." Rural Sociology in the South: 1981, Gerald C. Wheelock, Ed. Normal, Alabama: Alabama A&M University.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and James A. Christenson.  
1981 "Civil Religion and Other Religious Identities." Sociological Analysis 42 (Summer): 91-100.
- Milner, Joel S., and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
1980 "Explanation and Prediction of Child Abuse." Journal of Clinical Psychology 36 (October): 875-884.
- Reproduced in part in The Child Abuse Potential Inventory Manual, by Joel S. Milner. Webster, North Carolina: Psytech Inc., 1986 and later editions.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and Charles N. Bebee.  
1980 Structure of U.S. Agriculture Bibliography. Beltsville, Maryland: USDA, National Agricultural Library, 514 pp.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.

1980 "Civil Religion and the Choice for Nixon in 1972." Social Forces 59 (September): 44-61.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1980 "Trends in the Measurement of County Agricultural Structure." Rural Sociology in the South: 1980, Wolfgang Frese, Ed. Mississippi State, Mississippi: Mississippi State University.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1980 "Regional Project S-148: The Changing Structure of Agriculture." Rural Sociological Society Newsline 8 (July): 16-17.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and James A. Christenson.

1980 "Civil Religion and Church and State." The Sociological Quarterly 21 (Winter): 35-40.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1980 "Where's the Evidence?" In Rural Sociological Society Newsline 4 (January): 5.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1980 "Bibliographies Without As Much Sweat." In Rural Sociological Society Newsline 4 (January): 7.

Moxley, Robert L., Ronald C. Wimberley, Michael J. Belyea, and Terry J. Tomazic.

1979 Changing Social Structure and Quality of Life in North Carolina. Report No. 69. Raleigh: Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Agricultural Research Service, North Carolina State University.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1979 "Continuity in the Measurement of Civil Religion." Sociological Analysis 40 (Spring): 59-62.

Milner, Joel S., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

1979 "An Inventory for the Identification of Child Abusers." Journal of Clinical Psychology 35 (January): 95-100.

Reprinted in Everyday Family Life, edited by Brenda J. Vander Mey, R. L. Neff, and David H. Demo. Minneapolis: Burgess Publishing Co., pp. 310-318.

Reproduced in part in The Child Abuse Potential Inventory Manual by Joel S. Milner. Webster, North Carolina: Psytech Inc., 1986.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Michael J. Belyea.

1979 "Measuring County Agricultural Structure." Rural Sociology in the South: 1979, W. C. Boykin, Ed. Lorman, Mississippi: Alcorn State University.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Michael J. Belyea.

1978 "Some Ambiguities in the Measurement of Agricultural Structure." Rural Sociology in the South: 1978, Edward L. McLean, Ed. Clemson, South Carolina: Clemson University.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1978 "Dimensions of Commitment: Generalizing from Religion to Politics." Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 17 (September): 225-240.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Louis E. Dotson.

1978 "The Bayesian Alternative to Statistical Inference." Free Inquiry 6 (November): 39-47.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Gary L. Faulkner, and Robert L. Moxley.

1978 "Dimensions of Teacher Effectiveness." Teaching Sociology 6 (October): 7-20.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1978 "Comparing Package Programs for Factor Analysis." Educational and Psychological Measurement 38 (Spring): 143-145.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

1978 Review of Organizing for Agricultural Development by W. F. Whyte for Rural Sociology 43 (Summer): 326-327.

- Christenson, James A., and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
1978 "Who Is Civil Religious?" Sociological Analysis 39 (Spring): 77-83.  
  
Reprinted in Religion American Style, 2nd ed., edited by P. H. McNamara. Belmont, California: Wadsworth, 1984, pp. 52-59.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1978 Review of Radical Protest and Social Structure: The Southern Farmers Alliance and Cotton Tenancy, 1880-1890 by Michael Schwartz for Rural Sociology 43 (Spring): 138-140.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1978 Review of The Supreme Court and Religion by Richard E. Morgan in Review of Religious Research 19 (Spring): 343-344.
- Wimberley, Ronald C., and Robert L. Moxley.  
1977 Literature Related to AES Project NE-89, "Community Structure and Quality of Life: Measurement and Analysis." Progress Report No. 65, North Carolina State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Working Paper No. 8 of USDA CSRS Regional Project NE-89.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1977 Review of Division in the Protestant House for the Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 16 (June): 207-209.
- Faulkner, Gary L., Ronald C. Wimberley, Albino P. Garbin, and Derrald Vaughn.  
1977 "Self Concepts and Occupational Prestige Among Vocational-Technical Students." Journal of Vocational Behavior 11 (August): 75-82.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1977 "Sociological Research on Agriculture: Some Considerations and Areas of Need." Rural Sociological Society Newsline 5 (September): 16-18.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1976 "ALAM and ALAS: Questioning Error Assignments in Unidimensional Guttman Scaling." Educational and Psychological Measurement 36 (Summer): 361-367.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Donald A. Clelland, Thomas C. Hood, and C. M. Lipsey.  
1976 "The Civil Religious Dimension: Is It There?" Social Forces 54 (June):  
890-900.

Reproduced in part in "Concepts and Indicators of Religious  
Commitment: A Critical Review." W. Clark Roof, The Religious  
Dimension: New Directions in Quantitative Analysis, Robert  
Wuthrow, Ed., New York: Academic Press, 1979, pp. 17-45.

Faulkner, Gary L, Albeno P. Garbin, Ronald C. Wimberley, and Derrald  
Vaughn.  
1976 "Socioeconomic Status and Prestige of Vocational Occupations Among  
Junior College Students." Journal of Industrial Teacher Education  
13 (Spring): 80-83.

Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1976 "Rural Sociology by Any Other Name Would Not Smell." Rural  
Sociological Society Newline 4 (May): 32-33.

Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1976 "Testing the Civil Religion Hypothesis." Sociological Analysis 37  
(Winter): 341-352.

Wimberley, Ronald C.  
1975 "A Program for the T-Score Normal Standardizing Transformation."  
Educational and Psychological Measurement 35 (Autumn): 693-695.

Wimberley, Ronald C., Thomas C. Hood, C. M. Lipsey, Donald Clelland, and  
Marguerite Hay.  
1975 "Conversion at a Billy Graham Crusade: Spontaneous Event or  
Ritual Experience." The Sociological Quarterly 16 (Spring): 162-170.

Abstracted in Human Behavior 4 (December, 1975): 51-52.  
Reprinted in The Sociological Perspective, 4th edition, Scott G.  
McNall, Ed. Boston: Little, Brown, 1977, pp. 389-395.

Reprinted in Collective Behavior: A Sourcebook, M.D. Pugh, Ed., St.  
Paul, Minnesota: West Publishing Co., 1980.

Reprinted in Readings and Review for Sociology, Michael Bass, Ed.,  
New York: Alfred Knoff, 1980.

- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1975 "REGLR NORMSTAN" and "SUPER NORMSTAN." Fortran IV software for T-score normal standardizing technique for grouped and ungrouped data. Raleigh, North Carolina State University.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1974 "Conversion and Commitment: Some Theoretical Considerations." Border States 1 (No. 2): 30-41.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1974 "Toward the Measurement of Commitment Strength." Sociological Analysis 35 (Autumn): 211-215.
- Clelland, Donald A., Thomas C. Hood, C. M. Lipsey, and Ronald C. Wimberley.  
 1974 "In the Company of the Converted: Characteristics of a Billy Graham Crusade Audience." Sociological Analysis 35 (Spring): 45-56.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1974 "Southern Vintage Sociology." The Southern Sociologist 5 (Spring): 4-21.  
  
 Reprinted in part in series in The Southern Sociologist 36 (Spring/Summer, 2004, No. 1): 17-20.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1973 "Ph.D. Language Requirements in Sociology: Reexamining the Hurdles." The American Sociologist 8 (April): 85-87.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1972 Commitment and Commitment Strength with Application to Political Parties: A Conceptual and Causal Analysis. Ph.D. dissertation. Department of Sociology, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1971 "Mobility in Ministerial Career Patterns: Exploration." Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion 10 (Fall): 249-253.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1970 "Career Mobility of Southern Baptist Pastors." Search 1 (Fall): 47-55.
- Wimberley, Ronald C.  
 1967 Marital Adjustment and Religious Dimensions. Master's thesis. Department of Sociology, The Florida State University, Tallahassee.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**1965-** Five research monographs on family and demographic variables,  
**1966** public relations, and leadership. (One with Richard R. Clayton.)

#### **PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS**

**A complete record of published abstracts is not maintained, but over 50 are known to appear in *Sociological Abstracts*, *Psychological Abstracts*, various journals, and other sources.**

## **PAPERS AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

(Recent items from among approximately 350 professional presentations.)

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2009** “Reducing Poverty in the U.S. South and Black Belt: Increasing Southern Sustainability and Global Competitiveness.” Display in “Stewards of the Future: Research on Global Sustainability,” in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Innovation Fair, Raleigh, NC, January 22.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2008** “Rural Sociology’s Greatest U.S. Challenge: The Black Belt South.” Invited paper for the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Manchester, New Hampshire, August.

**Woolley, Donald P., and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

**2008** “The Role of Civil Religion in Choosing a President.” Paper presented at the meeting the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, April 12.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2008** Organizer and Chair of session on “Why Am I a Sociologist?” at the meeting the Southern Sociological Society, Richmond, April 11.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2008** “The Black Belt South and Quality of Life: Race, Region, and Rurality.” Presentation to the NCSU College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Committee on Research, Raleigh, March.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2007** “The RSS by Another Name.” Paper presented at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Santa Clara, CA, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2007** AThe Black Belt South and Quality of Life.@ Invited presentation to the Executive Committee of the Southeast Regional Organization (SERO) of the American Friends Service Committee, Durham, North Carolina, June 23.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2007** Organizer for plenary session, AA Regional Commission for the Black Belt South.@ Session featuring U.S. Congressman Artur Davis (AL), Dean Walter Hill (Tuskegee University) at the 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, April 13.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2007**     **A**Sociology with a Southern Face: Why Are We Sociologists, and What Are We Doing About It in the South?@ Presidential address at the 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, April 12.

**Wimberley, Dale W., Alton Thompson, and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

**2007**     **A**The Persistence of Institutional Discrimination: Black Farmers vs. U.S. Department of Agriculture.@ Paper presented at the 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, April 12.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2006**     **A**Talking Story: Scholars and Community Activists from the Black Belt and Central Appalachia Exchange Stories and Ideas About Working for Social Change.@ Invited panel presentation at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Louisville, KY, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2006**     **A**The Black Belt South and the Black Belt Initiative: Understanding the Dynamics of Disaster Before Katrina and Rita.@ Invited panel presentation at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Louisville, KY, August.

**Morris, Libby V., Rosalind Harris, and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

**2006**     **A**Organizing for Research and Outreach in the Black Belt South.@ Presentation at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, March.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2006**     **A**The Southern Face of Sociology.@ Invited presentation to the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, March.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2006**     **A**Sociology with a Southern Face.@ Invited presentation to the meeting of the North Carolina Sociological Association, Durham, NC, February 17.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2006**     **A**Rural Poverty in Space and Time.@ Invited presentation to the meeting of the Rural Research Network on APoverty in Rural North Carolina,@ The Rural Center, Raleigh, January 25.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2005**     **AThe World Is Still Round, and Sociology Is Still Flat.@** Invited keynote address to the Georgia Sociological Association, St. Simons Island, October.

**Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.**

**2005**     **AThe Emerging Social Movement for the Black Belt South.@** Roundtable session presented at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C., Larry Burmeister, Gregory M. Fulkerson, and Brenda J. Vander Mey.**

**2005**     **AWho Is Global?@** Paper presented at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Tampa, FL, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C., Libby V. Morris, and Alton Thompson.**

**2005**     **AThe Consortium for the Black Belt South.@** Roundtable session presented at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Tampa, FL, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2005**     **APoverty, Space, and the Black Belt South.@** Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC, April.

**Fulkerson, Gregory M., Ronald C. Wimberley, and Matthew W. Irvin.**

**2004**     **AEnhancing Response Rates: Results From the 2001 S276 Survey Experiments.@** Paper presented at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Sacramento, CA, August.

**Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

**2004**     **APoverty in Space and Time: The Ongoing Plight of the Black Belt South.@** Poster presentation at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, April. (Also presented in part as a paper at this meeting.)

**Burmeister, Larry, Gregory Fulkerson, Brenda J. Vander Mey, and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

**2004**     **APublic Perceptions of Globalization.@** Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, April.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2004**     **AReflections on Southern Poverty.@** Invited keynote presentation at the meeting of the South Carolina Sociological Association, Conway, SC, January.

**Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.**

**2003**     **ADismantling Persistent Poverty in the Black Belt South.@** Poster presentation at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2003**     **ACommunicating Research to Policymakers.@** Invited paper presented at the Career Workshop at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2003**     **Organizer and chair of session on AState Sociological Associations: Issues and Opportunities,@** at the meetings of the American Sociological Association and the National Council of State Sociological Associations, Atlanta, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2003**     **AThe Globalization of Food: What Americans Think About It.@** Presentation at the meeting of North Carolina Department of Agriculture=s Research Stations Division, Winston-Salem, NC, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.**

**2003**     **AThe Miller Study on Persistent Poverty in the South.@** Presentation at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, July.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2003**     **APublic Trust and Sources of Food in a Global Market.@** Presentation at the joint meetings of the Rural Sociological Society and the American Agricultural Economics Association, Montreal, July.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2003**     **Chair of session on APoverty, Housing, and Homelessness@** at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, July.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

2003 Chair of session on **Applying Various Forms of Capital to Rural Development Challenges** at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, July.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2003 Chair of session on **The 2002 Census of Agriculture** at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, July.

Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

2003 **Persistent Problems in the Historic Black Belt and the New South.** Presentation at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, March.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2003 **Reconsidering the Southern Black Belt.** Invited presentation at the symposium on W.E.B. Du Bois, **The Souls of Black Folk Centennial Reflections** at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, February.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2003 Presider and introduction of Walter A. Hill for keynote address, **An 1890 Research Director's Perspective on the Role of Land Grants in Southern Rural Development Initiatives,** at the meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, February.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Gregory M. Fulkerson

2003 **A Longitudinal View of American Public Opinion on Food, Farming, and the Environment, 1986 to 2001.** Presentation at the meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, February.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2003 Invited presentation in the Plenary Session, **The Southern Black Belt Initiative: A Research Update,** at the meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, February.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2003 **Persistent Conditions and New Developments in the Black Belt South.** Research report presented at the meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Mobile, Alabama, February.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2002 **"Research and Action for the Black Belt South."** Presentation at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Chicago, Illinois, August.



**Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.**

**2002** "Research and Action for the Black Belt South." Presentation at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Baltimore, Maryland, April.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2002** "The National Council of State Sociological Associations. Presentation in the panel session on "Social Action in the Grassroots," at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Baltimore, Maryland, April.

**Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

**2002** "Action Research in the Black Belt." Presentation at the meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Orlando, Florida, February.

**Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

**2001** "The Southern Black Belt: A National Perspective." An hour-long presentation and talk-show responses on National Public Radio's "Powerpoint," aired nationally, October 21.

**Morris, Libby V., Ronald C. Wimberley, and Douglas Bachtel.**

**2001** "Understanding the Black Belt." Keynote presentation to the Southern Black Belt Forum, Tuskegee University, October.

**Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.**

**2001** "The Poor Rural Areas That Must Support 'The Cities of the Future'." Paper presented at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, California, August.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2001** Organizer and presider of the session on "The State of Agricultural Statistics and Plans for the 2002 Census of Agriculture," at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico, August.

**Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

**2001** "The Condition of Education in the Rural U.S. and the Black Belt South." Paper presented at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico, August.

**Vander Mey, Brenda J., and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

2001 "Globalization and Agricultural Change: An Overview of Catalysts and Concerns." Paper presented at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Albuquerque, New Mexico, August.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2001 "The Black Belt South." Keynote presentation at the Black Belt Initiative Planning Meeting at the Carter Presidential Center, Atlanta, May.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2001 "The Poorest Places in the Black Belt South." Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, April.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2001 "The Black Belt South and a Formula for Poverty." Paper presented at the meeting of the Pacific Sociological Society, San Francisco, March.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2001 Moderator, annual meeting for the North Carolina Sociological Association, Durham, February.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2001 "The Black Belt South's Worst Places for Socioeconomic Quality of Life." Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association, Fort Worth, January.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

2000 "The Poorest Places in the Black Belt South." Paper presented at the 58th Professional Agricultural Workers Conference, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama, December.

Wimberley, Ronald C.

2000 "The Next South." Invited presentation to the Florida Civil Rights Conference, Orlando, November.

Morris, Libby V., and Ronald C. Wimberley.

2000 "Education, Poverty, and Unemployment: The Poorest Counties in the Black Belt South." Paper presented at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Washington, D.C., August.

Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.

**2000**      **"The Southern Black Belt: The Persistence of Historic Inequalities."**  
**Poster display presented at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August.**

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2000** "Organizer and presider of session on "The Census of Agriculture: Changes and Challenges for American Agriculture's New Century," at the meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Washington, D.C., August.

**Woolley, Donald P., and Ronald C. Wimberley.**

**2000** "Civil Religion and the Clinton Impeachment: What Did the Public Perceive?" Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, April.

**Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.**

**2000** "The Poverty Equation and the Black Belt South." Paper presented at the meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, April.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2000** Organizer and presider of session on "Public Perceptions of Food, Farming, and the Environment," at the meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, March.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2000** "Globalization and Public Perceptions: Where Does Food Come From?" Presentation at the meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, March.

**Wimberley, Ronald C., and Libby V. Morris.**

**2000** "The Future of Government in a Global Society." Invited presentation in a presidential session at the meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, March.

**Wimberley, Ronald C.**

**2000** Moderator, annual meeting program for the North Carolina Sociological Association, Raleigh, North Carolina, February.

**Graduate Students and Dissertations Directed, Ph.D.**

**Barry R. Beasley, 1981**

**Dissertation:** *Community Structure and Crime: A Macrostructural Analysis*

**Director of Planning and Research, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources**

**Michael J. Belyea, 1981**

**Dissertation:** *Community Structure and Health Status*

**Associate Professor, Arizona State University.**

**Suzanne E. Szabo, 1985**

**Dissertation:** *A Synthesis of the Columbia and Michigan Models of Candidate Choice*

**President, Organizational Research and Consulting, Washington, D.C.**

**Linda M. (Reif) Lobao, 1986**

**Dissertation:** *Farm Structure, Industry Structure and Socioeconomic Conditions: A Longitudinal Study in Economy and Society*

**Professor, Ohio State University**

**Stephanie Monroe Sayers Fowler, 1994**

**(Co-Chair, A. Clarke Davis)**

**Dissertation:** *The Structure and Component Parts of Community Satisfaction*

**Statistician, Center for Physician Payment, HCFA, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.**

**Thomas A. Overton, 1997**

**Dissertation:** *Factors that Influence Farmer=s Environmental Practices*

**Lecturer, Indiana University-Purdue University, Fort Wayne**

**Ann Snead Allen, 1999**

**(Co-Chair, Maxine S. Thompson)**

**Dissertation:** *The Effects of Childlessness on Depression in American Women*

**Investigator, Department of Health and Human Services, State of North Carolina**

**Benjamin G. Gray, Jr., 2000**

**Dissertation:** *Understanding the Relationship Between Rural Health and Income*

**Assistant Professor, North Carolina A&T State University**

**Donald P. Woolley. 2004**

*Dissertation: Perceptions of the Presidency: Civil Religion and the Public=s Assessment of Candidates and Incumbents*

Research Analyst, Terry Sanford Center, Duke University

**Matthew W. Irvin. 2006**

*Dissertation: Radio Station Market Concentration and Programming Diversity: The Effect of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 on Local Radio Markets*

Assistant Professor, Eastern Kentucky University

**Gregory M. Fulkerson. 2006**

(Co-Chair, Robert L. Moxley)

*Dissertation: Reality and Representations: How Americans Think About Agriculture*

Lecturer, North Carolina State University

**Graduate Student Committees Served for Other Ph.D. Students:**

**Randolf Charles Dickens, Adult and Community College Education, 1973**

**Choon Yang, Sociology, 1975**

**David A. Norris, Psychology, 1977**

**Wayne Thomas Adams, Sociology, 1979**

**Terry J. Tomazic, Sociology, 1981**

**Gery T. Sandling, Psychology, 1981**

**Kitty B. Herrin, Sociology, 1987**

**Jennifer G. Nooney, Sociology, 2006**

**Graduate Students and Theses Directed, M.S.**

**Eric Hoffman, 1974**

*Thesis: A Theoretical Synthesis of Conflict Structuralism, Equity, and Authority Sequences*

**Rebecca J. Hill, 1976**

*Thesis: Difficulty in Transition to Motherhood*

**Jill Anderson, 1978**

*Thesis: The Impact of Friends on Candidate Choice*

**Margaret Ann B. Terry, 1989**

**Thesis: *Socioeconomic Effects of Agristruature in North Carolina***

**Benjamin G. Gray, Jr., 1994**

**Thesis: *An Analysis of the Working Poor in Nonmetropolitan Areas of North Carolina***

**Robert L. Pickett. 2004**

**Thesis: *Race, Region, and Ruralty: Implications for Educational Attainment***

**Graduate Students and Committees Chaired, M. Soc.**

**Omran Salem Etewish, 1974**

**Paper: *A General Demographic Description and Analysis of the Libyan Arab Republic***

**Herbert W. Kress, 1975**

**Paper: *Changing Power Relationships in the Persian Gulf: An Analysis of Attitude Change in International Relations***

**Vicki Voltz Pate, 1980**

**Paper: *An Examination of Commitment and Commitment Strength on the Success of a Radio 1 Movement***

**Graduate Student Committees Served for Other Masters Students:**

**Earl D. Beshears, Sociology, 1974**

**Thomas J. Naughton, Adult and Community College Education, 1974**

**Robert C. Vidua, Political Science and Public Administration, 1974**

**Bruce Elvin Clapp, Recreation Resources, 1975**

**Gery T. Sandling, Psychology, 1976**

**Dennis James McCain, Sociology, 1977**

**Chanhmaly S. Sibounherang , Master of Technology and International Development, 1998**

**Salinda S. Daley, Zoology, 2002**

**Florine Bell, Liberal Studies, 2003**

**Gilda Ennis, Liberal Studies, 2005**

**Teixeira-Poit, Stephanie, 2008**

## **SUPPORTED PROJECTS**

**Consortium for the Black Belt South, NCSU CALS and NCA&TSU. June 2003 to present.**

**North Carolina Agricultural Research Service, funding for "Quality of Life in the Black Belt South: Circa 2010 Update and Analysis." October 2008 to September 2013.**

**North Carolina Agricultural Research Service, continuation funding for, "Quality of Life in the Black Belt South: 2000 Update and Analysis." October 2007 to September 2008.**

**North Carolina State University Sea Grants funding for "Census Data for Southern Atlantic Coast Fish House Locations." October 2006 to September 2007.**

**North Carolina Agricultural Research Service, funding for "Quality of Life in the Black Belt South: 2000 Update and Analysis." October 2002 to September 2007.**

**Farm Foundation, support for the S276 national public survey on "Public Perceptions of Food and Farming in the Global Context." June 1999 to March 2002.**

**Support from participating land-grant universities to conduct the S276 national public survey on "Public Perceptions of Food and Farming in the Global Context." June 1999 to September 2002.**

**TVA Rural Studies project for, "Black Belt Databook," October 1998 to June 2001.**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, CSREES Regional Project S-276 for North Carolina Agricultural Research Service Project 11276 funding for, "Rural Restructuring: Causes and Consequences for Globalized Agriculture and Natural Resource Systems." January 1997 to September 2002.**

**North Carolina Agricultural Research Service, continuation funding for, "The Transformation of Agriculture: Resources, Technologies, and Policies," 1996 to 1997.**

**Farm Foundation, "The Southern Black Belt in National Perspective," 1996 to 1997.**

**The Southern Rural Development Center, "The Southern Black Belt in National Perspective," 1996 to 1997.**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, CSREES, Technical Development Committee DC94-04, "Globalization and Economic Restructuring: Consequences for Agriculture and Natural Resource Systems," 1994 to 1996.**

**North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, "Public Perceptions of Agriculture and Related Public Policy," 1993 to 1996.**

**Support for research on privatization of farms and firms in rural Russian Communities, Russian Academy of Sciences, May, 1993.**

**Southern Rural Development Center, "The Black Belt of the Rural South: Dependence, Persistence, and Policy," with L.V. Morris and D.C. Bachtel, 1992 to 1995.**

**Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Soil Conservation Service, Environmental Protection Agency, and Extension Service project, "Farm Operator Survey to Evaluate the Rural Clean Water Program," with T. J. Hoban, 1990 to 1993.**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, CSRS Regional Project S-246 for North Carolina Agricultural Research Service Project 11246 funding for, "The Transformation of Agriculture: Resources, Technologies, and Policies," 1990 to 1996.**

**National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges, support for publishing ECOP and ESCOP report on rural revitalization.**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, broadform agreement with CSRS for work on agriculture and rural viability plus publication of task force reports, 1987 to 1988.**

**Funding for leave to the Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress, 1985 to 1986 plus publication of edited volume.**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, CSRS Regional Project S-198 and North Carolina Agricultural Research Service Project 11198 funding for, "Socioeconomic Dimensions of Technological Change, Natural Resource Use and Agricultural Structure," 1984 to 1990.**

**Southern Research Development Committee 88-10, "The Transformation of Regional Agriculture: Resources, Technologies, and Policies," 1989 to 1990.**

**North Carolina Agricultural Research Service Project 5546, "Tobacco Farming as a Component in Agricultural Structure: Its Relationship With Social Well-Being," 1983 to 1986.**

**National Science Foundation project on, "Influence of Factors on Commitment to and Learning of Science," Acting Project Director, 1981.**

**U.S. Agency for International Development, Title XII, University Strengthening Grant, "Technology Adaptation and Transfer to Limited Resource Farmers," 1979 to 1984. Member of grant proposal and research committee.**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, SEA/CR, AES Regional Project S-148 and North Carolina Agricultural Research Service Project 11148 funding for the, "Changing Structure of Agriculture: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Implications," 1979 to 1984. Co-organizer.**

**Intergovernmental Personnel Act funding for detail to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Science and Education Administration, 1979.**

**Southern Regional Agricultural Experiment Station Area of Work, "Agricultural Structure and Commitment to Farming," 1978 to 1979. Co-organizer.**

**Title V funding for, "Agricultural Differentiation and Development: The Macro-Structure of Farming," 1977 to 1979.**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture, CSRS, AES Regional Project NE-89 and North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station Project 11989 funding for, "Community Structure and Quality of Life: Measurement and Analysis," 1975 to 1979.**

**Grant from North Carolina State University Faculty Research and Professional Development Fund on, "Political and Religious Commitment," 1972 to 1973.**

**National Science Foundation grant for study at the Inter-university Consortium for Political Research, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, 1970.**

**NIMH traineeship, University of Tennessee, 1969 to 1970, 1970 to 1971.**

## **PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS**

**Member, Journal Committee. Southern Sociological Society, 2007 to present.**

**Member, Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee. Southern Sociological Society, 2008 to present.**

**Member, Handbook Review Committee, Southern Sociological Society, 2008 to present.**

**President, Southern Sociological Society, 2006 to 2007.**

**Member, Executive Committee, Southern Sociological Society, 2005 to present.**

**Member, Finance Committee, Southern Sociological Society, 2005 to 2008.**

**Member, Site Selection Committee, Southern Sociological Society, 2005 to present.**

**Member, Environmental Subcommittee, Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2004 to 2005.**

**Member, Committee on Southern Poverty, Southern Rural Development Center, 2004.**

**Member, Organizational Subcommittee, The Black Belt Initiative, 2002 to 2003.**

**Member, Steering Committee, The Black Belt Initiative, 2002 to present.**

**President, National Council of State Sociological Associations, 2001 to 2003.**

**Chair, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 2001 to 2002.**

**Member, Planning Committee, The Black Belt Initiative, The University of Georgia and other southern universities, 2001 to 2002.**

**Member, Constitutional Revisions Committee, North Carolina Sociological Association, 2001 to 2002.**

**Member, Committee for an Electronic Journal, North Carolina Sociological Association, 2000 to 2003.**

**Member, Nominations Committee, for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, National Agricultural Statistical Service, 2000 to 2001.**

**Council Member and Past President, North Carolina Sociological Association, 2001 to 2002.**

**President, North Carolina Sociological Association, 2000 to 2001.**

**Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Organizational Liaisons, Rural Sociological Society, 2000 to present.**

**Member, Subcommittee on Data Access, for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, National Agricultural Statistical Service, 1999 to 2000.**

**Chair, Committee on Sociological Practice, Southern Sociological Society, 2000 to 2002; member 2000 to 2003.**

**Member, Advisory Committee on Agriculture Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1999 through 2005. (This is a reappointment to the newly authorized USDA Advisory Committee. The appointment originally began in 1981 in U.S. Department of Commerce and transferred to USDA in 1997.)**

**Member of Executive Council, North Carolina Sociological Association, 1999 to 2002.**

**Member of Applied Careers Task Force, North Carolina Sociological Association, 1999 to 2001.**

**Member, Board of Advisors, North Carolina State Employees Credit Union, 1999 to 2003.**

**Member, Committee for North Carolina Small Farmer Award, North Carolina A&T State University, 1999 to 2001.**

**Member, Committee on Social Science Implications, USDA Small Farms Program, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service, 1998 to 2001.**

**Member, Committee on a Washington D.C. Presence, Rural Sociological Society, 1998 to 2001.**

**Member, Committee for the Southern Summit on Minority Economic Development, Southern Growth Policies Board, 1998 to 2002.**

**Advisor on, "Partnership Study: Strengthening the Extension partnership Among the 1862 and 1890 Institutions and the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service," North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University, 1998.**

**Member, Committee on the Constitution, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 1998 to 1999.**

**Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1997 through 2005. (This committee was formerly the Census Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce. Was a member from 1891 through its transfer to USDA in 1997, and served a term as Committee Chair in the 1980s.)**

**Member, Regional Committee on Human Capital and Economic Development, Southern Rural Development Center, 1997.**

**Chair, Nominating Committee, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 1996 to 1997.**

**Member of Nominating Committee, Southern Demographic Association, 1996.**

**External reviewer for sociology programs, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Mississippi State University, Five-Year Review and Self Study, May, 1996.**

**Southern Agroecosystems Research and Extension Evaluation Committee, 1996. Via the SERA Task Force on Sustainable Agriculture and Agroecosystems.**

**Southern Rural Sociological Association Awards Committee, 1995 to 1996.**

**Member of Research and Academic Focus Group, U.S. Bureau of the Census, for planning census data access and dissemination, 1995.**

**Subcommittee for Personnel Resources in Rural Sociology, Southern Regional Advisory Committee, Southern CSRS Region, 1995.**

**Program Committee, the Southern Sociological Society, 1994 to 1996.**

**Steering Committee for Rural Development and Minority Outreach, U.S. Forest Service, Southern Region, 1994 to 1998.**

**Special reviewer for the National Research Council of the National Academy of Sciences of, *A Space Physics Paradox*, by the Committee on Solar-Terrestrial Research, 1993 to 1994.**

**National Planning Committee for a Black Socioeconomic Summit, 1993 to 1994.**

**SERA-IEG-16, "Rural Infrastructure as a Cause and Consequence of Rural Economic Development and Quality of Life," 1993 to present.**

**Chair, National Priorities for Rural Sociology Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 1992 to 1993; member 1992 to 1995.**

**Chair, Priorities Subcommittee on Rural Sociology Assessment, Rural Sociological Society, 1992 to 1993.**

**Chair, Financial Affairs Subcommittee, Rural Sociological Society, 1992 to 1993.**

**State Rural Development Council, North Carolina, 1992 to present.**

**Awards Committee, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 1991 to 1992.**

**Committee on U.S. and Global Rurality, Rural Sociological Society, 1991 to 1992.**

**Committee on Rural Sociology and Global Change, Rural Sociological Society, 1991 to 1992.**

**Advisory Committee, Rural Sociological Society Task Force on Persistent Rural Poverty, 1991 to 1992**

**Program Committee, ex officio member, Rural Sociological Society, 1991 to 1992.**

**Chair of special review of Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Mississippi State University, November, 1991.**

**Financial Affairs Subcommittee, Rural Sociological Society, 1990 to 1993.**

**Development Committee, ex officio member, Rural Sociological Society, 1990 to 1992.**

**Chair of SRIEG-53, "Rural Infrastructure as a Cause and Consequence of Rural Economic Development and Quality of Life," 1990 to 1993.**

**Prepublication reviewer for, *Potential Impacts of Climate Change: Report from Working Group II to IPCC*, for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, World Meteorological Organization and United Nations Environment Programme, Geneva Switzerland, 1989 to 1990.**

**Nominating Committee, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 1989.**

**Ad hoc representative of the Rural Sociological Society to the American Agricultural Economics Association's Economic Statistics Committee, 1988 to 1989.**

**Ex Officio Member, Program Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 1988 to 1989.**

**Coordinator of Research and Interest Groups, Rural Sociological Society, 1988 to 1989.**

**Chair, Site Selection Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 1988 to 1989.**

**Task Force on, "Alternatives for Financing Infrastructure Development in Rural Communities of the South," Southern Rural Development Center, 1988 to 1992.**

**Chair, Committee to Establish Awards, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 1988 to 1989.**

**Liaison Committee, Gamma Sigma Delta, NCSU, 1987 to present.**

**Task Force on Agriculture and Community Viability for the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP); Editor and**

**co-author of reports, liaison between Task Force and CSRS, USDA, 1987 to 1989.**

**Review team member for rural sociology programs, University of Minnesota, January, 1987.**

**Ad Hoc Committee on Census Affairs, Rural Sociological Society, 1986 to 1989.**

**Rural Sociology Research Committee, for CSRS Regions, 1986 to 1987.**

**Representative of Rural Sociological Society to the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS), 1985 to 1986, 1987, 1987-1988.**

**Fiftieth Anniversary Planning and Coordinating Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 1984 to 1987.**

**Site Selection Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 1984 to 1986.**

**Committee on National Statistics, American Sociological Association, 1984 to 1987.**

**Research Associate, Social Science Research and Instructional Computing Laboratory, North Carolina State University, 1983 to present.**

**Honors and Awards Committee, NCSU Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, 1983 to 1985, 1986 to 1987.**

**Chair, Census Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1983 to 1984.**

**CSRS Review team member for Human Resources and Community Development programs and related departments, Louisiana State University, March, 1982.**

**Ad Hoc Committee on Review of Current Research Information System, USDA, for Rural Sociological Society, 1981 to 1982.**

**Census Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1981 to 1997. (Committee transferred to USDA in 1997 as the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Statistics, and membership continued 1997 to 2006.)**

**Committee on Policy Research and Application, Southern Sociological Society, 1981 to 1983.**

**Publications Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 1980 to 1982.**

**Chair of SEA/CR, AES Regional Research Committee S-148, "Changing Structure of Agriculture: Causes, Consequences, and Policy Implications," 1980.**

**Program Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 1979 to 1980. In charge of sections on the sociology of agriculture and on models for social research at agricultural experiment stations.**

**Committee on Potential Contributions of Rural Sociology, Southern Rural Sociology Research Committee (SRSRC), 1979 to 1980.**

**CSRS Review team member for Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Idaho State University, May, 1979.**

**Advisor to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for the rural sociology program, 1979.**

**Ad hoc committee on Contacts for Sociologists in the Washington, D.C. Area for the Development Committee of the Rural Sociological Society, 1979.**

**Secretary, Southern Regional Agricultural Experiment Station Area of Work on "Agricultural Structure and Commitment to Farming," 1978 to 1979.**

**Registered as Social Psychologist, North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Practicing Psychologists, 1978.**

**Secretary, USDA-CSRS AES Regional Project NE-89, "Community Structure and Quality of Life: Measurement and Analysis," 1977 to 1978.**

**Program Committee, Rural Sociological Society, 1977 to 1978.**

**Member of the Rural Sociological Society's Ad Hoc Committee on the Sociology of Agriculture, 1976 to 1980.**

**Nominations Committee, Religious Research Association, 1976 to 1978.**

**Membership Committee, Southern Sociological Society, 1976 to 1978.**

**Development Committee, Religious Research Association, 1976 to 1977.**

**Howard Odum Award Committee, Southern Sociological Society, 1975 to 1976.**

**National representative for North Carolina State University's Alpha Kappa Delta chapter, 1974 to 1978.**

## **UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, member of Research Committee, 2007 to Present.**

**North Carolina State University, member of University Art Acquisitions Committee, 2005 to 2008.**

**North Carolina State University and College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Chair of Committee for Nomination of Distinguished Professor, 2005.**

**College of Education, member of Dallas Herring Professor in Community College Education Search Committee, 2003 to 2004.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, member of Kenneth R. Keller Awards Committee, 2003.**

**College of Education, member of Joseph D. Moore Distinguished Chair Search Committee, 2002.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, member of Research Committee, 2000 to 2004.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, member of Promotion and Tenure Committee, 1999 to 2000.**

**North Carolina State University, Chair of University Art Acquisitions Committee, 1999 to 2001.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, member of the Kellogg Sustainable Agriculture Committee, 1997.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, member of Kenneth R. Keller Awards Committee, 1997 and 1998.**

**North Carolina State University, member of University Art Acquisitions Committee, 1996 to 2002.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, member of Water Quality Program faculty, and member of the program's Water Quality Information Committee, 1996 to 1997.**

**North Carolina State University representative on the committee for, "Creating a Culture for Change," for the Governor's Commission for a Competitive North Carolina, 1994.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Animal and Poultry Byproducts Committee, 1994 to 1996.**

**North Carolina State University, Rural Development Committee, 1993 to 1995.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Community/Rural Development Task Force, 1992 to 1995.**

**North Carolina State University, O. Max Gardner Award Committee, 1992 to 1995.**

**Chair, Graduate School Review Committee for Curriculum and Instruction Education, College of Education and Psychology, Spring 1992.**

**North Carolina State University Rural Revitalization Council, 1990 to 1993; member of Executive Committee; Chair of Research Subcommittee; member of other subcommittees on the North Carolina higher education summit and on grants.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Task Force on Waste Utilization in Agriculture and Forestry, 1990 to 1991.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Agricultural Meteorology Committee, 1989 to 1993.**

**College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, International Programs Advisory Committee, 1988 to 1989.**

**North Carolina State University Speakers Bureau, 1987 to 1989.**

**School of Forest Resources, Search Committee for Head, Department of Recreation Resources Administration, 1987 to 1988.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, E.G. Moss Fellowship Selection Committee, 1984 to 1985.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Exhibit Committee, 1984.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Curriculum Committee, 1984 to 1985.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Chair for 1984 University Day.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Vice-Chair, 1983 University Day.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Reynolds Seminar Committee, 1983.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Expanding Production Potential in Agriculture, 1982 to 1983.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, United Way Campaign Chair, 1981.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Off-Campus Instruction Committee, 1981 to 1985.**

**School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Administrative Board, 1981 to 1985.**

**Member of AAUP Faculty Welfare Committee, NCSU, 1977 to 1978.**

**School of Agriculture and Life Sciences Outstanding Teacher Selection Committee, 1977 to 1978.**

## DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

Headed Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 1981 to 1985. In addition, this department included programs for social work, criminal justice, community development, and extension sociology.

Developed and taught graduate courses on advanced analysis, advanced measurement, rural sociology, contemporary sociology, and the social psychology of commitment.

Taught undergraduate courses on research methods, social psychology, rural and agricultural sociology, and introductory sociology.

Chaired committees for doctoral and masters degrees; directed numerous dissertations and theses; member of other degree committees; undergraduate advising.

Chaired departmental committees on department seminars, computer funding, teaching evaluation; committee member or coordinator of other activities including department head recruitment, faculty recruitment, graduate student recruitment, departmental publicity, research, goals, curriculum, affirmative action, minority faculty recruitment, peer review, graduate program, and departmental history and archives.

## EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Editorial Board, *Sociation Today*, refereed web journal of the North Carolina Sociological Association, 2002 to present.

Associate Editor, *Southern Rural Sociology*, 1999 to 2006.

Lead Editor for *The Social Risks of Agriculture*, 2002. With the editorial board of the S-276 Technical Committee. Contributed three chapters and two appendices.

Co-Editor of *Life Conditions and Opportunities in Black Belt Counties*. Mississippi State, Mississippi: Southern Rural Development Center, 1993.

Editor of *Research for Rural North Carolina*, Proceedings of the Campus Research Forum of the Rural Revitalization Council, 1992.

**Editor and Chair of Board of Editors, Rural Studies Series (refereed) of the Westview Press and the Rural Sociological Society, 1988-1991, for *Rural Policies for the 1990s* (C. Flora and J. Christenson, Eds.) and *The Future of Rural America* (K. Pigg, Ed.). Also solicited several other Series books published after 1991.**

**Editor for NASULGC ESCOP and ECOP report on *Revitalizing the Rural Economy*, 1990.**

**Editor for ESCOP Task Force on Agriculture and Community Viability and report on *Agriculture and Rural Viability*, 1988.**

**Principal Editor, *New Dimensions in Rural Policy: Building Upon Our Heritage*, 1985 to 1986.**

**Editorial Board, *Southern Rural Sociology*, 1983 to 1984.**

**Editor, *Rural Sociology in the South*, 1982.**

**Special Editorial Consultant, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion's Monograph Series, 1981.**

**Associate Editor, *Rural Sociology*, 1981 to 1985.**

**Associate Editor, *Review of Religious Research*, 1980 to 1994.**

**Associate Editor, *Sociological Analysis*, 1980 to 1983.**

## **REVIEW ASSIGNMENTS**

**Reviewer for promotion and promotion and tenure candidates, various universities, 1970s through present.**

**Reviewer of article manuscripts for various social scientific journals, including *The American Sociological Review*, *Rural Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Sociological Quarterly*, and other journals, 1974 to present.**

**Reviewer of research proposals for the National Science Foundation, USDA, and other agencies, 1970s through present.**

**National Research Council's Commission on Geosciences, Environment, and Resources, 1993.**

**Rural Policy Research Institute, research proposals, 1993.**

**Cooperative State Research Service, USDA, National Research Initiative proposals, 1992, 1993.**

**Bureau of the Census, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1990.**

**Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1990.**

**Social Science Agricultural Agenda Project, 1988 to 1990.**

**Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Congress, 1988.**

**State University of New York Press, 1988.**

**Iowa State University Press, 1988.**

**Users Advisory Board, USDA, 1987.**

**Small Business Innovative Research, USDA Office of Grants and Program Systems, 1987 to 1988.**

**Office of Technology Assessment, U.S. Congress, 1985.**

**Economics, Statistics, and Cooperative Service, USDA, 1979.**

**Science and Education Administration, USDA, 1979.**

**National Science Foundation, 1979.**

**USDA, CSRS AES Regional Project NE-89 Publication Committee, 1976 to 1978.**

**Dryden Press, 1973.**

**MEMBERSHIPS (Permanent, Current, Recent)**

**American Sociological Association  
Rural Sociological Society  
Southern Sociological Society  
Southern Rural Sociological Association  
National Council of State Sociological Associations  
North Carolina Sociological Association  
Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists  
American Agricultural Economics Association  
Southern Agricultural Economics Association  
Association of Russian Sociologists  
Russian Rural Sociological Association  
International Sociological Association  
International Visual Sociology Association  
Association for the Sociology of Religion  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Southern Association for Public Opinion Research  
Southern Anthropological Society  
American Geophysical Union  
Alpha Kappa Delta  
Gamma Sigma Delta  
Sigma Xi**

## RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION, USDA, WASHINGTON, D.C., 1979

Experience with Science and Education Administration (SEA) in the agency currently known as the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture was received during the 1979 year's detail from campus.

Designated as a Social Scientist, this position represented sociology, anthropology, political science, and related disciplines receiving research funding through SEA. Work within SEA was primarily with economists, food scientists, nutritionists, home economists, agricultural communicators, engineers, biologists, foresters, plant scientists, and animal scientists. There were further activities with persons across other USDA agencies. Major responsibilities included:

1. The review of teaching, research, and extension programs in sociology and economics departments of land-grant universities.
2. Representing SEA at working meetings of university scientists on USDA supported projects in various regions of the United States.
3. The approval or deferral of research proposals and research progress reports from 1862 and 1890 universities.
4. Participation in various internal administrative and budgeting functions of USDA-SEA.

The latter activities (no. 4) included helping to develop a plan for public participation in setting USDA regulations; operationalizing an administrative decision calendar for SEA use in scheduling decisions or regulations involving public participation; reports to HEW on demographic research supported by USDA; planning and justifying social research components in the FY 1980 federal budget for SEA; helping to plan for minority business involvement in SEA purchasing and contracts; serving on committees to coordinate social programs--small farms, housing, business, industrialization--among USDA agencies and with external federal agencies; attending Senate and House hearings on agriculture and preparing written responses to questions from the Senate and House regarding USDA supported research; preparing rural and community development briefing material for the Secretary of Agriculture; helping to plan USDA activity on the structure of agriculture and social research needs; reviewing papers and manuscripts to be published through USDA; plus other activities.



**ACADEMIC ADMINISTRATION:  
HEAD OF MULTIDISCIPLINARY DEPARTMENT, 1981 to 1985**

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at North Carolina State University is supported by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHASS) and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs). Their mutual support provides the department an array of programs, emphases, and opportunities unusual among departments that customarily house these academic disciplines.

During this term as Department Head, there were eight undergraduate degree programs involving sociology, social work, criminal justice, applied sociology, and anthropology. At the graduate level, there were the Master of Sociology, M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in sociology as well as a Master's minor in anthropology. Other academic programs included social studies teacher certification and the two-year Agricultural Institute. In addition, there were research, extension, and international program activities.

Each year, nearly 500 undergraduate students majored in these programs along with 50 master's and doctoral degree students in sociology. About 6,500 students—both majors and service students from across the University—took courses from the Department's offerings each year. Around 100 sections of courses were scheduled each semester.

Using full-time positions as a criterion, the Department's 30 positions in sociology placed it as one of the dozen largest sociology programs in the country. The addition of anthropology and social work faculty members made it as large or larger than any department of this type. In terms of the differentiation of disciplines and programs, this Department was and continues to be as complex as any which principally involves sociology positions.

About 40 full-time positions were normally administered in this departmental unit. Nearly one-fourth were in CALs. The CHASS positions consisted of about 20 in sociology including 3 in criminal justice; 5 in anthropology; and 5 in social work. Among CALs sociology faculty members, 5 were split between research and teaching while 3 worked full-time in extension and 3 others were in extension's community development program.

In addition, about 10 people served temporary teaching posts each semester. Approximately 20 graduate students were typically supported as research and teaching assistants. The faculty was served by 13 staff members having administrative, bookkeeping, word processing, and secretarial

responsibilities. With a fluctuating number of temporary workers, the Department's total work force numbered from 80 to 90 persons.

Thesis and dissertation topics of graduate students who finished during these years include community structure, crime, health, career commitment, quality of life, gender roles, occupations, small group behavior, the elderly, criminology, deviance, migration, public schools, and farm organization. Graduate students have secured desirable positions in major universities, state and federal agencies, research institutes, and private industry.

By 1984 to 1985, the faculty was conducting research in approximately 75 supported and unsupported projects. Research supported via the North Carolina Agricultural Research Service focused on communities, demographic changes, agricultural and rural development, and human resources. Further funded research during recent years included projects on commitment to science and math-science education (NSF) and mental hospitalization (NIH) as well as university funded Faculty Research and Professional Development projects in criminal sentencing, agribusiness, student achievement, and opal phytolith analysis. Extension sociology conducted applied projects on leadership development, a sociological and demographic data base, and other topics.

SENATE STAFF, JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE,  
U.S. CONGRESS, 1985 to 1986

While on leave from North Carolina State University, I served in a professional staff economist position on the Senate side of The Joint Economic Committee in Washington, D.C. The professional staff of this Committee provides economic advice to the Committee's members and to the Congress. It functions as the congressional counterpart of the President's Council of Economic Advisors. So far as it is known, this was the first appointment of a sociologist to the Committee's professional staff.

Duties were directed primarily to the farm and rural crisis and related social and economic policy. A major assignment was to be the principal editor and coordinator of authors and manuscripts for the book, *New Dimensions in Rural Policy: Building Upon Our Heritage*, which contained 65 chapters by nearly 100 authors. This was published by the Congress within the year. Its topics include a perspective on agricultural and rural changes, a rural and agricultural profile, employment, agriculture, rural and farm families, farms, communities, businesses, education and health, and opportunities for rural and agricultural areas. The book was followed by the preparation of briefing materials and press releases. This book has received wide circulation with about 5,000 copies sold and distributed.

Another activity pertained to hearings conducted by the Committee. For example, my involvement in the May 5 Committee hearing on, "The Chernobyl Disaster: Implications for World Food Security and the U.S. Farm Economy," was to initiate the idea and co-organize the hearing and witnesses. This was completed within days of the initial news of the accident.

This position also included speech writing. An example is the June 25, 1986 Senate floor speech by Senator James Abdnor on, "Threats to the Integrity of Rural and Farm Statistics." There were other contributions to speeches as well as participation in news conferences, presentations to various audiences, briefings, press releases, and the drafting of policy principles regarding agricultural, rural, and community development issues. In general, the rural and agricultural initiatives effort of the Committee was to better define such problems and to seek policy solutions through scientific and public efforts.

## RESEARCH IMPACT:

### Turning the Course of Poverty in the Historic Black Belt South

**Issue.** The southern Black Belt is the largest, poorest, and most rural region of the United States. It stretches across the 623 counties the research identified from the 11 Old South states where many of the nation's African-Americans live.

The problems of the historic, Black Belt South persist across three centuries and are yet to be satisfactorily resolved. As the nation's largest region, the South holds 36 percent of the U.S. population, but 41 percent of the nation's poverty and 40 percent of the adults who have not completed high school. The South also is home to 45 percent of those who live in nonmetro areas and to 55 percent of the nation's nonmetro poor. Today, it is home to 54 percent of the nation's African-Americans. Most southern poverty is concentrated in the Black Belt. This research focuses on these issues and seeks to improve quality-of-life conditions in region.

**What Has Been Done.** Since 1990, the research has provided basic information and issue awareness, analytic scientific models for solutions to the region's problems, and a meaningful base for policies and programs to change the longstanding course of the region. The research is transmitted through the many publications, and over 100 speeches and seminars on improving quality-of-life in the South and Black Belt.

Two of the publications from the research are *The Reference Book on Regional Well-Being* and *The Southern Black Belt: A National Perspective*, both co-authored by Dr. Ronald Wimberley and Dr. Libby Morris of the University of Georgia. These volumes and other works reveal the poor-quality-of-life conditions of the Black Belt South and offer a strategy for bringing these problems to an end and bringing the region up to the level of well-being enjoyed in other U.S. regions. In fact, *The Southern Black Belt* has become the basic text for research, applications, and social movement work by others.

**Impact.** This research and outreach program has had many impacts and spinoffs. It has provided awareness and basic information for scholars, officials, community leaders, and citizens about problems of the Black Belt that have been overlooked or ignored since the 1960's war on poverty that focused on Appalachia more than on the larger, Old South region.

In 2002, for example, the Black Belt Initiative that was launched by the University of Georgia in collaboration with other universities and interest groups moved to an independent organizational status. This effort is based in

*The Southern Black Belt* and other products of Wimberley and Morris= research on demographic and socioeconomic conditions of the historic Black Belt South. The University of Georgia part of the initiative launched the Miller Study via \$250,000 in congressional funding through Senator Zell Miller of Georgia and a matching amount by a private businessman for a feasibility study for a regional Black Belt commission as earlier recommended by the research team. This work produced a report, *Dismantling Persistent Poverty in the Southeastern United States*, that was published in 2002 through the Institute of Government at the University of Georgia.

During 2002, Wimberley and Morris= research was also used in programs by the Federation of Southern Cooperatives, the West Alabama Regional Skills Consortium, Alabama Power, the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development, the Southern Food Systems Educational Consortium (SOFSEC), and other groups.

In the U.S. House of Representatives, the Wimberley and Morris research was also a basis for the development of H.R.3618 in 2002 and for H.R.141, <sup>A</sup>The SouthEast Crescent Authority [SECA] Act of 2003,<sup>@</sup> a regional development commission promoted through East Carolina University. Also in the House, the research was a basis for H.R.678, <sup>A</sup>The Southern Empowerment and Economic Development Act to Authorize the Delta Black Belt Regional Authority,<sup>@</sup> as promoted through the Tuskegee University portion of the Miller Study. And in the U.S. Senate, S.527, <sup>A</sup>The Southern Regional Commission Act of 2003,<sup>@</sup> has also been introduced from the University of Georgia portion of the Miller Study. By 2007, 11 such bills have been introduced, and all of these legislative efforts draw upon *The Southern Black Belt* and follow proposals by Wimberley and Morris in 1990 and in 1993-94 when their proposal for a Black Belt regional commission was introduced in Congress as H.R.3901 for a regional organization similar to the Appalachian Regional Commission in the upper South.

In 2008, the Commission was authorized. It is “The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission,” in the 2008 Farm Bill, Public Law 110-246—June 18, 2008, “Subtitle V—Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development;” “Chapter 2, Regional Commissions,” and “Subchapter II—Designation of Regions.” The Commission addresses rural human and community resource development.

The Black Belt research program also led to earlier initiatives in many other organizations. For example, a Washington, D.C. foundation targeted its food-for-the-hungry program to the Black Belt counties the research designates. In its major, 1938 to 1998 report on "Education and Progress in

**the South," The Southern Regional Education Board drew upon the research to show how poor conditions linger in the South since President Roosevelt launched his social programs for the region 60 years ago.**

**The Southern Growth Policies Board—the research and outreach organization that serves the Southern Governors Association--used the research to launch a series of work groups on minority economic development. As a result of The Southern Black Belt publication, the Southern Growth Policies Board established, *The Next South*, as one of its three major areas of work. The North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development uses the researchers' findings, books, and other writings as a basis for its outreach programs.**

**Tuskegee University has recognized Professor Wimberley for his work by the George Washington Carver Award and induction into the George Washington Carver Hall of Fame for "Performing the greatest good to the greatest number of people."**

## **RESEARCH IMPACT: Officially Counting All the Nation=s Farms**

**Issue.** The U.S. Census of Agriculture is the nation's primary database of statistics on food and fiber production and the characteristics of farms, ranches, and their operators. It is the model for agricultural data in other developing and developed countries. It is used by agricultural, environmental, and health scientists; by university and county extension services; by businesses; by government agencies and officials; by the news media; by farm organizations; and by others. The scope, quality, and quantity of this database is important for national food security, food safety, and exports of food and fiber products.

The goal is to have high-quality national, state, county, and farm-level agricultural statistics for use in research, extension, government agencies, farm organizations, and the private sector to analyze, administer, and manage food and fiber production across the United States.

**What Has Been Done.** The Census of Agriculture conducted every five years by UDSA is the official standard by which farms are defined and counted. Using his research from agricultural census data, Professor Wimberley has led several successful efforts to keep the official, U.S. definition of farms inclusive of the full range of the nation=s farmers. In 2001, for example, he led an effort to maintain operational definitions the 2002 Census of Agriculture will use to count small farms. By keeping these procedures, hundreds of thousands of small farms will be assured of continued inclusion in the official data and count. During the past two decades, Wimberley=s efforts have provided a repeated basis for retaining official farm definitions that keep as many as half of the nation=s farms in the official count.

The first challenge to the official farm definition came in 1985 and as a member of the Census Advisory Committee, Professor Wimberley was selected to debate an opponent who favored counting only the larger farms. Following the debate, the advisory committee voted to keep the inclusive definition Wimberley advocated. This recommendation was accepted by the Bureau of the Census and maintained as the official, U.S. definition of farms. Other challenges to the farm definition came again in 1992 and 1995. Each time, Wimberley made the case to the Advisory Committee and other groups, and the Bureau kept the more inclusive definition.

**Impact.** Consequently, the 1987, 1992, 1997, and 2002 censuses of agriculture collected data from the half of the U.S. farms that would have been lost by more restrictive farm definitions.

**The inclusive definition of farms means that the Census of Agriculture still contains information on the full range of our nation's farming operations as the basic source of agricultural data, environmental patterns, and health information for U.S. farming areas and consumers. Keeping the inclusive definition also means that most of the farms operated by African-Americans and other minorities are still counted in the nation's agricultural data base.**

**Furthermore, the official farm definition is the basis for much the land-grant university system's formula funding. Keeping an inclusive, official farm definition has prevented the loss of as much as \$1,000,000 annually in North Carolina's research and extension program's formula funding for over a decade. It has also saved tens of millions in funding that goes annually to similar states with high farm numbers.**

## **RESEARCH IMPACT: Preventing Child Abuse**

**Issue.** Nearly one million instances of child abuse are substantiated in the United States each year. This includes physical abuse and neglect as well as sexual abuse. These confirmed cases are from over 2.7 million children who are officially reported as victims of maltreatment. Still other cases go unreported, and many times more go recorded and unrecorded in other countries.

Previously, there was no valid and reliable way to test a person's potential to abuse children. Therefore, many adoptive parents, custodial personnel, or other care givers trusted with children were actually potential child abusers. The research began in collaboration between psychologist Joel Milner and sociologist Ron Wimberley who were brought together by former Associate Dean and Director Edward Glazener. Their research goal was to prevent child abuse and to provide a basis for the therapeutic treatment of child abusers.

**What Has Been Done.** The first study used a small but carefully matched sample of child abusers in rural, western North Carolina. The research developed a set of statements to which people would respond. Unlike previous research, this test successfully detected the abusers from nonabusers, and did so with an near 100 percent precision.

Next, the researchers refined and expanded the investigation to a large statewide sample and later to a multistate sample. Sociological and psychometric techniques extracted and isolated several factors of child abuser characteristics. Based on the empirical findings, these factors were conceptualized into forms that could be used in both research and therapy. The analyzes showed that some characteristics previously thought to be important in child abuse—such as loneliness—were not good predictors, but that other of the newly extracted and conceptualized dimensions—such as rigidity and distress—were very important in the prediction and explanation of child abuse. From these results, the Child Abuse Potential (CAP) Inventory was developed by the research team.

**Impact.** Following the research and development by these researchers, other scientists who studied child abuse, child neglect, sexual abuse, and family violence began to use the inventory in their work. The CAP instrument also began to be used by social service agencies, counseling services, and practicing psychologists for diagnosis and therapy.

Today, the Child Abuse Potential Inventory is used in each of the United States, by the U.S. military, in Canada, and in over 40 languages and many countries around the world. Over 450 research projects have been conducted using the CAP instrument. Although the research began with findings in rural North Carolina, it has become highly predictive and explanatory across the many language translations and despite many cultural differences in other societies.

The CAP instrument is used to screen for potential child abusers among people who apply for jobs to work with children. It is used with prospective parents who want to adopt children. It is used with persons who are being counseled or treated for various child abuse and neglect behaviors.

The impacts continue to increase year by year. The Child Abuse Potential Inventory serves to prevent countless instances of child abuse across the United States and globally. It is fair to say that the use of the Child Abuse Potential instrument is so widespread that, because of it, at any given moment there are children around the world who are not being abused or mistreated by their parents, caretakers, or other adults.