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CURRICULUM VITAE

Dwight B. Billings

PERSONAL BACKGROUND

Date of Birth: December 22, 1948

Office Address: Department of Sociology  
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ACADEMIC TRAINING

1973-1976 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Ph.D. in Sociology. Dissertation Topic: "Class Stratification and the Politics of Development in North Carolina, 1865-1900."

1970-1973 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
M.A. in Sociology

1966-1970 West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia  
B.A. with Highest Honors in Sociology

HONORS AND AWARDS

2006 Eberly College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Award  
West Virginia University

2002-03 Distinguished Professor of College of Arts and Sciences, University of Kentucky

2001 Weatherford Award for Best Book in Appalachian Studies for *The Road to Poverty* presented by Berea College and the Appalachian Studies Association

2000 University of Kentucky Chancellor's Outstanding Teaching Award (Tenured Category)

1998 Exchange Scholar, University of Rome (American Studies Program)

1998 *American Communication Journal*  
Article of the Year Award (Co-authored with Stephanie Coopmen, Joy Hart, and James Hougland)

1993-94	University of Kentucky Research Professor,
1991	Finalist, Best Scholarly Publication on Religion Award. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
1983-1984	Visiting Scholar, Harvard University
1980	Winner of the Year's "Distinguished Scholarly Achievement Award" given by the North Central Sociological Association for <u>Planters and the Making of a 'New South'</u> (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press).
1976	Faculty Summer Research Fellowship, University of Kentucky
1970-1975	Woodrow Wilson Fellow
1970-1975	Danforth Foundation Fellowship
1969	Phi Beta Kappa
1966-1970	W.V.U. Board of Governors' Achievement Scholarship
1966-1968	W.V.U. Honors Program

RECORD OF ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

1988-Present	Professor of Sociology, University of Kentucky
1982-1988	Associate Professor of Sociology with tenure, University of Kentucky
1976-1982	Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Kentucky
1975-1976	Instructor, University of Kentucky
1973-1974	Research Assistant, University of North Carolina,
1972-1973	Full-time instructorship in conjunction with Danforth Fellowship, University of North Carolina
1971, Fall	Graduate Assistant, University of North Carolina Tutor of first year graduate students in sociological theory)
1969-1970	Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, West Virginia University

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

1977-1979	Research Coordinator, Appalachian Center, University of Kentucky
1989	Interim Chair, Department of Sociology

1986-1989	Associate Chair, Department of Sociology
1984-1986	Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology
1996	Acting Associate Director, University of Kentucky Appalachian Center
1997-1998	Acting Director, Appalachian Center
1998-2000	Associate Director, Appalachian Center
1999-2000	Director of Appalachian Studies, College of Arts & Sciences
2001-2003	Co-Research Director, Appalachian Center

MAJOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTEREST

Social Change:	Modernization and Development; World Systems Theory; Community and Regional Development, especially in American Peripheral Regions (Appalachia and the American South).
Social Stratification:	Historical and Comparative Analysis of Stratification Systems; Working Class and Agrarian Movements; Poverty; Class, Gender and Ethnicity; Community Power and Conflict.
Social Theory:	History of Theory; Relation of Theory to Methodology and Philosophy of Science; Contemporary Theory; Neo-Marxist and Critical Theory.
Sociology of Religion:	Religion and Social Movements; Religion and Social Class; Critical Theory of Religion; Religion and Oppositional Discourse.

Courses Taught (University of Kentucky):

Sociology 101	Introductory Sociology
Freshman Seminar	Appalachia: Myth & Memoir
FX 137	Popular Culture and Everyday Life
Sociology 220	The Community
App Studies 200	Introduction to Appalachian Studies
HMN 301	Time, Memory, and Narrative
Sociology 350	Family and Religion in Mass Society
Sociology 350	Religion and Social Change
Sociology 350	Sociology of Coal Field Life
Sociology 350	Sociology of Religion
Sociology 452G	Contemporary Sociological Theory
Sociology 434	Social Classes
A&S 500	Topical Seminar: Appalachian Public Life
Sociology 503	Social Classes
Sociology 525	Sociology of Religion

Sociology 534	The Southern Appalachians: A Sociological Interpretation
ST 600	Seminar in Social Theory
Sociology 615	Analysis of Community Research
Sociology 635	Seminar in Social Inequality
Sociology 651	Classical Sociological Theory
Sociology 710	Religion in Appalachia
Sociology 735	Seminar in Work, Gender, and Inequality
Sociology 735	Inequality in Appalachia
Sociology 751	Contemporary Sociological Theory
Sociology 772	Methodological Issues in the Study of Social Change and Social History
Sociology 772	Critical Theory
Sociology 772	Seminar on the Sociology of Appalachia

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books and Monographs:

- 1979      Planters and the Making of a 'New South': Class, Politics and Development in North Carolina, 1865-1900. (Chapel Hill, N.C.: The University of North Carolina Press).
- 1979      David Walls, Dwight Billings, Mary Payne and Joe F. Childers, Jr., Baseline Assessment of Coal Industry Structure in the ORBES Region. (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency), 2 vols., 520 pp.
- 1995      Mary Beth Pudup, Dwight Billings, and Altina Waller (eds.) Appalachia in the Making: The Mountain South in the Nineteenth Century. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press).
- 1999      Dwight Billings, Gurney Norman, & Katherine Ledford, ed., Confronting Appalachian Stereotypes: Back-Talk from an American Region (Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky).
- 2000      Republished in paperback edition as Back-Talk from Appalachia: Confronting Stereotypes (University Press of Kentucky).
- 2000      Dwight Billings & Kathleen Blee, The Road to Poverty: The Making of Wealth & Hardship in an American Region (New York and London: Cambridge University Press.)

### In Preparation:

Dwight Billings, "Writing Appalachia: Rethinking Class, Culture, and Religion in Appalachian Studies" (book manuscript)

Research Reports:

- 1991 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, Causes and Consequences of Persistent Rural Poverty: A Longitudinal Case Study of An Appalachian Community. (Final Report to the Ford Foundation and the Rural Economic Program of the Aspen Institute, 180 pp.)
- 1992 Kathleen Blee and Dwight Billings, Appalachia Feuding: A Longitudinal Case Study of Violent Disputing. (Final Report to the Fund for Research on Dispute Resolution/Ford Foundation, 86 pp.)
- 1994 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, Historical Origins of Chronic Poverty: A Longitudinal Case Study. (Final Report to Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin/ U. S. Department of Health and Human Services, 121 pp.)
- 1995 Dwight Billings and Ronald Lewis, Appalachian Culture and Economic Development. (Final Report #6, Appalachian Regional Socio-economic Review to Appalachian Regional Commission, 202 pp.)
- 2000 Diana Haleman, Matthew Sargent, Julie Zimmerman, & Dwight Billings, The Impact of Welfare Reform on Kentucky's Appalachian Counties (U.K. Appalachian Center, 37 pp.)

Refereed Journal Articles and Chapters:

- 1974 Dwight Billings, "Culture and Poverty in Appalachia: A Theoretical Discussion and Empirical Analysis." Social Forces 53:2 (December), 315-323.
- Reprinted in pp. 130-139 of Bruce Ergood and Bruce E. Kuhre, eds., Appalachia: Social Context, Past and Present (Debuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co., 1976).
- 1977 David S. Walls and Dwight Billings, "The Sociology of Southern Appalachia," Appalachian Journal 5 (Autumn): 131-144.
- Reprinted in pp. 44-51 of Bruce Ergood and Bruce E. Kuhre, ed., Appalachia: Social Context, Past and Present (Debuque, Iowa:Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co., 1983; 2nd edition and 1990, 3rd edition).
- Republished in pp. 15-24 of P. Obermiller & M. Maloney, eds., Appalachia: Social Context Past and Present (Debuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt, 2002)
- 1979 Dwight Billings and Robert Goldman, "Comment on the Kanawha County Textbook Controversy," Social Forces 57:4 (June): 1393-1398.
- 1979 David Walls, Dwight Billings, Mary Payne, and Joe F. Childers,Jr., "Coal Lands and Mineral Ownership" (Chapter Six

in Baseline Assessment of Coal Industry Structure in the ORBES Region).

Reprinted in Stephen Fisher, ed., A Landless People in a Rural Region: A Reader on Land Ownership and Property Taxation in Appalachia (New Market, Tenn., 1979: 52-75).

- 1980 Dwight Billings and David S. Walls, "The Appalachians." In Stephen Thernstrom, ed., Harvard Encyclopedia of American Ethnic Groups (Cambridge: Harvard University Press).
- 1981 Dwight Billings, "Class and Politics in the Decline of Southern Populism ." Sociological Spectrum 1:259-292.
- 1982 Dwight Billings, "Appalachian Studies: Class, Culture and the State." Appalachian Journal 9:2, 3 (Winter-Spring):134-140.
- 1982 Dwight Billings and Thomas Urban, "The Socio-Medical Construction of 'Transsexualism': Interpretation and Critique." Social Problems 29:3 (February): 266-283.
- Reprinted in pp. 75-91 of John Stimson, Ardyth Stimson, and Vincent Parrillo, eds., Social Problems: Definition, Impact, and Solution (New York: John Wiley and Sons, 1985).
- Reprinted in pp. 99-117 Dave King and Richard Ekins, eds., Blending Genders (New York: Routledge, 1995).
- Reprinted in Ken Plummer, ed., Sexualities: Critical Assessments A Four Volume Boxed Set (New York: Routledge, 2001)
- 1982 Dwight Billings, "Class Origins of the 'New South': Planter Persistence and Industry in North Carolina." American Journal of Sociology 88 (Supplement): 52-85.
- Also published as pp. 52-85 in Michael Burawoy and Theda Skocpol, eds., Marxist Inquiries: Studies of Labor, Class, and States (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1982).
- 1983 Dwight Billings, "Modernization in the South as Revolution from Above." Incontri Meridionali (Fall).
- 1983 Dwight Billings and Robert Goldman, "Religion and Class Consciousness in the Kanawha County School Textbook Controversy." Pp. 68-85 in Allen Batteau, ed., Appalachia and American: Images, Realities, and Controversies (University Press of Kentucky).
- 1983 Dwight Billings, "New Ways of Telling the New South Story." Georgia Historical Review LXVII (4):480-488.
- 1986 Dwight Billings, Kathleen Blee and Louis Swanson, "Culture, Family, and Community in Pre-Industrial Appalachia." Appalachian Journal, 13:2 (Winter): 154-170.
- 1986 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Bringing History Back In:

- On the Historicity of Social Relations." Current Perspectives in Sociological Theory, Volume 7: 51-68.
- 1986 Kathleen Blee and Dwight Billings, "Reconstructing Daily Life in the Past: A Hermeneutic Approach to Ethnographic Data." The Sociological Quarterly 27:4, 443-462.
- 1987 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Reply to Paul Saulstrom." Appalachian Journal 13:4 (Summer): 350-352.
- 1988 Dwight Billings, "The Rural South in Crisis: A Historical Perspective." Pp. 13-29 in Lionel J. Beaulieu. The Rural South in Crisis: Challenges for the Future, (Westview--Rural Studies Series).
- 1989 Dwight Billings, "Industrialization and Change." In William Ferris, ed., Encyclopedia of Southern Culture (University of North Carolina Press).
- 1989 Dwight Billings, "The Appalachians." In William Ferris, ed., Encyclopedia of Southern Culture (University of North Carolina Press).
- 1989 Paul Weingartner, Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Agriculture in Pre-Industrial Appalachia: Subsistence Farming in Beech Creek, Kentucky, 1850-1880." Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association, 1:70-80.
- 1990 James G. Hougland, Jr., Dwight Billings and James R. Wood, "The Stability of Support for Television Evangelists: Public Reactions During a Period of Embarrassment." Review of Religious Research, 32 (1): 56-64.
- 1990 Stephanie Zimmerman, Joy H. Seibert, Dwight Billings, and James Hougland, Jr., "God's Line is Never Busy": An Analysis of Symbolic Discourse in Two Southern Appalachian Denominations. Sociological Analysis 51 (3):297-306.
- 1990 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Family Strategies in a Subsistence Economy: Beech Creek, Kentucky, 1850-1942." Sociological Perspectives 33 (1):61-88.
- 1990 Dwight Billings, "Religion as Opposition: A Gramscian Analysis." American Journal of Sociology 96 (1): 1-31.
- 1991 Dwight Billings and Karen Tice, "Rethinking the 'Appalachian Inheritance': Culture and Resistance." Journal of Progressive Human Services, 2 (2): 1-18.
- 1992 Dwight Billings, "Critical Theory." Pp. 384- 390 in E. Borgadas, (ed.), The Encyclopedia of Sociology (New York: McMillan Publishing Co.).
- 1992 Alan Banks, Dwight Billings and Karen Tice, "Resistance, Post- modernism and Appalachian Studies" in Stephen Fisher (ed.), Fighting Back in Appalachia; Tradition of Resistance

and Change, (Philadelphia, Temple University Press, pp. 283-301).

Reprinted in pp. 81-90 in Mary Rogers, ed., Multicultural Experiences, Multicultural Theories (New York: McGraw-Hill, 1996).

Republished in pp. 25-35 of P. Obermiller & M. Maloney, eds., Appalachia: Social Context Past and Present (Debuque, Iowa: Kendall/Hunt, 2002).

1992 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Appalachian Inequality in the Nineteenth Century: The Case of Beech Creek, Kentucky." Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association 4: 113-123.

1993 Karen Tice, Dwight Billings, and Alan Banks, "Sustaining Our Region-wide Conversation: Founding Hopes and Future Possibilities of the ASA." Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association 5: 3-11.

1993 Dwight Billings and Ann Tickamyer, "Uneven Development in Appalachia." In T. Lyson and W. Falk (eds.), Forgotten Places: Uneven Development in Rural America (University of Kansas Press, pp.7-29).

1994 Dwight Billings and Shaunna Scott, "Religion and Political Legitimation." Annual Review of Sociology 20: 173-201.

1995 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Agriculture and Poverty in the Kentucky Mountains: Beech Creek, 1850-1910." In Pudup, Billings and Waller (eds.) Appalachia in the Making: The Mountain South in the Nineteenth Century (University of North Carolina Press, pp. 233-269).

1995 Dwight Billings, Mary Beth Pudup, and Altina Waller, "Taking Exception to Exceptionalism: The Emergence and Transformation of Historical Studies of Appalachia." In Pudup, Billings, & Waller, (eds.) Appalachia in the Making: The Mountain South in the Nineteenth Century (University of North Carolina Press, pp. 1-24).

1995 Dwight Billings, "Hegemony," pp.299-300 in Richard Fox and James Kloppenberg (eds.) A Companion to American Thought (Cambridge: Blackwell Publishers).

1996 Kathleen Blee and Dwight Billings, "Race Differences in the Origins and Consequences of Chronic Poverty in Rural Appalachia, 1850-1910." Social Science History 20:3 (Fall) 345-373.

Reprinted in John Inscoe, ed., Appalachia in Black and White: Race Relations in the Nineteenth Century Mountain South (Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky, 2000).

1996 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "'Where the Sun Set Crimson and the Moon Rose Red': Writing Appalachia and the

- Kentucky Mountain Feuds." Southern Cultures 2:3/4 (1996), pp.329-352.
- 1996 Kathleen Blee and Dwight Billings, "Violence and Local State Formation: A Longitudinal Case Study of Appalachian Feuding." Law & Society Review 30:4, pp. 671-705.
- 1997 Dwight Billings and Ron Lewis, "Rethinking Culture and History in Appalachian Studies," Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association 3:1 (Spring 1997), pp. 3-42.
- 1997 Dwight Billings, "Forward" to republication of James Watt Raine [1924], The Land of Saddle-Bags: A Study of the Mountain People of Appalachia (University Press of Kentucky), pp.ix-xliv.
- 1998 Stephanie Coopman, Joy Hart, James Hougland, & Dwight Billings, "Speaking for God: The Functions of Church Leader Storytelling in Southern Appalachia in the 1950s," American Communication Journal 1:2 (February 1998), 1-16.
- 1999 Kathlee Blee and Dwight Billings, "Where 'Bloodshed Is a Pastime': Mountain Feuds and Appalachian Stereotyping," pp. 119-137 in Dwight Billings, Gurney Norman, & Katherine Ledford, eds., Confronting Appalachian Stereotypes: Back Talk from an American Region (University Press of Kentucky).
- 1999 Dwight Billings, "(Re)Introducing Appalachia: Introduction," pp. 3-20 in Dwight Billings, Gurney Norman, & Katherine Ledford, Confronting Appalachian Stereotypes: Back Talk from an American Region (University Press of Kentucky).
- 2000 Dwight Billings & Patricia Jennings, "Critical Theory," in E. Borgadas, ed., The Encyclopedia of Sociology 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, New York: McMillan Publishing Co., in press).
- 2000 Dwight Billings, contributor, "Symposium on *The Road to Poverty: The Making of Wealth and Hardship in Appalachia*," Journal of Appalachian Studies 6:1 & 2 (Spring/Fall), 9-34.
- 2001 Dwight Billings, Contributor, "Roundtable Dissussion of *American Hollow*," Appalachian Journal 29:1-2 (Fall-Winter)
- 2001 Dwight Billings, "Insularity, Advocacy, and Postmodernism in Appalachian Studies," Appalachian Journal 29:3 (Spring)
- 2001 Dwight Billings, "From the Editors," Journal of Appalachian Studies (7:2) Fall 2001
- 2002 Dwight Billings, "Reinterpreting Appalachian History before the Era of Capitalist Industrialization," Appalachian Journal 30:1 (Spring),92-104.
- 2002 Dwight Billings (ed.), "Standing at the Crossroads: A Symposium on Globalization and Appalachian Studies." Journal of Appalachian Studies 8:1 (Spring).

- 2002 Dwight Billings, "From the Editors," Journal of Appalachian Studies (7:2) Fall 2002
- 2002 Dwight Billings, "Practicing Sociology in Appalachia: An Interview" Journal of Appalachian Studies 30:2-3 Winter/Spring), 164-80.
- 2003 Dwight Billings, "From the Editors," Journal of Appalachian Studies (9:1) Spring, 2003
- 2003 Dwight Billings, "L'Appalachia Risponde: Steretipi e Critica Culturale in una Region Americana," *A'coma: Rivista Internazionale di Studi NordAmericani* (fall): 35-46.
- 2004 Dwight Billings & Kathleen Blee, "Social Origins of Appalachian Poverty: Markets, Cultural Strategies, and the State in an Appalachian Community, 1804-1940" Rethinking Marxism 16(1) (January), 19-36.
- 2004 Dwight Billings, "Appalachian Poverty," Gwendolyn Mink and Alice O'Connor, eds., *Poverty and Social Welfare in America: An Encyclopedia* (Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO).
- 2006 Elgin Mannion & Dwight Billings, "Persistent Poverty and Inequality in Appalachia," pp. 357-79 in William Kandel and David Brown, eds., Population Change and Rural Society. Dordrecht, Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers.
- 2006 Dwight Billings, "Appalachian Studies and The Sociology of Appalachia," pp. 390-396 and 543-45, in Clifton Bryant & Dennis Peck, eds., *The Handbook of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Sociology* Sage Publications).
- 2006 Entries on "African American Families and Communities," 155-56; "Farm Families," 171-72; "Welfare and Poverty," 236-37; "Identity, Central and Southern Appalachian," 263-64; "University of Kentucky Appalachian Center," 1511-12; "Feuds and Violence," 1712-13; in Rudy Abramson and Jean Haskell, eds., Encyclopedia of Appalachia. Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press.

Under Review:

Dwight Billings, "Economic Representations of Appalachia: What's at Stake." For David Ruccio and Stephen Cullenberg, eds. "Representing Economies"

David Ruccio and Dwight Billings, "Contesting Farm Economies in Kentucky: The Community Farm Alliance." For David Ruccio and Stephen Cullenberg, eds. "Representing Economies"

In Preparation:

Dwight Billings & Matt McCourt, "Representing Class and Economy in Appalachian Kentucky," being revised and resubmitted to Rethinking Marxism.

FUNDED RESEARCH

- 1977 Principal Investigator, "Sociology of 'Sex-Change' Surgery." Funded for \$2,870 by University of Kentucky Research Foundation.
- 1977-1978 Co-Principal Investigator, "Baseline Study of Coal Industry Structure." Funded for \$33,614 by Environmental Protection Agency for Ohio River Basin Energy Study.
- 1983-1984 Co-Principal Investigator, "Appalachian Migration Project." Funded for \$41,500 by Economic Research Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- 1984 Small Grants Award (\$500), University of Kentucky Research Foundation.
- 1984 Principal Investigator, "Historical Demography of Beech Creek, KY." Funded for \$3,200 by University of Kentucky Research Foundation.
- 1985 University of Kentucky Research Foundation. Principal Investigator. Small Grants Award (\$600). To complete coding of manuscript census records for Appalachian historical demography project.
- 1985-1986 Co-Principal Investigator, "Evangelical Religion in Appalachia." Funded for \$1423 by Appalachian Studies Fellowship Program, Berea College.
- 1988 Co-Principal Investigator, "Historical Demography of Beech Creek, KY." Funded for \$1,330 by Appalachian Studies, Program, Berea College.
- 1989-91 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Causes and Outcomes of Persistent Rural Poverty: A Longitudinal Case Study of An Appalachian Community." Funded for \$52,000 by the Rural Economic Policy Program of the Aspen Institute and Ford Foundation.
- 1991-92 Kathleen Blee and Dwight Billings, "Appalachian Feuding: A Longitudinal Case Study of Violent Disputing." Funded for \$65,000 by the Ford Foundation and the Fund for Research on Dispute Resolution.
- 1992 Dwight Billings and Roberta Campbell, "Appalachian Identity and Appalachian Experience." National Science Foundation (\$2,168) (Dissertation Research Enhancement Award).
- 1993 U. K. Arts & Sciences Summer Research Assistant (\$1000).
- 1993-94 Research Support for University of Kentucky Research Professorship (\$27,000).

- 1993-94 Dwight Billings & Kathleen Blee, "Historical Origins of Chronic Poverty: A Longitudinal Case Study." Funded for \$15,000 by University of Wisconsin Institute for Research on Poverty and U. S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 1994 U. K. Arts & Sciences Summer Research Assistant (\$1000).
- 1994-95 Co-principal Investigator in conjunction with West Virginia University Regional Research Center, "Thirty Years Later: A Socio-Economic Profile of The Appalachian Region." Funded for \$170,000 by Appalachian Regional Commission.
- 1998 U.K. Research & Graduate Studies Emerging Faculty Research Group Fellowship ("Welfare Reform in Appalachian Kentucky") \$15,000.
- 2004 Dwight Billings, "Appalachia Counts: Insights from the 2000 Census," Ford Foundation (Community and Resource Development), \$13,860.

#### EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

- 1979-1989 Associate Editor, Social Science Perspectives on the South: An Annual Interdisciplinary Journal
- 1981-1983 Associate Editor, American Sociological Review
- 1994-2000 Associate Editor, Journal of Appalachian Studies
- 1996-1999 Editorial Board, University Press of Kentucky
- 2001-present Editor, Journal of Appalachian Studies.

#### REPRESENTATIVE PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

- 1973 "Cultural and Situational Explanations of Poverty in Appalachia," Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York.
- 1974 "The Implications for Stratification theory of Socialist Experiments at Destratification" (with Lars Bjorn), 69th Annual American Sociological Association, Montreal.
- 1974 "Ecology, Information, and Theoretical Problems in the Study of Community Power," 69th Annual American Sociological Association, Montreal.
- 1976 "Modernization in the South: A Revolution from Above?" Annual meeting of Southern Sociological Society, Miami.
- 1977 "Class vs. Organization in Explaining the Decline of Southern Populism," Annual meeting of Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta.

- 1977 "A Sociology of Knowledge Approach to the Culture of Poverty Theory," Annual Meeting of North Central Sociological Association, Pittsburgh.
- 1977 "The Sociology of 'Sex-Change' Surgery" (with Thomas Urban), 72nd Annual meeting of American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 1979 "The Social Construction of Appalachian Ethnicity," Annual meeting of Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta.
- 1981 "New Marxist Theories of the New South," Southern Historical Association, Louisville, Kentucky.
- 1981 "Understanding Southern Departures from the Regression Line," Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1983 Dwight Billings, Kathleen Blee and Louis Swanson, "Toward a Critical Re-Reading of Appalachian Community Studies," Appalachian Studies Conference, Pipestem, West Virginia.
- 1983 Dwight Billings, Kathleen Blee and Louis Swanson, "Large-Scale Longitudinal Community Studies," American Sociological Association, Detroit.
- 1983 Dwight Billings, Kathleen Blee and Louis Swanson, "Beech Creek Revisited," Social Science History Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1984 Dwight Billings, Kathleen Blee and Louis Swanson, "Pre-Capitalist Modes of Social Cooperation: Appalachian and Early New England Compared," Eastern Sociology Association.
- 1985 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Bringing History Back In: The Historicity of Social Relations," Annual meeting of Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia.
- 1986 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Re-Reading Ethnographies: An Applied Problem in the Sociology of Knowledge," Annual meeting of Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans.
- 1986 Jim Christenson, James Hougland and Dwight Billings, "The Unchristian Christian: Values and World Food Security," Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans.
- 1987 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Household Composition and Tenancy in a Subsistence Economy." Southern Stratification Research Conference, Atlanta.
- 1987 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Households and Farms in the Kentucky Mountains, 1850-1910." Social Science History Association.
- 1987 Dwight Billings, "Antonio Gramsci and the Sociology of Religion," Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.
- 1988 Paul Weingartner, Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee,

- "Agriculture in Pre-Industrial Appalachia," Appalachian Studies Conference.
- 1988 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Landownership and Household Composition in a Subsistence Appalachian Community," Appalachian Studies Conference.
- 1989 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Family Strategies in a Subsistence Economy," American Sociological Association.
- 1989 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Land and Wealth in a Rural Appalachian Community," Social Science History Association.
- 1990 Dwight Billings and Ann Tickamyer, "Development and Underdevelopment: The Politics of Region," Rural Sociological Society.
- 1990 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Causes and Consequences of Appalachian Poverty," Aspen Institute Conference on Rural Poverty in America.
- 1991 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Preindustrial Appalachia." Appalachian Studies Association.
- 1992 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Social Origins of Appalachian Poverty: The Role of Preindustrial Agriculture, 1850-1910." Southern Sociological Society
- 1993 Dwight Billings, "New Research Directions in the Sociology of the South." Southern Sociological Society.
- 1993 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Investigating the Historical Origins of Chronic Poverty in Appalachia." Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin.
- 1993 J. H. Seibert, S. Simmermann, J. G. Hougland, D. Billings, "Stories and Myths: The Realities of Religion in Two Appalachian Denominations." Second Annual Kentucky Conference on Narrative.
- 1994 Kathleen Blee and Dwight Billings, "Slavery and Freedom in the Kentucky Mountains." Appalachian Studies Association.
- 1994 Dwight Billings and Kathleen Blee, "Agriculture and Poverty in Appalachian Kentucky, 1850-1910." Small Grants Workshop, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
- 1995 Dwight Billings and Ronald Lewis, "Appalachian Culture and Economic Development," Appalachian Studies Conference.
- 1995 Dwight Billings, "New Approaches and Directions in the Social History of Early Appalachia," Appalachian Studies Conference.
- \_\_\_\_ 1996-2003 Full list available upon request.
- 2000 Dwight Billings & Kathleen Blee, "Social Origins of

- Appalachian Poverty," Rethinking Marxism International Conference, University of Massachusetts (September)
- 2001 Dwight Billings, "Representing Appalachian Economies and Economic Activism," Invited Contribution, Economic Representations Conference, Rockefeller Conference Center, Bellagio, Italy (April)
- 2002 Dwight Billings & Mathew McCourt, "Representing Class and Economies in Appalachian Kentucky" Subjects of Economy Conference, University of Massachusetts (November)
- 2004 Elgin Mannion & Dwight Billings, "Persistent Poverty and Inequality in Appalachia," United States Department of Agriculture (Economic Research Service) Conference on Rural America (January)
- 2004 Dwight Billings, "Discursive Construction of the Kentucky Economy" University of Riverside Conference on Economic Representations (April)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Invited Guest Lecturer:

- 1977 "Rural Poverty and Appalachian Development, Western Carolina University.
- 1977 "Appalachia: Rich Land, Poor People," Kenyon College.
- 1981 "Religion and Culture," Asbury Theological Seminary.
- 1986 "Historical Demography of the Beech Creek Neighborhoods: Forty Years of Study," University of Cincinnati, Department of Sociology.
- 1987 "New Directions in the Sociology of Appalachia," Western Carolina University, Department of Sociology.
- 1990 "Interfacing Sociology and Social Work." Western Carolina University.
- 1992 "The Political Economy of Preindustrial Appalachia." Department of Sociology, Indiana University.
- 1994 "Understanding the Persistence of Poverty in Appalachia," Regional Research Institute, West Virginia University.
- 1998 Keynote Address, Association of Kentucky Teachers of History
- 1999 "Appalachia in the Nineteenth Century," Eastern Kentucky University.
- 2000 Economic Representations in American Economic Sociology,"

Economic Representations Task Force, Rockefeller Conference  
Center, Bellagio, Italy.

- 2002 "Writing Appalachia: Representing Class and Poverty in the  
Kentucky Mountains," College of Arts and Sciences  
Distinguished Professor Lecture.
- 2003 Class, Culture, and Poverty in Appalachia," Eastern Kentucky  
University.
- 2005 "Undergraduate Participatory Research in Appalachia,"  
Eastern Kentucky University.
- 2006 "The Invention of Appalachia" and "Poverty in Appalachia,"  
NEH Summer Seminar, Ferrum College

Book Reviews:

Growth and Change  
Contemporary Sociology  
American Journal of Sociology  
Social Forces  
Rural Sociology  
Appalachian Journal  
Journal of American History  
Journal of Southern History  
Georgia Historical Review  
Contemporary Sociology  
Agricultural History

Manuscript and Proposal Reviews:

National Science Foundation  
National Endowment for the Humanities  
University of Chicago Press  
Temple University Press  
University of North Carolina Press  
University of Tennessee Press  
University Press of Kentucky  
University Press of Kansas  
Cambridge University Press  
University of Illinois press  
Oxford University Press  
West Virginia University Press

Member:

American Sociological Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Appalachian Studies Conference

Professional Offices:

- 1990-92      Steering Committee, Appalachian Studies Association.
- 1992          Vice President-Elect, Southern Sociological Society.
- 1992-94      Executive Committee, Southern Sociological Society.
- 1993-94      Vice President, Southern Sociological Society.
- 1995-96      Vice President/President Elect, Appalachian Studies Association.
- 1996-97      President, Appalachian Studies Association
- 2002-present Editor, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*

Miscellaneous:

- 1978          Discussant, "Session on Qualitative Methodology," North Central Sociological Society, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1978          Chair, "Session on Community Power Structure," Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 1980          Discussant, Keynote Address at Annual Meeting of Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky, Morehead, Kentucky.
- 1980          Chair, "Session on Sociology of the South," Southern Sociological Society, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 1981          Chair, "Session on Sociology of the South," Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, Ga.
- 1985          Dwight Billings, Kathleen Blee and Louis Swanson, "Pre-Capitalist Modes of Social Cooperation: A Reinterpretation of Family and Community Bonds" U.K. Appalachian Center Occasional Paper Series, No. 4.
- 1986          Chair, "Session on Sociology of the South," Southern Sociological Society.
- 1989          Chair, "Appalachian Families in Historical Perspective," Appalachian Studies Association Annual Meeting.
- 1988-89      Program Committee, Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference.
- 1988-91      Membership Committee, Southern Sociological Society.
- 1990          Chair, "Session on Appalachia During the New Deal," Appalachian Studies Association Annual Conference.

UNIVERSITY OR PUBLIC SERVICE (Examples):

Department:

1975-present	Theory Committee
1978, 1984-85	Policy Committee
1986-1989	Policy Committee
1977-1980, 1986, 1987, 1989, 1990, etc.	Personnel Committee
1980-1986, 1992 1994, 1997-99	Graduate Committee
1984-1986	Director of Graduate Studies
1986-1989	Associate Chair
1990	Interim Chair
1996	Personnel Committee
1997-present	Available upon Request

University:

1977-1979	Research Coordinator, Appalachian Center (Activities included planning for development of Center; chairing research advisory committee; formulating research agenda and proposals; off-campus extension of research information and advice.)
1979	Consultant, University of Kentucky Medical School project for orientation-placement of National Health Corps physicians in Appalachia.
1979-1980	Council on Multicultural Education, College of Education.
1979-present	Appalachian Studies Faculty, University of Kentucky.
1980-1990	Religious Studies Faculty, University of Kentucky.
1983-present	Mellon Foundation Faculty Fellowship Advisory Board, Appalachian College Program.
1985-1986	Review Committee for Department of Philosophy.
1985-1986	Chair Selection Committee, Department of Sociology.
1985-1986	Chair, Social Science Graduate Fellowship Awards Panel.
1986-1987	Chair, Social Science Summer Faculty Fellowship Awards Committee.
1985-1987	Chair, Religious Studies Speaker Committee.
1988	Review Committee for Department of Geography.
1988	Chair Selection Committee for Department of Political Science.

1988-1990	Arts and Sciences Scholarship Committee
1990-1991	Arts and Sciences Library Committee
1990	Arts and Sciences Awards Committee
1991	Review Committee for Department of Sociology
1991-1992	Arts and Sciences Planning and Priorities Committee
1992-1999	Chair, Appalachia Studies Curriculum Committee
1993-94	Review of University of Kentucky Appalachian Center
1996	University Faculty Senate Research Subcommittee
1996-97	Joint Women's Studies/Sociology Search Committee
1996	Chair, Sociology Department Chair Search Committee
1997-present	Graduate School, James Still Fellowship Committee
1997	Review Committee Chair, Department of Geography
1996-97	Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Tenure and Promotion
1996-99	Editorial Board, University Press of Kentucky
1998-2000	College of Arts & Sciences Task Force on Multicultural Studies
2000	Latin American Studies Program Review Committee
2002-3	President's Commission on the Status of Women
2002-2003	College of Arts and Sciences Dean Search Committee
2002-2003	College of Arts and Sciences Area Advisory Committee
2004-2005	Provost's Social Science Area Advisory Committee
2004	Appalachian Center Director Search Committee
2004	Sociology Chair Search Committee
2005-6	Chair, Sociology Search Committee
2005-6	Chair, James Brown Research Awards Committee
2005-6	James Still Fellowship Committee
2005-6	College Area Advisory Committee
2005-6	AMSTEMM Advisory Committee
2006-7	Chair, College of Arts and Sciences College Area Advisory Committee

Public:

- 1977 Organizer and Participant, White House Workshop on Federal Government Reorganization, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.
- 1977 Research Consultant for community impact analysis of Appalachian coal development, Office of Technology Assessment, United States Congress.
- 1978 Organizer and Participant, White House Workshop on Rural Policy, Executive Office of the President, Washington, D.C.
- 1979 Member, Research Committee and Kentucky Associate Coordinator, Appalachian Land Ownership Study, Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. (Funded by Appalachian Regional Commission).
- 1980 Instructor, one-week course "Power and Authority in Church and Community" for 1980 Appalachian Regional School for Church Leaders, West Virginia University.
- 1981 Organizer and Panelist: "The Moral Majority: Are They Really Moral and in the Majority?" Lexington Public Forum sponsored by the Lexington Progressive Coalition.
- 1985-1986 Slide Show Presentation: "Theology and Politics in Central America." Sponsored by Lexington Task Force on Central America for community education.
- 1988-1989 Planning Committee, Appalachian Survey Program, an inter-university research group organized to obtain funding for a region wide social survey of the Appalachian Region.
- 1994 Consultant, Flatwoods Community Development Project (Clay County, Kentucky).
- 1994-95 Subcommittee on Economic Development, Governor's Kentucky Appalachian Task Force.
- 1999-0 Appalachian Regional Commission, Appalachian Research Centers Advisory Committee
- 2006 Second Kentucky Writers' Tour of Mountain Top Removal (Citizens Hearings in Eastern Kentucky)
- 2005 Appalachian Conference with Deputy Commissioner of United Nations Commission on Human Rights