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**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**POSITIONS AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY AT NEWARK**

Dean and Director	(2004-present)
Interim Dean and Director	(2003-2004)
Academic Dean	(2003-2004)
Interim Academic Dean	(2002-2003)
Assistant Academic Dean	(2001-2002)
Honors Director	(2000-2002)
Coordinator of Distance Education	(1997-2000)
Interim Manager, Computing and Telecommunications Services	(1995)
Ohio State Newark Computer Lab Coordinator	(1994-1995)
Associate Professor of Sociology	(1998-present)
Assistant Professor of Sociology	(1992-1998)

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Bowling Green State University, 1992; Sociology  
M.A. Bowling Green State University, 1989; Sociology  
B.A.C. Bowling Green State University, 1986; Interpersonal and Public Communication

**HONORS**

Accomplished Graduate Award, 2006. Bowling Green State University.

Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna Award, 2002-2003. Bowling Green State University's  
Firelands College

Robert A. Barnes Award for Exemplary Teaching, 2000. \$1,000.

John Templeton Foundation Science and Religion Course Prize, 1999. "Sociology 294:  
Science, Religion, and Society." \$10,000.

Young Scholar in American Religion, YSAR Program, Center for the Study of Religion and  
American Culture, University of Indiana - Purdue University at Indianapolis. 1997-1998.

OSU Newark Scholarly Achievement Award. 1996. One-course reduction in teaching load for Winter Quarter, 1997.

Non-Service Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University. 1991-1992.

## REFEREED ARTICLES

Monroe, Michelle Renee, John J. Skowronski, William L. MacDonald, and Sarah E. Wood. 2005. "The Mildly Depressed Experience More Regret." *Journal of Social and Clinical Psychology* 24:665-690.

MacDonald, William L. and Alfred DeMaris. 2002. "Stepfather-Stepchild Relationship Quality: The Stepfather's Demand for Conformity and the Biological Father's Involvement." *Journal of Family Issues* 23:121-137.

MacDonald, William L. 1998. "The Difference between Blacks' and Whites' Attitudes toward Voluntary Euthanasia." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 37:411-426.

MacDonald, William L. 1998. "Situational Factors and Attitudes toward Voluntary Euthanasia." *Social Science and Medicine* 46:73-81.

MacDonald, William, L. and Alfred DeMaris. 1996. "Parenting Stepchildren and Biological Children: The Effects of Stepparent's Gender and New Biological Children." *Journal of Family Issues* 17:5-25.

MacDonald, William L. 1995. "The Effects of Religiosity and Structural Strain on Reported Paranormal Experiences." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 34:366-376.

MacDonald, William L. and Alfred DeMaris. 1995. "Remarriage, Stepchildren, and Marital Conflict: Challenges to the Incomplete Institutionalization Hypothesis." *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 57:387-398.

MacDonald, William L. and Naoto Hara. 1994. "Gender Differences in Environmental Concern among College Students." *Sex Roles* 31:369-374.

MacDonald, William L. 1994. "The Popularity of Paranormal Experiences in the United States." *Journal of American Culture* 17:35-42.

DeMaris, Alfred and William L. MacDonald. 1993. "Premarital Cohabitation and Marital Instability: A Test of the Unconventionality Hypothesis." *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 55:399-407.

MacDonald, William L. 1992. "Idionecrophanies: The Social Construction of Perceived Contact with the Dead." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 31:215-223.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

OSU Newark Professional Standards Committee. “Collaborative Research on Racial and Ethnic Division over Issues that Involve Life-and-Death Decisions.” \$862.32. 2000.

National Science Foundation Grant. “Race Differences in Attitudes toward Voluntary Euthanasia: A Pilot Study.” \$52,915. July 1, 1998 – August 31, 1999.

OSU Newark Professional Standards Committee. “Race Differences in Attitudes toward Voluntary Euthanasia: Research Assistants and Film Supplies.” \$1,459.50. 1999.

OSU Faculty Seed Grant. “Attitudes Toward Assisted Suicide and Other Death-Related Issues.” \$10,000. 1994.

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. “Attitudes Toward Assisted Suicide and Other Death-Related Issues” \$4,500. 1994.

OSU Newark Professional Standards Committee. “Attitudes Toward Assisted Suicide and Other Death-Related Issues.” \$2,500. 1994.

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

List available upon request.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

MacDonald, William L. “The Sociology of Religious Experience: Insights and Limitations.” Revise and resubmit for the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*.

MacDonald, William L., and Michael O. Emerson. “Explaining Racial Divisions in Attitudes: Structure Theory and the Case of Voluntary Euthanasia.” Paper in progress.

MacDonald, William L., and Michael O. Emerson. Collaborative Proposal: The Social Structuring of Racial Divisions in Attitudes. Grant proposal in progress.

MacDonald, William. *Culture of Illusion: The Social Context of American Supernaturalism*. Book in progress.

## TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### *Teaching Grants*

The Honors & Scholars Center and the Office of Research at OSU. “OSU Newark Freshman Honors Research Seminar.” \$4,000. 2001.

Pressey Honors Course Enrichment Grant. “Arts & Sciences H101: The Scopes Trial and Its Legacy (Funding to cover Edward J. Larson’s lecture fee).” \$500. 2001.

OSU Newark Teaching Enhancement Grant. “Early American Sociology: Filming for an Introductory Sociology Video.” \$1,300. 2000-2001.

Templeton Foundation/American Scientific Affiliation Lecture Grant. Edward J. Larson: “America’s Continuing Debate over Science and Religion.” Robert Pennock: “Should Evolution be Taught in the Schools?: What Dorothy Learned When the Creationist Whirlwind Hit Kansas.” \$4,000. 2001.

Courseware Development Grant. Technology Enhanced Learning and Research, The Ohio State University Technology Services. “Sociology 101 On-line.” \$11,748. 2000.

Faculty Innovator Grant. The Ohio State University Instructional Technologies Advisory Committee. “Web-Site and On-line Workbook for a Course on the Sociology of Religion.” \$945. 1998.

### ***Edited Chapters***

MacDonald, William L. 2001. “Religious Experience.” Essay and edited section for *The Sociology of Religion: A Reader*.

Gormly, Eric, and William L. MacDonald. 2001. “Science and Religion.” Co-authored essay and edited section for *The Sociology of Religion: A Reader*.

### ***Reprints***

MacDonald, William, L. and Alfred DeMaris. 1999. “Parenting Stepchildren and Biological Children: The Effects of Stepparent’s Gender and New Biological Children.” Pp. 239-247 in *Selected Readings in Marriage and Family*, edited by L.H. Stone. San Diego CA: Greenhaven.

### ***Work with Graduate Students***

Member, Ph.D. Candidacy Exam Committee, Julia Lewis, Department of Sociology (2004)  
Member, Dissertation Committee, Susan Bartholomae, Human Development & Family Science (2000)

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Stepfamilies, Racial and Ethnic Divisions, Religion, Research Methods, and Statistics

## **SERVICE, OUTREACH, AND ENGAGEMENT**

### ***Review Work for Journals and Granting Agencies***

Reviewer, *Journal of Marriage and the Family* (1996-2005)  
Reviewer, *Journal of Family Issues* (1997-2004)

Reviewer, *Social Forces* (2007)  
 Reviewer, *Social Science and Medicine* (2004)  
 Reviewer, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* (1999-2007)  
 Reviewer, *Social Science Quarterly* (2003)  
 Reviewer, National Science Foundation (2000)  
 Reviewer, *Sociological Perspectives* (1999-2000)  
 Reviewer, *Sociological Inquiry* (1999)  
 Reviewer, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (1998)  
 Reviewer, *Policy Studies Journal* (1995)

### ***Book Reviews***

MacDonald, William L. 1999. *Euthanasia and Physician-Assisted Suicide: For and Against*. Gerald Dworkin, R.G. Frey, and Sissela Bok. 1998. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press. *Social Science and Medicine* 49:1425.

### ***Work for Professional Organizations***

Secretary, Ohio Association of Regional Campuses (2002-2003)  
 Session organizer, meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (1997)  
 Roundtables chair, North Central Sociological Association Program Committee (1995-1996)

### ***Tenure and Promotion Reviews***

Reviewer, Promotion and Tenure Case for Michael O. Emerson, Rice University (2001)

### ***Departmental, Campus, or University Service***

Member, OSU Talent Acquisition, Retention, and Engagement Committee (2007-present)  
 Chair, Oversight Committee, Newark Earthworks Center (2006-present)  
 Member, OSU Outreach and Engagement Steering Committee (2007-present)  
 Member, OSU Outreach and Engagement Leadership Action Committee (2003-2007)  
 Member, Course Management System Executive Sponsorship Committee (2003-2004)  
 Member, OSU Enrollment Potential Task Force (2003-2004)  
 College Research Officer, OSU Newark Representative (2001-2003)  
 Member, OSU Registrar's Faculty Advisory Council (2001-2003)  
 Project Director, Implementation of the General Business Degree at OSU's Regional Campuses (2001-2002)  
 Chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Sociology (2001)  
 OSU Newark Representative, Inauguration of OSU-Columbus's Multicultural Center (2001)  
 Member, Newark Campus Technology Committee (2001)  
 Chair, OSU Faculty Seed Grant Committee, Regional Campuses (2000-2001)  
 Chair, Committee on the Living-Learning Community at Campus View Village (2001)  
 Organizer, Open Forum on terrorism and Its Aftermath, OSU Newark (2001)  
 Member, Sociology Undergraduate Studies Committee, OSU-Columbus (2000-2001)  
 Member, Arts and Sciences Lecture Committee (2000)  
 Orientation Speaker, Orientation for New Faculty (2000)

President, OSU Newark Faculty Assembly (2000-2001)  
 Member, Academic Affairs Committee (2000-2002)  
 Member, Search Committee for Sociology Professor (2000-2001)  
 Member, Search Committee for Instructional Design Specialist (2000)  
 Coordinator, Michael Shermer lecture: "Why People Believe in God" (2000)  
 Coordinator, Conrad Kanagy speaking engagement on the Amish in America (1999)  
 Member, OSU Newark/COTC Student Access Committee (1999)  
 Member, Tenure Task Force (1999)  
 Representative, Regional Campus Faculty Council (1999)  
 Vice President, OSU Newark Faculty Assembly (1999-2000)  
 Member, Search Committee for Coordinator of Instructional Design (1999)  
 Member, Regional Campus Seed Grant Allocation Committee (1998-1999)  
 Mentor to OSU Newark junior faculty members (1998-2001)  
 Coordinator, James Randi Lecture: "Science and the Chimera" (1998)  
 Chair, Professional Standards Committee (1997-1999)  
 Member, Search Committee for OSU Newark President (1998-1999)  
 Member, Julius and Joette Greenstein Award Committee (1998; 2003)  
 Chair, Distance Education Task Force (1998-1999)  
 Member, OSU Newark Computer Users Group (1996-99)  
 Member, Panel on voluntary euthanasia, Ohio Medical Education Network (1998)  
 Member, Search Committee for Economics Professor (1998)  
 Member, Search Committee for Spanish Professor (1998)  
 Member, Search Committee for Social Work Program Coordinator (1997-98)  
 Member, Search Committee for Economics Instructor (1997)  
 Member, Distance Learning Users Group (1997)  
 Member, OSU Newark Professional Standards Committee (1997)  
 Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology (1995-97)  
 Member, Newark Campus Carillon Committee (1996-98)  
 Member, OSU Newark Distance Learning Task Force (1996)  
 Representative, Board of Regents Information System: Student Tracking Committee (1995-96)  
 Orientation Speaker, Invited Newark Scholars Program (1995)  
 Chair, Search Committee for Newark Campus Network Administrator (1995)  
 Chair, Search Committee for Newark Campus Computer User Specialist (1995)  
 Faculty Liaison with Computing and Telecommunications Services (1994-95)  
 Member, OSU Newark Computer Task Force (1994-95)  
 Member of Faculty Panel at OSU Newark Academy Breakfast (October, 1994)  
 Orientation Speaker, OSU Newark Orientation Program (December, 1993)  
 Member, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of Anthropology (1993)  
 Member, Student Matters Committee (1993-96)  
 Vice President, OSU Newark Faculty Assembly (1993-1994)

### ***Invited Talks and Community Service***

Member, NEW Newark (2007-present)  
 Member, Licking County Community Blueprint Steering Committee (2005-present)  
 (<http://www.lickingcountycommunityblueprint.com/Home/>)

Welcoming remarks and co-sponsor, Martin Luther King Day Breakfast (2005)  
Member, Program Committee, Newark Rotary Club (2007-2008)  
Member, Volunteer Committee, Newark Rotary Club (2004-2006)  
Member, Community Board for A Call to College (2004-present)  
Judge, Licking County Junior Miss program (2002)  
“Sociology’s Contribution to the Scientific Explanation of Mystical Experiences,” Students for Freethought (2001)  
“Making Curiosity Sacred,” OSU Newark Orientation for High-Ability Students (2000)  
“Asking Questions,” Ceremony for students receiving associates degrees at OSU Newark (1999)  
“Religious Experience,” Fireside Chat sponsored by Laurel (Student Honors Association) (1998)  
“Religion in America.” Newark Kiwanis (1997)  
“Inequality.” Newark City Schools’ Respect Week (1994)

### **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
National Council on Family Relations  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion  
Southern Sociological Society  
EDUCAUSE

### **MEMBERSHIP IN COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Rotary International – Newark Club

### **REFERENCES**

Available upon request.