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Degree Information

PhD	May, 2005	South Dakota State University Brookings, SD
MSW	May, 1991	University of Kansas Lawrence, KS
BSSW	August, 1989	University of North Dakota Grand Forks, ND

Academic Appointments

August 2007 – Present	Assistant Professor, School of Social Work, University of Southern Mississippi
August 2004 – August 2007	Assistant Professor, Department of Rural Sociology, South Dakota State University
August 2003 – May 2004	Instructor, Department of Rural Sociology, South Dakota State University
September 2001 – May 2003	Graduate Teaching Assistant/Teaching Support South Dakota State University
July 1998 – August 1998	Adjunct Instructor, Department of Social Sciences Western Iowa Tech Community College

Post Masters Social Work Experience

August 1999 – February 2001	Clinical Social Worker, Sioux City Vet Center Sioux City, Iowa
October 1997 – August 1999	High Risk Intervention Coordinator, TRIO Student Support Services Wayne State College, Nebraska
October 1991 – October 1997	Clinical Social Worker, Fargo VA Medical Center Fargo ND

Community Services and Activities

November 2007 –	Hattiesburg Homeless Coalition Committee Member Hattiesburg, MS Mayor’s Office
August 2007 –	Curriculum Committee, member School of Social Work University of Southern Mississippi
August 2007 –	Professional Continuing Education, member School of Social Work University of Southern Mississippi
August 2007 –	Evaluation Committee, member School of Social Work University of Southern Mississippi
August 2007 –	Faculty Search Committee, member School of Social Work University of Southern Mississippi
August 2006 – May 2007	Faculty Search Committee, Chair Department of Rural Sociology South Dakota State University
August 2005 – May 2007	Articulation Ad-Hoc Committee, Faculty Chair Department of Rural Sociology South Dakota State University
August 2004 – May 2007	Human Services Club, Faculty Advisor Department of Rural Sociology South Dakota State University

Awards and Honors

May 2007	AKD Sociological Honor Society “Teacher of the Year” South Dakota State University
October 2006	Great Plains Sociological Society “Excellence in Teaching”
May 2003	McNamara Graduate Scholar Award South Dakota State University
December 2002	Phi Kappa Phi South Dakota State University Chapter

Grants

2008 LEC Instructional Mini Grant Program. “Integrating Technology into the Social Work Classroom”. November, 2008 Unfunded award \$500.

Co-Principle Investigator with Dr. Jerome Kolbo, on the Evaluation of the CISCO 21S Initiative in Mississippi. Awarded \$148,563 for 2007-2009 from CISCO systems.

New Faculty Initiative Grant. “Update Media Resources and Incorporation into the Classroom”. September, 2006 awarded \$3,500.

Midwest Consortium on Service-Learning Grant. “Incorporation of Service-Learning Teaching into an Existing University Course”. January, 2006 awarded \$ 300.

New Faculty Initiative Grant. “Development of an Internet Based Course to Provide General Education Courses to Students at South Dakota State University”. October, 2005 awarded \$4,500.

Presentations:

- July 2009 PROPOSAL SUBMITTED: International Consortium for Social Development, Monterrey, Mexico. 2009 ICSD Conference. **Tom Osowski**, Tim Rehner, and Alan Bougere. “Social Work Curricular Response to Disaster in the Gulf South Region: A South Mississippi Experience”.
- May 2009 SCHEDULED TO PRESENT: 2009 Men’s Conference at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL. **Tom Osowski**, and Debra Kunkel. “Returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, Why Aren’t Single Male Combat Veterans Seeking Mental Health Services at the VA. A Pilot Study at One Rural Site.”
- March 2009 SCHEDULED TO PRESENT: NASW-MS Chapter Annual Conference, Natchez, MS. **Tom Osowski** and Carolyn Hester. “Natural Disaster and Impact on Student Academic Attainment: Some Possible Explanations”.
- April 2008 Social Welfare Action Alliance, 2008 National Conference and Meeting, Houston, TX. **Tom Osowski**, Carolyn Hester and Tim Rehner. “The Trauma of Hurricane Katrina and its impact on Student Academic Attainment”.
- November 2007 Invited Presentation: USM Dean’s Council. “Evaluation of the Cisco 21S Initiative in Mississippi and Louisiana”.

- October 2006 Great Plains Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Grand Forks, ND. “Pushing the Boundaries: Using Service-Learning to teach Social Policy”.
- August 2006 Invited Panelist: SDSU Fall Faculty Development Conference “Expanding the Learning Environment – The Community as Your Classroom”.
- August 2006 Participated in the Director’s of Graduate Studies at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Quebec.
- May 2006 Invited Panelist: SDSU Teaching-Learning Center. “Why use service-learning in your classroom?” Presented as part of an ongoing faculty development program.
- May 2006 Conference on Faculty-Student Partnerships in Teaching and Learning. SUNY – Geneseo, NY. “How Differences Become Similarities: Engaging Students in Social Policy Discovery in South Dakota and Mississippi”.
- April 2004 Midwest Sociological Society, Annual Meeting, Kansas City, MO **Tom Osowski** and Geoffrey Grant. “Migration Patterns in South Dakota and Their Social Impact: A Theoretical Explanation”. Delivered Paper.
- October 2003 Great Plains Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Fargo, ND **Tom Osowski**, Susan Hilal, Caroline Mitchell and Leretta Smith. “My Life as a Graduate Student”. Panel Discussion.
- October 2002 Great Plains Sociological Association, Annual Meeting, Aberdeen, SD. **Tom Osowski** and Geoffrey Grant. “Consequences for Three Rural Social Institutions Existing in a World Economy”. Presented Paper.

Publications

Refereed Journals

Tom Osowski and Geoffrey Grant. 2004 “Consequences for Three Rural Social Institutions Existing in a World Economy”. *The Great Plains Sociologist* 16(1).

Tom Osowski. ACCEPTED. 2009 “Using the Community as Classroom: Alternative Spring Break Project”. *Quick Hits for Service-Learning: Successful Strategies from Award Winning Educators*. Indiana University: FACET.

Works in Progress

Mario Hesse, **Tom Osowski**, and Susan Hilal. Under Editorial Review. “Assessment of Social Disorganization Theory in Two Metropolitan Areas in a Rural State”.

Tom Osowski, Carolyn Hester and Tim Rehner. In-Progress. “The Trauma of Hurricane Katrina and its Impact on Student Academic Attainment”.

Tom Osowski and Geoffrey Grant. In-Progress. “Predicting Community School Funding Votes: A South Dakota Analysis”.

Tom Osowski. In-Progress. “Service-Learning and Social Work Education in a Rural Educational Setting”.