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Where did you go to school? What degree did you earn? Do you have areas of specialization or of special interest?

I received my BA from Brooklyn College (CUNNY) and my MA and M.Phil degrees in sociology from Columbia University.

My research specialties are the sociology of science, the history of the behavioral and social sciences, and inter-group relations

How long have you been teaching at Collin?

I began Teaching at Collin Fall 1990

What courses do you typically teach?

Introduction to Sociology

Social Problems

A Learning Community that pairs Introduction to Sociology with Life Span Development

Minority Studies

What do students gain from taking your courses?

I would like my students to understand that despite the sheer complexity and messiness of social life, they can still make sense of it. That, for every problem there is a SIMPLE solution - and that it is invariably WRONG. That legitimate conflicts are built into the very fabric of our society, social institutions, and relationships - that it couldn't be any other way. That UNDERSTANDING must necessarily precede EVALUATION. That, above all else, arguing and playing with ideas can be fun.

For more details, see my "Teaching Philosophy and Course Description at <http://iws2.collin.edu/lstern/INTROINTRO%20REMARKS.htm>

What professional associations are you currently a member of?

CHEIRON (The International Society for the History of Behavioral and Social Sciences)

American Sociological Association

Do you advise any student organizations at Collin? Are you a member of any other programs, organizations, or committees at Collin? If so, please list them and briefly describe your role.

I advise students, upon request.

I am the administrator of Collin College's "Study Grant Program."

What initially drew you to Sociology? Why do you continue to like Sociology?

See my Piper Essay, "Why I Teach" at http://iws2.collin.edu/lstern/STERN_PIPER_ESSAY_REV.html

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