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Curriculum Vitae

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**Education:**

1968 B.S. (Sociology), Saint Peter's College, New Jersey.

1971 M.A. (Sociology), University of Maryland, College Park.

1976 Ph.D. (Sociology), University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

**Appointments and Positions Held**

2015. Professor Emeritus, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia.

1990. Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia.

1990-1992; 1983-84. Graduate Coordinator, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia.

1981-1990. Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia.

1979. Honors Program Faculty, University of Georgia.

1977. Graduate Faculty, University of Georgia.

1977-1992; 2009 - 2015. Faculty of Gerontology, University of Georgia.

1977-1981. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Georgia.

1975-1977. Faculty Research Associate, Wayne State Univ. Division, Wayne State University - University of Michigan Institute of Gerontology, Detroit, Michigan.

1975-1977. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Wayne State University.

1975. Summer Faculty, Leonard Davis School of Gerontology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA.

1972-1975. Senior Research Assistant, NSF funded project "Social and Cultural Contexts of Aging", under the direction of Vern L. Bengtson (Co-directed with LaMar Empey,

1973), Andrus Gerontology Center and Department of Sociology, University of Southern California.

1970-1972. Lieutenant, United States Army.

1968-1970. Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland.

**Books:**

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### **Recent Presentations**

- Dowd, James J. 2017. "Three Kongs: Race, Gender, and Fear in Hollywood Ape Movies." Paper to be presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings

(Montreal), August.

Crabtree, Arialle K., Bryan C. Cannon, and James J. Dowd. 2016. "Popular romance and its theoretical consequences." Paper presented to the Cultural Studies session at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Seattle), August.

Hall, Terrence and James J. Dowd. 2016. "Framing Black Lives: African American Films from Oscar Micheaux to Tyler Perry." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Seattle), August.

Crabtree, Arialle K., Bryan C. Cannon, and James J. Dowd. 2015. "Approaching limits: Exhaustion and recovery of a film genre." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meetings (Chicago), August.

Dowd, James J. 2014. "The coming of age: Older characters in Hollywood films, 1960-2013." Paper presented to the Cultural Studies session, American Sociological Association annual meetings (San Francisco), August.

Dowd, James J. 2013. "From aging to the life course: An unfinished dialectic." Paper presented to the History of Sociology session, American Sociological Association annual meetings (New York), August.

Dowd, James J. 2013. "Gerontophobia: A Critical Approach to Aging and the Life Course." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Southern Sociological Society (Atlanta), April 26.

Dowd, James J. 2012. "Bloody Durkheim." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Denver), August.

Dowd, James J. 2011. "Desire, Catastrophe and Immortality: The Social Bases of a Meaningful Life." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Las Vegas).

Dowd, James J. 2010. "War Films, African Americans, and the Problem of Patriotism." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association (Atlanta).

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## **BOOK REVIEWS**

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Jenny Hockey and Allison James. Social Identities Across the Life Course. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2003. Reviewed in *Contemporary Sociology*, 33 (3) 2004: 300-301..

Mark Osiel. Obedying Orders: Atrocities, Military Discipline, and the Law of War. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers, 2002. Reviewed in *Comparative Sociology*, 3 (1) 2003: 314-318.

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Liebersohn, Harry. Fate and Utopia in German Sociology, 1870-1923. Cambridge: M.I.T. Press, 1989. Reviewed in *German Studies Review*. 15 (February)1992: 159-161.

Inglehart, Ronald. Culture Shift in Advanced Industrial Society. Princeton, 1990. Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*. 96 (March, 1991): 1274-1276.

#### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS:**

Dowd, James J. Sociology of Aging. Athens: Georgia Center for Continuing Education, 1989.

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

Editorial Board, Social Sciences Section, Journal of Gerontology, 1980-1983; Reviewer, 1984-1990; 2006.

Editorial Board, Journal of Aging Studies, 1986 - 2015.

Editorial Board, Sociological Inquiry, 1990-1995; Reviewer, 1987-1989.

Editorial Board, Teaching Sociology, 1999-2002.

Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology, 2001; American Sociological Review, 2007, 2009; The American Sociologist, 1993; Armed Forces and Society, 1992-2004, 2006, 2007; British Journal of Sociology, 2010; Canadian Journal of Aging, 1992; Cultural Studies, 1998; Gender & Society, 2014; Human Development, 1993; Human Organization, 1981; International Journal of Aging and Human Development, 1979; Journal of Gerontology, 2006; Journal of Marriage and the Family, 1982; Journal of Urban Affairs, 2006; Psychology and Aging, 1989; Qualitative Sociology, 2011-2014; Quarterly Journal of Ideology, 1992; Race, Gender & Class, 2007; Research on Aging, 2011; Rural Sociology, 1979; Social Forces, 1979-1984; 1987-2002; 2005; Social Psychology Quarterly, 2009; Sociological Focus, 1979-1981; 1992; Sociological Forum, 1995; 1999; 2014; Sociological Perspectives, 2001, 2006; Sociological Spectrum, 1993-1994; Sociology and Social Research, 1979-1982, 1984; Sociologie et Sociétés, 2002; Symbolic Interaction, 2002; 2008-2010; Teaching Sociology, 1990-1992; 1999; 2003-2012; The Gerontologist 1982-1984, 1987, 2010-2012.

Reviewer for Rowman & Littlefield for a monograph, "Projecting 9/11: Productions of Race, Gender, and Citizenship in Recent Hollywood Films," authored by Mary K. Bloodsworth-Lugo and Carmen R. Lugo-Lugo. 2013.

**FIELDS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST:**

Sociology of Aging; Sociology of the Military; Sociological Theory; Sociology of Culture.

**PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:**

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Aging and the Life Course Section  
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Pacific Sociological Association.

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