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EDUCATION

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, PH.D candidate in
Sociology. Dissertation Defense Date: December 10, 2002.

Florida State University, MA International Affairs, Dec. 1989.

James Madison University, BS Political Science, May 1988.
MINOR: Russian Studies.
Certified as a secondary education teacher of Social Studies.

COURSES TAUGHT

- **Social Problems**
- **Individual in Society**
- **Gender Relations**
- **Introduction to International Relations**
- **International Organizations**
- **Politics of the Developing World**
- **Revolutionary Movements of the Middle East**

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- **Social Movements**
- **Applied Sociology**
- **Conflict Resolution**
- **Political Sociology**
- **Sociology of Sport**

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- June 1999- **INSTRUCTOR—VIRGINIA TECH:** Designed and implemented courses on Social Problems, Individual in Society and Gender Relations.
- Sept. 1998- **RESEARCH ASSISTANT—VIRGINIA TECH:** Aided professors with teaching and research projects. Primarily worked on a project that documented union development in the Nicaraguan Free Trade Zone.
- Sept. 1991-
May 1997 **INSTRUCTOR—JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY:** Designed and implemented courses on Third World Politics, Social Movements in the Middle East, International Organizations and International Relations.
- Sept. 1988-
Dec. 1989 **RESEARCH ASSISTANT—FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY:** Aided professors with research in the areas of the Middle East and East Africa.

PUBLICATIONS

Encyclopedia of Nationalism. 2001. Academic Press. (Alexander Motyl, Editor in Chief).

Published entries on:

- Autonomy
- Ayatollah Khomeini
- Ethiopian Nationalism
- Human Rights
- Libyan Nationalism
- Pacifism
- Sudanese Nationalism

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Stephen Poulson. "Back to the Future: Authority in the Islamic Republic of Iran." Submitted March 2002.

_____ "Understanding the Islamic Revival: Integrating Culture, Ideology and Frames in Social Movement Theory." Submitted June 2002.

Stephen Poulson and Christine Poulson, "Experience with Conflict and the Willingness to Mediate." Submitted June 2002.

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

Stephen Poulson and Dale Wimberley. 2002. "Framing Catastrophe: Social Movement Responses to September 11." *Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Baltimore, MD.

Stephen Poulson. 2002. "Chaos to Order, or Order to Chaos: Theoretical Considerations Regarding the Use of Culture, Ideology and Frames." *Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Baltimore, MD.

Stephen Poulson and Christine Poulson, 2001. "Experience with Conflict and the Willingness to Mediate." *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association*. Anaheim, CA.

Stephen Poulson, 2001. "Establishing Jurisdictional Boundaries of Institutions following Revolution: The Example of Iran." *Annual Meeting of the Association for the Sociology of Religion*. Anaheim, CA.

_____. 2000. "Back to the Future: Authority in the Islamic Republic of Iran." *Annual Meeting Association for the Sociology of Religion*. Washington DC.

_____. 1999. "From Divine Right to Sovereignty: A Comparison of Middle Eastern and European Monarchy." *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association* Chicago.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- **FREELANCE WRITER**-- Wrote general interest articles on subjects that include adventure travel, the environment, building techniques, outdoor sports, festivals and eclectic movements and groups. Most articles appeared in regional Virginia publications that include: *The Daily News Record*, *SkyLine* and *The Villager*. (1990 to 1998).

Examples:

"Surfing: A Guide to the Internet" 1998. *The Villager*. McGaheysville, VA. January (pages 20-21).

Series coverage (six articles total) of Grundig/UCI Mountain Bike World Championships. 1998. *The Villager*. McGaheysville, VA. Spring/Summer.

"The Mountain Institute: Program Tries To Keep State's Best" *The Daily News Record*. June 23, 1990. Harrisonburg: Virginia (pages 3 and 20).

"Down to Earth: Residents Band Together to Form Earthwise Food Co-Op" *The Daily News Record*. May 9, 1990. Harrisonburg: Virginia (pages 17 and 18).

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- 2000- Volunteer for the *Conflict Resolution Center*, Roanoke, VA. Helped with assessment and grant writing. Also helped with fundraising activities and with programs in Roanoke's Public Housing neighborhoods.
- 1991- Participant in *Big Brothers/Big Sisters*, Harrisonburg, VA.
- April 2001 *25th Annual World System Conference* held at Virginia Tech. Served as a conference aide and helped Dr. Dunaway, conference organizer, with the co-ordination of conference events.
- Sept. 2000- May 2000 Helped students in the Resident Leadership Council (Virginia Tech) design and administer a needs assessment survey concerning campus mediation programs. Did the statistical analysis of the survey data.
- 1998-2000 Volunteer for *Access to Rides* (Community Transportation Project).
- 1997-98 Youth Soccer Coach (1997-98) and Head Soccer Coach (1998), Spotswood High School, McGaheysville, VA.
- 1992-1997 Member of the *Society for Port Republic Preservationist*, Port Republic, VA. Elected to the Board of Directors from 1992-1994.
- 1988, 1991-97 Member of *Common Ground*, a coalition of organizations (churches, advocacy groups and non-profits) concerned with "Peace, Justice and the Environment," Harrisonburg, VA.
- 1992 Member of *Friends of the Valley*, a group concerned with environmental issues affecting the Shenandoah Valley, Harrisonburg, VA.

RECENT COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

- Sept. 2001 "Cultural Considerations Regarding Conflict in the Modern Middle East," to the Virginia Tech Sociology Club.
- Oct. 2001 "Islam in the Modern Middle East," to Green Memorial Episcopal Church, Roanoke.

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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association
- Southern Sociological Association
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- Association for the Sociology of Religion
- American Political Science Association

HONORS

- Outstanding Student Paper in Political Science (1987).
- Pi Gamma Mu member (National Honor Society of the Social Sciences).
- Pi Sigma Alpha member (National Political Science Honor Society).
- Golden Key National Honor Society.
- Graduated Magna Cum Laude from James Madison University.
- Alpha Kappa Delta member (National Sociological Honor Society).

OTHER EXPERIENCE

ESTABLISHED/OWNED and OPERATED: Pineapple Pedalers Touring Company and the Boarding House Bed and Breakfast (1992-1998), McGaheysville, Virginia. This was an adventure travel company that organized active vacations (bicycle, hiking and canoe) in the Shenandoah Valley.

INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lived in Saudi Arabia from 1979-1984.

I have traveled in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East.

Countries: Spain, France, Great Britain, Switzerland, Italy, The Netherlands, Germany, (former) Yugoslavia, Oman, Yemen, Bahrain, Jordan, United Arab Emirates, Egypt, Morocco, Singapore, Thailand, China (Hong Kong) and Mexico.

References available upon request.