

# David N. Sanders

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## **EDUCATION**

PhD. Applied Gerontology –December 18, 2009, University of North Texas,  
Denton, TX

M.Ed., Adult Education/Gerontology, December 15, 2006, University of Central  
Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

B.S., Funeral Service, Minor, Psychology, May 7, 2004, University of Central  
Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

High School Diploma, May, 1991, Mesa High School, Mesa, AZ

Certified Sterile Eye Enucleator, April 12, 2002, University of Central Oklahoma,  
Edmond, OK

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

B.F. Green Scholarship, Funeral Service Department, University of Central  
Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma, Competitive Scholarship

Psi Chi National Honors Society – Inducted Fall 2003

Funeral Service Department Merit Tuition Waiver Scholarship, University of  
Central Oklahoma, 2003-2004, Competitive Scholarship

Psi Chi Honor Society Scholarship recipient, University of Central Oklahoma,  
April, 2003, Competitive Scholarship

Deans Honor Role, College of Math & Science, University of Central Oklahoma  
Spring, Summer, & Fall 2003

Outstanding Graduating Senior Funeral Service, University of Central Oklahoma  
– Spring 2004, Competitive Award

Sigma Phi Omega National Academic Honor and Professional Society in  
Gerontology, University of Central Oklahoma – Inducted Spring 2005

OCTED Department Merit Tuition Waiver Scholarship, University of Central Oklahoma, August, 2005 – May, 2006

University of North Texas Applied Gerontology Competitive Scholarship, August, 2006 – July, 2007

### **ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

American Public Health Association – October, 2009 – Present

Alpha Kappa Delta - Academic Honor and Professional Society in Sociology – August 2009 – Present

Gerontology Student Association - Academic Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology – Inducted May 2006 – Present

Sigma Phi Omega National Academic Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology – Inducted May 2005 – Present

Psi Chi National Honor Society – Inducted November 20, 2003

Oklahoma Funeral Directors Association – August, 2003 – May, 2004

National Funeral Directors Association – August, 2002 – May, 2004

Sigma Phi Sigma Professional Fraternity – January, 2002 – May, 2004

Oklahoma Psychology Society – August, 2003 – May, 2004

University of Central Oklahoma Student Association, Elected Senator, August, 2002- May, 2003

### **ASSOCIATION OFFICES HELD**

Faculty Sponsor - Alpha Kappa Delta - Academic Honor and Professional Society in Sociology – Angelo State University - August 2009 – Present

President Sigma Phi Omega National Academic Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology – University of North Texas Chapter – January, 2007- January 2008

President Sigma Phi Omega National Academic Honor and Professional Society in Gerontology – University of Central Oklahoma Chapter – 2005-2006

Justice, University of Central Oklahoma Student Association, Supreme Court, University of Central Oklahoma, Spring 2004 – May, 2006

Vice President, Psi Chi National Honor Society – University of Central Oklahoma, Chapter – Spring 2004

Vice President, Sigma Phi Sigma, University of Central Oklahoma – Gamma Chapter, Spring 2004

## **COMMITTEES**

Complete Count 2010 U.S. Census Committee, City of San Angelo, Texas, July 2010 - Present

Community Development Initiatives, Angelo State University, Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work, October 2009 - Present

Guest Speaker Selection Committee, Angelo State University, Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work, October 2009 - Present

Appropriations and Budgeting, University of Central Oklahoma Student Association, University of Central Oklahoma, August, 2002 – May, 2003

Student and Technology Fee, College of Math and Science, University of Central Oklahoma, August, 2003 – May, 2004

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Social Work, courses in Sociology, August, 2009 – Present, Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas

Teaching Fellow, Department of Applied Gerontology, course in AGER 4800 Cultural Context of Aging, January, 2009 – May, 2009, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Teaching Fellow, Department of Applied Gerontology, course in AGER 4550 Sociology of Aging, January, 2009 – May, 2009, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Teaching Fellow, Department of Applied Gerontology/Sociology, course in SOCI 4550 Sociology of Aging, January, 2009 – May, 2009, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Teaching Fellow, Department of Applied Gerontology, course in COMS 4610 Environmental Sustainability, August, 2008 – December, 2008, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Teaching Fellow, Department of Applied Gerontology, course in AGER 4800 Cultural Context of Aging, August, 2008 – December, 2008, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Teaching Fellow, Department of Applied Gerontology, course in AGER 4550 Sociology of Aging, August, 2008 – December, 2008, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Teaching Fellow, Department of Applied Gerontology/Sociology, course in SOCI 4550 Sociology of Aging, August, 2008 – December, 2008, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Teaching Assistant to Dr. K. Whisnant Turner, Department of Applied Gerontology, course AGER 4550 in Sociology of Aging, January, 2007 – May, 2007, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas

Graduate teaching assistant to Dr. Bill Fredrickson, Department of Psychology, course in Pc's and Psychology Writing, specializing in PowerPoint, May, 2004, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Oklahoma

Course available for instruction to also include: Core Sociology classes including Intro Sociology and Marriage and Family, Minority Aging, Global and Individual Aging, Life Planning, Retirement Counseling. End of Life Issues to include Death and Dying, Grief Counseling, Aging in Place, and Psychology of Aging. Policy and community development classes to also include Organization Theory, Research Methods, Human Services, Not-for-profit Management, Grant Writing, public planning, an spatial mapping of community resources, and others under development.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Superior Solutions and Services, Texas & Oklahoma, Consultant/Owner, Sociology, Gerontology, Community Development, Human Resource, Statistical and Market Analysis, and Workers Compensation, May 1998 to Present.

Special Programs for Aging Needs, Denton, Texas, Director of Senior Services, Multiple program administration for Denton County Seniors, February 2007 to February 2008.

Mega Life Insurance, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Quality control and processing of life policies, Nov. 2004 to May, 2006

Mercer Adams Funeral Home, Bethany, Oklahoma. Practicum in funeral directing and embalming, Spring, 2003

Doug Ivy Regional Embalming, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Apprentice Embalmer, March 2001 to March 2002.

Branstetter-Merritt Funeral Home, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Apprentice  
Funeral Director/ Family Services Counselor, December, 2000 to March, 2002

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Program, business, and situation evaluations for functionality, need of support, and availability of resources to provide services in the most efficient manner in urban and rural communities. Research interests in gerontology include specializing in financial and retirement issues. Designing and implementing Federal, State, and locally funded community services for individuals including health, nutrition, and social programs. Mr. Sanders has a versatile research background in Gerontology, Psychology, Thanatology, and statistical analysis for researching issues. Strong abilities include developing community related involvement, business flow analysis, funding (grant writing), and additional support for programs and agencies.

## **RESEARCH**

Community analysis for a 20 county area of West Texas - U.S. Census 2010  
Dallas Regional Office, Principle investigator, University of North Texas,  
November, 2009.

An Evaluation Model for Identifying Lewisville and San Angelo, Texas as Senior  
Ready Communities – Dissertation – University of North Texas, August, 2008 –  
December, 2009.

Market analysis for senior living community in Carlyle, Illinois, Co-principle  
investigator, University of North Texas, October, 2008

Relationship Styles, Death Anxiety, and Ageism - Master Thesis – University of  
Central Oklahoma, August, 2005 – December, 2006

Funeral Directors Attitudes Towards Psychology of Grief in Funeral Service -  
Survey of 100 funeral homes in the State of Oklahoma, June - July, 2003

Instructions Ability to Influence Responses of Individuals in Responding to Grief  
Related Questions and Scenarios, 2 X 3 multiple control group design research  
project testing how instruction in the psychology of grief affects an individuals  
responses to grief, January - April, 2004

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Sanders, D.N., Swan, J.H., Turner, K.W. & Shashidhara, S., American Public  
Health Association Conference – Poster Presentation - Increased Physical  
Activity and Senior Center Participation, Philadelphia, PA, November 10, 2009

Shashidhara, S., Swan, J.H., Turner, K.W. & Sanders, D.N., Texas Public Health Association - Paper Presented - Physical activity and senior center participation over two years, Austin, TX, April, 2009.

Oklahoma Research Day, Poster Presentation, Relationship Styles, Death Anxiety, and Ageism, University of Central Oklahoma, November 11, 2005

College of Education Symposium, Poster Presentation, Levels of Training effecting individual's responses to topics related to grief, University of Central Oklahoma, April 2004

Oklahoma Psychology Society, Poster Presentation, Levels of Training effecting Individual's responses to topics related to grief, University of Central Oklahoma, April 2004

Family Services Counseling to Families in a Pre-Arrangement Setting, Psychology of Grief, University of Central Oklahoma, April 2002

## **PUBLICATIONS**

*Swan, J.H., Turner, K., Shashidhara, S., Sanders, D.N., (2010). Increased Physical Activity and Senior Center Participation, Texas Journal of Public Health 62(2).16-18.*

## **PEER REVIEWS FOR JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS**

Sustainable Communities Review, *College students' Attitudes toward the Environment in the Arab World*, October, 2008.

The Gerontologist, *Will Sedentary older adults participate in community-based exercise? Results from the active start program*, February, 2009.

The Gerontologist, *Recruiting older adults into a physical activity promotion program: Active living every day offered in a naturally occurring retirement community*, February, 2009.

## **REFERENCES**

Upon request

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