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I grew up in Chicago and Evanston, Illinois, started college at Carleton College in Minnesota when I was seventeen, transferred to the University of Maryland in College Park after two and half years, and earned B.A. and M.A. degrees there in Sociology. After a year and a half spent working in the federal government in the Women's Research Program of the National Institute of Education (a long defunct research institute in the then Department of Health, Education and Welfare). Subsequently, I completed a PhD at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 1979. I spent eighteen years as a Professor of Sociology at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, followed by thirteen and a half years at Ohio University in Athens as a Professor of Sociology with stints as Chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Director of International Development Studies, and moved to Penn State in 2010 as Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology and when it was restructured as the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education (AESE), with affiliate appointments in Departments of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Sociology; and the Population Research Institute and the Social Science Research Institute, retiring as Emerita Professor of Rural Sociology and Demography in 2020. My scholarship focused on rural sociology, particularly poverty, livelihoods, and Inequalities; gender and development; disaster, and climate change; Southeast Asian and Indonesian Studies. I credit a trip to the Smoky Mountains at the age of eleven as the genesis of a lifelong interest and career focus on rural poverty and a trip to Indonesia as a consultant and software courier for a study of fertility and sex roles in the mid 1980s for broadening my interests to include international and Indonesian studies. I am the author or editor of 6 books with two more under contract, more than 80 journal articles and book chapters, and numerous invited talks and presentations. I held elective office in my professional associations including President of the Rural Sociological Society and was the editor of its flagship journal *Rural Sociology*. For more than fifty years I was an avid whitewater and recreational canoeist, especially in West Virginia, Appalachian and Southeastern rivers, and the Mountain West and now engage in more sedentary pursuits, including Scottish Country Dancing, knitting, and travel.

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