

Abbreviated Curriculum Vita
Dr. Lewis Walker, Chair/Professor Emeritus
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Fields of Specialization

Race Relations
Criminology
Methodology

Juvenile Delinquency
Social Psychology

Education

Wilberforce University	A.B.	1959	Sociology
The Ohio State University	M.A.	1961	Sociology
The Ohio State University	Ph.D.	1964	Sociology

Select Experiences

Interim Director, Lewis Walker Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnic Relations, 2007.

Chair, Department of Sociology, 1989-1999.

Assistant, Associate, Full-Professor, Department of Sociology, 1964-1999.

Full-time professor, National Science Institute for High School Teachers of Social Sciences (summers, 1974, 1966-72).

Director and professor, National Science Institute in Sociology for High School Teachers (summer, 1973).

Conducted numerous workshops on techniques of intercultural adjustment and race relations, mid-1960s through late 1980s.

Approximately 38 years of undergraduate and graduate teaching experience.

Other Select Experiences

Presented several invited lectures (with Ben Wilson) on African Americans in Michigan as part of a book lecture series sponsored by Michigan State University Press, 2006.

Professor of record for a special course on global race/ethnic relations to members of the WMU basketball team that traveled to Rome, Italy and Athens, Greece, May 2006.

Vice Chair, Gary Fund, 2004 and Chair of the Gary Fund for 2005.

Co-executive director, documentary based on *Black Eden: The Idlewild Community*, 2004.

Member, Presidential Search Committee to replace Elson S. Floyd. Recommended Judith Bailey to the Board of Directors, 2003.

Chair, City of Kalamazoo Police Community Relations Complaint Review Task Force, 2000.

Team Chair, Site Consultation Team Visit: WMU University Counseling and Testing Center, 2000.

Member, President Search Committee, 1997-98, charged with finding a replacement for Diether Haenicke. Recommended Elson S. Floyd to the Board of Directors, 1997-98.

IMPAC-Kalamazoo Countywide Improved Court Program Evaluation (funded research: co-principal investigators: Paul Friday, Lewis Walker, Lloyd Braithwaite, James Petersen, Subhash Sonnad), 1976.

Developer, Human Relations Training Programs for Michigan Department of Corrections (audio-visual to improve relations between prison officials and inmates), 1973-74.

Consultant and Program Developer, in-service training program for Grand Rapids Public School Teachers to reduce racial incidents between student-student and teacher-student, 1969-71.

Consultant and Program Developer, Police-Community Relations Programs designed to improve police relations, especially with the black community, 1968, 1969 and 1970.

Consultant and Program Developer, Experimental Group Development Program for Ford Motor Company dealing with ex-convicts, drug users, and so-called hard-core unemployables, 1968-69.

PUBLICATIONS

Books, Monographs, Book Chapters and Reviews

Black Eden: The Idlewild Community, Michigan State University Press, 2002 (with Benjamin C. Wilson).

African Americans in Michigan, Michigan State University Press, 2001 (with Benjamin C. Wilson). (Invited to write another book for this series to focus on the Great Southern Migration into Michigan.)

“African Americans,” chapter in David Levinson and Melvin Ember (eds.) *American Immigrant Cultures: Builders of a Nation*. Vol. 1, Simon and Schuster Macmillan. 1997 (with Benjamin Wilson).

“The Health Care System and African Americans: The Importance of Home Remedies in Small Towns and Rural Regions,” included in *Proceedings of the 10th Conference on the Small City and Regional Community*, University of Wisconsin Foundation Press, 1993 (with Benjamin C. Wilson).

“Outside the Dark Ghettos: Salient Economic Issues Facing African Americans in Southwest Michigan,” included in *Proceedings of the 10th Conference on the Small City and Regional Community*, University of Wisconsin Foundation Press, 1993 (with Douglas Davidson).

Proceedings of the 10th Conference on Small City and Regional Community (co-edited with Thomas VanValey and Sue S. Crull), University of Wisconsin Foundation Press, 1993.

“Black South Africans and Native Americans: Convergent and Divergent Patterns of Development,” chapter in *Research on Race and Ethnic Relations*, Vol. 5, edited by Cora B. Marrett, JAI Press, Inc., 1988 (with Subhash Sonnad).

“Divergent Patterns of Intergroup Living,” chapter in *Ethnicity and Ethnic Relations in Canada: A Book of Readings*, edited by Jay E. Goldstein and Rita M. Bienvenue, Butterworths, Toronto, Canada, 1985 (revised edition).

Invited review, *Ethnocultural Processes and National Problems in the Modern World*, edited by I. R. Grigulevich and S. Ya. Kozlov, in *The American Sociological Review*, 1982.

“Divergent Patterns of Intergroup Living,” chapter in *Ethnicity and Ethnic Relations in Canada: A Book of Readings*, edited by Jay E. Goldstein and Rita M. Bienvenue, Butterworths, Toronto, Canada, 1980.

Graduate Education in Sociology: A Report of the Blue Ribbon Committee, a monograph published by the Center for Sociological Research, 1977 (with Hunt, et al.).

The Street Academy: An Evaluation, a monograph published by the Center for Educational Studies, Grand Rapids, MI, 1974.

Graduate Education at Western Michigan University, Western Michigan University Press, 1976 (with Burke, et al.).

Ethnic Dynamics: Patterns of Intergroup Relations in Various Societies, Dorsey Press, 1972 (with Chester Hunt). Second Edition, Learning Publications, 1979.

Social Change, Conflict and Education, Charles Merrill Publishing Company, 1972 (with Erickson and Bryan).

Select Research and Creative Publications

“Juvenile Boot Camps and the Reclamation of our Youth: Some Food for Thought,” *Family Court Journal*, Winter 2000. Vol. 51, No. 1. pp. 21-30 (with Joanne Ardovini-Brooker).

“Moving Beyond Race: Defining Diversity for the 21st Century,” presented to the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO, April 1998 (with Douglas V. Davidson and Zoann Snyder-Joy).

Interviewer for the South African Symposium on “Mandela and the Rising Expectations of Young South Africans,” sponsored by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, Western Michigan University, November, 1996.

“Institutional Racism Vs. Individual Prejudice,” Fostering Racial and Cultural Harmony Conference, Kalamazoo County Government, Western Michigan University, October, 1996.

“Shock Incarceration: An Alternative Form of Juvenile Justice?,” presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences meetings, Las Vegas, NV, 1996 (with Joanne Ardovini-Brooker).

“Graduate Teaching Practicum,” included in the Teaching Resource Center’s manual, *Preparing Graduate Students to Teach*, Second Edition, American Sociological Association, 1996.

Workshop Participant/PEW, “The Professional Apprenticeship: TAs in the 21st Century,” Denver, 1995 (ASA Approved Team: Thomas VanValey, Lewis Walker, Joanne Ardovini-Brooker).

“An Invitation to Succeed,” Chair’s Annual Report to the Department of Sociology Faculty, 1995.

Participant/Moderator, “Institutional Racism vs. Individual Prejudice,” Conference on Fostering Racial and Cultural Harmony, Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University, November, 1995.

Session Organizer: Racial Prejudice and Violence. Midwest Sociological Society meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1994.

Session Organizer/Presider: The Definitional Dilemma in Race/Ethnic Relations. Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1994.

Session Organizer: Racism and the Media. Midwest Sociological Society meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1994.

“Race, Class and Violence: The Continuing American Dilemma,” presented at the Midwest Sociological Society meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1994 (with Deborah J.B. Kitchen and Douglas Davidson; Lewis Walker, Session Organizer).

“Rethinking Race: Unification Problems in America,” presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Meetings, St. Louis, Missouri, March, 1994 (with Zoann K. Snyder-Joy and Douglas V. Davidson; Lewis Walker, organizer and presider or session).

“Clarifying Needed Leadership Qualities Through Opposites,” at the Minority Student Leadership Conference, Western Michigan University, March, 1993.

Keynote address, “Living the Dream,” Seventh Annual Joint School/Community Conference, Covert, MI, January, 1993.

Group Facilitator, Conference on "Aftermath of Los Angeles Riots: Lessons in Race Relations," Western Michigan University, November, 1992.

"The Beginning College Teacher: Some Advice," published by the Office of Faculty Development, Western Michigan University, 1992.

Kalamazoo College Lecture Series, "African-American Perspectives: Civil Rights Allies," Kalamazoo, MI, May 1992.

Papers Discussant, "Days of Remembrance," Lee Honors College, Western Michigan University, April, 1992.

Presenter and Moderator, "Male Responsibility," Conference on Adolescents Sexuality and Teenage Pregnancy: Issues of Responsibility, Kalamazoo, MI, April, 1992.

"The Health-Care System and African Americans: The Importance of Home Remedies in Small Cities and Rural Regions," National Conference on the Small City and Regional Community, Kalamazoo, MI, April, 1992 (with Benjamin C. Wilson).

"Outside the Dark Ghettos: Salient Economic Issues Facing African Americans in Southwest Michigan," National Conference on the Small City and Regional Community, Kalamazoo, MI, April, 1992 (with Douglas Davidson).

Session Moderator, "Contemporary African-American Issues," National Conference on the Small City and Regional Community, Kalamazoo, MI, April, 1992.

"Climb Though the Rocks Be Rough: Excellence at the Mountain Top," Chair's Annual Report to the Department of Sociology Faculty, 1991.

"WMU Self-Study NCAA Pilot Certification Program," a subcommittee report co-authored with Al Molde, 1991.

"Race and Ethnic Relations," WMU Video Presentation, 1990 (with Lewis Carlson).

"Race Relations Institutes: An Update," Minority Affairs Conference, Lansing, MI, October, 1990.

"Racism in the United States During the 80s and 90s," WMUK Radio Interview, December, 1989.

"Recruitment of Hispanics and Other Minorities into Corrections," Commission on Spanish Speaking Affairs, Kalamazoo, MI 1989.

"Nigerian Unity: Integrative Processes and Problems," *Journal of Developing Societies*, Vol. V., 1989 (with Dick Andzenge).

"Perpetuation of Racism Through Dualism," Joint WMU/WSU Conference on "Michigan's Racial and Ethnic Diversity: Setting the Agenda for the 1990s," Lansing, MI, May, 1990.

"Looking Back in Anticipation of the Future," Chair's Annual Report to the Department of Sociology Faculty, 1990.

“Toward a Better Political Future: Government, Politics, and the Nigerian Elite, Ethnic Problems and External Relations,” Conference of Nigerian People and Organizations (CONPO), Fort Lauderdale, FL, September, 1989.

“Black Families and Recidivism: Juvenile Court’s Minority Report,” presented to the Kalamazoo County Juvenile Court, January, 1987 as part of a larger study.

“Unraveling the Secrets of Academic Success,” Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, August, 1986.

“Problematic Characteristics in the National Unification of Nigeria,” 50th Annual Meetings of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, Iowa, March, 1986 (with Dick Andzenge).

“The Black Family: A Critical Analysis of CBS’s Documentary on the Crisis,” Forum at Mt. Zion’s Baptist Church, Kalamazoo, MI, 1986.

“Ethnic Relations: The Educational Value of Field Trips,” Michigan Sociological Association meetings, Hope College, Holland, MI, 1985 (with John Lee).

“Ethiopia: Famine and Challenge,” Dulcet Club, Inc., Kalamazoo, MI 1985.

“The Black Family: Some Psychosocial Dimensions and Recidivism Among Black Delinquents,” North Central Sociological Association meetings, Louisville, KY, 1985 (with Peggy Chance-Hicks).

“Consociationalism in South Africa: Issues of Race in a Plural Society,” Midwest Sociological Association meetings, Chicago, 1983 (with Subhash Sonnad).

“Black South Africans and Native Americans: Convergent and Divergent Patterns of Development,” Midwest Sociological Association, Chicago, 1983 (with Subhash Sonnad and John Lee).

“Kalamazoo’s Black Community: Developing New Economic Strategies,” 100 Men of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo, MI, 1983.

“A Family-Based Intervention Model for Therapeutic Treatment of the Black Community,” Murtis H. Taylor Multi-Services Center, Cleveland, OH, 1982.

“The Black Church and Black People: Prospects for the Future,” Allen Chapel, African Methodist Episcopal Church 125 Anniversary, Kalamazoo, MI, 1981.

“School and Discipline: Methods for Improving Student/Student, Student/Teacher Interaction,” Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School, Benton Harbor, MI, 1981.

“Juvenile Delinquency Theory: Some New Considerations,” Berrien Springs, MI, 1981.

“U. S. Minorities and Mental Health Treatment,” Kalamazoo Regional Psychiatric Hospital, 1981.

“Mexican Americans in a Plural Society: An Empirical Test of Gordon’s Assimilation Model,” American Sociological Association, Toronto, Canada, 1981 (with Chester Hunt and Denise Tyiska).

“Welfare Reform and the Possible Demise of White Paternalism and Black Flight in Mississippi,” *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, Vol. VIII. No. 1, March, 1981 (with Chester Hunt).

Honors

Man of the Year, Western Michigan University Varsity W Club, 2007

Naming: Dr. Lewis Walker Community Service for Social Justice Youth Award, City of Kalamazoo. First recipient named in 2001.

Naming: Lewis Walker Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations, Western Michigan University. Approved by the Board of Trustees in April, 2000.

Western Michigan University’s Presidential Appreciation Award, 1996.

Western Michigan University’s College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Appreciation Award for Chairs, 1995.

Inducted into Western Michigan University Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, 1989.

WMU Distinguished Service Award, 1989

Graduate Students’ Award of Teaching Excellence, 1976

Western Michigan University Alumni Award for Teaching Excellence, October, 1971.

Inducted into Fairfield Industrial High School Hall of Fame, 1967.

Michigan Jaycees “One of Five Outstanding Young Men of Michigan,” 1967.

Distinguished Service Award, Kalamazoo Jaycees, 1967.

Listed in several directories, which include

African American Firsts in Science and Technology, 1999

Who’s Who Among African Americans, 9th Edition.

Who’s Who Among Black America, 1981 Edition

Who’s Who in the Midwest, Fifteenth Edition

Who’s Who Among Black America, First Edition.

Outstanding Young Men of America, 1968

Outstanding Educators of America, 1972

Selected Recent Memberships

Member, WMU’s NCAA Re-Certification Subcommittee, 2006-7

Member, WMU Athletic Hall of Fame

Selected Recent Memberships (continued)

Special Presidential Assignment: Unrest Among Football Players at WMU, 1997
Chair, Graduate College Dean Search Committee, Fall, 1996
WMU Bargaining Team Member, 1996
Professional Sports Counseling Panel, 1996-1999
Healthy Futures: Crime and Violence Subcommittee, 1996
Vice Chair, Community Corrections Advisory Board (Kalamazoo City Government)
WMU Athletic Hall of Fame Board
Student-Athletic Counseling Panel
Committee to Advise President on Institutional Priorities
Distinguished Service Award Committee
WMU Medallion Scholarship Committee
Participant Division of Intercollegiate Athletics Recruitment
Search Committee, Director of the Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations
WMU Institute for Race and Ethnic Relations Advisory Board
Chair, WMU Higher Education Incentive Scholarship Committee (HEIS)
Ad Hoc Committee, Great Issues for the 1990s, WMU Educational Video Series
Vice Chair, Kalamazoo Criminal Justice Commission
Graduate College Diversity Advisory Committee
WMU Multi-Cultural Center Committee
Midwest Adolescent Substance Abuse Advisory Board
Board of Directors, Goodwill Industries
Western Michigan University Athletic Board and Chair, Academic Standards and
Graduation Rates Committee

Involvement in Special Projects

President/Board Chair, Lester Lake Investment Corporation and CEO, Simpson Lakeview Resort, Grand Junction, MI, 1992-2001 (current Board Member).

President, Spare Time Pursuits, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, 1987-2007.

President, Walker/Taylor Thermic Dynamics, Inc., a Michigan Corporation, 1985-2004.

Principal involvement in Joseph Gamell Industries, Inc., (now Differential Flow Systems, Inc., and Turbine Tork, Inc., of Minnesota), a company involved in new technology to develop small industries in areas of high unemployment. A number of patents were issued to Lewis Walker.

A full vita is available upon request.

