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### Education:

1980 ..... Ph.D ..... McMaster University  
1975 ..... M.A ..... McMaster University  
1973 ..... B.S ..... Indiana State University

### Work Experience:

Director, Center for Appalachian Studies..... 2000-Present..... Eastern Kentucky University  
Sociology Program Coordinator..... 1994-2000 ..... Eastern Kentucky University  
Professor ..... 1991-Present..... Eastern Kentucky University  
Associate Professor ..... 1984-1991 ..... Eastern Kentucky University  
Assistant Professor ..... 1981-1984 ..... Eastern Kentucky University  
Assistant Professor ..... 1978-1981 ..... Union College

### Courses Taught:

Introductory Sociology, Social Problems, Uneven Development, Political Sociology, Social Change, Social Change in Appalachia, Seminar in Appalachian Studies, Fieldwork in Environmental Studies, Social Stratification, Classical Sociological Theory, Contemporary Sociological Theory, plus team-taught several interdisciplinary courses including Providing Health Care Services in Appalachia (with the College of Health Sciences) and Sustainability in Appalachia (with the Department of Geography).

### Other Relevant Professional Experience:

Consultant & leadership team member for PRISYM (Providing Rural Interdisciplinary Services to Youth with Mental Health Needs), a project funded through the Health Resources and Services Administration, to prepare 76 psychology, social work and occupational therapy graduates for service in the region, 2004-2007.

Steering Committee, Appalachian Studies Association, 2002--2004.

Advisory Board, *The Robert F. Kennedy Project*, a community partnership with Letcher County, Kentucky and Appalshop, 2004-5.

Member of the Advisory Board for Eastern Kentucky University's Center for Environmental Education Center, 2004—present.

Member of the Advisory Board for EKU's Environmental Research Institute, 2005.

President of the Board of Directors, Kentucky Riverkeeper, Inc., a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to education research and advocacy for compliance with clean water laws. Also, I was a member of the steering committee of the Kentucky River Watershed Watch, 2000-04.

Program Chair, Appalachian Studies Association, 2002–2003.

Member of the Steering Committee of the Appalachian Studies Association, 2002-2004.

Member of the *Consortium of Appalachian Centers and Institutes*, a group Appalachian Center directors interested in building partnerships between regional studies centers/institutes and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) to envision innovative ways to work more closely with citizens in the Appalachian Region, especially those living in counties classified by the ARC as “distressed, 1998-2004.”

From 1998 until 2002, member of the “Website Committee” for the Appalachian Studies Association.

Consultant for Appalshop Films, 1980 & 1989-present. On several occasions, I have been asked to serve as a Humanities Scholar on film and other projects. My most recent efforts have focused upon a) the production of an educational film on the history and struggles of people in southern Appalachia (e.g. *Beyond Measure*, and *Thoughts in the Presence of Fear*) and b) a new film in the making called *County Judge*, which will follow Letcher County (KY) Judge Executive through the 2006 elections.

From 1982-84, member of a special editorial collective for **Appalachian Journal**, an interdisciplinary journal that focuses upon the region. The result of our efforts was a special double issue of the journal entitled "Essays in Political Economy: Toward a Class Analysis of Appalachia" (1984).

James Still Fellow in Appalachian Studies, Fall 1985. A small grant to gather information at the National Archives in Washington, D.C..

### **Papers & Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

Alan Banks, Alice Jones and Anne Blakeney, “Classroom as Community: Lessons in Collaboration from the Headwaters Project,” annual meetings of the *Appalachian Studies Conference*, March 2003.

Alan Banks, Anne Blakeney and Alice Jones, “The Headwaters Project,” two presentations at an Appalachian Regional Commission Conference in Washington D.C., November 2001 & November 2002.

Alan Banks, invited moderator for a roundtable discussion on the future of Appalachian Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, annual meetings of the *Appalachian Studies Conference*, March 1999.

Robert Kustra and Alan Banks, participants in a symposium on “Issues in Higher Education in Appalachia,” Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, September 1998. President Kustra invited me to join him and represent ECU at this symposium. Proceedings are published in *Appalachian Heritage*, Spring 1999.

Alan Banks, Presider & discussant (invited), “Latitude and Attitude: Southern Values,” a session presented at the annual meetings of the *Southern Sociological Society*, Atlanta, Georgia, April 1998. Presenters included John P. Hoffmann (NORC), Joan Manley & Jeanne Hurlbert (Louisiana State University), Laura Moore (University of Maryland), and Wanda Rushing Edwards (University of Tennessee).

Alan Banks, "Images of Kentucky Miners." Paper delivered at the Social Stratification Section of the annual meetings of the *Southern Sociological Society*, Chattanooga, Tennessee, April 1993.

Karen Tice, Dwight Billings and Alan Banks, "Sustaining Our Region-Wide Conversation: Founding Hopes and Future Possibilities of the ASA." Paper delivered at the Annual Meetings of the *Appalachian Studies Association*, Johnson City, Tennessee, March 1992.

Moderator (invited) "Linking the Classroom to Grassroots Change," a session presented at the annual meeting of the *Southern Sociological Society* in Atlanta, Georgia, April 1991. Presenters included Brian Sherman (Georgia Tech), John Gaventa (University of Tennessee), Sally Maggard (University of West Virginia), and George Lord (University of Michigan).

Alan Banks and Reid Luhman, "Religious Education and Industrial Transition: New Mexico and Central Appalachia," Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Western Social Science Association* in Portland, Oregon, April 1990.

James Foster and Alan Banks, "Class Struggles and the State: The U.S. Bituminous Coal Industry, 1917-1920." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Southern Sociological Society* in Norfolk, Virginia, April 1989.

Alan Banks, "Notes on the 1922 Coal Strike in Southeastern Kentucky." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Appalachian Studies Association* in Morgantown, West Virginia, March 1989.

Alan Banks, "From Closed to Open Shop: Unionization Struggles in Southeastern Kentucky." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Kentucky Academy of Sciences* in Bowling Green, Kentucky, November 1988.

Alan Banks, "Social Change in Central Appalachia." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *North Central Sociological Association* in Columbus, Ohio, May 1982.

Alan Banks, "Ideology and Labor Relations: Operators, Politicians and Miners in Central Appalachia." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Southern Sociological Society* in Louisville, Kentucky, April 1982.

Alan Banks, "Class and Change in a Southern Region." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Southern Sociological Society* in Knoxville, Tennessee, April 1981.

Alan Banks, "The Emergence of a Capitalistic Labor Market in Eastern Kentucky." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Appalachian Studies Association* in Jackson's Mill, West Virginia, March 1979.

## Publications:

Alan Banks, Alice Jones and Anne Blakeney, "Place-Based Teaching at the Headwaters: Documenting Water Quality and Public Health Issues in an Eastern Kentucky Community," *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, forthcoming.

Alan Banks, book review, Dan Rottenburg, **In the Kingdom of Coal**, Routledge, Inc., 2003, in the *Journal of Appalachian Studies*, forthcoming.

Alan Banks, Alice Jones and Anne Blakeney, *The Headwaters Report*, special report to The Kentucky Appalachian Commission, Division of Local and State Government, 2003, available online at : [appalachianstudies.eku.edu](http://appalachianstudies.eku.edu).

Alan Banks and Anne Blakeney, "Place, Power and Pedagogy in Appalachia," *Appalachian Journal*, 29:3, Spring 2002.

Alan Banks, Dwight Billings and Karen Tice, "Appalachian Studies, Resistance and Postmodernism," In Phillip Obermiller and Michael Maloney (editors), **Appalachia: Social Context Past and Present**, Kendall/Hunt Publishers, 2002.

Alan Banks, "Miners Talk Back: Activism in Southeastern Kentucky in 1922," in Gurney Norman, Dwight Billings, and Katherine Ledford, **Back Talk from Appalachia: Confronting Stereotypes**, University Press of Kentucky, 2001.

Alan Banks, Dwight Billings and Karen Tice, "Appalachian Studies and Postmodernism," reprinted in Mary F. Rogers, **Multicultural Experiences, Multicultural Theories**, New York: McGraw-Hill, 1996.

- Alan Banks, book review, Shaunna Scott, **Two Sides to Everything: The Cultural Construction of Class Consciousness in Harlan County, Kentucky**, State University of New York Press, 1995, *Appalachian Journal*, Autumn 1995.
- Alan Banks, "Class Formation in Southeastern Kentucky," in Mary Beth Pudup, Altina Waller and Dwight Billings (editors), **The Making of Appalachia**, Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1995.
- Karen Tice, Dwight Billings, and Alan Banks, "Sustaining Our Region-Wide Conversation: Founding Hopes and Future Possibilities of the Appalachian Studies Association," *Journal of the Appalachian Studies Association*, Vol. 5, 1993.
- Alan Banks, Dwight Billings, and Karen Tice, "Appalachian Studies, Resistance and Postmodernism," in Steve Fisher (editor), **Fighting Back in Appalachia: Traditions of Resistance and Change**, Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1993.
- Alan Banks, "The Industrial Transition in Eastern Kentucky," in Reid Luhman, **The Sociological Outlook**, San Diego: Collegiate Press, 1992, 1989.
- Alan Banks, with Steve Fisher, James Foster, Doug Gamble & Billy Horton, a review of several books on the social history of the coal industry, *New Political Science*, Winter, 1985.
- Alan Banks, book review of the Appalachian Land Ownership Task Forces' **Who Owns Appalachia?** (Lexington, KY: University Press of Kentucky) in *Social Forces*, 63:4, June 1985.
- Alan Banks and Jim Foster, "Reply to Roger Cunningham," *Appalachian Journal*, 11:3, Spring 1984.
- Alan Banks, "Coalminers and Brickworkers: The Structure of Work Relations in Two Eastern Kentucky Communities," *Appalachian Journal*, 11:1-2, Autumn/Winter, 1984.
- Alan Banks, Steve Fisher, Jim Foster, Doug Gamble and Bill Horton (editors), **Essays in Political Economy: Toward a Class Analysis of Appalachia**, special double issue of *Appalachian Journal*, 11:1-2, Autumn/Winter, 1984.
- Alan Banks and Jim Foster, "The Mystifications of Post-Industrialism," *Appalachian Journal*, 10:4, Summer 1983.
- Alan Banks, book review of William Philliber, **Appalachian Migrants in Urban America**, (Prager) in *Contemporary Sociology*, 12:3, July 1983.
- Alan Banks, "Beyond Building-Block Theory? A Critique of Thomas S. Kuhn," *Sociological Spectrum*, 3:131-141, 1983.
- Alan Banks, "The President's Commission on Coal," *Appalachian Journal*, 9:4, Summer, 1982.
- Alan Banks, "Land and Capital in Eastern Kentucky, 1890-1915," *Appalachian Journal*, 8:1, Autumn, 1980.
- Alan Banks, "The Emergence of a Capitalistic Labor Market in Eastern Kentucky," *Appalachian Journal*, 7:3, Spring 1980.

## Grants & Contracts

- Alan Banks and Herb E. Smith (Appalshop), 2003-4, *Thoughts in the Presence of Fear*, Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Imagining America grant program, \$10,000.

Alan Banks, 2003, *Appalachian Teaching Project*, Appalachian Regional Commission, \$5,000.

Alice Jones (Geography), Alan Banks and Michael Judge (Agriculture), 2003, *Meadowbrook Stream Restoration Project*, Bluegrass Pride, \$7,000.

Alan Banks, solicited funds (2003) from private donors to support *River Jam*, a New Student Days Program for incoming freshmen, \$1,500.

Alan Banks, solicited funds (2002) for the Center for Appalachian Studies Endowment, \$24,000.

Alan Banks (with Dr. Anne Blakeney), 2002, *Appalachian Teaching Project*, Appalachian Regional Commission, \$8,000.

Alan Banks, and Alice Jones, 2002, *The Headwaters Project: an interdisciplinary student/faculty participatory research project documenting water quality & health problems in Letcher County, Kentucky*, Kentucky Department of Local Government and the Kentucky Appalachian Commission, \$9,200.

Alan Banks (with Dr. Alice Jones), *Appalachian Teaching Project*, 2001, Appalachian Regional Commission. \$9,000.

Alan Banks, 2001, *Grant to support EKU's Center for Appalachian Studies*, Steele-Reese Foundation, \$80,000.

### University Service:

I have been an active participant in decision making within our department, college and the University. I believe in the notion of faculty self-governance and take the responsibilities that go along with this seriously.

What follows is a list of my main EKU committee assignments over the past five years:<sup>1</sup>

APPSTUDIES	Appalachian Studies Advisory Board (Chair) .....	1999-06
EKU	EKU Center for Environmental Education Advisory Board.....	2003-06
EKU	Eastern Kentucky Environmental Research Institute Advisory Board.....	2005-06
EKU	Earth Days in the Cumberland (Chair).....	2001-05
ASSW	Tenure & Promotion.....	2005-06
ASSW	Tenure & Promotion Committee.....	2004-05
ASSW	Tenure & Promotion Committee (Chair).....	2003-04
ASSW	Merit Pay Review Committee.....	2003-04
EKU	Strategic Planning Committee .....	2002-03
EKU	Faculty Senate.....	1994-03
EKU	Faculty Senate Executive Committee .....	1997-03
EKU	University General Education Committee .....	1999-02
EKU	Ad Hoc Committee for Implementation of General Education Reform .....	2000-02
EKU	Occupational Therapy Advisory Board .....	2000-04
EKU	Search Committee for Director of Career Services .....	2001
A&S	Curriculum Committee .....	1999-02
ASSW	Tenure & Promotion Committee .....	2001-02
ASSW	Merit Pay Review Committee.....	2001-02
ASSW	Search Committee (4 Sociology positions).....	2001
ASSW	Equipment Committee .....	2001-03

<sup>1</sup> ASSW ! Departmental [Anthropology, Sociology & Social Work] committees. SBS ! College [Social & Behavioral Sciences] committees. A&S ! new college (1999) [Arts and Sciences]. EKU ! University Committees. APPSTUDIES ! Center for Appalachian Studies.

EKU	Earth Days in the Cumberland Committee (co-chair with Alice Jones) .....	2000-01
EKU	Earth Days in the Cumberland Committee (co-chair with Bill Martin) .....	1999-00
A&S	Social Science Research Awards Committee .....	1999-01
ASSW	Executive Committee .....	1995-02
ASSW	Tenure & Promotion (Chair) .....	1999-00
ASSW	Merit Pay Review Committee.....	1999-00
EKU	Faculty Senate ad hoc committee to set up procedures for nominating candidates for honorary degrees to the Board of Regents (Chair).....	1999-00
EKU	Faculty Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Day Care .....	1997-00
ASSW	Sociology Program Coordinator .....	1994-00
ASSW	Equipment Committee (Chair) .....	1994-01
ASSW	Curriculum Committee (Sociology chair 1994-2000) .....	1981-01