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Education:

B.A. Sociology, University of Houston 1974
M.A. Sociology, University of Houston, 1977
Ph.D. Sociology, University of Connecticut 1983
Post-Doctoral Study, Yale University 1984-1985

Academic Honors and Awards:

N.I.M.H. Research Fellowship, 1984-85, Yale University
Faculty Research Incentive Award, 1985-86, 1986-87, Lamar University
Excellence in Research Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Lamar University, 1993-94
Excellence in Teaching Award, Lamar University, 1996-97, 1998-99
University Scholar Award, 1999-2000
Rockefeller Foundation Award, Scholar-in-Residence, Bellagio, Italy, Fall 2005
American Sociological Association Distinguished Book Award nomination in Political Sociology
(*Patriots, Politics and the Oklahoma City Bombing*, Cambridge University Press), 2008

Positions Held:

Visiting Instructor, University of Connecticut, Avery Point, Fall 1984
Lecturer and N.I.M.H. Research Fellow, Yale University, 1984-85
Assistant Professor, Lamar University, 1985-90
Associate Professor, Lamar University, 1990-96
Professor, Lamar University, 1996-present
Assistant Dean, College of Graduate Studies and Research, 2000-06
Assistant Director, Office of Research, 2006-7
Director, Office of Research, 2008-present

Administrative Experience and Skills:

Director, Office of Research. Assist Associate Provost for Research in charting research mission of university and enhancing opportunities for faculty to obtain external funding and support. Duties include supervising external grant applications, organizing grant writing workshops, visiting state agency heads to build relationships for potential contracts and grants, overseeing internal research grant program, serving as intermediary to federal and state funding agencies, meeting with legislators and lobbyists to obtain support for research initiatives, chairing the Institutional Review Board charged with ensuring compliance to federal guidelines governing possible risk or harm to human subjects, reporting research misconduct and filing reports, meeting with new faculty to determine start-up monies for equipment or software, developing

and updating policy and procedures for IRB and intellectual property, and directing publication of the annual research magazine.

Assistant Dean, Graduate School. Advise and assist the Dean on admissions initiatives and problems, student retention, faculty and staff hiring; review college policies and procedures, evaluate and recommend teaching and research assistanceships. Duties include representing the Dean in committees or functions when appropriate, assisting in resolution of faculty-student issues or conflicts, serving as ex-officio in Graduate Council meetings, advising on Graduate Faculty admissions and reapproval, reading and supervising theses and dissertations for compliance with university approved formats and protocols, making presentations to academic departments outlining graduate programs and scholarships, helping supervise graduate student orientation sessions and providing workshops for new graduate assistants.

Scholarly Publications:

William M. Newman and Stuart A. Wright. 1980. "The Effects of Sermons Among Lay Catholics: An Exploratory Study." *Review of Religious Research* 22 (1):54-59.

Stuart A. Wright and William V. D'Antonio. 1980. "The Substructure of Religion: A Further Study." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 21 (3):218-225.

William V. D'Antonio, William M. Newman and Stuart A. Wright. 1982. "Religion and Family Life: How Social Scientists View the Relationship." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 21 (3):218-225.

Stuart A. Wright. 1983. "Defection from New Religious Movements: A Test of Some Theoretical Propositions," pp. 106-121 in David G. Bromley and James T. Richardson (eds.), *The Deprogramming/ Brainwashing Controversy: Sociological, Psychological, Legal and Historical Perspectives*. New York: Edwin Mellen.

Stuart A. Wright. 1984. "Post-Involvement Attitudes of Voluntary Defectors from Controversial New Religious Movements." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 23 (2):172-182.

Stuart A. Wright. 1986. "Dyadic Intimacy and Social Control in Three Religious Movements." *Sociological Analysis* 47 (2):137-150.

Stuart A. Wright and Elizabeth S. Piper. 1986. "Families and Cults: Familial Factors Related to Youth Leaving or Remaining in Deviant Religious Groups." *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 48 (1):15-25.

Stuart A. Wright. 1988. "Leaving New Religious Movements: Issues, Theory and Research," pp. 143-165 in David G. Bromley (ed), *Falling From the Faith: The Causes and Consequences of Religious Apostasy*. Beverly Hills: Sage.

Stuart A. Wright. 1991. "Reconceptualizing Cult Coercion and Withdrawal: A Comparative Analysis of Divorce and Apostasy." *Social Forces* 70 (1):125-145.

Stuart A. Wright and Helen R. Ebaugh. 1993. "Leaving New Religions," pp. 117-138 in David G.

Bromley and Jeffrey K. Hadden (eds), *Handbook of Cults and Sects in America*. Greenwich: JAI Press.

Stuart A. Wright and William V. D'Antonio. 1993. "Families and New Religions," pp.219-240 in David G. Bromley and Jeffrey K. Hadden (eds.), *Handbook of Cults and Sects in America*. Greenwich, CT: JAI Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 1994. "Generational Change, Adaptation and Survival in a Religious Movement," pp.121-28 in James R. Lewis and Gordon Melton (eds.), *Sex, Slander and Salvation*. Stanford, CA: Center for Academic Publication.

Stuart A. Wright. 1995. "Religious Innovation in the Mainline Church: House Churches, Home Cells, and Small Groups," pp.261-81 in Nancy T. Ammerman and Wade Clark Roof (eds.), *Work, Family and Faith: New Patterns Among Old Institutions*. New York: Routledge.

Wright, Stuart A. 1995. "Construction and Escalation of a Cult Threat: Dissecting Moral Panic and Official Reaction to the Branch Davidians," pp. 75-94 in Stuart A. Wright (ed.), *Armageddon in Waco: Critical Perspectives on the Branch Davidian Conflict*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

David W. Murphree, Stuart A. Wright and Helen R. Ebaugh. 1996. "Toxic Waste Siting and Community Response: How Co-optation of Local Citizen Opposition Failed." *Sociological Perspectives* 39 (4):447-64.

Stuart A. Wright. 1997. Guest editor, special issue, "Mass Media and Unconventional Religion." *Review of Religious Research* 93 (2).

Stuart A. Wright. 1997. "Media Coverage of Unconventional Religion: Any 'Good News' for Minority Faiths?" *Review of Religious Research* 93 (2):101-115.

Stuart A. Wright. 1998. "Exploring Factors That Shape the Apostate Role," pp.95-114 in David G. Bromley (ed.), *The Politics of Religious Apostasy*. New York: Praeger.

Stuart A. Wright. 1998. "Exposicion oral para audiencias del congreso sobre Waco," pp.489-500 in Elio Masferrer Kan (ed.), *Sectas o Iglesias: Viejos o Nuevos Movimientos Religiosos*. Mexico: Plaza y Vlades.

Stuart A. Wright. 1999. "Anatomy of a Government Massacre: Abuses of Hostage-Barricade Protocols During the Waco Standoff." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 11 (2):39-68.

Stuart A. Wright. 1999. "A Rejoinder to Gallagher, Noble and Docherty." *Terrorism and Political Violence* 11 (2):87-92.

Stuart A. Wright. 2001. "Field Notes: Isabel Andrade et al v. U.S." *Nova Religio* 4 (2): 157-64.

Stuart A. Wright 2001. "Justice Denied: The Waco Civil Trial." *Nova Religio* 5 (1): 143-51.

Stuart A. Wright. 2002. "A Critical Analysis of Evidentiary and Procedural Rulings in the Branch Davidian Civil Trial," pp.101-113 in Derek Davis (ed.), *New Religious Movements and Religious Liberty in America*. Waco: Baylor University Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 2002. "Public Agency Involvement in Movement-State Confrontations," pp.102-22 in David G. Bromley and J. Gordon Melton (eds.), *Cults, Religion and Violence*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 2003. "Why Negotiations at Mt. Carmel Really Failed: Disinformation, Dissension and Psychological Warfare," pp.42-56 in David Tabb Stewart (ed.), *Waco: Ten Years After*. Georgetown, TX: Southwestern University Fleming Lecture Series.

Stuart A. Wright. 2003. "A Decade after Waco: Reassessing Crisis Negotiations at Mt. Carmel in Light of New Government Disclosures." *Nova Religio* 7 (2):101-110.

Stuart A. Wright. 2005. "Deconstructing a Modern Witch Hunt: Satanic Cults, Ritual Abuse and Moral Panic," pp. 120-195 in Helen A. Berger (ed.), *Magic and Witchcraft in the New World*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 2005. "Explaining Militarization at Waco: Construction and Convergence of a Warfare Narrative," pp.75-97 in James R. Lewis (ed.), *Controversial New Religions*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 2007 "The Dynamics of Movement Membership: Joining and Leaving NRMs," pp.187-210 in David G. Bromley (ed.), *Teaching New Religious Movements*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Stuart A. Wright. 2008. "Martyrs and Martial Images: The Volatile Link between Warfare Frames and Religious Violence," pp. 17-26 in Marat Shterin and Madawi Al-Rasheed (eds.), *Dying for Faith: Religiously Motivated Violence in the Contemporary World*. London: I.B. Tauris.

Stuart A. Wright. 2009. "Reframing Religious Violence After 9/11: The ACM Campaign to Exploit the Threat of Terrorism." *Nova Religio* 12 (4):5-27.

Stuart A. Wright and Arthur L. Greil. "Failed Prophecy and Group Demise: The Case of Chen Tao," in Diana Tuminia and William Swatos (eds.), *The Failure of Prophecy: Fifty Years after Festinger*. London: Brill (forthcoming)

Stuart A. Wright. "Strategic Framing of Racial-Nationalism in North America and Europe: An Analysis of a Burgeoning Transnational Network." *Terrorism and Political Violence* (forthcoming).

Books and Monographs:

Stuart A. Wright. 1987. *Leaving Cults: The Dynamics of Defection*. Washington, D.C.: Society for the Scientific Study of Religion.

C. Kirk Hadaway, Stuart A. Wright, and Francis DuBose. 1987. *Home Cell Groups and House*

Churches: Emerging Alternatives for the Urban Church. Nashville: Broadman.

Stuart A. Wright. 1995. *Armageddon in Waco: Critical Perspectives on the Branch Davidian Conflict.* Chicago: University of Chicago.

Stuart A. Wright. 2007. *Patriots, Politics and the Oklahoma City Bombing.* London: Cambridge University Press.

Stuart A. Wright and Susan D. Palmer, *Storming Zion: State Raids on Religious Communities,* Oxford University Press (under contract).

Invited Presentations/Colloquia:

Author Meets Critics. Panel forum for the discussion of book, *Leaving Cults*, at the annual meetings of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Lexington, KY., November 1987.

"Environmental Activism, Public Opinion and Hazardous Wastes: Exploring the Siting Impasse." Colloquium presentation to the Department of Sociology, University of Houston, October 30, 1990.

"Environmental Threat, Toxic Waste and Public Policy." Presentation to Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, Lamar University, April 25, 1991.

"Environmental Awareness, Community Organization and Pollution." Presentation at the Environmental Issues Workshop, John Gray Institute, Beaumont, Texas, July 30, 1991.

"Religious Cult Movements and Sects: What We Know from 25 years of Social Science Research." Seminar presented to Jefferson County Sheriff's Association, John Gray Institute, July 30, 1993.

"The Social and Political Repercussions of the Federal Siege at Waco, colloquium presentation, California State University at Long Beach, April 24, 1998.

"Violence in Millenarian and Apocalyptic Movements," Seminar presented to Jefferson County Sheriff's Association and Regional Police Academy, John Gray Institute, July 21, 1999.

"Problems with Evidentiary and Procedural Rulings in the Branch Davidian Civil Trial." Presented to "New Religious Movements and Religious Liberty in America" Conference sponsored by J.M. Dawson Institute of Church-State Studies, Baylor University, Waco, TX, February 23-24, 2001.

"Crisis Negotiations with Militant or Apocalyptic Sects." Seminar presented to Beaumont Police Department, Hostage Negotiation Unit, May 10, 2001.

"France's Anti-Sect Campaign: Religious Sects, Human Rights and the Media." Workshop presentation at Harvard University, Co-Sponsored by Kennedy School of Government, Carr Center for Human Rights and Center for the Study of World Religion, October 19-20, 2001, Cambridge, MA.

"Why Crisis Negotiations at Mt. Carmel Really Failed: Disinformation, Dissension and Psychological Warfare," Brown Lecture Series, Southwestern University, Georgetown, TX, Feb.26, 2003.

"Between Waco and Oklahoma City: McVeigh, Elohim City and the Patriot Movement," sponsored by the Biever Lecture Series and the Religious Studies Department, Loyola University, New Orleans, Feb. 16, 2004.

"Analysis of a Burgeoning Racist Transnational Network," presentation at the Rockefeller Foundation's Bellagio Center, Bellagio, Italy, October 18, 2005.

"Martyrs and Martial Images: Exploring the Volatile Link between Warfare Frames and Religious Violence, paper presented at the conference, Dying for Faith: Religious Motivated Violence in the Contemporary World, King's College, London, September 11, 2006.

"Patriots, Police Militarization and the Oklahoma City Bombing," colloquial presentation to the Sociology Department, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater, February 25, 2008.

"Patriot Insurgency, State Militarization and the Oklahoma City Bombing," colloquial presentation to the Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, March 25, 2008.

Papers Presented at Professional Meetings: (25 papers, list available on request)

Legal, Advisory, and Consulting Work

Consultant and expert witness for McCurley, Orsinger, McCurley, Nelson & Downing, *In the Interest of Rachel Kathryn Lawson and Sarah Lawson Minor Children, District Court, 199th Judicial District, Collin County, Texas, No. 199-52371-99*, May-October 2006.

Consultant for Stroock, Stroock & Lavan, LLP in *Local Church v. Harvest House Publishers, 80th District Court of Texas, Cause#2001-65993* (Jan 03-Dec 04).

Consultant for Caddell & Conwell Attorneys at Law in Branch Davidian Civil Case, *Isabel G. Andrade, et al v. Phillip Chojnacki, et al, U.S. District Court, H-94-0923*.

Consultant to Joseph C. Hawthorn, Attorney at Law, in dragging death of James Byrd, Jr., *State of Texas v. Shawn Allen Berry, Cause #8871, Jasper County, Texas* (August-November, 1999).

Consultant to Jones, Wyatt & Roberts Attorneys at Law in federal bombing trial, *United States v. Timothy James McVeigh, U.S. District Court of Colorado, 96-CR-68-M*, (November 1995-June 1997).

Expert witness, sworn testimony before the Congressional House Subcommittee on Crime and the House Subcommittee on National Security, International Affairs and Criminal Justice, July 19, 1995.

Consultant to Chief Investigator, Michael E. Hubbard and Senior Investigative Counsel, Lisa Odle Kaufman, Senate Judiciary Committee, Senate hearings on Waco, October 1995.

Consultant to Jenner & Block Attorneys at Law in *Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity v. David Molko and Tracy Leal*, California Supreme Court, Ct. A025338, No. 769-529, (filed October 17, 1988).

Signator to Amicus Curiae brief, *Holy Sprit Association for the Unification of World Christianity v. David Molko and Tracy Leal*, U.S. Supreme Court, No. 88-1600, October 1988.

Consultant to Sedgwick, Detert, Moran & Arnold Attorneys at Law, *Pamela Miller v. Lifespring, Inc.*, California Superior Court, No. 867859 (filed March 22, 1988).

Religion expert, advisor to FBI Crisis Incident Response Group (CIRG) on extremist sects, 1996-present

Advisory Board, Religion Crisis Task Force, 1994-present

Jefferson County Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee (UPLC), 2000-present.

Professional Offices and Roles:

Board of Directors, Association for the Academic Study of New Religions, 2001-present

Executive Council, Religious Research Association, 1998-2001.

Chair, Joint Publicity Committee of the Society for Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) and the Religious Research Association (RRA), 1988-2000.

Chair, Public Relations Committee, Association for the Sociology of Religion, 1993-96

Editorial Board, Religious Research Association, 1992-2000.

Service to the University and Department

Departmental representative, Library Committee, 1985-86

Academic advisor in the Department of Sociology, 1985-present

Academic advisor for the Advising Center of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 1985-91

Honors Council, 1986-89

Arts and Sciences Council, 1986-88, 1990-92

University Scholarship Committee, 1987-89

Graduate Faculty, 1988-present

University Admissions Committee, 1990-93

College of Arts & Sciences Excellence in Research Award Committee, Chair, 1994-95

College of Arts and Sciences Tenure Review Committee, 1994-95; 1999-2000; 2002-3

Departmental Promotion Review Committee, Chair, 1994-95

University Library Committee, Chair, 1993-96

College of Arts and Sciences Promotion Review Committee, 1996-97

Departmental Ad Hoc Committee on Release Time, 1996-97

Departmental Search Committee, 1997-98; 2002-3; 2003-4; Chair, 1998-99; 2000-01;

Graduate Council, 1997-2000

Graduate Faculty Review Committee, 1997-2000
Honors Council, 1999-present
Honors Convocation Steering Committee, 1999-2000, 2000-01
Faculty Salary Review Committee, 1999-2000
International Study Abroad Committee, 2000-01
College of Arts & Sciences Awards Committee, 2000-01, 2001-02
McNair Scholars, Advisory Committee, 2001-present
Big Thicket Studies Center, Executive Committee, 2002-05
Search Committee, Director of International Admissions, 2004-5
Council on Scholarships and Fellowships Advisement, 2004-present
Departmental Search Committee, Chair, 2005-6, 2006-7, 2008-9
Social Work Director Search Committee, Chair, 2007-8
Institutional Review Board (IRB), Chair, 2000-present

Grants Received

"A Comparative Analysis of Disengagement Processes in Three Social Movements." A Lamar University Organized Research Grant in the Amount of \$5,000, September 1, 1986- August 31, 1987.

"Public Opposition to Toxic Waste Facility Siting." A grant from the EPA/Gulf Coast Hazardous Substance Research Center in the amount of \$56,799, May 1, 1989 - April 30, 1991.

"Hazardous Waste Siting, Community Resistance and Public Education." A grant from the EPA/Gulf Coast Hazardous Substance Research Center in the amount of \$86,027, May 1, 1991 - April 30, 1993.

"A Comparative Study of Siting Conflicts in Two Counties." A grant from the EPA/Gulf Coast Hazardous Substance Research Center, in the amount of \$23,403, May 1, 1994 - Aug 31, 1996.

"A Study of Reactions to a Failed Prophecy in an Apocalyptic Movement." A summer grant from the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR) in the amount of \$2000, June 1999.

Jack Shand Travel grant in support of cross-cultural research examining government raids on religious communities; travel to Italy, France and Spain, \$5000, 2008-9.

Professional References:

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