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### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Ph.D. University of Wisconsin-Madison Educational Policy Studies	1972
M.A. University of Wisconsin-Madison Ibero-American Studies	1969
B.S. University of Wisconsin-Madison History	1964
Northern Illinois University	1960-62

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Professor, University of Northern Iowa 1985- present  
Director, Educational Research and Development Center, 1994-1995  
Visiting Professor, Institute for Education, Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, England, 2000-2003  
Associate Professor, University of Northern Iowa, 1977- 1985  
Director, Educational Research and Development Center, 1978-1981  
Assistant Professor, University of Northern Iowa, 1971- 1977  
Visiting Lecturer, University of Wisconsin-Madison 1970 - 1971  
Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison 1968 - 1969  
High School Teacher, Liceo Jose Vicente de Unda 1964 - 1966 (Guanare, Venezuela)

### **RECENT BOOK CHAPTERS**

“The Problem of Criteria in the Age of Relativism.” In N.Denzin & Y.Lincoln (Eds.) Handbook of Qualitative Research, 2nd Ed. Sage, 2000.

“The Future of Qualitative Inquiry.” In K. Ballard & L. Heshusius (Eds.), From Positivism to Interpretivism. Teachers College Press, 1996.

### **RECENT ARTICLES**

“The stories educational researchers tell about themselves.” Educational Researcher. Vol 26, No 5, June/July, 1997.

### **RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

“Judgment and relativism,” Invited presentation at University of Leeds, Leeds, England, July, 2000.

“Changing the conversation: A requiem for epistemology,” Invited presentation at Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, England, July, 2000.

“The future of educational research.” paper presented at the Annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, April 1998.

“Revisiting Criteria.” Paper presented to faculty, Norwegian University for Sport and Physical Education, Oslo, Norway, May 1998.

“In Search of Solutions: What Comes Next for Qualitative Inquiry.” Paper presented at the University of Georgia Qualitative Research in Education Conference, Athens, GA. January, 1997

“Learning to Live with Relativism.” Paper presented as part of a debate with M. Hammersley and I. Stronach. Crewe School of Education, Manchester Metropolitan University, Crewe, England, May, 1997.

Chair/Discussant for symposium entitled “Ethical and Political Issues in Qualitative Research.” American Educational Research Association, San Francisco, April 1995.

#### OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Editorial Advisory Board, British Educational Research Journal (first ever selected from North America)

Volunteer and Mentor, Waterloo Public Schools, 1997 and on.

Book Series Editor, Hampton Press, Series entitled “Qualitative Studies on Schools and Schooling.