

Curriculum Vitae for Steven Bird

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Education:

- Ph.D. August 1993, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN
Thesis: Religion and Modernity in the United States: A Rational Choice Analysis of Conflict and Harmony. Roger Finke, supervising professor.
- M.A. May 1990, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
Thesis: Catholic Political Affiliation and Voting Behavior: A Test of Assimilation. Rodney Stark, supervising professor.
- B.S. August 1986, Boise State University, Boise, ID

Association Memberships:

American Sociological Association
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Religious Research Association

Work Experience:

Professor, Taylor University
2002 - present
Tenure effective in 2001

Associate Dean of Assessment and Quality Improvement, Taylor University
2007-2008

Associate Professor, Taylor University
1998 - 2002

Assistant Professor, Taylor University
1993 - 1998

Director of Technical Support, MicroCase Corporation (statistical analysis software company)
1989 - 1992

Research Technician, Idaho Department of Transportation
1986 - 1988

Courses Taught at Taylor University:

Introduction to Sociology
Introduction to Global Societies
Contemporary Social Issues/Problems
Ethnic & Minority Issues
Principles of Research & Analysis
Social Research Methods
Applied Social Statistics
Inequality & Stratification
Sociology of Religion
Organizational Programs and Policies
Sociology of South Korea (with trip to South Korea)
Sociology of Rwanda (with trip to Rwanda)
Directed Research
Senior Thesis

Publications and Professional Reports:

Bird, Steven. (2010). Education. In C. Tweedell (Ed.), Sociology: Using Sociology to Become a World Changer. Second Edition.

Bird, Steven (2007). Developing Departmental AQIP Assessment Plans: Concepts, Model, and Examples. A Collection of Papers on Self-Study and Institutional Improvement, Volume Four: Leading For the Common Good: Quality Assurance, Quality Improvement. The Higher Learning Commission.

Bird, Steven. (2003). Education. In C. Tweedell (Ed.), Sociology: Using Sociology to Become a World Changer.

Bird, Steven. (2002). Seeking Community: Creating Effective Lifestyle Agreements. Growth: The Journal of the Association for Christians in Student Development, 2. 4-22.

Bird, Steven and Ronald Powell. (1999). Allen County Drug Court Intervention Program Evaluation Report Fort Wayne, IN: Center for Justice and Urban Leadership, Taylor University
(This report was the outcomes assessment for the ACDCIP for their report to the Department of Justice.)

Bird, Steven. (1995). Review of "Education and Media" from the book *Fundamentalisms and Society: Reclaiming the Sciences, the Family, and Education*. (The Fundamentalism Project, volume 2). Martin E. Marty and Scott Appleby ed.s. Review of Religious Research, 36:4.

Conference Presentations:

Bird, Steven. *The Effects of Understanding of Sacred Grounding on Evangelical Christian College Seniors' views of Inequality and Justice* at the national meetings of the Religious Research Association. November 2012.

Bird, Steven and Phil Collins. *Uncovering Scripture Engagement: A report on current research at the Taylor University Center for Scripture Engagement*. The Uncover Conference North American Forum of Bible Agencies. November, 2011.

Bird, Steven and Phil Collins, *Current Research on Scripture Engagement* at the annual meetings of the International Forum of Bible Agencies. April 2010.

Bird, Steven, *Developing Departmental AQIP Assessment Plans: Concepts, Model, and Examples* at the Higher Learning Commission AQIP Colloquium. April 2007.

Bird, Steven, Tim Herrmann, & Skip Trudeau. *Combining Assessment, Organizational, and Moral Development Data Sets to Assess the Factors Related to Character Outcomes from the College Experience* at the 2003 Institute on College Student Values. February, 2003.

Bird, Steven. *Teaching Sociological Research Methods Using Computer Technologies* at the National Meetings of the American Sociological Association. August, 1998.

Bird, Steven. *Linking Courses and Campuses Through Computer Conferencing* a roundtable presentation at the meetings of the North Central Sociological Association. April, 1996.

Bird, Steven. *Teaching Sociology of Religion: It's not What, it's Why* at the national meetings of the Religious Research Association. October, 1994.

Council of Christian Colleges and Universities Conference Presentations:

Trudeau, Skip, Stephen Bedi, Steven Bird. *Collaborative Research: Bridging the Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Chasm* at the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities Assessment Conference. October, 2000

Bird, Steven. *Getting Students Involved: Increasing Interaction With Each Other and the Content Through Interactive Software* at the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities Technology Conference. October, 1996.

Bedi Stephen, Steven Bird, Robert Craton, Jim Kleist, and Edwin Welch. *An Institutional Model For Planning and Developing Interactive Video Courses* at the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities Technology Conference. October, 1996.

Bird, Steven. *Using the Picture-Tel Two-Way Interactive Video System* at the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities Technology Conference. October, 1996.

Professional Consulting Presentations:

Indiana Drug Court Professionals training meetings, September 2000

Bird, Steven. *The Methodological and Political realities of Drug Court Assessment*, Indianapolis. September 2000.

Anderson University presentations, October 1999

Using Analysis Programs in the Class Room.

Using A Data Archive for Teaching.

West Virginia State College Division of Social Sciences presentations, October 1998

Using Statistical Analysis Programs With Students. Example: MicroCase.

Using Front of the Class Software. Example: ShowCase.

Teaching Statistics Classes Using Text-Software Packages.

The MicroCase Corporation Data Archive.

Software Workbooks: Their Strengths and Weaknesses.

Northwest Nazarene College presentations, October 1997

The Computer in the College Classroom.

Using Asynchronous Conferencing to Strengthen the Classroom.

Research Activity (beyond university assessment projects):

The Christian Life Survey: survey for identifying peoples' spiritual formation, spiritual disciplines, and scripture engagement, 2011 to present.

Views of Justice. 2010. Pilot project was run in 2008-2009 using seniors at Taylor University. Full data collection to be done in spring 2010. An online survey of students at Taylor University to identify the social contextual framing of differing views on justice as it is applied through social systems.

Burmese Immigrant Study. 2010. A collaboration with The Reclamation Project, Global Relief and Catholic Charities to gather data from Burmese immigrants in the Fort Wayne area.

Comprehensive Writing Evaluation. First wave data collection (surveys and interviews) 2005-2006. Second data collection in spring 2009. Initial data was collected through extensive quantitative and qualitative methods to assess writing performance change in the university. A follow up survey of matched questions was conducted in spring 2009 to do a trend analysis of seniors who were freshmen in spring of 2006.

Grant County Views of Non-Smoking laws. 2008. Conducted for the Grant County Tobacco Prevention Agency. A random probability sample phone survey of Grant County residents' views of health and legal issues associated with smoking.

The Marion Quality of Life Study. 2005 to 2009. A random probability based phone survey of residents of Marion Indiana that gathered data on residents perceptions of the quality of city services, their patterns of activities, the nature and extent of city problems, and other factors that represent their perceived quality of life.

The Faithful Change Research Project. 1998-2002. Begun under the auspices of the CCCU and funded through the Templeton Foundation, this research project involved four years of data collection at 7 different CCCU colleges. Data collection included multi-hour qualitative interviews and comprehensive quantitative surveying on issues of faith development and transformation.

Survey research and data analysis on congregational foci and perceptions Upland Community Church. 2001-2002

Data base construction and analysis for community child advocacy group Step Ahead (Marion). Spring 1998.

Assessment Research (projects done beyond normal data collection for the Associate Dean position):

The Taylor University Alumni Survey. 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012. A multi-cohort data collection on the satisfaction of alumni and their academic, social, and spiritual outcomes.

First-Year Student Expectations and Satisfaction Survey. 2008, 2009 Developed and administered a survey of first year students at the university that assessed their expectations, experienced realities, and satisfaction with diverse aspects of life at the university.

The Comprehensive Athletic Review quantitative data collection. 2008 A multi constituency data collection and analysis project gathering different data schedules from students, student-athletes, non-athletics university employees, athletics employees, and alumni.

Emergency Contact Technology Survey. 2008. Surveyed the full student population of the university to determine their use of diverse technologies and identify the best choices for emergency contact through the Taylor emergency plans.

Awards:

The Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. Taylor University, 2006.