

Curriculum Vitae
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WILLIAM W. DONNER

AREAS OF INTEREST: Social Organization, Family, Polynesia, Pennsylvania Germans, Culture Change and Modernization, Language and Culture, Heritage Studies and Public Culture.

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
PhD, Graduate Department of Anthropology.

Haverford College, Haverford, PA.
BA with Honors in Anthropology.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

2000-present Language use and change among Pennsylvania Germans.

Project on the history of the Grundsow Lodges and Fersommling.

1997-present Education and culture change among the Pennsylvania Germans.

1988-92 Social and cultural change in rural towns in Pennsylvania.

1993 Follow-up research on Sikaiana, Solomon Islands; participation in NEH summer seminar, "The Politics of Cultural Identity," Honolulu, Hawaii.

1992-93 Ethnographic research on retention in the mathematics program at Swarthmore College.

1987 Follow-up research on language and social change on Sikaiana, Solomon Islands: seven months research on emigration, occupational roles, and language change among the Sikaiana.

1982-83 Sikaiana lexicon and grammar: 9 months to compile a lexicon of the Sikaiana language with about 4000 terms, reference grammar, parts of speech, examples, idioms and usage notes.

1980-1983 Sikaiana social organization and interaction: 24 months of research on social organization and change on Sikaiana.

1979-80 Social contexts of educational change: 18 months of ethnographic research on schools in the US.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009-present, Professor, Department of Anthropology, Kutztown University.

2003-2009, Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Kutztown University.

2000-2003 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Kutztown University.

1988-2000 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Kutztown University.
1990-2005 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Millersville University.
1990 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.
1985-86 Visiting Professor, Philadelphia Center, Great Lakes College Association.

EMPLOYMENT and PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1988-present Assistant, Associate Professor, Professor, Kutztown University.

Taught courses in sociology and anthropology, including language and culture, marriage and family, introduction to anthropology, introduction to sociology, Oceania, culture and personality, research methods, medical anthropology, cultures and adaptations in the Pennsylvania region, senior seminar, history and theory of anthropology, the Pennsylvania Germans, and comparative ethnography.

1990-2005 Adjunct Assistant Professor, Millersville University.

1990 Visiting Lecturer, University of Pennsylvania.

Taught courses in social organization.

1988-90 Correspondent, Lebanon Daily News, Lebanon, PA.

Freelance reporting on history and events in rural towns for local newspaper.

1987-90 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Pennsylvania.

Follow-up fieldwork on Sikaiana, Solomon Islands.

1985-86 Visiting Professor, Philadelphia Center, Great Lakes College Association.

Taught courses on the anthropology of urban life.

1985 Visiting Lecturer, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.

Taught courses in comparative ethnography.

1980-83 National Science Foundation grant.

Ethnographic and linguistic field research on Sikaiana, Solomon Islands.

1979-80 Staff Associate, Research for Better Schools Inc, Philadelphia, PA.

Conducted ethnographic case studies about change programs in several schools.

1975-78 Teaching Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania.

1972-75 Teacher Coordinator, Drug Treatment Unit,

Adult Probation Department, Philadelphia, PA.

Developed and taught a high school equivalency curriculum to drug addicts who were in prison and drug rehabilitation centers.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Association of Social Anthropologists in Oceania
1985-present
- Pennsylvania German Society
 - Board of Trustees: 1999-2009
 - Secretary: 2002-2009
 - Publications Committee: 2003-2009
 - Chair, Newsletter Committee, 2005-2009
 - Editor, *'S Elbedritssch*, (Newsletter), 2005-2009
 - Editor, *Der Reggeboge* (Journal), 2007-2009
- Kutztown Pennsylvania German Festival
 - Seminar Stage Manager, 1999-present
 - Cultural Director and Consultant, 2005-present
 - Organizer, Liar's Contest and PA German Writing Festival, 2005- present
 - Organizer, Student Essay Contest, 2006-present
 - Organizer, Lecture and Conference Series, 2006-present
- Grundsow Lodge #1
 - Honorary Member of Raad (Board of Directors), 2009-present

EDITOR

- 2006-2010 Editor, *Der Reggeboge* (Journal of the Pennsylvania German Society).
- 2005-2010 Editor, *Es Elbedritsche* (Newsletter of the Pennsylvania German Society).
- 2002–2005 Editor, *Pennsylvania German Review* (Journal of the Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center at Kutztown University).
- 1999-2001 Editor, *Pennsylfaanisch Deitsch Barichta* (Newsletter of the Pennsylvania Dutch Folk Culture Society).

PUBLICATIONS

MONOGRAPHS

- 1988 *Sikaiana Vocabulary: Na Talatala ma na Male o Sikaiana.*
(Dictionary of the Sikaiana Language.) Government Press, Honiara, Solomon Islands.
- 1997 editor, *Social Organization and Cultural Aesthetics: Papers in Honor of William Davenport.* Co-editor with James Flanagan. Lanham, MD: University Press of America.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- 2012 (in press) (with Richard Feinberg), “Kinship and Social Structure of the Polynesian Outliers” in Richard Feinberg and Richard Scaglione editors, *The Polynesian Outliers: State of the Art*. University of Pittsburg: Ethnology Monography Series.
- 2010 The First College Course in Pennsylvania German, in William D. Keel and C. Richard Beam, eds., *The Language and Culture of the Pennsylvania Germans: A Festschrift* for Earl C. Haag, pages 15-26. Topeka, KS: Society for German-American Studies.
- 2008 Changing Concepts of Chief and Hierarchy on a Polynesian Outlier, *Pacific Studies* 31(2):1-24.
- 2008 “Neither Germans nor Englishmen, but American”: Education, Assimilation and Ethnicity among 19th Century Pennsylvania Germans. *Pennsylvania History* 75 (2)197-226.
- 2008 Across the Reef: Separation, Conflict and Romance in the Relations between Sikaiana Men and Women. In Laura Tamakoshi and Jeannette Dickerson-Putnam, *Pulling the Right Threads: The Ethnographic Legacy of Jane C. Goodale*. University of Illinois Press, 149-167.
- 2004 Leschte Wadde, *Pennsylvania German Review*, Fall 2004: 58-59.
- 2004 Harbaugh’s Das Alt Schulhaus An Der Krick: The Original Document, *Pennsylvania German Review*, Fall 2004:21-31.
- 2004 Samuel Baer and John Ermentrout: 19th Century Advocates of Bilingual Education in Berks County. *Der Reggeboge* (Journal of the Pennsylvania German Society) (38 (1): 9-18).
- 2004 (with Dave Valuska), The Past and Future of the Pennsylvania German Language: Many Ways of Speaking German; Many Ways of Being American in Andreas Gardt and Bernd Huppauf, editors, *Globalization and the Future of German*, pages 229-242. Berlin and New York: Mouton de Gruyter.
- 2004 (with Ron Treichler), 1934 Grundsow Skit, *Pennsylvania German Review*, Spring 2004: 27-36.
- 2003 Lillian and Bill Walter’s Pictures of the Kutztown Festival, *Pennsylvania German Review*, Fall 2003: 23-26.
- 2003 Research Note: Pennsylvania German Demographics, *Pennsylvania German Review*, Fall 2003, 41-51.

- 2003 Reply to Boyer, "The Beautiful Truth"—Beauty is in the Eye of the Beholder, *Pennsylvania German Review*, Spring 2003, 41-44.
- 2002 "Loss uns Deitcha wos m'r sin: Leave us Dutch the way we are": The Grundsow Lodges, *Pennsylvania German Review* (Spring 2002, pages 39-57).
- 2002 Rice and Tea, Fish and Taro: Sikaiana Migration to Honiara. *Pacific Studies* 25(1,2):23-44.
- 2001 Abraham Reeser Horne: Educator and Pastor. *The Periodical* (Journal of the Lutheran Historical Society of Eastern Pennsylvania) 26(2):1-7.
- 2000 "We Are What We Make of Ourselves": Abraham Reeser Horne and the Education of Pennsylvania Germans. *Pennsylvania Magazine of Biography and History*, CXXIV (4): 521-546.
- 1999 Abraham Reeser Horne: To the Manor Born. *Der Reggeboge* (Journal of the Pennsylvania German Society) 33:1&2:3-17.
- 1999 Sharing and Compassion: Fosterage in a Polynesian Society. *Journal of Comparative Family Studies*. XXX:4:703-722.
- 1998 Assimilation and Localism: Some Very Small Towns in Mass Society. *Sociological Inquiry* 68 (1): 61-82.
- 1998 Sikaiana Songs. Entry in Adrienne L. Kaeppler and Jacob W. Love, editors, *The Garland Encyclopedia of World Music, Volume 9: Australia and the Pacific*. Pages 335, 844-848, and CD recording. New York: Garland Publishing, Inc.
- 1997 Kinship and Social Organization: Some Traditional Issues in the Study of Modernity. In William W. Donner and James G. Flanagan, editors, *Social Organization and Cultural Aesthetics: Papers in Honor of William Davenport*, pp 73-93. Lanham, MD: University Press of America.
- 1997 Introduction (co-authored with James Flanagan). In William W. Donner and James G. Flanagan, editors, *Social Organization and Cultural Aesthetics: Papers in Honor of William Davenport*, pp 1-18. Lanham, MD: University Press of America.
- 1996 Lingua Franca and Vernacular: Language Use and Language Change on Sikaiana, Solomon Islands. *Pacific Studies* 19 (2): 59-82.
- 1995 From Outrigger to Jet: Three Centuries of Polynesian Voyaging. In Richard Feinberg, editor, *Seafaring in the Contemporary Pacific Islands*, pp 144-158. University of Northern Illinois Press.
- 1994 Alcohol, Community and Modernity: The Social Organization of Toddy Drinking in a Polynesian Society. *Ethnology* XXXIII (3):245-260.

- 1993 *Kastom* and Modernisation on Sikaiana. *Anthropological Forum* VI(4): 541-556. Special Issue, *Custom Today*, Lamont Lindstrom and Geoffrey White, Guest Editors.
- 1993 Sikaiana. Entry in Marc S. Miller and the staff of Cultural Survival, *State of the Peoples: A Global Rights Report on Societies in Danger*. Boston: Beacon Press.
- 1992 Lineages and Court Disputes on a Polynesian outlier. *Man* 27: 319-339.
- 1992 “The Same Old Song but with a Different Meaning”: Expressive Culture in Sikaiana Ethnic and Community Identity. *Pacific Studies* 15(4): 67-82. Special issue, The Arts and Politics, Karen Nero, Guest Editor.
- 1990 Ontong Java. Entry in the *Encyclopedia of World Cultures, Volume II: Oceania*. Edited by David Levinson and The Human Relations Area Files staff. MacMillan.
- 1989 “Far-away” and “Close-up”: World War II and Sikaiana Perceptions of Their Place in the World, in G. White and M. Lindstrom, editors, *The Pacific Theater: Islander Representations of World War II*, pp 149-165. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press.
- 1988 The Contexts for Egalitarian Relationships on a Polynesian Outlier. In J. Flanagan and S. Rayner, editors, *Rules, Decisions and Inequality*, pp. 145-163. London: Gower Press.
- 1987 "Don't Shoot the Guitar Player": Tradition, Assimilation and Change in Sikaiana Song Composition. *Journal of the Polynesian Society* 96: 201-221.
- 1987 The Cultural Contexts of Care for the Childless Elderly on Sikaiana. *Journal of Cross Cultural Gerontology* 2: 43-59.
- 1984 Sikaiana: A Contemporary Polynesian Society. *Expedition* 26(4):3-12. Digitalized in 2005 at www.museum.upenn.edu/expedition. Originally 1984.

IN PREPARATION

“Pennsylvania German Education” in Simon Bronner, editor, *Companion to Pennsylvania German Studies*, Penn State Press.

“Pennsylvania German Heritage” in Simon Bronner, editor, *Companion to Pennsylvania German Studies*, Penn State Press.

Making Tradition: Versammlinge and Pennsylvania German Identity. Manuscript to be submitted for publication

SAMPLE of RECENT LECTURES, PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS (2003-present)

Commonwealth Speaker, Pennsylvania Humanities Council, “No English Spoken Here: The Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges,” (2006-2008; 2008-2010, 2010-2012).

75th Anniversary Presentation to Grundsow Lodge Numma Ains, Germansville, PA, February 2, 2011

“The Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges: The Origins and Construction of a Tradition” conference paper at annual meetings of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, October 16, 2008.

“William Troxell, Thomas Brendle, Clarence Rahn and the Construction of Pennsylvania German Ethnic Identity in the 20th Century.” Friends of the Library Annual Lecture, Franklin and Marshall College, October 24, 2006.

“Pennsylvania German Intellectuals,” Joint Conference of the Pennsylvania German Society and the Society for German-American Studies, Lancaster, PA, May 6, 2006.

“The Kutztown Pennsylvania German Festival,” Special Lecture to the Conference, Joint Conference of the Pennsylvania German Society and the Society for German-American Studies, Lancaster, PA, May 6, 2006.

Manager, Seminar Stage, Kutztown Pennsylvania German Festival, 9 day festival, every year, 1999-present. Numerous presentations on Pennsylvania German culture and life, including the “History and Origins of the Pennsylvania Germans,” “Humor and Pennsylvania German Life,” “Pennsylvania Germans and Education,” “The Pennsylvania German Language.” Organizer, Pennsylvania German Language Writing Festival, and Liar’s Contest on the Seminar Stage, 2005, 2006, 2007.

“Life on a Polynesian Atoll,” Pacific Islands Event, Reading Public Museum, March 5, 6, 2005. .

“Past and Future of Pennsylvania German Studies,” German-American Studies Conference, Baltimore, April 23-26, 2003.

“The Pennsylvania German Language, Past and Present,” Panel Organizer, at *The Future of the German Language*, New York University, April 5, 2002.

“The Pennsylvania Germans, Past and Present,” Frontier Museum, Staunton Virginia, March 26, 2002.

“Education among 19th Century Pennsylvania Germans,” Lehigh County Historical Society. February 20, 2002.

TECHNICAL REPORTS

- 1992 *Struggling with Confidence: An Ethnographic Perspective on the Swarthmore College Mathematics Program.* Submitted to Mathematics Department, Swarthmore College, funded by the Charles A. Dana Foundation.
- 1981 (with Firestone, William A.) *Knowledge Use in Educational Development: Tales from a Two-Way Street.* Research Report, Research for Better Schools. ERIC ED 241583.
- 1980 *Research into Use: The Social Contexts of Knowledge Transfer.* Written for Research for Better Schools, Inc. through funding from the National Institute of Education. Available in ERIC Microfiche # ED 202 883.

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE and SERVICE (since 2003)

- Sabbatical, Spring 2012
Acting Chair, Department of Anthropology and Sociology, 2010-11
Chair, Search Committees, Anthropology and Sociology Department
Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Fall 2004, Summer 2005, Summer 2006, Spring 2007,
2008-09, 2009-2010.
Department Representative, University Senate
Fall 2004, 2005-2011
Chair, Academic Standards and Policies Committee
Fall 2003-Spring 2004
Director of Academic Programs, Pennsylvania German Cultural Heritage Center,
1999-2004

COMMUNITY WORK

- Head Coach, Breiningsville T-Ball, 2003
Head Coach, Breiningsville Transitional Team Baseball, 2004
Assistant Coach, Kutztown Youth Junior League Baseball, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
Assistant and Timekeeper, Kutztown Mites Football, 2005
Assistant Coach, Kutztown Midget Football, 2006-9
Merit Badge Instructor, Boy Scouts of America, Troop 132, Bowers, PA, 2007-present