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Thomas D. Hall has taught at DePauw since 1989, when he was recruited away from the University of Oklahoma to the Lester Martin Jones chair in Sociology as an Associate Professor. He was promoted to Professor of Sociology in 1996 and he currently serves as chair of the Sociology and Anthropology Department. He has twice been recognized by the award of a visiting professorship at Colgate University as the A. Lindsay O'Connor Professor of American Institutions (1999-2000 and 2004-2005).

He earned his B.A. degree from University of California at Berkeley in 1970 in anthropology, his M.A. degree at the University of Michigan in anthropology in 1971, and his Ph.D. degree at the University of Washington in sociology in 1981. His thesis was "Varieties of Ethnic Persistence in the American Southwest."

As a teacher, he has contributed courses on contemporary society, racial and ethnic relations, ethnic conflict, native nations of the U.S., among others, which have enriched the offerings in both sociology and conflict studies. He has served on the steering committee of the Conflict Studies program at DePauw and served as Coordinator of that program for two years. He has been an effective mentor and adviser to many students, and is noted by his students to be an insistent critic of papers and ideas, stimulating students to ever more effective presentations and analyses. His students also take note of his ability to engage all students in discussions, and to get them excited about the significance of their paper topics. Long after graduation, many of them have written recalling his successful efforts to enlarge their perspectives on globalization and global issues.

His service at DePauw includes terms on the Committee on Administration, the Faculty Development Committee, which he now chairs, the Black Studies Committee, the officer roles of Division IV, the Conflict Studies Committee, and as faculty adviser to Amnesty International. He has also served professionally as secretary/treasurer of the Political Economy Section of the American Sociology Association and as a member of four editorial boards.

As specialist in, as one colleague puts it, "frontier zones, where advancing Euro-American peoples encountered 'natives' who had thriving complex societies and cultures of their own," he has authored, co-authored, or edited 36 articles, 24 book chapters, 9 reviews, 49 book reviews (4 co-authored with students), and 5 books: *A World-Systems Reader: New Perspectives on Gender, Urbanism, Cultures, Indigenous Peoples, and Ecology* (2000), *Rise and Demise: Comparing World-Systems* (with Christopher Chase-Dunn in 1997), *Economic Analysis Beyond the Local System* (edited with Richard Blanton, Peter Peregrine and Deborah Winslow in 1997), *Core/Periphery Relations in Precapitalist Worlds* (edited with Christopher Chase-Dunn in 1991), and *Social Change in the Southwest, 1350-1880* (1989). He has also delivered more than 100 papers or presentations and organized 40 panels at professional meetings.

Bruce Stinebrickner has taught at DePauw for seventeen years, having been recruited from the University of Queensland, Australia, to the position of Associate Professor and chair of the Department of Political Science in 1987. He was promoted to Professor of Political Science in 1991. He is now serving his third term as department chair. He presently holds the Frank L. Hall Professor of Political Science, an endowed chair which was awarded to him in 2001.

He earned his B.A. degree with a major in government at Georgetown University in 1968 (where he was also co-captain and MVP of the basketball team), M.Phil. degree in 1972 and Ph.D. degree in 1974 in political science at Yale University.

A specialist in American politics, he has taught such courses as Introduction to Government and Politics, American National Government, Political Parties, Research Methods in Political Science, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Urban Politics, Introduction to Public Administration, Presidential Selection Process, and Public Policy. He has offered a course in the first-year seminar program titled, "Understanding American Government." He has also developed a course on state and local government. His students report that he is both charismatic and challenging, clearly dedicated to their learning. He is noted for detailed comments on student work, and for his careful and innovative advising of students to explore the full opportunities of our liberal arts curriculum. Among his student admirers are those who rate him the best professor they studied with over four years at DePauw. His dedication to teaching is reflected in his publication of resource books for teaching of U.S. political science; colleagues at other colleges and universities offer high praise for the usefulness of the selections and commentaries.

Among his many contributions to DePauw are his service to international education programs, including membership on the International Education Committee, which he also chaired, chairing the search committee for two Directors of International Education and Off-Campus Study, and service as a faculty member in residence for the DePauw Buenos Aires Program and as the faculty resident director of the DePauw program in Freiburg. He is the representative for off-campus study at the University of Queensland and the Washington Semester Program. He has served as member and chair of the Public Occasions Committee, member and chair of the Affirmative Action Committee, and as a member of the Teacher Education Committee, the Athletic Board, the Committee on Academic Policy and Planning, and the editorial board of the DePauw Journal of Undergraduate Research. He has also served as the faculty representative for DePauw students nominated for the Harry S. Truman Scholarship, successfully mentoring two award recipients, in 1997 and 2002.

His professional publications include co-authoring the sixth edition of *Modern Political Analysis* with Robert Dahl, which appeared in 2003. He has also edited twenty-six editions of an annually revised anthology on U.S. politics variously published by Dushkin Publishing Group, Brown and Benchmark, and most recently McGraw-Hill. Titles include *Readings in American Government* and *American Government*. He has also edited eleven editions of an anthology on U.S. state and local government for the same

publishers, under the title State and Local Government. He has also published seven articles or book chapters including “Ten Observations on the 2000 Florida Controversy.” Professional colleagues marvel at his versatility as an effective teacher, administrator and scholar, and at his prodigious productivity.

Valarie Ziegler has taught at DePauw since 1995 when she was recruited to a position as Professor of Religious Studies after having taught for ten years at Rhodes College.

She completed her B.A. degree at Centre College in 1976 in history and religion (and where she was also a varsity athlete in three sports and inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame), her M.Div. degree at Yale University in 1979, and her Ph.D. degree in historical theology at Emory University in 1987.

She teaches such courses as Christianity, Christianity in the Modern World, Feminist Theologies, Religion in American Culture, Genesis and Gender, Introduction to the New Testament, Screening the Sacred: Religion, Myth and Ideology in Popular America, and an honors seminar Literature of Social Protest. She has offered a first-year seminar entitled, "Literature of Social Protest: American Voices from the Margins." Her students report that she is a dedicated, inspiring, engaging, and demanding teacher; they report that she creates a safe space for them to reflect on sensitive issues without fear while yet inspiring them to new heights of critical analysis. In 1997, she was recognized by DePauw and the Board of Higher Education of the United Methodist Church as an exemplary teacher.

In her college and university service, she has served on the tenure and promotion committees at both Rhodes and DePauw, currently serving on our Committee on Faculty and previously served on the Appeals Board. She is or has served as a member of the Compton Center Advisory Board, the Sexual Harassment Committee, the Affirmative Action Committee, the Task Force on General Education, the Search Committee for the Dean of the Chapel and as a member of the working groups of faculty for the Women's Studies Program and the Jewish Studies Program.

A distinguished scholar of American religious history, she is the author of two books, *The Advocates of Peace in Antebellum America* (first issued in 1992 and reissued in paperback in 2001) and *Diva Julia, the Public Romance and Private Agony of Julia Ward Howe* (2003), which won the Trinity prize. She has also co-authored a widely used reader *Eve and Adam: Jewish, Christian and Muslim Readings on Genesis and Gender* (1999). She is also a frequent contributor of book chapters and articles in professional journals (total 12), book reviews (11) and has been a regular presenter at professional meetings of both papers and panels (45). Her professional colleagues marvel at the scholarship of her books and how effectively they can be used in teaching, as well as the thoughtful commentaries which enhance the utility of the reader on *Eve and Adam*. In 2003, DePauw recognized her with the Edward L. Minar, Jr. Scholarship Award, a prize given for exceptional scholarly achievement, for her new book on Julia Ward Howe.