

# George Sanders

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### Education

#### Vanderbilt University

Ph.D., Department of Sociology

Dissertation: "'Late' Capital: Negotiating the New American Way of Death"

Committee: Jennifer C. Lena (chair), Monica Casper, Richard Pitt, Beth Conklin

Expected May 2008

#### The University of North Carolina, Greensboro,

M.A., Sociology

Thesis: "Here Nor There: Alzheimer's and the Construction of Meaning for Families, Friends, and Caregivers"

Committee: Kenneth Allan (chair), David Mitchell, Harold Goodall

May 2002

#### University of Florida

B.A., Honors, Philosophy

December 1993

### Research and Teaching Interests

Sociology of Culture  
Contemporary Theory  
Work and Occupations  
Sociology of Health and the Life Course

Social Stratification  
Sociology of Religion  
Qualitative Research Methods  
Globalization

### Publications and Manuscripts Under Review

Sanders, George. Forthcoming. "'Late' Capital: Amusement and Contradiction in the Contemporary Funeral Industry." *Critical Sociology*.

Sanders, George. Under review, *Poetics*: "The Dismal Trade as Culture Industry."

Kelner, Shaul, and George Sanders. Under review, *Teaching Sociology*: "Incorporating Tourism and Hybridized Modes of Knowledge into Sociological Pedagogy."

Sanders, George. 2003. "Review of *Decade of Disaster*." *Isis* 94, pp. 204-207.

## **Fellowships, Honors, & Grants**

Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities, Vanderbilt University American Studies Fellow, \$20,000	2007-2008
Arts and Sciences Graduate School, Vanderbilt University Travel Grant to ASA Conference, \$500	Summer 2007
Center for Ethics Graduate Writing Group, Vanderbilt University, \$1,000	Spring 2007
Dissertation Enhancement Grant, Vanderbilt University, \$720	Spring 2007
Arts and Sciences Graduate School, Vanderbilt University Travel Grant to ASA Conference, \$500	Summer 2006
Arts and Sciences Graduate School, Vanderbilt University Summer Research Grant, \$2,000	Summer 2005
Arts and Science Graduate School, Vanderbilt University Summer Travel Grant to ASA Conference, \$500	Summer 2005
Mellon Foundation and Department of Political Science, Vanderbilt University, "Fresh Ideas," Interdisciplinary Colloquium, \$2,000	Summer 2003
Graduate School, Assistantship, Vanderbilt University \$14,500/year	Fall 2002-Spring 2007
College of Arts and Sciences Honors Fellowship, Vanderbilt University, \$4,000/year	Fall 2002-Spring 2006
Graduate Student Annual Theory Award, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, \$100	Spring 2002

## **Conference Presentations**

Sanders, George. "From Formaldehyde to Frappuccinos: Enabling a Consumption of Care in the Funeral Industry." Paper to be presented at Consumers and Consumption Section Panel, American Sociological Association. August 2007. New York, NY.

Kelner, Shaul, and George Sanders. "Beyond the Field Trip: On Tourism as a Pedagogical Strategy." Paper to be presented at Integrating Spatial Thinking into the Sociology Curriculum Section Panel, American Sociological Association. August 2007. New York, NY.

Sanders, George. "Putting the 'Fun' in Funerals: Capitalism's Expression of the Carnavalesque in Contemporary Funeral Industries." Paper presented at Cultural Studies Section Panel, American Sociological Association. August 2006. Montreal, Quebec.

Sanders, George. "Negotiating Death: The Shifting Sociology of the Funeral Industry." Paper presented at Section on Sociology of Culture Refereed Roundtables, American Sociological Association. August 2005. Philadelphia, PA.

## Teaching Experience

Instructor, Social Problems Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University	Summer 2007; Summer 2006
Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University Courses: Sociology of Tourism Sociology of Religion Contemporary American Society Deviance	Fall 2002-Spring 2007  Sociology of Religion and the Paranormal Sociology of the Family Social Psychology of Race Introduction to Sociology
Teaching Assistant Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro Courses: Sociological Methods Statistics for the Social Sciences	January 2000-Spring 2002

## Research Experience

Research Assistant to Professor Shaul Kelner Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University Venture Fund Grant for Innovation in Pedagogical Strategy Researched appropriate sites, travel arrangements, contacts and scholarship in the development of new course on the sociology of tourism.	Summer 2006-Spring 2007
Research Assistant for Professor Rebecca Adams Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Greensboro Collected, categorized, and archived 30 years of qualitative, internet data.	Spring-Summer 2002

## Editorial Experience

<i>Work &amp; Occupations: An International Sociological Journal</i> Book Review Editor Assistant Editor	Summer 2005-Present Spring 2004-Summer 2005
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## University Service & Activities

Graduate Student Council Departmental Representative	Fall 2005-Spring 2006
Vice President of Sociology Department Graduate Student Organization	Fall 2005-Spring 2006
Graduate Student Representative University Traffic and Parking Committee	Fall 2005-Spring 2006
Sociology Graduate Student Council Undergraduate Committee	Fall 2003-Spring 2004

SACS Accreditation Self-study  
University of North Carolina, Greensboro  
Graduate Student Representative

Fall 2001-Spring 2002

## References

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Assistant Professor of Sociology, Vanderbilt University  
2007-08 Visiting Fellow, Center for Arts, Enterprise and Public Policy  
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