

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH: WALTER GILLIS PEACOCK

Education:

Columbus State University	Sociology	B.A.	1978
The University of Georgia	Sociology	M.A.	1982
The University of Georgia	Sociology	Ph.D.	1986

Relevant Websites:

[Google Scholar](#), [Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center](#), [Departmental](#), [Research Gate](#)

Appointments:

August 2008 to August 2009

Interim Exec. Associate Dean, College of Architecture, Texas A&M University (TAMU).

January 2014 to present:

Associate Director, Texas Census Research Data Center, TAMU.

September 2004 to present:

Director, Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center, TAMU.

September 2003 to 2004:

Interim Head, Dept. of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, TAMU

August 2002 to Present:

Professor of Urban Planning, Department of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning and the Sustainable Coastal Margins Program, TAMU.

August 2000 to August 2002

Professor and Chair, Dept. of Soc. & Anthropology, Florida International University (FIU).

Associate Director, Laboratory for Social and Behavioral Research, International Hurricane Center (IHC), Center for Engineering and Applied Science (CEAS), FIU, Miami, Florida.

September 1999 to August 2000

Co-Director, Laboratory for Social and Behavioral Research, IHC, CEAS, FIU, Miami, FL.

July 1992 to August 2000

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, FIU, Miami, Florida.

June 1996 - September 1999

Director for Research, International Hurricane Center, Center for Engineering and Applied Sciences, Florida International University, Miami, Florida.

August 1994 - August 1996

Director, Comparative Sociology Graduate Program, Dept. of Soc. and Anthropology, FIU.

September 1991 to June 1992

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

September 1986 to August 1991

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Alabama in Huntsville.

Five Relevant Publications:

1. **Peacock, W.G.**, S. Van Zandt, Y. Zhang, and W. Highfield. 2015. Inequities in Long-term Housing Recovery After Disasters. *Journal of the American Planning Association*. 14(4): DOI: 10.1080/01944363.2014.980440
2. Xiao, Y. and **W.G. Peacock**. 2014. Do Hazard Mitigation and Preparedness Reduce Physical Damage to Businesses in Disasters: The Critical Role of Business Disaster Planning. *Natural Hazards Review*. DOI: 10.1061/(ASCE)NH.1527-6996.0000137 or 15(3):01014007-1-11
3. Highfield, W., **W.G. Peacock**, and S. Van Zandt. 2014. Mitigation Planning: Why Hazard Exposure, Structural Vulnerability, and Social Vulnerability Matter. *Journal of Planning Education & Research*. DOI: 10.1177/0739456X14531828 or 34(3):287-300.

4. Masterson, J.H., **W.G. Peacock**, S. Van Zandt, H. Grover, L. F. Schwarz, and J. Cooper, Jr. 2014. *Planning for Community Resilience: A Handbook for Reducing Vulnerability to Disasters*. Island Press: Washington D.C.
5. Van Zandt, S., **W.G. Peacock**, D. Henry, H. Grover, W. Highfield, and S. Brody. 2012. Mapping Social Vulnerability to Enhance Housing and Neighborhood Resilience. *Housing Policy Debate*, 22(1):29-55.

Five Related Publications:

1. **Peacock, W.G.**, S. Van Zandt, D. Henry, H. Grover and W. Highfield. 2012. Social Vulnerability and Hurricane Ike: Using Social Vulnerability Mapping to Enhance Coastal Community Resiliency in Texas. Chapter 6, pp. 66-81 in *Lessons from Hurricane Ike*. Edited by P.B. Bedient. College Station, Texas: Texas A&M University Press.
2. Ge, Y., **W.G. Peacock**, M.K. Lindell. 2011. Florida Households' Expected Response to Hurricane Hazards Mitigation Incentives. *Risk Analysis*, 31(10):1676-91.
3. Zhang, Y. and **W.G. Peacock**. 2010. Planning for Housing Recovery? Lessons Learned from Hurricane Andrew. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 76(1):5-24
4. Kang, J. E., **W.G. Peacock**, and R. Husein. 2010. An Assessment of Coastal Zone Hazard Mitigation Plans in Texas. *Journal of Disaster Research*, 5(5):526-34.
5. **Peacock, W.G.**, B.H.Morrow, and H. Gladwin 1997. *Hurricane Andrew: Ethnicity, Gender and the Sociology of Disaster*. London: Routledge. 2000. Paperback edition, College Station: Hazard Reduction and Recovery Center.

Synergistic Activities:

- President, *International Disaster Research Committee*, 2011-2015
- Associate Editor, *Natural Hazards Review*, an Am. Society of Civil Eng. Journal, 2003-2011
- Book Review Editor, *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*, 1997-2003.
- Teach courses in Disaster Response Planning, Hazard Risk Analysis/Management, and Disaster Recovery and Hazard Mitigation, and various planning methods courses to graduate students from a variety of programs (e.g. planning, public policy, civil engineering, rangeland science, and parks and recreation).

Selected Awards/Honors:

- The Association of Former Students' Distinguished Achievement Award in Research, Texas A&M University, April 2014.
- Sandy and Bryan Mitchell Master Builder Endowed Chair, Texas A&M University, August 2012 to present.
- President, International Research Committee on Disasters, 2011 to 2015.
- Enrico L. Quarantelli Award for Social Science Disaster Theory, 2009, in recognition of notable and significant theoretical work by social and behavioral scientists in the disaster area.
- Newsmaker Image Award 2006, with Michael Lindell and Carla Prater, awarded by Texas A&M University's Office of Marketing and Communications.
- Outstanding Professor of the Year Award, 1996, Graduate Student Organization, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Florida International University, Miami, Florida.
- Outstanding Teacher Award, May 1991, by *The Exponent*, The University of Alabama in Huntsville's Student Newspaper.