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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021 – Present	Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies (both departments) LSU Agricultural Center & Louisiana State University Major Department: Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness Minor Department: Sociology
2018 – 2021	Associate Professor, LSU Agricultural Center & Louisiana State University Major Department: Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness Minor Department: Sociology (Director of Graduate Studies)
2006 – 2018	Associate Professor, LSU Agricultural Center & Louisiana State University Major Department: Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness Minor Department: Sociology
2002 - 2006	Assistant Professor, LSU Agricultural Center & Louisiana State University Major Department: Agricultural Economics & Agribusiness Minor Department: Sociology
2000 – 2002	Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University & LSU Agricultural Center Major Department: Sociology Minor Program: Rural Sociology
1989-1991	Secondary School Teacher, Mwanza Secondary School, United States Peace Corps, Mwanza Malawi

EDUCATION

1999	PhD	Department of Sociology, Indiana University
1995	MA	Department of Sociology, Indiana University
1989	BS	Electrical Engineering Department, GMI Engineering & Management Institute

RESEARCH

Professional Areas of Interest

Sociology of Education
Rural Sociology
Social Change
Social Studies of Science

Publications

Articles in Refereed Journals

(Names underlined denote graduate student co-author)

27. Schafer, Mark J., Krishna Paudel, and Kamal Upadhyaya. 2024. "Family Strategies: Labor Migration, Multigenerational Households, and Children's Schooling in Nepal". *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*.
26. Wesley Shrum, Mark Walker, Jiabin Fan, Paul N. Mbatia, Paige Miller, Matthew Harsh, Jonathan Teye Yevuyibor, and Mark Schafer. 2023. "Tough Ties and Rough Networks: Inequality and Exploitation in African Slums." *Sociological Forum*.
26. Fujiyama, Hideki, Yoshinori Kamo, and Mark Schafer. 2021. "Peer Effects of Friend and Extracurricular Activity Networks on Students' Academic Performance." *Social Science Research* 97.
25. Tucker, Clay S. Jill C. Trepanier, Pamela B. Blanchard, Ed Bush, James W. Jordan, Mark J. Schafer, and John Andrew Nyman. 2021. "Using Tree-Ring Research to Introduce Students to Geoscience Fieldwork." *Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society*.
24. Shrum, Wesley, Paul N. Mbatia, Jonathan Teye Yevuyibor, Mark J. Schafer, Mark Walker, Paige Miller, and Antony Palackal. 2021. "The Burden of Elders: Anxiety, Depression, and Personal Networks in Two African Slums." *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease* 209(7):533-536.
23. Shrum, Wesley M, Antony Palackal, Dan-Bright Dzorgbo, Paul Mbatia, Mark Schafer, Paige Miller, Heather Rackin. 2017. "Has the Internet Reduced Friendship? Scientific Relationships in Ghana, Kenya, and India, 1994-2010." *Science, Technology, and Human Values*.
22. Shrum, Wesley M, Mark J. Schafer, Matthew Harsh, Paul N. Mbatia, Antony Palackal, Susan Arnold, and Dan-Bright Dzorgbo. 2018. "Chick: Giving, Development Aid, and Income Generation for Disability in Kenya." *Journal of Video Ethnography* 4(1) Film #2. <http://videoethno.com>
21. Cope, Michael and Mark J. Schafer. 2017. "Creole: A Contested Polysemous Term". *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 40(15): 2653-2671.
20. Chiu, Wei-Cheng, Mark J. Schafer, and Yoshinori Kamo. 2016. "Cultural Capital and Academic Performance in Taiwan: The Role of Art Tutoring". *International Journal of Contemporary Sociology* 53(2):133-160.
19. Schafer, Mark J and Shana Khan. 2017. "Family Economy, Rural School Choice, and Flexischooling Children with Disabilities." *Rural Sociology* 82:524-547.
18. Shrum, Wesley, Antony Palackal, Dan-Bright Dzorgbo, Paul N. Mbatia, Mark J. Schafer, Beverly P Miller, and Heather Rackin. 2017. "Has the Internet Reduced Friendship?"

Scientific Relationships in Ghana, Kenya, and India, 1994-2010.” *Science, Technology, and Human Values* 42:491-519.

17. Shrum, Wesley, Antony Palackal, Dan-Bright Dzorgbo, Paul N. Mbatia, Mark J. Schafer, Beverly P Miller, and Heather Rackin. 2016. “Network Decline in the Internet Era: Evidence from Ghana, Kenya, and India, 1994-2010.” *International Journal of Social Research* 6:163-171.
16. Schafer, Mark J, Wesley Shrum, B. Paige Miller, Paul N. Mbatia, Antony Palackal, and Dan-Bright S. Dzorgbo. 2016. “Access to ICT and Research Output of Agricultural Researchers in Kenya”. *Science, Technology, & Society* 21:250-270.
15. Miller, B., P., H. Rackin, W. Shrum, M. Schafer, and A. Palackal. 2015. “Perceptions of the Research Climate in Universities and National Research Institutes: The Role of Gender and Bureaucracy in Three Low-Income Countries.” *Great Plains Sociologist* 25:6-35.
14. Miller, B. Paige, Antony Palackal, Mark Schafer, and Wesley Shrum. 2014. “Gendered Assessments of the Research Climate in Ghana, Kenya, and Kerala, India: Does Organizational Structure Make a Difference?” *Sociological Imagination* 50:80-104.
13. Shrum, Wesley, Antony Palackal, Dan-Bright Dzorgbo, Paul N. Mbatia, Mark Schafer, and Paige Miller. 2014. “What Happened to the Internet? Scientific Communities in Three Low-income Areas, 2000-2010”. *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 13:301-331.
12. Perry, Ashley M. and Mark J. Schafer. 2014. “Resilience in Louisiana FEMA Parks: A Person-Centered, Fuzzy-Set Analysis.” *Sociological Spectrum* 34:39-60.
11. Singelmann, Joachim and Mark J. Schafer. 2010. “Dislocation and Depression: Social Consequences of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.” *Society & Natural Resources* 23:919-934.
10. Hori, Makiko and Mark J. Schafer. 2010. “Social Costs of Displacement in Louisiana after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita”. *Population and Environment* 31:64-86
9. Hori, Makiko, Mark J. Schafer, and David Bowman. 2009. “Displacement Dynamics in Southern Louisiana after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.” *Population Research and Policy Review* 28:45-65
8. Paudel, Krishna P. and Mark J. Schafer. 2009. “The Environmental Kuznets Curve Under a New Framework: The Role of Social Capital in Water Pollution.” *Environmental and Resource Economics* 42:265-278.
7. Schafer, Mark J. 2006. “Household Change and Rural School Enrollment in Malawi and Kenya.” *The Sociological Quarterly* 47:665-691.
6. Schafer, Mark J. and Makiko Hori. 2006. “Spatial Dynamics of High School Dropout in Rural Louisiana.” *Southern Rural Sociology* 21:55-79.

5. Garnier, Maurice and Mark J. Schafer. 2006. "Educational Model and Expansion of Enrollments in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Sociology of Education* 79:153-156.
4. Schafer, Mark J. 2004. "Family School Enrollments in Rural Malawi and Kenya: A Regional Analysis." *Comparative Sociology* 3:37-66.
3. Schafer, Mark J. 2004. "Family Contributions to Self-Help Schooling in Malawi and Kenya." *Rural Sociology* 70:70-93.
2. Bradshaw, York W. and Mark J. Schafer. 2000. "Urbanization and Development: The Emergence of International Non-Government Organizations amid Declining States." *Sociological Perspectives* 43:97-116.
1. Schafer, Mark J. 1999. "International Non-Governmental Organizations and Third World Education in 1990" *Sociology of Education* 72:69-88.

Other Academic Publications

29. Schafer, Mark J, Xiaoxu Yang, and Wesley M. Shrum. [forthcoming in Winter 2025-2026 edition]. "Covid-19 Impact on Agricultural Research in Louisiana: A Comparative Perspective." *Louisiana Agriculture*.
28. Schafer, Mark J. 2025. "Chapter 11: Educational Expansion, Poverty, and Inequality: Perspectives on Complex Interconnections." *International Handbook on the Demography of Poverty and Inequality*.
27. Deliberto, Michael A and Mark J. Schafer. "H-2A and H-2B Work Visas in Louisiana Agriculture." *Louisiana Agriculture* Spring 2018.
26. Schafer, Mark J. "Globalization and Louisiana: Selected Perspectives on a Complex Issue". *Louisiana Agriculture* Spring 2018.
25. Deliberto, Michael and Mark J. Schafer. 2017. "Louisiana Sugar in a Global Context." *Louisiana Agriculture* Summer 2017.
<http://www.lsuagcenter.com/profiles/lbenedict/articles/page1503347392487>
24. Schafer, Mark J and Isaiah FA Cohen. 2017. "Homeschooling Grows in Louisiana and the United States." *Louisiana Agriculture* Winter 2017. www.lsuagcenter.com/profiles/lbenedict/articles/page1491326991201
23. Schafer, Mark J, Tasia Mehzabin, and Huizhen Niu. 2015. "Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Gulf of Mexico Region: 2000-2017. *Louisiana Agriculture*, Winter 2015.
22. Fannin, J.M., M. Schafer, and W. Keithly. 2015. Assessing Impacts of OCS Activities on Public Infrastructure, Services, and Population in Coastal Communities Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy

Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, New Orleans, LA. OCS Study 2015-003. 268 pp.

21. Cope, Michael, Mark J. Schafer, Dari Green, Nile Patterson, and Troy Blanchard. 2014. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the Gulf of Mexico Region: Creole and Multiracial. LSU AgCenter Research Report #122.
20. Schafer, Mark J. and Ashley Perry. 2013. "Educational Attainment Trends in Louisiana: 1990- 2010." *Louisiana Agriculture*, Winter 2013.
19. Cowley, Amanda D. and Mark J. Schafer. 2013. "No child Left Behind in Louisiana: Financial and Organizational Implications." *Louisiana Agriculture*, Winter 2013.
18. Asay, Don and Mark J. Schafer. 2013. "Value Added Teacher Assessment (VATA) in Louisiana." *Louisiana Agriculture*, Winter 2013.
17. Asay, Don, Mark J. Schafer, and J. Matthew Fannin. "Highly Qualified Teachers in Louisiana's Public School: 2003-2011." *Louisiana Agriculture*, Winter 2013.
16. Cope, Michael, Mark J. Schafer, Dari Green, Nile Patterson, and Troy Blanchard. 2014. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the Gulf of Mexico Region: Creole and Multiracial. LSU AgCenter Research Report #122.
15. Patterson, Nile, Mark J. Schafer, and Troy Blanchard. 2013. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the Gulf of Mexico Region: African-Americans. LSU AgCenter Research Report #121.
14. Cowley, Amanda D., Mark J. Schafer, and Troy Blanchard. 2013. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the Gulf of Mexico Region: Native Americans. LSU AgCenter Research Report #120.
13. Cowley, Amanda D., Mark J. Schafer, and Troy Blanchard. 2013. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the Gulf of Mexico Region: Croatians. LSU AgCenter Research Report #119.
12. Paul, Crystal, Amanda D. Cowley, Mark J. Schafer, and Troy Blanchard. 2012. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the Gulf of Mexico Region: Latinos. LSU AgCenter Research Report #118.
11. Cowley, Amanda D., Mark J. Schafer, and Troy Blanchard. 2012. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the Gulf of Mexico Region: Asians. LSU AgCenter Research Report #117.
10. Cowley, Amanda D., Mark J. Schafer, and Troy Blanchard. 2012. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the Gulf of Mexico Region: Vietnamese. LSU AgCenter Research Report #116.
9. Cowley, Amanda D., Mark J. Schafer, and Troy Blanchard. 2012. Racial and Ethnic Groups in the Gulf of Mexico Region: Latinos. LSU AgCenter Research Report #115.
8. Schafer, Mark J. and Makiko Hori. 2008. "Population Displacement Dynamics in South Louisiana." *Louisiana Agriculture* Winter 2008:11-12.

7. Hori, Makiko and Mark J. Schafer. 2008. "Healthcare Aftermath". *Louisiana Agriculture* Winter 2008: 13..
6. Singelmann, Joachim and Mark J. Schafer. 2008. "Social Consequences of Dislocation on Emotional Well-Being." *Louisiana Agriculture* Winter 2008: 14.
5. Schafer, Mark J. 2008. Book Review: *Mutualist Microfinance: Informal Savings Funds from the Global Periphery to the Core?* Edited by Abram de Swaan and Marcel van der Linden. Amsterdam: Aksant Academic Publishers, 2006. Published in *American Journal of Sociology* 113:1200-1202.
4. Schafer, Mark J. 2007. "School Accountability in Louisiana." LSU Agricultural Center Bulletin Number 887. LSU Agricultural Center.
3. Schafer, Mark J. 2006. "Human Capital Trends in Louisiana." *Louisiana Agriculture*, September 2006.
2. Schafer, Loveness H. and Mark J. Schafer. 2005. Book Review: *The Failure of United Nations Development Programs in Africa*, by Adrien Ratsimbaharison. Published in *Africa Today* 52:88-90.
1. Schafer, Mark J. 2004. Book Review: *A Troubled Dream: The Promise and Failure of School Desegregation in Louisiana*. By Carl L. Bankston and Stephen J. Caldas. Published in *Social Forces* 82:1242-1244.

Manuscripts In Preparation

Schafer, Mark J and Wesley M. Shrum. "Social Networks, Food Choices, and Well-Being in Urban and Rural Kenya."

Schafer, Mark J, Xiaoxu Yang, and Wesley M. Shrum. "The Effects of Covid-19 on Scientific Research Collaboration in Louisiana, Kenya, and India"

Thingujam, Doni, Sandeep Gouli, Sachin Promodh Cooray, Katie Busch Chandran, Seth Bradley Givens, Renganathan Vellaichamy Gandhimeyyan, Zhengzhi Tan, Yiqing Wang, Keerthi Patam, Sydney A. Greer, Ranju Acharya, David Octor Moseley, Nesma Osman, Megan E Brooker, Mary Love M Tagert, Mark J Schafer, Changyoon Jeong, Kevin Flynn Hoffseth, Raju Bheemanahalli, J. Michael Wyss, Nuwan Kumara Wijewardane, Jong Hyun Ham, M. Shahid Mukhtar. "Climate-Resilient Crops: Integrating AI, Multi-Omics, and Advanced Phenotyping to Address Global Agricultural and Societal Challenges." Revised and Resubmitted to *Plants*

Seals, Katherine, Mark J. Schafer, and Denise Holston. "Racialized Food Shopping Discrimination and Food Insecurity in Rural Louisiana." To be submitted to the *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* in September 2025.

Jayasinghe, Naduni, Mark J. Schafer, Yue Liu, and Terrence R. Tiersch. "Situational Flexibility, Open Hardware, and Safeguarding the Genetic Resources of the World's Aquatic Species: Case Study of the Aquatic Germplasm and Genetic Resources Center". Under review at the *Cultures of Science* August 2025

Cohen, Isaiah and Mark J. Schafer. "Signals from the School: Do Positive and Negative Messages Shape Family Involvement?" Revise and Resubmit at *The Sociological Quarterly*, September 2025.

Presentations

Invited Presentations at professional meetings

Schafer, Mark J. "Pursuing Graduate Studies in Sociology". Invited panel presentation at the annual meeting of the Mis-South Sociological Society. New Orleans, October, 2023.

Chiu, Wei-Cheng, Mark J. Schafer, and Yoshinori Kamo. 2016. "Cultural Capital and Academic in Taiwan: The Role of Art Tutoring." Invited Presentation at the 2016 International Symposium for "New State and New Challenges: Sino-US Agricultural Development". South China Agricultural University, Guangzhou, China. July 8-10, 2016.

Mark J. Schafer. Population Displacement following the 2005 Hurricanes. Annual Meeting of the LSU Agricultural Center, Socio-economic Stability ACE group. December 2007.

Mark J. Schafer and Matt Wilkinson. Should Dropouts Return to get a High School Credential? Department of Sociology Brown Bag Speaker Series. November 30, 2007.

Mark J. Schafer. NGOs and Microfinance: Urban and Rural Contexts. Global Cities Conference. University of Memphis, March 21, 2002.

York Bradshaw and Mark J. Schafer. Invited paper: Urbanization and Development: The Role of International Debt and Non-government Organizations Amid Declining States. Social Capital: Bridging Disciplines, Policies and Communities International Conference. East Lansing, April 1998.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

Schafer, Mark, Claire Thomas, Xiaoxu Yang, and Xin Jiang. "Participant Perspectives on Scientific Collaboration: Impact, Opportunities, and Challenges." Presented at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Salt Lake City, UT August 2025.

Schafer, Mark, Claire Thomas, Carine Villasante, and Xiaoxu Yang. "Future Orientation and Sustainable Rice Farming in the Southern United States. Presented at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Salt Lake City, UT August 2025.

- Thomas, Claire, Xiaoxu Yang, Mark Schafer, Wesley M. Shrum, and Paige Miller. "Gender, Covid, and Science: A Five Country Analysis." Presented at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Salt Lake City, UT August 2025.
- Schafer, Mark J, Wesley M. Shrum, , Paige Miller, and Matthew Harsh. "Research During Covid-19: a Five-Country Comparative Analysis." Presented at the International Sociological Society Forum. Rabat, Morocco. July 2025.
- Schafer, Mark J and Naduni Jayasinghe. "Farmer Climate Adaptation Strategies in Rice-Growing Areas of the Southern United States." Presented at the International Sociological Society Forum. Rabat, Morocco. July 2025.
- Schafer, Mark J and Naduni Jayasinghe. "Key Informant Perceptions of Sustainable Rice Farming Practices in the Southern United States." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA. February, 2024.
- Jayasinghe, Naduni, Mark J Schafer, Yue Liu, Terrence Tiersch. "Inspiring Innovation and Standardization through Open-Source Resources: The Case of the Aquatic Germplasm and Genetic Resources Center." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Honolulu, HI November 2023.
- Schafer, Mark J, Wesley M. Shrum, Matthew Harsh, Paige Miller, Paul Mbatia, Antony Palackal. "Covid and Collaborative Agricultural Research in Louisiana, Kenya, and Kerala, India." Presented at the annual meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Burlington, VT. August 2023.
- Shrum, Wesley M, Mark J Schafer, and Matthew Harsh. "The Sociology of Scientific Presentation: The BBC Model and New Formats for Science Education." Annual Meeting of the International Visual Sociological Association. Nairobi, Kenya June 2023
- Schafer, Mark J and Wesley M. Shrum. "Smart Phone Usage, Social Networks, Food Choices, and Well-Being in Urban and Rural Kenya. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science. Prague. August 2020.
- Shrum, Wesley, Paul N. Mbatia, Jonathan Teye Yevuyibor, Mark J Schafer, B. Paige Miller, and Antony Palackal. "The Burden of Elders: Anxiety, Depression, and Personal Networks in Two African Slums. Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science. Prague. August 2020.
- Schafer, Mark, Matthew Harsh, and Wesley M Shrum. "Organic Agriculture's Quest for Legitimacy in Kenya." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science. New Orleans, September 2019.
- Schafer, Mark J and Krishna Paudel. "Left Behind and Doing Fine with Hajur Bub and Hajure Aama: Multigenerational Families, Migration, and Children's Schooling in Chitwan, Nepal." Presented at the Biennial Conference of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals Association (NAPA). Oklahoma City, OK, May 26-27, 2018.

- Schafer, Mark J and Krishna Paudel. "Transitioning to Adulthood in Chitwan, Nepal: School, Work, and Family in an era of Rapidly Expanding Opportunity" Presented at the Biennial Conference of Nepalese Agricultural Professionals Association (NAPA). Oklahoma City, OK, May 26-27, 2018.
- Kelley, Rose and Mark J. Schafer. "Effects of Martial Arts on Academic Outcomes among Elementary School Students." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA, April 5-7, 2018.
- Schafer, Mark J and Krishna Paudel. "Migration, Remittance, and Education in Chitwan, Nepal." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Greenville, NC, March 29-April 1, 2017.
- Cohen, Isaiah Fink Avraham and Mark J. Schafer. "A Fuzzy-Set Analysis of State Homeschooling Regulations." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA. April 13-16, 2016.
- Schafer, Mark and Huizhen Niu. "Hot-Spot Analysis of Racial/Ethnic Diversity in Louisiana: 2000 – 2017." Poster presentation at the Louisiana Remote Sensing and GIS Workshop. Pennington Biomedical Research Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. May 12-13, 2015.
- Lehman, Brett and Mark J. Schafer. "Service-Learning Reflections in Sociology of Education: A Qualitative Analysis of Course Blogs." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans. April 5-7, 2015.
- Miller, Paige, Mark Schafer, and Wesley Shrum. "Perceptions of the Work Environment in Universities and National Research Institutes: The Role of Gender". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco, 16-19 August, 2014.
- Schafer, Mark J, Wesley Shrum, and Paige Miller. "PhD Completion among Agricultural Researchers in Ghana, Kenya, and Kerala (India)." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. New Orleans. 1-3 Aug 2014.
- Shrum, Wesley, Antony Palackal, Dan-Bright Dzorgbo, Paul N. Mbatia, Mark Schafer, and Paige Miller. "Diffusion of the Internet in Asia and Africa, 2000-2010." Workshop on Mapping Science and Technology in Africa. Johannesburg, South Africa. 13-14 Feb 2014.
- Varghese, Antony Palackal, Wesley Shrum, Paige Miller, Mark Schafer, and Matthew LeBlanc. October 2012. "Organic Development: Reagancy and the Production of Knowledge". Paper Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science. Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Schafer, Mark J. July 2012. "Educational Achievement Trends: 1990 – 2010". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Chicago, Illinois.

- Schafer, Mark J. and Wesley Shrum. "Video Ethnography: Organic Farming in Africa." Presented at the Southern Sociological Society annual meeting in New Orleans. March 2012.
- LeBlanc, Matthew, Dan-Bright Dzorgbo, Mark J. Schafer, and Wesley Shrum. 2011. "Business is Personal: An Examination of Mobile Telephony in Ghana. 2011." Presented at the annual meeting for the Society of the Social Studies of Science. Cleveland, Ohio.
- Hori, Makiko, Troy Blanchard, and Mark J. Schafer. 2010. Race, Rurality, and Performance on Eighth Grade High Stakes Tests in Louisiana. Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Atlanta, Georgia. August 12-15.
- Mark J. Schafer. 2010. Fuzzy Set Profiling and Community Analysis Techniques. CNREP 2010: Challenges of Natural Resource Economics and Policy: The Third National Forum on Socioeconomic Research in Coastal Systems. New Orleans, May 26-28 2010.
- Mark J. Schafer and J. Matthew Fannin. 2010. Interdistrict Comparisons of Intradistrict School Performance Inequality in Louisiana 2001-2009. Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Science Association. Washington, DC March 25-27, 2010.
- Makiko Hori and Mark J. Schafer. The Social Costs of Displacement in Louisiana following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA. April 1-4, 2009
- Mark J. Schafer. Collaborating with Undergraduate Service-Learning Student-Tutors in Evaluation Research: Possibilities and Challenges. Gulf-South Summit on Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education. Baton Rouge, LA March 25-27, 2009.
- Mark J. Schafer and Matt Wilkinson. Should Dropouts Go Back to Obtain a High School Credential? Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Boston, MA August 1-5, 2008.
- Ashley Barras and Mark Schafer. Resilience to Depression in Louisiana FEMA Parks. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Boston, MA August 1-5, 2008.
- Joachim Singelmann and Mark J. Schafer. Dislocation and Depression: Social Consequences of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Annual meeting of the International Symposium for the Study of Resource Management. Park City, Utah, June 17-21, 2007.
- Mark J. Schafer. Disaster, Displacement, and Achievement: How the 2005 Hurricanes affected Schools and Students in Louisiana. Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Santa Clara, California August 2-4, 2007.
- Mark J. Schafer. "Spatial Differences in School Improvement in Louisiana: 2002-2005." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Louisville, Kentucky. August 10-13, 2006.

Mark J. Schafer. "Post-Hurricane Population Modeling in Louisiana." Southern Regional Science Association Annual Meeting. St. Augustine, Florida. March 30 – April 1, 2006.

Mark J. Schafer. "Options for High School Dropouts in Louisiana." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Tampa, Florida,, August 10-14, 2005

Mark J. Schafer. "Spatial Dynamics of High School Dropout in Rural Louisiana." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Sacramento, California. August 15 – 18, 2004.

Mark J. Schafer. "Mixed Family Response to State Fragility and Organizational Pluralism: Self Help in Malawi and Kenya." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA August 16 - 19, 2003.

Mark J. Schafer. "Why get a GED? Subsequent Education, Earnings, and Job Satisfaction among High School Dropouts." Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Montreal, Canada, July 27-30, 2003.

Mark J. Schafer. "Boolean, Qualitative Comparison and HLM Regression Analyses of Community-level contributions to education in rural Malawi and Kenya" Rural Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Albuquerque, NM August 14-18, 2001.

Mark J. Schafer. "The Limits and Possibilities of Microcredit: Poverty Alleviation and Local Development in Rural Malawi." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Atlanta Georgia, April 7, 2001.

Mark J. Schafer. "Families, Communities, and Schooling: A Comparative Study of Rural Malawi and Kenya." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Washington, D.C. August 2000.

Mark J. Schafer. "Non-governmental Organizations and Third World Education in 1990: A Cross National Study." American Sociological Association meetings, San Francisco, August 1998.

York Bradshaw and Mark J. Schafer. "Urbanization and Development: The Emergence of Non-government Organizations Amid Declining States." American Sociological Association meetings, Toronto, 1997.

Grants and Contracts

Co-Principal Investigator. 2026-2030. Collaborative Research: ERISE RII: Louisiana Quantum Information Sciences Center. \$3,500,000 total, \$410,000 for co-PI Schafer (PI Lu Peng. Not funded, resubmitted August 2025).

Co-Principal Investigator. 2024-2028. Interdisciplinary Program of Advancing Climate Extreme Resilience in Soybean (iPACERS). National Science Foundation. \$5,000,000 total. \$150,000 for co-PI Schafer (PI: Shahid Mukhtar. LSU AgCenter PI: Jong Ham)

Co-Principal Investigator. 2023-2027. Climate Resilient Innovations for Sustainable Production of Rice (CRISP-Rice). United States Department of Agriculture. \$10,000,000 total. \$250,000 for Co-PI Schafer (PI: Prasanta Subudhi).

Principal Investigator. 2022-2026. USDA Hatch Project LAB94588. “Technology and Change in Education and Research”.

Participant. 2018. Erasmus+ Professional Development and Training. Slovak University of Agriculture, Nitra Slovakia. \$3000.

Lead Instructor. 2018-2019. Teaching Evolution and Urban Poverty Through Audiovisual Presentation of Fieldwork: A View From Africa. \$300,000 requested from National Science Foundation Improving Undergraduate Science Education (IUSE) Program.

Co-Principal Investigator. 2018-2020. IR&E. Educating Louisiana’s Future: Boosting K-12 Instruction of Coastal Environments. Louisiana Sea Grant/National Sea Grant College Program. \$200,000. (PI: Jill Trepanier).

Principal Investigator. 2018-2022. Hatch Project LAB94194. “Understanding Connections and Change: Schools, Families, and Communities in Louisiana, the United States, and the World”.

Principal Investigator. 2015-2018. Borlaug Higher Education for Agricultural Research and Development (BHEARD) Program Scholarship. \$176,000.

Co-Principal Investigator, Social Knowledge and Preparedness for Ebola: A Comparative Study of the US, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, and Mali. National Science Foundation Rapid Response Grant. 2015. \$90,000.
(PI: Wesley Shrum. Co-PIs: Paige Miller, Wenda Bauschpies, Heather Rackin)

Principal Investigator. 2013 – 2017. Hatch Project LAB94194. “The Effects of Changes in the Education Policy Population Demographics, Industrial base, and Information and Communication Technology on Individuals and Communities”.

Co-Principal Investigator, Ethnic Groups and Enclaves Affected by OCS. U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement. 2010-2013. \$412,735.
(Co-Principal Investigators: Troy Blanchard, Helen Regis, Carolyn Ware, Diane Austin.)

Co-Principal Investigator. Collaborative Research: Research on Information and Communication Technologies in the Educational and Research Communities of Kenya, Ghana, and Kerala. \$571,869. 2010-2013.
(Co-Principal Investigators: Wesley Shrum, Beverly P. Miller, Paul N. Mbatia)

Principal Investigator. Improving Capacity for Institutional Analysis of the Oil and Gas Industry for the Gulf of Mexico Region. U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service. 2009-2011. \$404,553.

(Co-Principal Investigators: James M. Fannin, Troy Blanchard, Tim Slack)

Co-Principal Investigator. A Prospectus for Historical Social and Economic Analysis of the Oil and Gas Industry for the Gulf of Mexico Region. U.S. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service. 2010-2011. \$83,272.

(Principal Investigator: James M. Fannin. Co-Principal Investigators: Troy Blanchard and Tim Slack)

Principal Investigator. Louisiana FEMA Park Survey. Contract with the Louisiana Family Recovering Corps, Louisiana Department of Labor, and Louisiana Recovery Authority, State of Louisiana. 2007. \$56,000.

(Co-principal Investigator: Joachim Singelmann)

Co-Principal Investigator. Assessing Impact of OCS Activities on Public Infrastructure, Services, and Population in Coastal Communities Following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. 2007-2010. Department of the Interior, Minerals Management Service. \$422,000.

(Principal Investigator: Walter Keithly, Co-Principal Investigator: J Matthew Fannin)

Principal Investigator. Demographic and health shifts in hurricane affected parishes in Louisiana. Grant awarded through the Louisiana Recovery Authority, State of Louisiana. 2006 – 2008. \$28,000.

Best Graduate Student Paper. 1999. Sociology of Education Sub-Section of the American Sociological Association

Principal Investigator. Origins and Expansion of Education in Rural Malawi and Kenya. Collaborative Graduate-Undergraduate Research Fellowship. College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University. 1998-1999. \$2000.

Principal Investigator. Helping Ourselves: Community and Family Contributions to Education in Rural Malawi and Kenya. Comparative International Studies Fellowship Program. Department of Sociology, Indiana University. 1997-1998. \$10,000 plus tuition.

Principal Investigator. Community and Family Contributions to Basic Education in Rural Malawi and Kenya. Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship Program. 1996-1997. \$28,000.

Principal Investigator. Local State Capacity for and Commitment to Education: A Comparative Study of Rural Communities in Malawi and Kenya. Social Science Research Council International Pre-Dissertation Fellowship Program. 1994-1995. \$36,000.

Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship. Indiana University. \$8,000 plus fees for two semesters. 1992-1993 and 1993-1994,

TEACHING

Courses Taught

<u>Graduate</u>	Topical Seminars: Comparative International Development, Education and Inequality, Globalization; Methods: Fundamentals of Statistical Analysis, Proseminar in Sociology. Proseminar in Sociology II.
<u>Undergraduate</u>	Global Society, Sociology of Development, Introduction to Statistical Analysis, Social Change, Rural Sociology, Contemporary Africa, Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Education (Taught as both Service-Learning and Communication-Intensive Course), Current Social Problems (Service-Learning Option), and Race Relations (co-taught with Southern University, half of the students from LSU, half from Southern).

Graduate Students Advised

2023-	Chaebeen Yoon, Agricultural Economics, Committee Member
2023-2025	Oladayo Oluleye, Agricultural Economics, Committee Member
2023-	Naduni Jayasinghe , Sociology, Committee Member
2022-2025	Damon Ploger, AEEE, Minor Professor
2022-	Katherine Seals , Sociology, Major Professor
2021-2023	Teye Yivuyibor, Sociology, Committee Member
2021-	Nana Asiamah, Sociology, Committee Member
2021-2022	Shinjini Roy, Sociology, Committee Member
2019-2020	Jahaan Chandler, Sociology, Committee Member
2018-2020	James Jordan , Sociology, Masters Major Professor
2017-2021	Rakhe Balachandran, Ag Economics, Doctoral Committee Member
2018-2021	John Aggrey, Sociology, MA/PhD Committee Member
2015-2022	Sarah Kagoya, Agricultural Economics, Doctoral Committee Member
2015-2022	Wei-Cheng Chiu , Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Major Professor
2015-2022	Li-Yu Liao, Sociology, PhD Committee Member
2018-2020	Zackeus Johnson, Ed Leadership & Research, Dean's Representative
2017-2020	Vikash Dangal, Ag Economics, Doctoral Committee Member
2017-2018	Kwadro Poku-Agyemang, Agricultural Economics, MA Committee
2016-2020	Cihan Aydiner, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2015-2017	Alejandra Breva, Agricultural Economics, MA Committee Member
2015-2017	Vivek Gupta, Agricultural Economics, Doctoral Committee Member
2015-2017	Seydina Sene, Agricultural Economics, Doctoral Committee Member
2015-2016	Fydess Khundi, Agricultural Economics, Doctoral Co-Major Professor
2015-2018	Peter Kamau, Geography, Dean's Representative
2014-2018	Lester Archer, Educational Theory, Policy, & Practice, Dean's Rep.
2014-2015	Krishna Koirala, Agricultural Economics, Doctoral Committee Member
2014-2016	Deborah Williams, Agricultural Economics, Masters Committee Member
2014-2015	Hyunjeong Joo, Agricultural Economics, Doctoral Committee Member
2013-2020	Isaiah Cohen , Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Major Professor

2013-2017	Emily Blosser, PhD, Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Major Professor
2012-2014	Takea Vickers, Educational Theory, Policy, & Practice, Dean's Rep.
2011-2012	Danielle Thomas, Sociology, Masters Committee Member
2011-2019	Rose Kelley, Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Major Professor
2011-2018	Nile Patterson, PhD, Sociology, Doctoral Major Professor
2010-2016	Joe Cleary, Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Committee Member
2010-2016	Matthew LeBlanc, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2010-2016	Ya-Feng Lin, Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Committee Member
2010-2016	Luke Castle, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2009-2015	Don Asay, Sociology, Doctoral Major Professor
2009-2014	Brett Lehman, Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Committee Member
2009-2012	Drew Varnado, Agricultural Economics, Masters Committee Member
2008-2010	Jan Vincent, Sociology, Masters Committee Member
2008-2012	Aaryn Ward, Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Committee Member
2008-2011	Arun Andikari, Agricultural Economics, Doctoral Committee Member
2008-2011	John Barecca, Agricultural Economics, Doctoral Committee member
2007-2011	Chiung-Yin (Joy) Hu, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2007-2014	Ashley Barras, PhD, Sociology, Doctoral Major Professor
2007-2008	Maryam Teberestani, Agricultural Economics, MA Committee Member
2006-2011	Makiko Hori, Sociology, MA and Doctoral Committee Member
2006-2007	Hagi Bradley, Sociology, Masters Committee Member
2006-2008	Alexander Lu, Sociology, Masters Committee Member
2004-2009	Matt Wilkinson, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2003-2011	Meredith Anderson, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2003-2009	Paige Miller, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2003-2005	Lisa Romaneinko, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2002-2007	Ricardo Duque, Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Committee Member
2002-2006	Marcus Ynalvez, Sociology, Masters/Doctoral Committee Member
2002-2005	Theresa Davidson, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2002-2004	Gregory Hebert, Sociology, Masters Major Professor
2001-2003	Shemona Simpson, Sociology, Masters Major Professor
2001-2002	Carl Riden, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2000-2002	Patricia Campion, Sociology, Doctoral Committee Member
2000-2002	Veronica Aravena, Sociology, Masters Committee Member
2000-2001	Mark Jolly, Sociology, Masters Committee Member

Teaching Awards, Grants, and Fellowships

2019-	LSU Peace Corps Prep Program
2007-2008	Louisiana State University Service-Learning Faculty Scholar Program Award Winner.

Service-Learning

2007-Present Developed and teach service-learning courses in Sociology of Education and Current Social Problems. Community Partners are Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) and East Baton Rouge Parish Schools (Melrose, Dufrocq, and Buchanan Elementary Schools).

Study Abroad

2014 LSU in the Warm Heart of Africa: Malawi. Developed, directed, and taught both courses of a four-week summer study abroad program in Malawi. May 17-June 14, 2014.

Invited Class Lectures

2024 Louisiana Peace Corps Prep Program and Successful Peace Corps Service

2023 Louisiana Peace Corps Prep Program

2021- M.S. and Ph.D. Program in Agricultural Economics Departmental Orientation

2018- PhD Program in Sociology Departmental Orientation

2016 Ogden Honors College, West Laville Library. "Understanding Rural Louisiana: Diversity, Trends, and Challenges."

2007 Louisiana State University Department of Sociology, Rural Social Organization. "Rural Education in America"

2004 Louisiana State University, Department of Sociology. Proseminar in Sociology. "Grants for Graduate Students."

Louisiana State University, Department of Sociology. Demography. "Sustainable Development."

2002 Louisiana State University, Agricultural Center Cooperative Extension Workshop: "Economic Globalization and its Consequences for Louisiana Workforce."

2002 Louisiana State University, Veterinary School. "Conducting Survey Research Abroad: Practical and Cultural Considerations." Graduate Level Seminar.

2001 University of Nairobi, Kenya. Department of Sociology. "Survey Methods in Sociological Research." Graduate Seminar Series on Research Methods

1997 University of Nairobi, Kenya. Department of Sociology. "Family, Community, and School: Three Bricks of the educational Attainment "Fire". Graduate Seminar Series on Community

- 1996 Center for Social Research, University of Malawi, Zomba. “Household-Level Income Diversification and its Implications for Schooling in Malawi.” Seminar on Social Research
- 1995 University of Malawi. Department of Sociology. “What Are Malawian Communities Willing and Able to Contribute to Basic Education.” Undergraduate Course in Community.

SERVICE

Professional Service Roles

- 2023 - Present Member, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society
- 2000 - Present Member, Education and Work Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society
- 2001 - 2008 Chair, Education and Work Research Interest Group, Rural Sociological Society:
- 2009 – 2010 Program Chair, Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting
- 2007 – 2008 Member, Endowment Committee, Rural Sociological Society
- 2005 – 2010 Associate Editor, *Rural Sociology*
- 2001 – 2010 Member, Program Committee, Rural Sociological Society
- 1998 - Present Member: Sociology of Education and Political Economy of the World Systems subsections, American Sociological Association
- 1999 - Present Member, Southern Sociological Society
- 1996 - 2000 Member, African Studies Association

LSU AgCenter and Louisiana State University Service Roles

- 2024 – present Member, Council for Engagement and Success, LSU College of Agriculture and LSU AgCenter
- 2022 - 2024 Member, Council for Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, & Change, LSU College of Agriculture and LSU AgCenter
- 2021 – 2022 Co-chair, Search Committee for Assistant Professor of African Studies (in the new Department of African and African American Studies)
- 2020 – Present Faculty Member, Degree Requirements and Outcomes Working Group, Re-Envisioning Graduate Education and LSU Strategic Planning
- 2020 – 2020 Member, Search Committee for Assistant/Associate Vice-President for Diversity, Inclusion, and Opportunity, LSU AgCenter and College of Agriculture
- 2020 – 2022 Co-Chair, Council for Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, & Change, LSU College of Agriculture and LSU AgCenter

2019 – 2020	Member, Search Committee for Vice Provost & Dean of the LSU Graduate School
2018 – Present	Peace Corps Prep Coordinator
2018 – Present	Affiliate, International Studies Program
2018 – Present	Member, AgFaculty Council, LSU AgCenter and College of Agriculture
2017 – 2018	Member, Howard Hughes Medical Institute “Inclusive Excellence” (HHMI-IE) Leadership Team
2016 – Present	Affiliate, African and African American Studies Program
2012 – 2014	Service-Learning Designation Committee, Center for Community Engagement, Learning, and Leadership (C-CELL). Chair 2014-2015.
2002 – 2010	Affiliate, Population Data Center
2001 – 2003	College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Senate, LSU
2002 - 2004	Vision Louisiana Community and Economic Development Service Learning College, LSU
1999 - 2002	African and African American Studies Program, Steering Committee, 1999 - 2002, LSU
1997 - 1998	Member, Emerging Technologies Committee, African Studies Program, Indiana University
1996	Member, Executive Committee, African Studies Program, Indiana University.
1996	Member, Search Committee, Director of African Studies Program, Indiana University

Louisiana State University Department of Sociology Service Roles

2019 – Present	Member, Graduate Student Teaching Committee
2018 – Present	Director of Graduate Studies, Chair of the Graduate Committee
2013 – 2016	Graduate Committee
2013 – 2014	Undergraduate Committee
2013 – 2015	Internship Committee
2013 – 2014	Gemeinschaft Committee
2007 - 2009	Graduate Committee
2007 - 2009	Undergraduate Committee
2006 - 2007	Graduate Admissions and Assistantships Committee
2002 - 2003	Undergraduate Committee
2001 - 2002	Recruitment Committee, Undergraduate Committee
2000 - 2001	Recruitment Committee, Undergraduate Committee
1999 - 2000	Awards Committee

Department of Agricultural Economics Service Roles

2021 – Present	Director of Graduate Studies
2021 – 2022	Member of Search Committees for Assistant Professors (International Trade and Food Marketing)
2004 – Present	Member, Socio-Economic Stability ACE Group
2004 - Present	Member, Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives
2002-2004	Recruitment Committee, Director of Community & Economic Development in Oak Grove

2003-Present

Organizing Committee, Community and Rural Development Center

Reviewer (Peer-Reviewed Journals)

Africa Today, American Sociological Review, Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy, Review of Regional Science, Rural Sociology, Science Technology & Human Values, Social Forces, Sociological Perspectives, Social Science Research, Journal of Rural Social Sciences, The Sociological Quarterly,

Other Professional Activities

Panel Organizer

No Child Left Behind and Rural Schools. Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Sacramento, Ca. August 15-18, 2004.

Participant.

Policy Writing Workshop. Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Sacramento, Ca. August 15-18, 2004.

Workshop on No Child Left Behind. Subsection on Sociology of Education. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. San Francisco.

Workshop on Spatial Analysis in Social Sciences. Pre-conference workshop at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Atlanta, Georgia.

Data

Principal Investigator. Education Research utilizing Restricted-Use Data from National Center for Educational Statistics.

Principal Investigator. Education Research utilizing the Adolescent Health Restricted-Use survey from the University of North Carolina Population Data Center/ICPSR