

CURRICULUM VITA OF NORRIS G. LANG

I. Address: Department of Anthropology  
University of Houston  
Houston, Texas 77204-5882

Birthdate and place: October 22, 1938; Danville, Illinois

II. Academic Preparation

Exam passed and certification awarded at the A.C.P. level for the State of Texas. Exam passed July 15, 1995. Certification awarded July 27, 1995.

University of Houston, Houston, Texas, 1987-90  
Master's in Social Work (awarded May 12, 1990). Certification in state of Texas since October 31st, 1990.

University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 1961-69  
Ph.D. in Anthropology. Minor: Latin American Studies  
Subject of dissertation: The Social Organization of a Corporate Sugar Plantation in Coastal Ecuador.  
Major Advisor: Professor Joseph B. Casagrande

University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, 1957-60  
A.B. in Anthropology. Minors: Chemistry and Philosophy

Danville Junior College, Danville, Illinois, 1956-57

III. Teaching and Other Applicable Experience

Chair and associate professor of anthropology, University of Houston, Fall, 1992, to the present

Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Houston, 1990-present

Advanced Clinical Practitioner, Psychotherapist and clinical anthropologist, specializing in individuals who are HIV infected and/or substance abusers. Also unipolar and bipolar disorders. Primarily gay male clients. Client/family/culture centered psychotherapy. HIV support group available.

Consultant: Sociomedical Resource Associates, Inc., 181 Post Road West, Westport, CT. Michele, G. Shedlin, President. El Paso Division. 1991 - present. No remuneration. Provides technical assistance to local, national, international and university research and service programs in the areas of: maternal/child health; reproductive decision-making and health care; substance abuse; and HIV/AIDS. In addition, SRA, Inc. has provided both program evaluation and evaluation training to numerous programs and institutions.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Houston,  
1970-1990

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology, University  
of Houston, 1969-70

Instructor of Sociology and Anthropology, University of  
Houston, 1967-68

Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois, 1962-65

#### IV. Fellowships and Awards

**Award of Recognition and Appreciation For Service Excellence in the  
AIDS Field, 1998. From the Anthropology and AIDS Research Group,  
Society for Medical Anthropology.**

**Teaching Excellence Award, 1996, College of Social Sciences.**

University of Houston, Center for Public Policy, College of Social  
Sciences, Summer Stipend, 1989. "Amnesty and AIDS," A study of  
Hispanics, Immigration Policy, and AIDS.

University of Houston, Mortar Board Honor Society, Top  
Professor, 1987

University of Houston, College of Social Sciences, Center  
for Public Policy, Summer Grant, 1985

University of Houston, College of Social Sciences, Center for  
Public Policy, Seed Grant for support of AIDS project, 1984

University of Houston Enabling Grant, Spring 1977

University of Houston Research Grant, Office of International  
Affairs, University of Houston, October-November, 1971

University of Houston Faculty Research Grant, University of Houston,  
Summer, 1968

Elsie Clews Parsons Prize, American Ethnological Society, 1965

Pre-doctoral Training Fellowship and Research Grant,  
National Institute of Mental Health, 1965-67

University Fellowship, University of Illinois, Summer, 1965

Pearson-Meeks Scholarship, Danville Junior College, 1956-57

#### V. Field Work

Current:

## Cultural-psychological Aspects of Aids

## Proposed:

1. Ethics and AIDS (pilot study in progress). Health care professionals and ethical quandaries concerning euthanasia, mercy killing, and physician assisted suicide.
2. A study of Omega house: the cultural construction of AIDS, hospice and social networks.

## VI. Research Interests

AIDS Research: Lifestyles  
 Alcoholism and Drug Addiction  
 Medical Anthropology and Medical Subcultures  
 Methodology: combination of clinical psychometric scales with ethnography  
 AIDS, Hispanics, and Immigration  
 HIV/AIDS, the judicial system, and the Texas State Prison System, and the Harris County Sheriff's AIDS/HIV unit. Goal: to work on legal/medical/ethical issues relating to the American's with disabilities Act

## VII. Professional Organizations

American Anthropological Association, Fellow  
 AIDS and Anthropology Research Group, Society for Medical Anthropology  
 Society for Medical Anthropology  
 Psychological Anthropology Association  
 National Association of Social Work  
 Society for Applied Anthropology, Fellow  
 Anthropology and Bioethics  
 SOLGA (GALA), Society for Lesbian and Gay Anthropologists, Co-Chair 1993-1995.

## VIII. Publications

- 1965            Stratification and Industrialization on an Ecuadorean Sugar Plantation. In Proceedings, American Ethnological Society. Seattle, University of Washington Press. Pp. 136-139.
- 1969            Political Instability: The Banking Elite of Coastal Ecuador. In Proceedings, Series, Contemporary Latin America, Volume II. Houston, Office of International Affairs, University of Houston. Pp. 17-23.
- 1977            Transplanted Technicians: Americans on an Ecuadorean Sugar Plantation. In Ethnic

- Encounters. Philip E. Leis and George L. Hicks (eds), pp. 103-118. Duxbury Publishing Company.
- 1986 (co-authored with Joseph A. Kotarba)  
Gay Lifestyle Change since Aids as Preventative Health Care. In The Social Dimensions of Aids: Method and Theory. Tom Johnson and Douglas Feldman (eds), pp. 127-143. Praeger Publishing Company.
- 1986 AIDS: Biocultural Issues - The Role of Medical Anthropology. In Medical Anthropology Quarterly. 17, No. 2: 35-36.
- 1988 AIDS, Self-Esteem, and Homophobia. In Society of Lesbian and Gay Anthropology Newsletter, 10 (1). 12-15.
- 1988 Review. AIDS and the Law, A Guide for the Public. Harlon L. Dalton, Scott Burris, and the Yale AIDS Law Project (eds). Yale University Press, 1987. In Social Science Quarterly. Pp. 776-777.
- 1989 AIDS, Gays, and the Ballot Box: The Politics of Disease in Houston, Texas. In Medical Anthropology. Special Issue, contribution by invitation and review only. Ralph Bolton (ed), The AIDS Pandemic: A Global Emergency. 10(2-3): 203-209.
- Reprinted as a separate publication by Gordon, Breach, and Company, 1989.
- 1990 AIDS and the Gay Community in Texas. In Douglas A. Feldman (ed), Current Directions in Anthropological Research on AIDS, A Special Publication of the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group, Society for Medical Anthropology. AARG Special Publication #1. Pp. 9-11.
- 1990 Sex, Politics, and Guilt: A Study of Homophobia and the AIDS phenomenon. In Culture and AIDS, Douglas Feldman (ed). Praeger Publishing Company. Pp. 169-182.
- 1990 Review article. Elizabeth Fee and Daniel M. Fox (eds). AIDS, The Burdens of History. Berkeley, University of California Press. In Medical Anthropological Quarterly. New Series, 4(2):228-230.
- 1990 AIDS on the Planet: The Plural Voices of Anthropology. Commentaries by members of the AIDS Task Force, AAA. AIDS, Hispanics, and Amnesty. Norris G. Lang In Anthropology Today. By invitation only. 6(3):12.
- 1991 Stigma, Self-Esteem and Depression: Psycho-social Responses to Risk of AIDS. Human Organization, Spring, 50(1):66-72.

- 1991            Difficult Decisions: Ethics and AIDS. In The Journal of Sex Research, May, 28(2):249-262. By invitation and peer review only.
- 1992            Book review. Perspectives on AIDS, ethical and social issues. Archives of Sexual Behavior.
- 1994            AIDS, Amnesty, and Hispanics: Public Health Concern versus Hidden Agendas. Special publication on Global AIDS Policies (Douglas A. Feldman, Ed). Gordon Breach Publishers, Inc. Published in November, 1994, pp. 61 - 69.
- 1998            Metaphors and Fault Lines for HIV/AIDS: Case Studies of Haiti and Uganda. A book review article commissioned by the Journal of Anthropological Reviews comparing two volumes, one by Paul Farmer, *AIDS and Accusation in Haiti*, the other by Tony Barnett and Piers Blaikie, *AIDS in Africa: Its Present and Future Impact*, Routledge, Kegan Press.
- 2003            Once Upon a Time in Ecuador, Winter, *Practicing Anthropology*.

IX.      Papers Presented at Professional Meetings

- 1965            Stratification and Industrialization on an Ecuadorean Sugar Plantation. Annual meetings of the American Ethnological Society, Spring, Lexington, Kentucky.
- 1969            Political Brokers and Instability: Unions in Ecuador. Annual meetings of the Northeastern Anthropological Association, April 27, Providence, Rhode Island.
- 1969            Political Brokers and Political Competence Versus Entrepreneurs and Technical Competence. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association. November 21, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 1970            Industrial Images: A Study in Diversity. Annual meetings of the Northwestern Anthropological Association, May 7, Ottawa, Canada.
- 1971            Transplanted Technicians: Americans on an Ecuadorean Sugar Plantation. Annual meetings of the Southwestern Anthropological Association, April 29, Tucson, Arizona.
- 1977            Personal Politics in the Ecuadorean Sugar Industry. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, December 3, 1977, Houston, Texas.
- 1984            From Lifestyle to Minority: The Remedicalization of Homosexuality Since Aids. (co-authored with Joseph

- A. Kotarba) Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, November 17, 1984, Denver, Colorado.
- 1985 Homophobia and AIDS. Annual Meeting of Southwestern Social Science Association, March, 1985, Houston, Texas.
- 1985 Gays, AIDS, and the Ballot Box: A Study in the Politics of Disease. Annual Meetings of Southwestern Social Science Association, March, 1985, Houston, Texas.
- 1985 The Health Care Politics of AIDS. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. December 6, 1985. Washington, D.C.
- 1987 From Ethnographer to Clinical Anthropologist: The Study of AIDS in Houston. Conference on Theoretical Issues in AIDS Social Research, Implications for the Future. Minneapolis, Minnesota, October 25-28, 1987. Sponsored by the Minnesota Institute of Family Dynamics, AIDS Center for Queens County, NY, and the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research.
- 1987 Self-Esteem, AIDS, and Homophobia. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. December 1987. Chicago, Illinois.
- 1988 Social Work and Anthropology: the Study of AIDS in Houston. Panel presentation. Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. April, Tampa, Florida.
- 1988 Psycho-social Aspects of Persons with AIDS. Annual Meetings of Southwestern Social Science Association. March 26, Houston, Texas.
- 1988 Difficult Decisions and Cruel Choices: Ethics and Health Care Delivery to Persons with AIDS. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. November, Phoenix, Arizona.
- 1989 The Role of the Ethnographer in AIDS Research. Annual Meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology. April 1989
- 1989 Discussant for panel on AIDS, IV Drug Use, and Street Ethnography. American Anthropological Association Annual Meetings. November. Washington, D.C.
- 1990 AIDS, Amnesty, and Hispanics: Immigration Law. Invited Session on Global AIDS Policies. Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 28-Dec. 2.

- 1990 Organizer and Chair. Symposium entitled "Sex Research and AIDS Prevention: Cross-Cultural Perspectives." Annual meetings of the American Anthropological Association, New Orleans, LA, November 28-Dec. 2, 1990.
- 1991 Discussant. The Anthropology of HIV+ women and children in the United States. CDC conference, Atlanta, GA., October, 1991. By invitation only.
- 1991 Co-Chair, Symposium on AIDS in the United States (the impact on gay men). CDC conference, Atlanta, GA, October.
- 1991 Discussant. The social impact of AIDS. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 1991 Invited discussant. Beyond the Lavendar Lexicon. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 1992 Invited presenter and participant in a conference on "Culture, Sexual Behavior, and AIDS." University of Amsterdam, July 24-26.
- 1992 In the Company of Gay Men: The Demise of Objectivity. In symposium entitled Too Close for Comfort: Self and Other in the Ethnography of AIDS. Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association, San Francisco, CA, December.
- 1992 Organizer. Invited poster session on AIDS and Anthropology, Society for Medical Anthropology. Annual meetings of the AAA, San Francisco, December.
- 1992 Facilitated a support group for HIV positive persons attending the meeting. Also, facilitated the memorial service for those anthropologists and others who have died from HIV/AIDS. San Francisco, CA.
- 1993 Raul's Odyssey: the intersection between culture and personality. Compulsive behavior and cultural shaping new ways to describe very old problems. In an invited symposium on Public Sex, chaired by William Leap. Amer. Anth. Assoc. annual meeting, Washington, DC.
- Facilitated support group for HIV+ individuals. Group sponsored by AARG. Washington, DC. AAA annual meeting.
- 1994 Co-Chair, SOLGA. Annual meeting, American Anthropological Association. Atlanta, Georgia. Facilitated support group for HIV+ individuals.
- 1995 Chaired the business meeting for SOLGA, Washington, D.C., at the annual meetings of the AAA. Facilitated HIV+ support group.

- 1995 Panelist (invited) on the subject of assisted suicide. Sponsored and organized by the ACLU. October. Houston, TX.
- 1996 Panelist and committee member for a workshop entitled Gaining Cultural Competency. Sponsored jointly by the Mental Health Association of Houston and the State Chapter of NASW. February 9, 1996. Spring Shadows Glen Psychiatric Hospital, Houston, Texas.
- 1996 Facilitated HIV+ support group. AAA annual meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 1997 Presenter of a series of lectures on Gay Male Culture and on Substance Abuse Cultural Elements. Funded by the Ryan White Committee, Houston.
- 1997 Facilitated HIV+ support group, Washington, DC. American Anthropological Association annual meeting.
- 1998 Facilitated HIV+ support group, Philadelphia, PA. American Anthropological Association annual meeting.
- 2000 Social Work and Anthropology. *In Anthropology at the Crossroads*. Meetings of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, IL. November 15 - 19.
- 2001 Discussant. Montreal, Canada.
- 2002 History, Homophobia, and Public Relations. Gay Politics. New Orleans, LA.
- 2003 History, Homophobia, and Houston. Special presentation for the Department of Anthropology. American University. May.
- 2004 Invited discussant for AIDS session at the 2004 Society for Applied Anthropology, Dallas, Texas. HIV/AIDS in the Southern Region of the United States: the Impending Crisis.
- 2004 Invited participant in a roundtable discussion on issues in HIV/AIDS. Annual meetings of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Dallas, TX.
- 2005 Invited Discussant in a symposium on HIV and Circumcision. Santa Fe, New Mexico, April.

X Courses Prepared to Teach

Introduction to Anthropology.  
 Introduction to Cultural Anthropology  
 Culture and Personality (Psychological Anthropology)  
 Theories of Culture (History of Ethnological Theory)  
 Economic Anthropology  
 Graduate Seminar in Ethnology  
 Graduate Seminar in Anthropological Theory



Sex and Culture  
 Clinical Anthropology  
 The Individual and Society  
 Field Work Seminar  
 Ethnographic Analysis: graduate seminar  
 Applied Anthropology  
 AIDS and Anthropology (course materials in preparation): courses at  
 both graduate and undergraduate levels  
 The cultural construction of HIV.  
 The Anthropology of Film

XI. National Professional Society, Department, College, University and  
 Community Service

A. National Professional Society Activities.

1. Member, Steering Committee, AIDS and Anthropology Research  
 Group. Society for Medical Anthropology. 1987-present. Co  
 -editor, Newsletter, Senior Co-chair, 1990-1991. Associate  
 Editor, AARG Bulletin, 1991-present. Chair-elect,  
 1992, Chair, 1993.
2. Member, Task Force on AIDS, American Anthropological  
 Association. 1988-91. Attend meetings twice per year.
3. Reviewer, Research proposals, Wenner-Gren Foundation, 1988-89  
 Reviewer, Research proposals, NSF, 1992.
4. Reviewer for various national journals  
  
 Reviewer, manuscripts on AIDS, American Anthropologist,  
 Reviewer for article for special issue on AIDS and  
 anthropology, Medical Anthropology.  
 Reviewer for articles in Human Organization.  
 Reviewer for articles in Medical Anthropology Quarterly.  
 Reviewer for articles in Medical Anthropology.  
 Reviewer for articles in Social Science and Medicine.
5. Co-Chair (Senior), SOLGA and/or GALA, national level office.

B. Departmental

1. Graduate Advisor, 1983-1988.
2. Member, Ad hoc committee, Revision of Master of Arts Program
3. Member, Ad hoc committee, Anthropology Undergraduate  
 curriculum revision
4. Presenter of courses to the College of Education, UH, that  
 will serve to satisfy doctoral requirements for research.
5. Thesis chair of MA students working in HIV related research  
 areas: Donna Rochon (AIDS and the press, an interpretive  
 study) completed; Jane Segal (AIDS and alternative healing)  
 completed; Jennifer Cordova (AIDS and Hispanics--AVES). Chair  
 of other thesis committees in cultural anthropology: Terri  
 O'Connell (Women in recovery) completed; Julio Gonzalez

(Hispanics in recovery) completed; Joyce Meadows-Holman (Women's movement) completed; Cheryl Wright (An ethnography of descendants of the Levi Jordan Plantation, Brazoria County) completed; Dian Syamsir (The impact of American culture on Indonesian students in American Universities) completed; Richard Williams (the impact of television on children's behavior). Steven McBay (Practicum with Family Service Center).

6. Supervisor of HIV interns for community organizations in Houston, Texas.
7. Departmental "ombudsman."
8. Chair, Department of Anthropology, 1992-present. Elected to a second term (1995-1997). A third term (1998 - 2000).
9. Field faculty of Social Work graduate student, an intern at the Center for AIDS, GSSW at UH.

#### C. College

Member, Center for Public Policy representative to a subcommittee of the Harris County/Houston Panel on AIDS, 1988. The purpose of the subcommittee was to organize and present a one-and-a-half day educational symposium for CEOs of private philanthropic institutions concerning the extent of financial need of HIV service organizations in Houston and in Texas. Speakers from federal, state, and local organizations were featured, and workshops dealing with specific relevant issues were included. The underlying objective was to invite financial support for such organizations and efforts.

#### D. University

Reviewer, University Grants

UH Delegate to Texas AIDS Consortium, appointed by the Senior Vice President.

Member, review panel on HIV and peer counseling in UH dorms.

Member, Council of Chairs, University of Houston

#### E. Community

1. President (1991-1992, Board of Directors) and member, Board of Directors and Executive committee, Body Positive, Houston. 1989-1992. Committees: buddy training, and chair of the peer counseling committee (1990-1991). Team leader for buddies working with HIV infected individuals. Psychotherapist and supervisor of co-facilitators for Body Positive peer counseling groups. Co-facilitator of peer counseling pilot groups for HIV+ women and another for gay men with AIDS.
2. Volunteer, AIDS Foundation of Houston. Park Plaza Hospital team. 1988.
3. Member, board of directors, AIDS Foundation, Houston.

1985-86.

4. Speaker, Houston AIDS Speaker's Bureau. Voluntary.
5. Member, board of directors, Montrose Guest Recovery House (a half-way house for alcoholics and drug addicts). Voluntary. 1983-84.
6. Periodic guest lecturer (topic - Anthropology and AIDS), UT School of Public Health; (topic - Culture and Civilization in Latin America), University of St. Thomas.
7. Persons with AIDS Coalition Houston (PWACH). Member, executive committee of the board of directors, director of recruitment for new members and liaison between the board of directors and case managers, 1994-95.
8. Center for AIDS, Advisory Board Member, 1995 - 2004, Houston.

### XII. References

Kenneth Brown, Professor, Department of Anthropology,  
University of Houston, Houston, Texas 77004

Michael H. Agar, Professor, Department of Anthropology,  
University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742

Ralph Bolton, Professor of Anthropology, Department of Sociology and  
Anthropology, Pomona College, Claremont, CA 91711

Understanding the factors affecting disease progression can aid treatment commencement and therapeutic monitoring decisions. An example of this is the clear utility of CD4+ T-cell count and HIV-RNA for disease stage and progression assessment. Elements of the immune response such as the diversity of HIV-specific cytotoxic lymphocyte responses and cell-surface CD38 expression correlate significantly with the control of viral replication. Another virological factor, drug resistance, is becoming a growing problem around the globe and monitoring must play a part in the surveillance and control of the epidemic worldwide. The links between chemokine receptor tropism and rate of disease progression remain uncertain and the clinical utility of monitoring viral strain is yet to be determined.

Outstanding Doctoral Research Awards – Recognition for the best research. Case Writing Competition – Rewarding innovative cases. Global Marketing Competition – International gaming experience. The EFMD Excellence in Practice (EiP) Awards recognise outstanding and impactful client-supplier partnerships in the domains of Leadership, Professional, Talent and Organisational Development. The winning cases are showcased during EFMD Executive Development Conferences. Robust learning community. By participating in the EiP award programme, you get a chance to join an outstanding list of companies, business schools and providers. More than 300 cases have been reviewed so far by an international judging panel. Team-work experience. Many societies have origins myths, and for anthropologists, studying ourselves is like writing the story of our origins. Cultural Anthropology. Cultural anthropology deals with the origins, history, and development of human culture. Cultural anthropologists often, although not always, tend to study groups that have different goals, values, views of reality, and environmental adaptations that are very different from those of themselves. Much of anthropological theory has been motivated by an appreciation of and interest in the tension between the local (particular cultures) and the global (a universal human nature or the web of connections between people in distant places). This allows us to develop a concept of human nature very different from the research other disciplines provide. In 1999-2000 he received an Award of Recognition and Appreciation for Service Excellence in the AIDS field from the Anthropology and AIDS Research Group, Society for Medical Anthropology. This award has only been presented twice in the history of the AIDS and Anthropology Research Group. He has considerable experience in facilitating support groups for those individuals impacted by HIV. Earlier in the epidemic, he was past president of Body Positive Houston, a community based organization, providing social services to HIV+ persons, including peer counseling groups and a buddy program, both of which he helped to develop.