

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Mississippi State University (1998), Sociology

Dissertation: *Rural Community Leadership Structures in Two Delta Communities.*

M.A. University of Mississippi (1994), Sociology

Thesis: *The Growth of the Furniture Industry in Northeast Mississippi from 1948 to 1994: A Social Structural Analysis.*

B.A.E. University of Mississippi (1992), Secondary Social Studies Education

Continuing Education

Leadership Training, Harvard Kennedy School: Leadership for the 21st Century: Delta Leadership Institute (2014).

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

University of Mississippi (2012-Present)

Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Mississippi (2012-Present)

Director, McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement, University of Mississippi (2012-Present)

Delta State University (1997-2012)

Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, Delta State University (2009-2012)

Chair, Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University (1998-2009)

Professor of Sociology and Community Development, Division of Social Sciences, Delta State University (2007-2012), Associate Professor (1999-2007)

Assistant Professor of Social Science Education and Sociology, Delta State University (1997-1999)

Mississippi State University (1994-1997)

Research Assistant, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University (1996-1997)

Survey Research Unit Supervisor, Social Science Research Center, Mississippi State University (1994-1996)

University of Mississippi (1992-1994; 1997)

Adjunct Instructor of Sociology, University of Mississippi (Spring 1997)

Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Mississippi (1992-1994)

Interim Administrative Service

Interim Director, Coahoma County Higher Education Center, Delta State University (Summer 2010)

Acting Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, Delta State University (Summer 2008)

Acting Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, Delta State University (Summer 2006)

Acting Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, Delta State University (Summer 2004)

AREAS OF RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTEREST

Higher Education Leadership and Community Engagement, Sociology of Community Leadership, Sociology of Education, and Sociology of Poverty.

KEY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

2012-Present: Director of the McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement, the University of Mississippi. The McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement advances transformative service throughout the University and fights poverty through education in Mississippi. The Institute supports the increase of service-learning courses, community-based research activities, and community development and social entrepreneurship projects.

Responsibilities include:

- Managing an approximately million dollar budget for the McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement. Provide direction for the University's "Transformation through Service" efforts, a key priority in the University's Strategic plan (UM 2020).
- Leading Fundraising Efforts to Institutionalize Community Engagement at the University and Fight Poverty through Education in Mississippi. More than \$3,000,000 in funds have been raised to implement McLean's mission from 2012-2016.
- Institutionalizing Community Engagement: Chair, Council on Community Engagement (COCE). Meeting monthly COCE represents each school and college on campus. The work of the council has been to support and facilitate the goals and initiatives associated with the UM's priority of excellence, "Transformation through Service."
- Leading the Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Program (CEED). This is an approximately \$1.6 million grant through the Robert M. Hearin Foundation. Each year students are funded to stimulate community and economic development by supporting collaboration on business and economic development goals between University students and Mississippi communities.
- Directing the Horizons Summer Learning Program, Co-Executive Director. The Horizons Summer Learning program is an intensive summer enrichment program for rising first graders through ninth graders.

- Supervised and coordinated The Delta Regional Authority's Delta Leadership Institute (DLI), Principal Investigator. Grant funded for \$917,400 in partnership with the Delta Center for Economic Development at Arkansas State University, and the Social Science Research Lab at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

2009-2012: Dean of Graduate Studies and Continuing Education, Delta State University (DSU), Cleveland, Mississippi.

Responsibilities included:

- Effectively and efficiently managed a multi-million dollar budget for Graduate Studies and Continuing Education. Provided oversight for all aspects of graduate admissions, curricula for 12 master's level programs and a doctoral program serving more than 1000 students. Increased DSU's graduate enrollment for three consecutive years.
- Coordinated and developed new graduate degree programs with the academic Deans. The following programs were developed: Master of Applied Science in Geospatial Information Technologies, Master of Science in Sport and Human Performance, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS), and the planning of a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).
- Supervised all continuing education projects, including reviewing all online courses and programs, all non-credit activities, all distance education programs and facilities, and all camps at Delta State University.
- Worked to internationalize the DSU campus by restructuring the international students program, completing surveys and analyzing data related to improving programmatic deliveries among graduate students. Visited China to recruit graduate students over a two-week period in the summer of 2011. Presented a report to Academic Council in September 2011 to create an International Office and Study Abroad program.
- Sourced \$200,000 from 2009-2012 to fund graduate scholarships in the Colleges of Business, Education and Arts & Sciences. Managed a \$500,000 Graduate Assistantship (GA) Budget and GA assignments.
- Chaired the Delta State University Institutional Review Board (IRB).

1998-2009: Chair, Division of Social Sciences Delta State University, Cleveland, Mississippi.

Responsibilities included:

- Effectively and efficiently managed the Division of Social Sciences (Annual budgets of \$700,000 to \$800,000). The Division housed seven degree programs, with 300-350 majors, 14-full-time faculty members, and ten adjunct faculty members.
- Supported the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences to implement unit goals for Academic Affairs, including faculty tenure and promotion, hiring of new faculty, instruction and research, global education, and faculty senate relations. Reviewed credentials for new faculty hires and teaching load for all faculty members. Worked to ensure diversity in applicant pools for new positions. Provided support for the reorganization and realignment

of the Arts & Sciences unit, and served as a member for a successful search for the dean of the college.

- Hired high quality faculty to improve the level of teaching and scholarship in the Division. Decidedly made efforts to facilitate diversity in hiring, retaining, and promoting faculty in the Division, and influenced senior administrators at DSU to support multiculturalism and diversity engagements in the Division.
- Sourced over \$1 million dollars during my tenure as chair to fund scholarships, research, tuition, academic travels overseas for graduate students in the Division. To engage the local population, some funds were allocated to building bridges between the classroom, the workplace, and the community.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Professor, the University of Mississippi, University, MS, 2012-Present
- Professor, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, 2007-2012
- Associate Professor, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, 1999-2007
- Assistant Professor, Delta State University, Cleveland, MS, 1997-1999

Teaching

Courses taught at the University of Mississippi

- Sociology of Education
- Social Issues in the MS Delta and Experiential Spring Break.
- Introduction to Sociology, including a Service-Learning component

CEED Graduate and Undergraduate Supervision

Direct 15 Graduate Innovation Fellows and 32 undergraduate scholars with the Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (CEED) Project.

Chair, Senior Honors Thesis

- Chair, Senior Honors Thesis, Samuel Russell, Undergraduate Business Major (2014-2016): *Mississippi Delta Revitalization Through Tourism: An Examination of Community-Campus Partnerships for Economic Development*. Defended April 2016.
- Chair, Student Senior Honors Thesis, Elena Kozeilski, Undergraduate Business Major (2016-2017): *"An Evaluation of the Social Psychological Factors Impacting Workforce Development Programs."* Will defend in May 2017.
- Chair, Student Senior Honors Thesis, Holly Pitts, Undergraduate Engineering Major (2015-2017): *"Lack of Asset Building in the MS Delta: Is Tourism Part of the Answer."* Will defend in December 2017.
- Chair, Student Senior Honors Thesis, Henry Lang-VanDerLaan, Undergraduate Public Policy Major (2015-2017): *"Policy and Funding Impacts on the Boys and Girls Clubs Success in Closing the Achievement Gap for Low-income Students."* Will defend in May 2017.

Delta State University

Courses Taught at Delta State:

- Community Development Research Methods, Community Development, Leadership Development, Quantitative Reasoning, Social Theory, Social Problems, Sociology of Education, Sociology of China, Sociology of Sport, Racial and Cultural Minorities,

Educational Secondary Social Studies Methods, Social Science Research Methods, Criminal Justice Ethics, Criminal Justice Seminar, Internet Surveillance in Criminal Justice, Special Topics in Sociology & Criminal Justice, and Criminology.

- Directed numerous student internships and served on numerous thesis and dissertation committees at Delta State University.

PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES, MONOGRAPHS, AND REPORTS

- Laura Martin and Albert Nylander. 2015. "Transformation through Service: Service-Learning and Community Engagement at the University of Mississippi." Internal publication, McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement.
http://issuu.com/mcleaninstitute/docs/transformation_through_service_2011d055a6a08a638
- Stovall, Josh, Albert Nylander, Ralph Brown, and Jerry Robinson. 2010. "The Role of Local Organizations and Leaders in Community Development," in *The Theory and Practice of Community Development*, Edited by Jerry W. Robinson, Jr., and Gary Paul Green.
- Stovall, Josh, Albert Nylander, Ralph Brown, and Jerry Robinson. 2010. "Online Learning Module for The Role of Local Organizations and Leaders in Community Development," in *The Theory and Practice of Community Development*.
<http://www.sagepub.com/robinson/study/chapters/LearningModule/Chapter09.pdf>
- Green, John, Katie Kerstetter & Albert Nylander. 2008. "Socioeconomic Resources and Self-Rated Health: A Study in the Mississippi Delta." *Sociological Spectrum* 28(2): 194-212.
- Kleiner, Anna, John Green & Albert Nylander. 2007. "A Community Study of Disaster Impacts and Redevelopment Issues Facing East Biloxi, Mississippi." In *The Sociology of Katrina: Perspectives on a Modern Catastrophe*. Edited by D. Brumsa, S. Overfelt and S. Picou. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.
- Green, John. J. and Albert Nylander. 2006. "A Community Based Framework for Understanding Problems and Exploring Alternatives: Connecting Underemployment, Poverty and Access to Health Care in the Mississippi Delta." Rural Poverty Research Center.
- Nylander, Albert B. & Ralph Brown. 2004. "Familial Networks and Regional Entrepreneurs in Northeast Mississippi's Upholstered Furniture Industry." *The Journal of the Community Development Society*. 35 (1) 135-148.
- Brown, Ralph B., Albert B. Nylander, III, Brayden G. King, and Benjamin J. Lough. 2000. "Growth Machines and Community Development in Two Racially Diverse Rural Mississippi Delta Communities: A Monolithic Approach in a Complex Region." *The Journal of the Community Development Society*. 31 (2) 173-195.
- Nylander, Albert B. III. 2000. "Graduate Student Experiences at the Social Science Research Center." Book chapter in *Social Science Research Center: Celebrating 50 Years of Excellence*.

Brown, Ralph B., and Albert B. Nylander, III. 1998. "A Community Leadership Structure: Differences Between Rural Community Leaders' and Residents' Informational Networks." *The Journal of the Community Development Society* (29):72-89.

Brown, Ralph B., Xiaohe Xu, John F. Toth, Jr. and Albert B. Nylander, III. 1998. "Historical Decline of Community Satisfaction in U.S. Rural Communities: A Multi-Regional Analysis of Synthetic Cohorts." *JAI Press Inc.* (8):183-199.

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

(SELECTED)

- **2014-2018-** \$1,599,000. Principal Investigator. The Robert M. Hearin Foundation grant. "Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (CEED)," in Mississippi.
- **2016-2017-** \$584,128. Principal Investigator. Grant funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service AmeriCorps VISTA program. CNCS will provide sponsorship for up to 26 AmeriCorps VISTA members to fight poverty through education.
- **2016-2017-** \$100,000. Rebel Well Grant funded through Blue Cross Blue Shield. This is a larger grant to the University of Mississippi of more than \$500,000. McLean's responsibility is to implement the community health components with K-12 Education system.
- **2016-2017-** \$172,200. Fundraising support on behalf of donors and advisory board for the McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement.
- **2014-2015-** \$150,000. Fundraising support on behalf of donors and advisory board for the McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement.
- **2013-2014-** \$917,000. Principal Investigator. Delta Leadership Institute from Delta Regional Authority, the University of Mississippi.
- **2013-2014-** \$150,000. Fundraising support on behalf of donors and advisory board for the McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement.
- **2012-2013 -** \$65,000. Anonymous gift for the McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement and its work in the North Panola School District.
- **2010-2012 -** \$200,000. Received a grant from The Robert M. Hearin Foundation to support graduate students in the areas of Community and Economic Development, Business, and Counseling at Delta State University.
- **2007-2010:** \$300,000. Received a grant from The Robert M. Hearin Foundation to support graduate students in the Community Development program.
- **2005-2007:** \$200,000. Received a grant from The Robert M. Hearin Foundation to support graduate students in the Community Development program.
- **2002-2005:** \$300,000. Received a grant from The Robert M. Hearin Foundation to support graduate students in the Community Development program.
- **2002-2003:** \$225,000. Business Retention and Expansion, Delta Regional Authority.
- **2001-2002:** \$100,000. Principal Investigator. "The Yazoo City School-to-Work Outreach Project: Building Bridges between the Classroom, the Workplace, and the Community." Secured \$100,000, in collaboration with the Federal Correction Facility in Yazoo City.
- **1999-2002:** \$135,000. Graduate Fellows in Community Development at Delta State University, the Robert M. Hearin Foundation.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

(SELECTED 2009 - PRESENT)

- Nylander, Albert. 2016. (panel presentation with Leslie Hossfeld, David May, and Stacy Haynes—Mississippi State University, and John Green and Jeffrey Jackson—University of Mississippi). "Mississippi Caucus: Sociology in the Deep South." Panel presentation at the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Mid-South Sociological Association, Charleston, South Carolina, October 12-15, 2016.
- Nylander, Albert (panel presentation with Leslie Hossfeld and Arthur Cosby—Mississippi State University, and Kirsten Dellinger and John Green—University of Mississippi). "The State of Sociology in Mississippi: Some viewpoints from MS Chairs and Directors." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the 47th Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Jackson, Mississippi.
- Nylander, Albert. 2015. "Windows to the World: A Panel on Ralph Brown's Contributions to Sociology of Community." Paper presented at the 78th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Madison, Wisconsin, August 6-9, 2015.
- Nylander, Albert, Laura Martin, Emma Tkachuck, Judy Sinewell (Community Partner), and Madison Gable (University Student). 2015. "McLean Mentors: Bridging Campus and Community in Rural Mississippi." Panel presentation at the 2015 Gulf-South Summit, "Service-Learning and Civic Engagement through Higher Education," March 11-13, 2015 at the University of Arkansas, Clinton School of Public Service, Little Rock, AR.
- Meikle, Paulette and Albert Nylander. 2014. "Community Engagement among College Students: Some Success Parameters." Presentation for the 2014 Engagement Scholarship Consortium, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, October 7-8, 2014.
- Nylander, Albert (with Cade Smith, Meggan Franks, Brianna Bajus, Ryan Parsons, and Jason Ward—Mississippi State University). 2014. "Bringing History to Life: Living History and Growing Civic Competency in the Mississippi Delta." Paper presented at the 2014 Gulf-South Summit, "Creating Capacity Collaboratively: Connecting Learning and Civic Outcomes," March 26-28, 2014 at Auburn University, Auburn, AL.
- Nylander, Albert. 2013. "Understanding Poverty in the Delta Region." Presentation for the 2013 Delta Leadership Institute, Delta Regional Authority, Oxford, MS, November 4-7.
- Nylander, Albert, Paulette Meikle, and Laura Martin. 2013. "1:1 Fund Collegiate Campaign to Promote College Savings." Presentation for the 2013 Engagement Scholarship Consortium, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, October 8-9, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert, Josh Duplantis, and Cade Smith. 2013. "Understanding a Continuum of Partnership Arrangements between Mississippi Delta Communities and Universities." A Panel Discussion at the Delta Directions 2013 Conference, Coahoma County Higher Education Center, Clarksdale, MS, July 31, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert, Joshua Duplantis, and Cade Smith. 2013. "Panel for Engaging Students in Service." Presentation for 2013 Positioned for Progress Conference, Economic Impact through Community Engagement, Jackson Convention Complex, Jackson, MS, May 6-7, 2013.

- Nylander, Albert. 2013. "Big Picture Panel on Regional Community and Economic Development." Presentation for the Delta Grassroots Caucus in Little Rock, AR., the Clinton Presidential Center, May 3 - 5, 2013.
- Parsons, Ryan and Albert Nylander. 2013. "Closing the Achievement Gap in the Mississippi Delta Schools: Voices from Teach For America Corps Members in the MS Delta Region." Paper presentation at the 44th Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association, Auburn University at Montgomery, Montgomery, AL, February 21-22, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert. 2012. "Big Picture Panel on Regional Community and Economic Development." Presentation for the Delta Grassroots Caucus in West Memphis, AR., Mid-South Community College, October 23-24.
- Green, John J., and Albert Nylander. 2012. "Developing and Managing Community-based Research in the University Setting: Successes, Challenges, and Lessons Learned from the Real World." Paper presented at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, August 2012.
- Nylander, Albert. 2012. "Health Care Issues in the Mississippi Delta." Presentation for the Delta Grassroots Caucus Delta Initiative on Job Creation and Economic Recovery in Little Rock, AR., The Clinton Presidential Center, May 3-4, 2012.
- Nylander, Albert and Eric Atchison. 2012. "MS Deltans Desire Educational Change: Is Teach For America the Long-term Answer in the Mississippi Delta?" A paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society's 75th Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, March 2012.
- Nylander, Albert. 2011. "Developing a More Educated Workforce in the Mississippi Delta." A paper presented for the Delta Grassroots Caucus Delta Initiative on Job Creation and Economic Recovery at the Rayburn House of Representatives building in Washington, D.C., November. 1-3.
- Shivakumaraiah, Lokesh, Albert Nylander, and Kathie Golden. 2011. "State-wide International Education Consortium, from Concept to Action: A Case Study of StudyMississippi." A paper presented for NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Region VII conference in Mobile, AL, October 2011.
- Nylander, Albert and Tayla Burns. 2011. "Friendly, Safe, Affordable and More: Why Mississippi should be your Study Abroad Destination." Presented at the American International Education Foundation fair in three cities in China: the Shenyang Science Centrum Center, Shenyang, China, July 10, 2011; the Anshan Wuhuan Grand Hotel, Anshan, China, July 13, 2011; and the Dalian Xinghai Convention Center Dalian, China, July 16, 2011.
- Nylander, Albert and Eric Atchison. 2011. "Teach for America Corps Members' Perceived Impact on the Mississippi Delta." A paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society's 74th Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL, April 2011.
- Meador, John E. and Albert Nylander. 2010. "Attitudes on Policy Implication in Organizational Bureaucracies: Views on No Child Left Behind's Effectiveness in the Public Education

System." A paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society's 73rd Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, April 21-24, 2010.

Nylander, Albert and Elliot Meador. 2009. "A National Study of Superintendents and School Board Members' Perceptions of School Board Power." A paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society's 72nd Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA, April 1-4, 2009.

PROFESSIONAL, TECHNICAL, AND ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS
(SELECTED 2009-PRESENT)

Nylander, Albert. 2015. "*The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll*," submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service on behalf of the University of Mississippi. Submitted May 2015. UM was recognized for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in 2016.

Nylander, Albert. 2014. "*The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll*," submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service on behalf of the University of Mississippi. Submitted April 2014. UM was recognized for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in 2015.

Nylander, Albert. 2012. "*The President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll*," submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service on behalf of the University of Mississippi. Submitted November 2012. UM was recognized for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll in 2013.

Nylander, Albert. 2012. "*An Analysis of Delta State University Student Completers of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) versus Non-FAFSA Completers*," presented to the President's Cabinet, Delta State University.

Nylander, Albert. 2010. "*International Task Force Report*," presented to Academic Council and the President's Cabinet, Delta State University.

Nylander, Albert. 2010. "*A Market Analysis for Enrollment Opportunities at DSU's Distance Education Centers at the Greenville and Coahoma County Higher Education Centers*," prepared for the Provost and President, Delta State University.

Nylander, Albert. 2009. "*Retention Analysis of Delta State University Students*," presented to Academic Council, Delta State University.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED 2012-PRESENT)

Nylander, Albert. 2016. Invited. "*Ways to Integrate Social Justice, Equitable Practice, and Ethics into a Doctoral Program*." Panel presentation for the University of Mississippi's Doctoral Program in Education, Oxford, MS, August 27, 2016. Community engagement and mindfulness are emerging themes for the new Ed.D. program.

Nylander, Albert. 2016. Invited. Presentation, "*Poverty in the United States and Mississippi: A Community Engagement Approach to Fighting Poverty in Mississippi*." Invited by the Senior

- Associate Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Development Annual Retreat, the FedEx Student-Athlete Success Center, University, MS, July 26, 2016.
- Nylander, Albert. 2016. Panel response to author Dr. Eric Thomas Weber's presentation, "*Uniting Mississippi: Democracy and Leadership in the South*." Brown Bag with Southern Studies, University, MS, February 3, 2016.
- Nylander, Albert. 2015. Invited. *Plenary panel address on Community Engagement in Higher Education in Mississippi*. MAC Conference 2015, Civic Education: Partnerships and Influence in Higher Education, Jackson, MS, Millsaps College, October 4-5, 2015.
- Nylander, Albert. 2015. Invited. United Way presentation on *Living United in the Lafayette-Oxford Community*. United Way of Oxford & Lafayette County Kickoff Event, Oxford, MS, September 16, 2015
- Nylander, Albert. 2015. Invited. "*Ways to Integrate Social Justice, Equitable Practice, and Ethics into a Doctoral Program*." This was a panel for the University of Mississippi's Doctoral Program in Education, Oxford, MS, August 29, 2015. Community engagement and mindfulness are emerging themes for the new Ed.D. program.
- Nylander, Albert. 2015. "Economic Development: A Panel on the Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Program." Delta Regional Forum: Population, Development, and Entrepreneurial Problem Solving, Clarksdale, MS, July 15-17, 2015.
- Nylander, Albert, David Mallery, Stephen Monroe, Sarah Ball, and Zell Long. 2015. "*Engage*Mississippi: Oxford, MS: A Case Study for Community Collaboration*." Presentation, Mississippi Association of Grantmakers, Canton, MS, April 10, 2015.
- Nylander, Albert and Ryan Parsons. 2015. Invited. Workshop presentation, "*Community Engagement and Service in Higher Education for MS Emerging High School Leaders*," hosted by The Trent Lott Leadership Institute, Workshop for the 2014-2015 Mississippi High School Senior Presidents, 30 participants, January 24, 2015.
- Nylander, Albert. 2014. "*UM's Transformation through Service: Uniting University Students for Service*." Invited presentation to 20 Mississippi School Teachers, UM Division of Outreach and Continuing Education, June 30, 2014.
- Nylander, Albert. 2014. "*Innovative Solutions to Transform Communities*." Moderator for innovation as a strategy to address challenging, complex problems in the Delta Region. March 4-6, 2014, Delta Leadership Institute New Orleans Session, Delta Regional Authority.
- Nylander, Albert, Paulette Meikle, Laura Martin, and Ryan Parsons. 2013. "*The Delta Leadership Institute at the University of Mississippi*." Presentation to the Delta Regional Authority's Board of Governors in Little Rock, AR, July 10, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert. 2013. Invited. Presentation on *Community Engagement to the Northwest Mississippi Economic Developers for the University of Mississippi Economic Development and Insight Park*, Oxford, MS, May 1, 2013.

- Nylander, Albert. 2013. Invited. *Presentation for Celebrate Service, National Volunteer Week Appreciation*, University of Mississippi, Student Union Ballroom, April 26, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert and Laura Martin. 2013. Invited. *Presentation on Service-Learning for The Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Faculty Development Luncheon*, The University of Mississippi, April 23, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert. 2013. Invited. Moderator for “*Deepsouth*,” a screening for the Women’s History Month program at the university’s Sarah Isom Center for Women and Gender Studies, March 26, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert. 2013. Invited. Presentation on *Education and Poverty in the South for the St. Anthony Hall –Phi Chapter, Lecture Series--Homegrown Oxford: The Modern Southern Community*, March 20, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert. 2013. Invited. Presented on the McLean Institute for the Mississippi Commission for Volunteer Service Board of Commissioners, Lyceum 200, the University of Mississippi, February 8, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert. 2013. Presented on the McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement for the Chancellor’s Executive Management Council, Inn at Ole Miss Ballroom, January 28, 2013.
- Nylander, Albert and Ryan Parsons. 2012. Invited. Workshop presentation, *Community Engagement, Service and Leadership for MS Emerging High School Leaders*, hosted by The Trent Lott Leadership Institute, Workshop for the 2012-2013 Mississippi High School Senior Presidents, 50 participants, December 8, 2012.

UNIVERSITY AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE ENGAGEMENTS
(SELECTED 2009-PRESENT)

- 2016-Present: Member, Athletics Diversity Committee, University of Mississippi.
- 2012-Present: Chair, Council on Community Engagement, University of Mississippi.
- 2012- Present: Tenure and Promotions Committee, Department of Sociology & Anthropology.
- 2012-Present: Member of the College of Liberal Arts, Curriculum and Policy Committee, University of Mississippi.
- 2014–Present: Co-Executive Director of the University of Mississippi Horizons Program.
- 2014-2016: Chair, McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement Strategic Planning Process.
- 2012–2016: Member of the Chancellor’s Expanded Executive Management Council.
- 2014–2015: University of Mississippi Entrepreneurial Advisory Committee Member.
- 2014-2015: Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Community Engagement Search Committee Member.
- 2014-2015: Faculty Activity Report Task Force Committee Member.
- 2013-2014: Tenure and Promotions Committee Member for the Dean of the School of Applied Sciences Advisory Committee.
- 2012-2014: Chair, Search Committees for the McLean Institute’s two Project Managers and Program Coordinator positions.

- 2012-2014: MS State Coordinator for the Mississippi Delta Grassroots Caucus, which is a broad coalition of grassroots leaders throughout the eight-state Delta region, which stretches from southern Illinois down to New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2012-2013: Chair, Search Committees for the McLean Institute's Program Coordinator and Secretary.
- 2012-2013: Member of the Center for Community and Economic Development Advisory Committee, Delta State University.
- 2012-2013: President-Elect with StudyMS, which is a 16 member organization promoting MS as an International Destination.
- 2011-2014: Member of the Editorial Board for PRISM: A Journal of Regional Engagement, inaugural Editorial Board, 2011, Eastern Kentucky University.
- 2011-2012: SACS Compliance Certification Team, Delta State University.
- 2011-2012: Member of President's Cabinet
- 2009-2012: Chair, Institutional Review Board, Delta State University.
- 2011-2012: Committee Chair to review the Tenure and Promotion policies for DSU Administrators.
- 2009-2012: Chair, Graduate Council, Delta State University.
- 2009-2012: University Textbook Coordinator, Delta State University.
- 2009-2012: Chair, Graduate Record Examination Scores, Delta State University.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND SERVICE PROJECTS

(SELECTED 2012-PRESENT)

- 2016-Present: McLean Institute Entrepreneurial Leadership program. McLean Institute hosts a high school leadership program for students across the state to gain exposure to innovative problem solving skills by participating in an entrepreneurial leadership program. The inaugural class of the McLean Entrepreneurial Leadership Program (MELP) met on the Oxford campus from May 29-June 3, 2016 (<http://news.olemiss.edu/?s=McLean+Entrepreneurial+Leadership>).
- 2015-2016: McLean Institute Rural Entrepreneurship Conference. The McLean Institute hosts Rural Entrepreneurship Forums on entrepreneurship and economic development. This past year's conference was in Tupelo, MS, July 18-19, 2016. Approximately 75-100 participants attended (<http://news.olemiss.edu/rural-entrepreneurship-forum-happens-july-19/>).
- 2015-2016: McLean Institute Demographics of Wealth event. This partnership with the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis brought economist William Emmons to campus to present data on how age, race, and education affect income (<http://news.olemiss.edu/?s=Demographics+of+Wealth>).
- 2015-Present: McLean Mentors. Tutoring and mentoring partnership with afterschool programs in Calhoun and Panola Counties. McLean Mentors provide homework assistance to elementary school students and host the students for a Saturday on Campus. The Saturday on Campus offers enrichment activities and is designed to cultivate college-going aspirations.
- 2014-Present: Horizons Summer Learning Program, Co-Executive Director. The Horizons Summer Learning program is an intensive summer enrichment program for rising first

graders through ninth graders. In 2016, seventy-five students took classes designed to strengthen their reading and math skills, and participated in hands-on science classes and special sessions on nutrition, drama, art, music and physical fitness.

- 2014-Present: Celebration of Service. In 2013-2014, the McLean Institute established the University's inaugural Celebration of Service. The 3rd Celebration of Service took place on April 6, 2016, where the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award was presented to one University of Mississippi student and one member of the Lafayette-Oxford-University community. Four student finalists were also honored. Approximately 100 members of the Lafayette-Oxford-University community attended the Celebration of Service.
- 2014-Present: UM Student Engagement Fellows. Awarded \$27,500. Each student receives a \$2,000 scholarship and a \$500 project budget. Student Engagement Fellows receive training on how to create sustainable and mutually beneficial partnerships with community organizations, as well as funding for service projects in Lafayette and Coahoma Counties.
- 2014-Present: LOU Saves. A child savings program that combines multigenerational financial literacy education with incentives to save towards higher education. This project is funded by a grant from the United Way of Oxford/Lafayette.
- 2012-Present: Service-Learning Awards. The McLean Institute for Public Service and Community Engagement supports UM faculty projects that enhance and increase service-learning activities within service-learning courses, and supports proposals for new service-learning courses. Since spring 2013, fifteen faculty members have been supported through grants totaling \$23,000 to create new service-learning courses or convert existing courses.
- 2012-Present: Community Campus Roundtable. The McLean Institute, University of Mississippi Volunteer Services/Office of the Dean of Students, and Volunteer Oxford regularly convene roundtables for service organizations on campus and in Oxford/Lafayette County. Participants discuss what makes successful partnerships and offer suggestions to strengthen communication among the many stakeholders working with volunteers in the community. From 2012-2016, there have been 10 roundtable sessions on topics such as Early Childhood Literacy, Affordable Homeownership, Student Volunteer Management, Good Food For Oxford Schools, Tax Free Preparation, to name a few.
- Alternative Spring Break Trip: In 2013 and 2014, the McLean Institute led spring break trips of service to the MS Delta. UM students and AmeriCorps VISTA members participated in an experiential spring break community service trip as part of SOC 451: Social Issues in the Mississippi Delta. The trip incorporated opportunities to explore concepts discussed during the semester and critique the group's experiences in the Delta.

HONORS AND RECOGNITIONS

(SELECTED)

- 2015-2016: Faculty Guest Coach for the Ole Miss vs. LSU game.
- 2014: Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education: Leadership for the 21st Century: Delta Leadership Institute, January 12 – 15, 2014.
- 2013-2014: UM Hearin Pre-Proposal selected as a high priority by the Provost's office. "Catalyzing Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (CEED)."

- 2012-2013: *The Albert Nylander Award*, Delta State University, established in recognition of service and commitment to students in the Division of Social Sciences and History. This scholarship is awarded to an upperclassman for outstanding work in the area of Social Science Education. This cash award is also based on character and community engagement.
- 2012-2013: Leadership Mississippi Graduate. Nominated and Selected for the Mississippi Economic Council's Leadership Mississippi Program, "Class of 2013." Leadership Mississippi is the second oldest program of its type in the country.
- 2012-2013: Selected as President-Elect for StudyMississippi at its joint conference with the Mississippi Association for International Educators.
- 2011-2012: Vice-President for Membership for StudyMississippi, which is a consortium of accredited educational institutions in Mississippi whose purpose is to connect international students and professionals with quality Mississippi education and training.
- 2011: The 2011 Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Distinguished Service Award. The 42nd annual meeting of the Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Engagement Scholarship Consortium
- Gulf South Summit
- Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association
- Mid-South Sociological Association
- Southern Sociological Society
- Community Development Society
- Rural Sociological Society