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July 13, 2007

The Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor, State of Indiana
Statehouse
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: James Davidson.
Request for Distinguished Hoosier

Dear Governor Daniels:

It is my honor to nominate James Davidson for a Distinguished Hoosier Award.

Mr. Davidson is a Professor of Sociology at Purdue University and has dedicated his life to education. I believe the enclosed documents illustrate his many accomplishments in education, specifically in the sociology of religion. He is also a wonderful person that is admired by many. Mr. Davidson will be retiring at the end of the school year. I believe he possesses the qualities of a Distinguished Hoosier.

Your consideration of the nomination of Professor James Davidson, Ph.D. is respectfully requested. If you have any questions or require additional information to facilitate my request, please contact me or my legislative assistant, Marilyn Cage (317-232-9822). It would be my honor to present him with this distinguished award at the annual meeting of Sociologists in Religion on August 10th in New York.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joe Micon
State Representative
House District 26

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Enclosures

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Honors and Recognition Nomination Form

Office of the Governor of Indiana

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr.

Honors and recognition are provided by the Office of the Governor to recognize individuals for their contributions to the State of Indiana. The goal of an award is to celebrate the achievements and recognize individuals for their accomplishments. All nominations will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

To process any nomination for recognition, the Governor's Office request for 6 to 8 weeks notice.

- Nominations must include the following:
 - Completed Honors and Recognition Nomination form (nomination will not be processed if form is incomplete).
 - Resume or extensive biography outlining accomplishments, listing organizations, club and service activities.
 - The date of the award presentation and who will be presenting the certificate and how it will be presented.
- Nominations can be mailed, faxed, e-mailed, or hand delivered; phone request will not be honored.
- Only one official certificate will be issued. No copies will be prepared.

The Governor's office reserves the right to decline any nomination for an award or to make exceptions to the guidelines. Issuance of an award does not constitute an endorsement by the Governor.

| Nominee | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|--|---|--|--|
| Full Name (as it will appear on the certificate) JAMES D. DAVIDSON | | | | | |
| Address 1819 NORTHWESTERN AVENUE | | | | | |
| City WEST LAFAYETTE | State IN | Zip 47906 | Phone () | | |
| Email address | | | Presentation Date AUG. 10, 2007 | | |
| Date to be printed on Certificate AUGUST 10, 2007 | | House District 26 | | Senate District 22 | |
| Nominator | | | | | |
| Name JOE MICON | | | | | |
| Address 6806 N. ARMSTRONG CHAPEL ROAD | | | | | |
| City WEST LAFAYETTE | State IN | Zip 47906 | Phone (765) 583-4300 | | |
| Email address JMICON@901.COM | | | Relationship to nominee | | |
| If approved will you pick up the certificate or does it need to be mailed. (circle one) | | Mail <input checked="" type="radio"/> Pick-up | | Date Certificate Needed (allow 6-8 weeks for processing) AUG 6, 2007 | |
| To Be Completed By A Member of the Indiana General Assembly | | | | | |
| Legislator Name JOE MICON | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strongly recommend | | <input type="checkbox"/> Indifferent | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Recommend | | <input type="checkbox"/> Advise against | |
| Signature <i>Joe Micon</i> | | | Date 07.13.2007 | | |
| Name of Legislative Assistant MARILYN CAGE | | | LA Phone Number 232-9822 | | |

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State House Room 206
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J.D. Davidson

Professor of Sociology

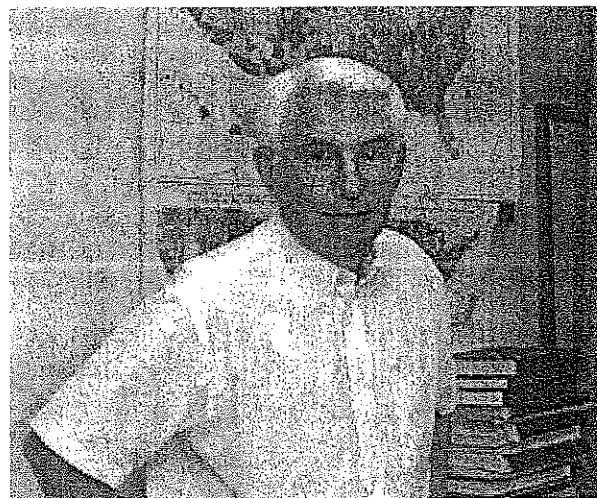
James Davidson received his Ph.D. from the University of Notre Dame in 1969 and joined the faculty at Purdue University in 1968.

Office: STON 334

Office Phone: (765) 494-4688

Email: davidsonj@purdue.edu

Specialization: Stratification, religion, and racial and ethnic groups



Courses: Taught (Last two years)

SOC 411 - Social Stratification

SOC 367 - Religion in America

SOC 567 - Religion in Social Context

SOC 568 - Religion and Society

He specializes in the sociology of religion. His current research is on religious stratification and trends among American Catholics. He is author or editor of eight books, including *Catholicism in Motion* (2005) and *The Search for Common Ground* (1997), which received the 1998 Research Award from the National Conference for Catechetical Leadership. His articles have appeared in journals such as *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, the *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociology of Religion*, and the *Review of Religious Research*. He is president-elect of the Association for the Sociology of Religion. His previous posts include president of the Religious Research Association and the North Central Sociological Association; editor of the *Review of Religious Research*; and executive officer of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. He has won his department's Excellence in Teaching Award and Indiana's Community

Service Award.

Positions at Purdue University

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|---------------|----------------------------------|
| 1987- Present | Professor of Sociology |
| 1972-87 | Associate Professor of Sociology |
| 1968-72 | Assistant Professor of Sociology |

Service to the Profession

Association for the Sociology of Religion
President - Elect, 2005
Council, 2002-05
Chair, Publications Committee, 1984 - 85; 1987 - 88
Religious Research Association
President, 1989 - 91
President - Elect, 1987 - 88
Board of Directors, 1979-82
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
Executive Officer, 1987 -92
Executive Secretary, 1988 - 1993
Council, 1983 - 86
North Central Sociological Association
President, 1984 - 85
President - Elect, 1983-84
Chair, Nominating Committee, 1991 -92
Chair, Publications Committee, 1980 -82
Editor, *Review of Religious Research*, 1977 -80

Honors and Awards

Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Dayton, 2001
Distinguished Service Award, North Central Sociological Association, 1989

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Five Most Important Publications

Pyle, Ralph and James D. Davidson, 2003. "The Origins of Religious Stratification in Colonial America. *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. 42 (March): 57-75.

D'Antonio, William V., James D. Davidson, Dean R. Hoge, and Katherine Meyer, 2001. *American Catholics: Gender, Generation, and Commitment*. Walnut Creek, CA: Altamira.

Davidson, James D., 1998. "Why Churches Cannot Endorse or Oppose Political Candidates," *Review of Religious Research*. 40 (September): 16-34.

Davidson, James et. al., 1997. *The Search for Common Ground: What Unites and Divides Catholic Americans*. Huntington, IN: Our Sunday Visitor

Davidson, James et. al., 1995. "Persistence and Change in the Protestant Establishment, 1930-1992," *Social Forces*. 74 (September): 157-175.

Two Most Recent Publications

Davidson, James D., 2005. *Catholicism in Motion: The Church in American Society*. Liguori, MO.: Liguori Publications.

Davidson, James D. and Ralph Pyle, 2005. "Social Class," in Helen Rose Ebaugh, *Handbook on Religion and Social Institutions*. New York, NY: Springer.

Extramural Grant Support

Principal Investigator Twenty Years of Research on Catholic Parishes: The Results and Their Implications,
University of Notre Dame, 2004-05, \$35,000

Principal Investigator The Beliefs and Practices of American Catholics: The Social and Religious Bases of Pluralism, Lilly Endowment, Inc., 1992-97, \$502,003

Principal Investigator Affluent Congregations and the Pursuit of Equality, Lilly Endowment, Inc., 1982-83, \$117,201

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