

## CURRICULUM VITAE

Robert K. Thomas

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Present address:

Weekend College Program  
College of Lifelong Learning  
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### Academic training at university level:

1945-52 University of Arizona (B.A. in Anthropology, 1950, M.A.  
in Anthropology awarded 1954)

M.A. thesis: "Origin and Development of the Redbird  
Smith Movement" (a study of an American Indian nati-  
vistic movement)

1943-57 University of Chicago (Admitted to Ph.D. candidacy:  
completed all requirements except dissertation)

### Academic and professional experience:

- 1953 Research Associate, Papago Indians Claims Case, Papago  
Indian Tribe
- 1954-55 Research Assistant, Tama Indian Program, Department of  
Anthropology of the University of Chicago
- 1956-57 Assistant Director, Tama Indian Program, Department of  
Anthropology of the University of Chicago
- 1957-58 Research Associate, Department of Anthropology and Sociology,  
University of North Carolina
- 1958-59 Assistant Director, Institute of Indian Studies, University  
of South Dakota
- 1959-63 Assistant Professor, Division of the Science of Society,  
Monteith College, Wayne State University
- 1963-67 Co-Director, Carnegie Corporation Cross-Cultural Education  
Project, Department of Anthropology of the University of  
Chicago.
- 1967-74 Associate Professor, Division of the Science of Society,  
Monteith College, Wayne State University

Academic and professional experience (cont'd.)

- 1975-76 Professor, Division of Science of Society, Monteith College, Wayne State University
- July 1 - Dec. 31, 1975: General Consultant to the Saskatchewan Indian Cultural College, University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada
- Jan. 1 - Mar. 7, 1976: Research Anthropologist, Center for the Study of Man, Smithsonian Institution, Washington
- September, 1976: Professor, College of Lifelong Learning, Weekend College Program, Wayne State University

Summers:

- 1957 Director, Summer Workshop on American Indian Affairs, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 1959 Co-Director, Summer Workshop on American Indian Affairs, Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 1960 Lecturer, Summer Workshop on American Indian Affairs, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
- 1961-63 Director, Workshop on American Indian Affairs, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
- 1966 Guest Lecturer, Workshop on Canadian Indian Affairs, University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- 1967 Director, Workshop on American Indian Affairs, University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado
- Director, Workshop on Canadian Indian Affairs, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 1968 Director, Workshop on Cherokee Affairs, Original Cherokee Community Organization, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
- 1969 Lecturer, National Indian Youth Council Workshop, Stout State College, Menomonie, Wisconsin
- 1972 Resource person, Canadian Indian Youth Workshop, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
- 1973 Resource person, Canadian Indian Youth Workshop, Prince George, British Columbia

Formal Field Work:

- June 1951 - February 1952:  
Field work for M.A. thesis among Oklahoma Cherokees
- Summer 1953 Field work among Papagoes of southern Arizona for Papago Claims Case
- 1955-56 Sac and Fox Indians of Oklahoma. (Factionalism among the Sac and Fox. Pan-Indianism among Indians of western Oklahoma)
- 1957-58 North Carolina Cherokee. (General Community study)
- 1958-59 Pine Ridge Sioux, South Dakota. (General Community study)
- 1963-67 Oklahoma Cherokee and neighboring tribes. (Literacy)
- Summer 1970 Mackenzie River Indians and Eskimo
- Summer 1971-72  
Mackinaw Band of Cree near Nordegg, Alberta
- Spring 1973 "Bush" Maya of Quintana Roo, Mexico
- July-October, 1975  
General Survey of Saskatchewan Indian Reservations
- January to March, 1976  
Population data on Indian communities in Virginia and North Carolina
- Summer 1976 Pomo Indians of northern California
- Summer 1978 Oral History of Lumbee Indians in eastern North Carolina
- August 1979 Survey of Louisiana Indians

Publications

- Samuel Stanley and Robert K. Thomas, Map of North American Indians (in conjunction with Bruce Mas Lachlan) Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, 1960
- Robert K. Thomas, "The Redbird Smith Movement," Symposium on Cherokee and Iroquois Cultures, W.N. Fenton and John Gulich, eds. Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin #180, 1961
- Rosalie Wax and Robert K. Thomas, "American Indians and White People," Phylon, XXII, 305, 317, 1961

Publications (cont'd.)

- Robert K. Thomas, "Pan-Indianism," Midcontinent American Studies Journal, VI: 2, 75-83, 1965
- Robert K. Thomas, "Powerless Politics," New University Thought, IV:4: 37-44, 1967
- Robert K. Thomas, "Colonialism-Classic and Internal," New University Thought, IV: 4: 44-53, 1967
- Robert K. Thomas, "The Role of the Church in Indian Adjustment," Kansas Journal of Sociology, III: 1: 20-28, 1967.
- Robert K. Thomas, "Pan-Indianism," The American Indians Today, S. Levine and Nancy Lurie, eds., Penguin Books, New York, 1968
- Albert L. Wahrhaftig and Robert K. Thomas, "Redskins and Rednecks: The Myth of Cherokee Assimilation" for the Special Subcommittee in Indian Education of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, 1968
- Sol Tax and Robert K. Thomas, "Experiment in Cross-Cultural Education 1962-1967", Report of the University of Chicago for the Special Subcommittee in Indian Education of the Committee on Labor and Public Welfare, 1968
- Albert L. Wahrhaftig and Robert K. Thomas, Renaissance and Repression: The Oklahoma Cherokee," Trans-action V: 1: 42-48, 1969
- Sol Tax and Robert K. Thomas, "Education for American Indians: Threat or Promise?", Florida EF Reporter, Special Issue, Spring, 1969
- Robert K. Thomas and Albert L. Wahrhaftig, "Indians, Hillbillies and the Education Problem," U.S. Congress, Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare. Special Subcommittee on Indian Education Hearings on the Study of the Education of Indian Children, Part 2, Washington, 1969
- Rosalie Wax and Robert K. Thomas, "American Indians and White People," Helen M. Hughes, editor, Racial and Ethnic Relations, Allyn and Bacon, Inc., 1970
- Albert L. Wahrhaftig and Robert K. Thomas, "Renaissance and Repression: The Oklahoma Cherokee," John Howard, editor, Awakening Minorities, Aldine Publishers, Chicago, 1970

Publications (con'd.)

- Robert K. Thomas and John A. Mackenzie, "Survey Report to the Anglican Church of the Western Region of the Northwest Territories" For Every North American Indian Who Begins to Disappear I Also Begin to Disappear: General Essays on Canadian Indian Life, Neewin Publishers, Ltd., Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 30, 1970
- Robert K. Thomas, "Powerless Politics," Majority and Minority: The Dynamics of Racial and Ethnic Relations, Norman R. Yetman and C. Roy Steel, eds., Allyn and Bacon, Inc., 1971
- Robert K. Thomas and Albert L. Wahrhaftig, "Indians, Hillbillies and the Education Problem," Muray Wax, editor, Anthropological Perspectives on Education, Basic Books, New York, 1971
- Robert K. Thomas and Jack Frisch, eds., Anthropologists and the American Indians, Special Issue of New University Thought, Spring, 1971
- Bea Medicine and Robert K. Thomas, "A Conversation with Bea Medicine and Robert Thomas," Educating the Educators: The American Indian Student in Higher Education, R. H. Sandstrom and Barbara K. Segal, eds., St. Lawrence University, 1971
- Rosalie Wax and Robert K. Thomas, "American Indians and White People," Native Americans Today: Sociological Perspectives, Howard M. Bahr, Bruce A. Chadwick, and Robert C. Day, eds., Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc. 1972
- Robert K. Thomas, "Pan Indianism," The Emergent Native Americans, Deward E. Walker, Jr., editor, Little, Brown and Co., 739-746, 1972
- Albert L. Wahrhaftig and Robert K. Thomas, "Renaissance and Repression: The Oklahoma Cherokee," Native Americans Today: Sociological Perspectives, Howard M. Bahr, Bruce A. Chadwick, and Robert C. Day, eds., Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc., 1972
- Robert K. Thomas and Albert L. Wahrhaftig, "Indians, Folk-Whites, and 'The System'," The American Indian Reader: Education (Book Two of a series in educational perspectives), Jeanette Henry, editor, The Indian Historian Press, Inc., 1972
- Robert K. Thomas, "Colonialism: Classic and Internal," The Way: An Anthology of American Indian Literature, Shir Witt, Stanley Steiner, Knopf, 1972
- Robert K. Thomas, "Cross-Cultural Cannibalism," Anthropologists and the American Indians, Special Issue of New University Thought. Spring, 1974, Robert K. Thomas and Jack Frisch, eds.

Publications (cont'd.)

- Robert K. Thomas, "Native American Communities of Eastern United States," Technical Problems in Indian Education, Vol. III, Navajo Community College, 1974
- Robert K. Thomas, "The Tribe as an Ideal Type," Varieties of Man and Society, Journal of University Studies, Vol. II, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Alfred Feinstein, editor, Summer, 1975
- Robert K. Thomas, "Colonialism, Classic and Internal," Varieties of Man and Society, Journal of University Studies, Vol. II, Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, Alfred Feinstein, editor, Summer, 1975
- Sam Stanley and Robert K. Thomas, "Current Social and Demographic Trends among North American Indians". American Indians Today, The Annals of The American Academy of Political and Social Science, Vol. 436. March 1978. Yinger and Simpson, editors, Philadelphia 1978
- Robert K. Thomas, "Cherokee Communities of the South," published by the Consortium of American Indian Title IV Programs of southeastern Michigan, 1979

Articles in Press

- Robert K. Thomas, "Process and Identity," Bureau of American Ethnology, Handbook of North American Indians, Volume II: Indians in Contemporary Society
- Robert K. Thomas and Kenneth E. Fink, "Social and Cultural History of the Five Civilized Tribes: 1840-1980," Bureau of American Ethnology, Handbook of North American Indians, Volume XIII: The Southeast
- Raymond J. DeMallie and Robert K. Thomas, "Midwest Indian Communities", Bureau of American Ethnology, Handbook of North American Indians, Vol. II: Indians in Contemporary Society
- Robert K. Thomas, "The History of Indian Alcohol Use as a Community Based Phenomenon." Cultural Factors in the Analysis and Treatment of Alcohol Abuse. Wesley Press, 1979

Books (at press)

- Middlestriker, Stand (Robert K. Thomas) "At the Fork in Our Trail." Harper and Rowe, New York.

Books (in preparation)

- Robert K. Thomas and Allan Campbell, North American Indians, to be completed in January, 1980

Books (in preparation cont'd.)

Richard McMann and Robert K. Thomas, editors, Readings in Modern American Indian Life and Culture, completed, not at press.

Books

Horsefly, G.P. (Robert K. Thomas) "The History of the True People, the Cherokee Indians", Rick Smith, Publishers. Union Lake, Michigan  
1979

Scientific Papers

- 1961 "Population Trends in American Indian Communities," Special Limited Edition for the American Indian Chicago Conference, 1961, University of Chicago, pp. 70-79.
- 1965 'Contrasting Plains Indians' Adjustment to Changing Conditions in Two Periods of Their History- 1700's and 1900's," panel speaker with Richard Cloward and LaDonna Harris, General Meeting on Indian Affairs, sponsored by Tulsa Indians, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 1966 (Spring) 'Modern Cherokee Education," key note address to the Annual Meeting of the Cherokee Seminary Alumni, Tahlequah, Oklahoma
- 1968 (Winter) 'Community Development, Bilingualism and Social Movement Among Eastern Oklahoman Indians, " sponsored by Oklahomans for Indian Opportunity, Norman, Oklahoma
- 1968 (January) 'Development Among American Indians," Conference between Southwestern Indians and National Indian Youth Council, Tuscon, Arizona
- 1968 (Fall) 'Defining Goals," keynote speech, Annual Meeting of the National Indian Youth Council, Norman, Oklahoma
- 1969 (Spring) 'The Need for Indian Spiritual Unity," Cross Cultural Workshop, Regina, Saskatchewan
- 1970 (November) 'The Concern of Indian Elders for Spiritual Revitalization Among Indian Youth," Indian Youth Conference, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario
- 1970 (December) 'The Basis of Indian Religious Thought," Cross Cultural Workshop, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 1971 (Spring) 'Community Development Seen as Social Movement," Conference on Indian Community Development, Toronto, Ontario

Scientific Papers (cont'd.)

- 1971 (June) "Development Among Tribal Peoples," International Meeting of Grail Catholic Movement, Loveland, Ohio
- 1972 (June) "Why Religion is Important to the Social Health of Indians," keynote address, Annual Conference of the Navajo Native American Church, Window Rock, Arizona
- 1972 (July) "Relation of Parents to Indian Educational Institutions," Conference on Parental Involvement in Indian Education, sponsored by the State of North Dakota Indian Education Division, Bismark, North Dakota
- 1973 (September) "Cultural Pluralism within the Nation State- the Case of the American Indian," International Congress of Ethnological Sciences, Chicago, Illinois
- 1974 (Winter) "Modern Indian Religion" Conference on Indian Culture University of Illinois Circle Campus, Chicago, Illinois
- 1976 (Autumn) "Tribe and Peasant Willage," Conference for Sol Tax Festchrift. Panajachel, Guatemala
- 1977 (April) "Indian Historical Research at the Community Level," Michigan Indian Education Conference, Lansing, Michigan
- 1977 (May) "Community Social Organization and Indian Social Health," Annual Conference of the Association of Indian Social Workers, Warm Springs, Oregon
- 1978 (February) "The Function of Native History and Native 'Historians' among American Indians," Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois
- 1978 (February) "Indians of the Early South," University of Illinois Circle Campus, Chicago, Illinois
- 1978 (Spring) "Indians of the Southern Gulf Coast in Virginia and the Carolinas," Annual meeting of the American Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.
- 1979 (February) "The Importance of Oral History to an Understanding of Five Civilized Tribes History," Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois
- 1979 (June) "Modern Canadian Indian 'Nationalism'", Annual Meeting of Canadian Council of Learned Societies, Saskatoon
- 1979 (October) "Indian Perseverance," Western District Historical Conference, University of Windsor, Windsor, Ontario

Other Activities:

Member of the Great Lakes Regional Committee of the Indian Ecumenical Conference

Consultant to the Southwestern and Oklahoma Regional Committees of the Indian Ecumenical Conference

Adjunct Professor of the University Without Walls Program at the Chicago Circle Campus of the University of Illinois

Member of the Academic Review Committee of the Antioch/Native American Educational Service Project in Higher Education

Consultant to the North American Indian Foundation

Consultant to the North American Indian Hall of Fame and Indian Heritage Foundation

Member of the Advisory Board of Indian History Program of Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois

Member of the Editorial Board of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Handbook of North American Indians, Volume II: Indians in Contemporary Society

Member of the Editorial Board of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Handbook of North American Indians, Volume XIII: The Southeast

Member of the Editorial Board for the Bow and Hoe: A Comparison of North American and Middle American Indian Cultures, edited by Samuel L. Stanley

References:

Dr. Sol Tax, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Edward H. Spicer, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Dr. William Sturtevant, Center for the Study of Man, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C.