

## Curriculum Vita: Jonathan G. Andelson

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### Personal Information

Born: 10 February 1949, Chicago, Illinois

Married: Karin Stein; three children (6/89, 7/92 and 1/94)

### Education

Ph.D. University of Michigan (1974 - Anthropology)

M.A. University of Michigan (1973 - Anthropology)

B.A. Grinnell College (1970 - Anthropology)

### Doctoral Dissertation

Title: Communalism and Change in the Amana Society, 1855-1932

Description: An analysis of the reason behind the sectarian Amana Society's (Iowa) reorganization from a communal Society into joint stock corporation in 1932; based on 12 months field work in the Amana Society as well as extensive use of documentary materials.

### Employment

8/21-6/22 Interim Director, Center for Prairie Studies, Grinnell College

1998-2020 Director, Center for Prairie Studies, Grinnell College

1991- Professor, Department of Anthropology, Grinnell College

1980-1991 Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology, Grinnell College

1974-1979 Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Grinnell College

1974<sup>f</sup> Instructor, Department of Anthropology, Grinnell College

1973<sup>s</sup> Instructor, Department of Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

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Scholarships, Honors, and Grants

2017

- 1973 Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Pre-Doctoral Fellowship
- 1972 Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan, Grant for Graduate Rese
- 1970 National Science Foundation Grant, Summer Field Training School in Ethnography, University of Nevada
- 1970 B.A. with Honors in Anthropology, Grinnell College
- 1970 Phi Beta Kappa, Grinnell College

Language

Studied intensive Spanish for two weeks at ICADS, San Jose, Costa Rica, Fall 1993

Participated in one-month PEW summer faculty foreign language enhancement seminar in German, Summer 1989 (Grinnell College)

Intermediate competence in French and German

RESEARCH AND FIELDWORK

2015(s) Sustainability and Transcendental Meditation in Fairfield, Iowa, Summer MAP with Lane Atmore '16)

2011(s) "Farmers Markets in Central Iowa" (Summer MAP with Maddie Gardner '12)

2006(s) "The Iowa Farmer and His Corn" (Summer MAP with Ben Schrage, '08)

1999 to present: Ethnographic: Changes in Iowa agriculture

1986<sup>s</sup> Archival: Community of True Inspiration (Amana), Buedingen, West Germany

1981<sup>sp,s</sup> Ethnographic: Amana Colonies, Iowa

1979<sup>sp</sup> Library: Human Biology and Social Behavior

1976<sup>s</sup> Ethnohistorical: Spanish Missions of the Southwest and California

1972-73 Ethnographic: Amana Colonies, Iowa (Rackham Fund, University of Michigan)

1971<sup>s</sup> Ethnographic: Amana Colonies, Iowa

1970 Ethnographic: Mormon Community, Rockville, Utah (NSF)

1969<sup>s</sup> Archeological: Early White-Indian Contact, British Columbia (Canadian National Museum)

1968<sup>s</sup> Archeological: Whetten Pueblo & Satellite, Chihuahua, Mexico

<sup>s</sup> summer

<sup>f</sup> fall

<sup>sp</sup> spring



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- 2011 Review: *Somewhere to Belong*, Judith Miller (Daughters of Amana Series. Minneapolis: Bethany House Publishers, 2010. 364 pp) and *Love Finds You in Homestead, Iowa*, Melanie Dobson (Love Finds You Series. Minneapolis: Summerside Press, 2010) for *The Annals of Iowa* 70(1):80-82.
- 2011 Review: *Heartland Utopias*, by Robert W. Sutton, for *Nova Religio: The Journal of Alternative and Emergent Religions* 14(4) (May).
- 2009 “Crosby’s Footprint” in *The Wapsipinicon Almanac* 16 (Fall): 38-44.
- 2008 “Changing Heroes,” *The Land Report* 92 (Fall): 18-21.
- 2008 “Joining the Food Revolution in Grinnell,” in *Eating in Place: Telling the Story of Local Foods*, Robert Wolf (ed.), Decorah, IA: Free River Press.
- 2008 “Barbara Heinemann Landmann,” entry for *The Biographical Dictionary of Iowa*, edited by David Hudson, Loren Horton, and Marvin Bergman. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press (State Historical Society of Iowa).
- 2007 “Dear Young Iowan,” pp. 3-4 in *Letters To A Young Iowan*, Zachary Michael Jack (ed.), North Liberty, Iowa; Ice Cube Press. [submission chosen to be the first letter in the collection and subsequently featured on the University of Iowa website]
- 2006 “Farming in East-Central Iowa, Then and Now,” in *The Iowa River Corridor Book*, Robert Wolf (ed.), published by Iowa Valley RC&D, the Center for Prairie Studies at Grinnell College, and Free River Press. [also contributed significantly to the editing of this publication]
- 2006 “Food and Social Relations in Communal and Capitalist Amana,” pp. 143-161 in Martha Finch and Etta Madden (eds.), *Eating in Eden: Food in American Utopias*. Lincoln, Nebraska: University of Nebraska Press.
- 2006 Review: *Pilgrims of Love: The Anthropology of a Global Sufi Cult*, by Pnina Werbner (2003), for *Utopian Studies* 17.1 (2006): 264-267.
- 2005



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- 1997 Name Changes as a Reflection of Social Changes in a 280-year-old Community, in *Anthropology Matters: Essays in Honor of Ralph A. Luebben*. Grinnell, Iowa: Grinnell College
- 1997 The Community of True Inspiration From Germany to the Amana Colonies, in *American Communal Utopias*, Donald E. Pitzer (editor), Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press
- 1996 Intentional Communities, *The Encyclopedia of Cultural Anthropology*, David Levinson and Melvin Ember (eds.). HRAF and American Reference Publishing Company (A Henry Holt Company Reference Book)
- 1995 From the Wetterau To Ebenezer and Amana: A Demographic Profile of the Inspirationists in America, in Eberhard Reichmann, LaVerne Rippley, and Joerg Nagler (eds.), *Emigration and Settlement Pattern of German Communities in North America*. Indianapolis: Max Kade German American Center, Indiana University - Purdue University at Indianapolis.
- 1995 Review: *Beyond the Counterculture: The Community of Mateel*, by Jentri Anders (1990), for *Communal Societies*, Volume 15:143-145.
- 1994 Review: *America's Utopian Experiments: Communal Havens From Long-Wave Crises*, by Brian J.L. Berry (1992), for *Syzygy* 3:176-77.
- 1994 Boundaries in Communal Amana, *Communal Societies* Volume 14:1-6
- 1994 What the Amana Inspirationists Were Reading, *Communal Societies* 14:7-19
- 1993 Review: *Two Hundred Years of American Communes*, by Yaacov Oved (1989), for *Communal Societies* 13: 143-45.
- 1992 Review: *The Amana People and their Furniture* by Margorie K. Albers. Forest and





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2018, Bishop Hill, Illinois; co-authored with Nathaniel Crail '19, Sophie Neems '16, and Tommy O'Donnell '20)

2017 The Problem of Egalitarianism in Intentional Communities (paper presented at the Communal Studies Association Annual Conference, October 4-7, 2017, Zoar, Ohio)

2016 The Promised New World Order of Transcendental Meditation: Magic, Science, and Religion Under Fairfield's Golden Domes (paper presented at the Communal Studies Association Annual Conference,

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2004 Recreating Regional Identity and Self-Reliant Communities (with Robert Wolf), presented at annual meeting of Practical Farmers of Iowa, Ames, Iowa, January 10, 2004 (invited)

2003 The Center for Prairie Studies at Grinnell College, presented at ACM Faculty Workshop,



- 1977 A Recent Change in the Amana Church (manuscript)
- 1977 An Analysis of the Bezeugungen of Two Amana Society Werkzeuge (paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Meeting, Minneapolis, Minnesota)
- 1975 The Double-Bind and Social Change in Communal Amana (paper presented at the 54th Annual Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society, Detroit)
- 1970 Ecological History of a Small Community: Rockville, Utah, University of Nevada - National Science Foundation Project Paper

#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 The Challenge of Our Time: Achieving Sustainability. Presentation to class on Environmental Biology, taught by Jim Kessler, Iowa Valley Community College, October
- 2016 Should Grinnell College Have a Farm? Presentation to Grinnell College Alumni College, May, 2016
- 2015 Sustainable Communities. Presentation to class on Environmental Biology, taught by Jim Kessler, Iowa Valley Community College, Grinnell, Iowa, November, 2015
- 2015 Community Sustainability. Presentation to Lions Club, Grinnell, Iowa, September, 2015
- 2015 Community Sustainability. Presentations (2) to Grinnell ACES, July 15 and 22, 2015
- 2015 Sustainable Grinnell. Presentations to Grinnell College Alumni Audiences, Portland, OR and Seattle, WA (March 2015)
- 2013 Evaluator, Meskwaki Museum, for Humanities Iowa
- 2013 Gaviotas: Ecotopia in the Llanos. Presentation to class on Environmental Sustainability, taught by Jim Kessler, Iowa Valley Community College, Grinnell, Iowa, September 2013
- 2013 J.B. Grinnell: Iowa Transportation Hero. Presentation at Iowa Transportation Museum, June 11, 2013
- 2013 Food Systems and Food Security in Communal and Capitalist Amana. Presentation at Graduate Seminar on Food Systems and Community Planning, Department of Community and Regional Planning, Iowa State University, January 28, 2013

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- 2013 Gaviotas: A Sustainable Community in the Third World Tropics. Presentation to Presbyterian Church Missionary Group heading to Central America, Newton, Iowa, January 13, 2013.
- 2012 Manuscript review for *Communal Societies*
- 2012 Remarks, Faculty Endowed Chair Installation Ceremony, October 12, 2012
- 2012



- 2003 Member, Planning Committee, ACM Faculty Development Workshop, "Prairies, Rivers, and Towns: the Liberal Arts and the Pedagogy of Place," Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin (entailed attending a meeting in Chicago and considerable correspondence)
- 2002 Review of article manuscript for Annals of Iowa
- 2001 Organized Center for Prairie Studies Symposium, "New Faces in Iowa: The Challenges and Prospects Created By Recent Immigration," November 6-8, Grinnell College
- 2001 Organized Center for Prairie Studies symposium, "Prairie Plants: Their History and Future as Food and Medicine," September 18-19, Grinnell College.
- 2001 Review of article manuscript for Annals of Iowa
- 2001 Public lecture: "Rock and Zinzendorf: Contrasting Styles," for Amana Heritage Society, April 25, Amana, Iowa.
- 2000 Public lecture: "Recovering Community in Post-Industrial Society," for The Partnership Way, August 10, Clinton, Iowa.
- 2000 Review of article manuscript for Annals of Iowa
- 1999 Review of article manuscript for Annals of Iowa
- 1998 Review of article manuscript for American Anthropologist
- 1998 Review of book manuscript: Closing the Circle, by John Gowdy and Carl McDaniel, for the authors.
- 1997 Outside evaluator for tenure review for Susan Love Brown, Florida Atlantic University.
- 1997 Chair of Panel, "Anthropological Approaches to the Study of Intentional Communities," Communal Studies Association Conference, Tacoma, Washington, October 9-11
- 1996 Program Chair for annual conference of Communal Studies Association, to be held in Amana, Iowa, October 10-12, 1996 [most of the work for this done in fall of 1995 and spring of 1996]
- 1996 Consultant for and interviewed for informational audio cassette tape 792 re5114.55 211912 0 612 for in



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- 1993 Member, 4 person task force to revise Communal Studies Association Constitution and By-Laws
- 1992-2002 Book Review Editor, Communal Societies
- 1992 Review of book manuscript for Iowa State University Press
- 1992 Consulting Editor for special edition of The Goldfinch
- 1991 From Theology to Doctrine To Practice To Crisis: Sexuality and Gender at Amana. Annual Scholars Address, Dept. of Religious Studies, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
- 1991 Review of article manuscript for Communal Societies
- 1990 Review of article manuscript for Communal Societies
- 1990 Review of article manuscript for Human Organization
- 1990 Review of article manuscript for Ethnohistory
- 1989 Review of book manuscript for University of Iowa Press (December)
- 1987

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1982 Address: "Oral History and Tradition in Amana," presented at the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Amana Society's Great Change, in Amana (June 20, 1982)

1982 Review of article manuscript for American Ethnologist, (November)

1982 Review of article manuscript for Journal of Voluntary Action Research (July)

1982 Review of book manuscript for University of Nebraska Press (March)

1982 Public Lecture: "Gender Separation in Amana," University of Kansas Anthropology Club, Lawrence, Kansas (March)

1982 Participant, Andrew W. Mellon Seminar, The Nature of Community, University of Kansas



CAMPUS AND CIVIC SERVICE

1999-2020: Director, Center for Prairie Studies (except for two sabbatical semesters)

2019 Leader: 5 hour tour to the Amana Colonies for attendees of the Friends General Conference (gathering of 1,000 Quakers) at Grinnell College (July 4)

2019 Presentation:

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2002-present

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- 1997-00 Campus Advisor, ACM-Costa Rica Program & ICADS Program
- 1997 Chair, Environmental Studies Concentration (fall semester)
- 1994 Helped to develop new concentration: Global Development Studies
- 1993- Environmental Studies Committee
- 1991-92 Chair, Public Events Committee
- 1990-91 Chair, Library and Book Store Committee and Public Events Committee
- 1990-92 Advisory Board, "Iowa Global Culture Museum" Project (Jan Williams, chair)
- 1989-92 Chairman, Environmental Studies Program
- 1989-90 Chairman, Department of Anthropology
- 1989 Guest Lecturer, Summer Programs, Grinnell College (July)
- 1989-91 Member, "Amana Tomorrow" Folk Arts Advisory Panel, Amana, Iowa (Mike Mintle, Director)
- 1989 Member, Preservation Education Plans Steering Committee, Amana Colonies Land Use District, Amana, Iowa (Harold Pitz, Director)
- 1989 Consultant, Amana Oral History Project, Amana, Iowa (Lanny Haldy, Director)
- 1988 Guest Lecturer, Summer Programs, Grinnell College (July)
- 1987 Discussion Leader: "Beyond War" (Grinnell High School) (October)
- 1986 Consultant: Project Art, University Hospitals, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa, for exhibit on "Health and Illness in the Amana Colonies," Janet Beard, Project Coordinator
- 1986 Lecture: "Polyfidelity, Foam Homes, and Other Joys and Outrages of Life in New Age Communities Today," Mortar Board, Grinnell College (February)
- 1985 Lecture: "Campus Life, Campus Strife: Grinnell, 1966-1970," Mortar Board, Grinnell College (October)
- 1984-6 Chairman, Department of Anthropology, Grinnell College

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1984 Lecture: "The Amana Colonies, Yesterday and Today," for Future Problem Solving Bowl, Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Anne Crabbe, Program Coordinator

1983 Lecture: "Sex in Old Amana," Mortar Board, Grinnell College (February)

1983 Lecture: "The Changing American Family," Grinnell Day Care Center (March)

1983 Discussant, Social Studies Division Colloquium paper by I. Leitinger (Sociology), "Women's Legal Status -- Women's Roles" (September)

1982-4 Chairman, Division of Social Studies and Member of Executive Council of the Faculty

1982 Campus presentation: "Years of Turmoil, Years of Change: Grinnell in the Late 1960s" (with Glenn Leggett), for History of Grinnell Week, sponsored by Mortar Board, Grinnell College (November)

1980 Chairman, Department of Anthropology

1978-9 President, Beta of Iowa Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa (other years served as Vice-President and on Executive Committee)

MISCELLANEOUS

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Anthropology 215: Human Ecology and Adaptation  
Anthropology 225: Biological Basis of Human Society  
Anthropology 235: Anthropology of American Culture  
Anthropology 240: American Utopian Communities  
Anthropology 251: Peoples and Cultures of Native North America  
Anthropology 252: Culture and Agriculture  
Anthropology 280: Theories of Culture  
Anthropology 295: Special Topic: Culture and Agriculture  
Anthropology 295: Special Topic: Anthropology and Environmental Problems  
Anthropology 295: Special Topic: The Origin of the World System  
Anthropology 295: Special Topic: Biology and Social Behavior  
Anthropology 295: Special Topic: Ethnology I: Band, Tribe and Chiefdom  
Anthropology 295: Special Topic: Nature and Culture on the American Prairie (2 times)  
Anthropology 326: Anthropology of Religion  
Anthropology 356: Native North American Indian Cultures  
Anthropology 370: Human Evolution  
Anthropology 380: Ecological Anthropology  
Anthropology 399: Director: Iowa Community Studies Program (Summer 1978)  
Anthropology 495: Seminar in Anthropological History and Theory  
American Studies 225: American Civilization I (Team-taught course)  
Environmental Studies 495: Senior Seminar: Ecological History of Poweshiek County  
Environmental Studies 495: Senior Seminar: Ecological Problems in Iowa Agriculture  
Humanities/Social Studies: Journal Publishing [6 times, co-taught with Mark Baechtel]