

# Gene L. Theodori

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## Education

- Ph.D. Rural Sociology, August, 1999, The Pennsylvania State University  
Dissertation: *The Effects of Community Satisfaction and Attachment on Individual Well-Being*
- M.S. Sociology, August, 1996, Texas A&M University  
Thesis: *A Study of the Social Organization of Contemporary American Rodeo*
- B.A. Sociology, December, 1993, California University of Pennsylvania  
Magna Cum Laude

## Awards and Honors (2009-2010)

- Award for Excellence in Extension and Public Outreach  
Rural Sociological Society, August 2010
- Excellence in Teaching Award – Department of Sociology  
College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Sam Houston State University, September 2009
- The Presidential Award  
Southern Rural Sociological Association, February, 2009

## Current Professional Employment

Professor  
Department of Sociology  
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## Selected Research and Outreach/Extension Grants

- Texas Engineering Experiment Station. Principal Investigator. “Pretreatment Options to Allow Re-Use of Frac Flowback and Produced Brine.” 01/01/10 to 12/31/11; \$60,000.
- United States Department of Agriculture, Sustainable Agricultural Water Conservation Research Project. Co-Principal Investigator. (Co-Principal Investigator: Karen M. Douglas). “Water Norms and Conservation Efforts: The Case of Hidalgo County, Texas.” 01/01/10 to 12/31/10; \$43,151.
- Houston Advanced Research Center. Principal Investigator. “The Environmentally Friendly Drilling Systems Program.” 07/01/09 to 12/31/2011; \$75,000.

## Peer-Reviewed Publications (2009-2010)

- Kyle, Gerard T., Gene L. Theodori, James D. Absher, and Jinhee Jun. (*forthcoming*). “The Influence of Attachment to Home and Community on Firewise Behavior.” *Society and Natural Resources*.

- Flint, Courtney G., A.E. Luloff, and Gene L. Theodori. 2010. "Extending the Concept of Community Interaction to Explore Regional Community Fields." *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* 25(1): 22-36.
- Theodori, Gene L. 2009. "Paradoxical Perceptions of Problems Associated with Unconventional Natural Gas Development." *Southern Rural Sociology* 24(3): 97-117.
- Grimm, James W., D. Clayton Smith, Gene L. Theodori, and A.E. Luloff. 2009. "Effects of Household Assets Upon Rural Residents' Self-Reported Physical and Emotional Well-Being." *Research in the Sociology of Health Care* 27: 277-300.
- Theodori, Gene L. 2009. "Modification and Adaptation in Rural Sociology: Part I." *Southern Rural Sociology* 24(2): 1-13.
- Theodori, Gene L., Brooklynn J. Wynveen,\* William E. Fox, and David B. Burnett. 2009. "Public Perception of Desalinated Water from Oil and Gas Field Operations: Data from Texas." *Society and Natural Resources* 22(7): 674-685.
- Anderson,\* Brooklynn J. and Gene L. Theodori. 2009. "Local Leaders' Perceptions of Energy Development in the Barnett Shale." *Southern Rural Sociology* 24(1): 113-129.

#### **Presentations at Professional Meetings (2009-2010)**

- Theodori, Gene L. 2010 (August). "Deep in the Heart of Texas' Barnett Shale: Perceived and Objective Community-Level Impacts of Unconventional Natural Gas Development." Paper presented at the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society. Atlanta, GA.
- Theodori, Gene L., Douglas Jackson-Smith, Lorien Belton, and John Allen. 2010 (June). "Opportunities and Barriers to Environmentally-Friendly Energy Exploration and Production Practices in the Uinta Basin." Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. Corpus Christi, TX.
- Kyle, Gerard T., Darrell Fannin, Christopher J. Wynveen, James D. Absher, and Gene L. Theodori. 2010 (June). "Nature-Based Values and Attachment to Natural Landscapes." Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. Corpus Christi, TX.
- Smith, D. Clayton, Jessica Aldridge, Jin Young Choi, and Gene L. Theodori. 2010 (June). "Exploring Texans' Conceptualization and Adoption of Hard, Soft, and Conservation Energy Paths as Ways to End America's Dependence on Foreign Oil." Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. Corpus Christi, TX.
- Absher, James D., Gerard T. Kyle, and Gene L. Theodori. 2010 (April). "Community Attachment as a Mediating Factor of Firewise Actions in WUI Settings." Paper presented at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Human Dimensions of Wildland Fire Conference. San Antonio, TX.

- Carter, Rachael and Gene L. Theodori. 2010 (April). "Addressing Community Issues with Successful Collaboration: A Results-Oriented Process for Building Community Relationships to Create Positive Change." Paper presented at the National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals 2010 Conference. Bloomington, MN.
- Theodori, Gene L., Jin Young Choi, Jessica Aldridge, and D. Clayton Smith. 2010 (February). "Energy Development, Natural Environments and Quality of Life: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly as Perceived by Texans." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association. Orlando, FL.
- Carter, Rachael and Gene L. Theodori. 2010 (February). "From Theory to Practice: Building Communities with Theoretically-Grounded Tools." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association. Orlando, FL.
- Grimm, James W., D. Clayton Smith, Gene L. Theodori, and A.E. Luloff. 2009 (November). "Community Contexts and Rural Residents' Self-Reported Well-Being." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky. Murray, KY.
- Theodori, Gene L. 2009 (November). "Public Opinion on Exploration and Production of Oil and Natural Gas in Environmentally Sensitive Areas." Paper presented at the 16<sup>th</sup> International Petroleum & BioFuels Environmental Conference. Houston, TX.
- Theodori, Gene L., Nicole Miller, Gerard T. Kyle, and William E. Fox. 2009 (July). "Exploration and Production of Oil and Natural Gas in Environmentally Sensitive Areas: Views from the Public." Paper presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Society and Resource Management. Vienna, Austria.
- Kyle, Gerard T., James D. Absher, Christopher J. Wynveen, and Gene L. Theodori. 2009 (March). "Nature-Based Values and Attachment to Natural Landscapes." Paper presented at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Northeastern Recreation Research Symposium. Bolton Landing, NY.
- Theodori, Gene L. 2009 (February). "Modification and Adaptation in Rural Sociology." Presidential address delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.
- Theodori, Gene L. 2009 (February). "Water Planning and Water Conservation in Texas: A Sociological Analysis." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Rural Sociological Association. Atlanta, GA.