

David Snelgrove

Until his retirement David Snelgrove was a career teacher in the Oklahoma City Public Schools. At the time of his retirement he was teaching Russian language and social studies in an inner-city high school. David entered teaching through the Teacher Corps program which recruited students with other majors into teaching. Through Teacher Corps he finished his teaching certificate in social studies and foreign language and completed the Master of Arts in Teaching at Oklahoma City University. David taught in inner-city middle-school and high-school classrooms for thirty-three years. During that time he also served as an adjunct professor of foreign language, education, and history at local colleges and universities. He is now serving as professor of foundations of education at the University of Central Oklahoma.

It was through the Teacher Corps program that David became acquainted with John Pulliam, Chipman Stuart, Thomas Wiggins, and Gene Shepherd from the University of Oklahoma and Dan Selakovich from Oklahoma State University. He became interested in futurism, humanistic education, human relations, and the historical, philosophical, and social foundations of education. David did his graduate study in the foundations of education and educational administration at The University of Oklahoma where he also was influenced by Lloyd Williams.

As a graduate student David studied Russian Area Studies at the University of Graz, Austria and traveled throughout Austria, to Moscow and Petersburg (then Leningrad) in Russia, Ljubljana, Slovenia, than part of Yugoslavia, and southern Germany. He conducted the research for the doctoral dissertation in Prague, Czech Republic. His dissertation, *Education in Czechoslovakia in the first Republic*, remains unwritten.

During his public-school teaching career, David remained involved in scholarly pursuits through membership and presentations at the Society of Philosophy and History of Education, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, Society of Philosophy and History of Education (President, 1992), Southern History of Education Society, International Society for Educational Biography, Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma Foundation for the Humanities, Southern Futures Society, and the American Federation of Teachers.

Since 1996 David has edited the SOPHE yearbook, The Journal of Philosophy and History of Education. His SOPHE presentations include "Francis Fukuyama's Social Capital and John Dewey's Human Nature: Morality in the Information Age," "Intelligence in the Postmodern World," "John Dewey's Concept of Freedom," "Maxine Greene, the Quest for Educational Praxis," "Border Crossing as Existential Pedagogy," "Critical Pedagogy and Pragmatism," "C. Vann Woodward, Changes in Southern History," "Critical Theory, Liberalism and Dewey," "John Amos Comenius and the Origins of Western Liberalism" (1992 presidential address), "Critical Theory, Marxism, and American Education," "A Crossroads of History?" "A West Wind from the East and the New Europe," "The Social and Educational Thought of Thomas G. Masaryk," "Philosophies of Czechoslovak Education in the First Republic," "Jan Hus, Pastoral Pedagogue," "The Analytical Didactic of John Amos Comenius," "Vaclav Prihoda and the Progressive Reform of Czechoslovak Education," Other presentations include "Hegemony and Praxis: the Conflict of Popular Culture and Critical Pedagogy" (Texas and Southwest Popular Culture Association), "The Politics of Race and Class: Limiting Voting Rights in Early Oklahoma" (Cameron University Academic Conference), "Red Ink: The Socialist Press and the Social Gospel" (Oklahoma Historical Society) "Marxism and the New World Order" (Annual Meeting of the Southern Futures Society) "Dr. Vaclav Prihoda" (International Society of Educational Biography), "Circuit Riding Socialism and the Education of the Oklahoma Farmer" (Southern History of Education Society), He has published book reviews in *History of Education Quarterly*, *International Education*, *The Journal of Thought*, *Vitae Scholasticae*, and *The Daily Oklahoman*. His review of *The Metaphysical Club* has been submitted to UCO's Forum.

David and his wife, Mary, have two daughters and five grandchildren. They have adopted two of their grandsons who are currently eight and ten years of age and are enjoying their second parenting experience. David's hobbies include reading, chess, banging on a guitar and howling, riding horses, and grandchildren. He is president of the Piedmont Round Up Club.