

## Sam F. Stack, Jr.

Sam F. Stack Jr. began attending this organization in 1989 when it was known as the Southwest Philosophy of Education Society. He graduated from Furman University in sociology where he also lettered in soccer. He has a master's degree in Secondary Education/biology and a PhD in Social and Cultural Foundations from the University of South Carolina. Upon receiving the doctorate he began teaching at West Virginia University. His primary teaching responsibilities have included the history of American education, philosophy of education, comparative education, a John Dewey seminar and undergraduate teacher education courses in foundations.

Dr. Stack's research is centered in the history of progressive education, studying the applications of Dewey's pragmatism. He wrote his dissertation on the progressive Parker School District in Greenville, South Carolina and has recently completed a biography entitled *Elsie Ripley Clapp (1879-1965): Her Life and the Community School*, one of the best known women in progressive education. Dr. Stack's publications occur in *Vitae Scholasticae*, *Journal of Thought*, *Lock Haven International Review*, *Review Journal of Philosophy and Social Science*, *the Southern Social Studies Quarterly*, *the Proceedings of the Southern West Philosophy of Education Society* and journal of this organization. He has contributed to various books including *Semel and Sadovnik Schools of Today: Schools of Tomorrow*, *Van Patton's Watersheds in Higher Education*, and *Semel and Sadovnik Founding Mothers and Others*. He has also published in *A New Deal for America*, *Academic Profiles in Higher Education*, *the Encyclopedia of Education*, *the West Virginia Humanities Encyclopedia of West Virginia History* and published book reviews in the *History of Education Quarterly* and *Educational Studies*. He has received two West Virginia Humanities Fellowships.

Dr. Stack stresses in his work the integration of theory into practice. He is a College of Education representative to John Goodlad's Network for Educational Renewal and served on a committee to draft a social justice statement. The Network has recommended Dan Perlstein's and Dr. Stack's article on the community school at Arthurdale for reading on democratic education. He is a past president of WVU's Phi Delta Kappa and is a member of the teacher education faculty. He has received the outstanding teacher and the outstanding researcher award from the College of Human Resources and Education and also serves in the faculty senate.

He is married to Linda, who is a Paralegal, and has twin girls, Katie and Ashley, and a son, Sam. He plays several musical instruments and enjoys Bach to bluegrass. He enjoys playing golf, playing soccer and coaching when he has the time.