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Mike Polioudakis' Fieldwork and Research

October 1981 to September 1983 (three years)

Four months fieldwork in Bangkok, Thailand and the remainder in a coastal peasant village in Southern Thailand

Results: PhD thesis "Family Strategies and Social Organization in Southern Thailand" and two published papers; and much other material that remains to be presented on website.

Fall 1990

One week at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin researching Thai popular culture

Summer 1992 and 1994

In Southern Thailand: preparation for further fieldwork on change in Southern Thailand, in particular on shrimp farming

September 1995 to July 1996

Senior Fulbright Fellowship at the Coastal Resources Institute (CORIN) at Prince of Songkhla University in Haat Yai, Thailand. I did some research on shrimp farming.

November 1995 to about September 1996

Research at Hua Khaw Daeng village in Songkhla Thailand, a Muslim fishing village, on the history of fishing techniques and their effects on social relations and family relations

Results: one book chapter

September 1996 through October 1999

Resident fieldwork in Surat Thani City, Surat Thani Province, Southern Thailand, and many visits to many sites throughout Thailand, for research on shrimp farming. Also I did research on aspects of Thai culture including cinema, TV, and popular novels.

November 1995 through March 2001

Many visits to the Thai National Center (Museum) for Thai Cinema

March 2001 through September 2011

Many visits to catfish farmers in West Alabama as part of my job with the Department of Fisheries of Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama; under the direction of Claude Boyd as PI.

Results: several papers; see pages on papers.

March 2005 through October 2005

Visited West Alabama catfish farmers about twice a month, for at least a weekend each visit, as part of a project for the World Wildlife Fund; under the direction of Claude Boyd as PI.

Result: internal report to the WWF.

2004 through 2008

Library research on general equilibrium in capitalism and its effects on aspects of the economy such as employment and resources

Result: Self-published book "First Book in Economics", and laid groundwork for at least two more short books.

2006 through 2011

Library research on current scholarship about Jesus

Result: Self-published book "Jesus for Most People"

2010 through 2014

Library research on major religious stances and major religions, and their appearance in pop culture

Result: book "Religious Stances" posted on website

March 2001 through present

Continuing library research on Western and Thai pop culture

2004 through present

Continuing library research on math and physics at the level of an adept amateur

2008 through present

Continuing library research on evolutionary ecology, animal behavior, and human social organization