

Basil Sherlock, Professor, Sociology, passed away, May 2025

Dr. Sherlock passed away on May 27, 2025. He joined the faculty in 1971 and retired in 2000. Dr. Sherlock earned a B.S. in Biology from the University of Illinois, an M.A. in Psychology from Southern Illinois University, and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Colorado.

Basil's research soon came to focus on medical sociology studying doctors and nurses with addiction problems at the Federal Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. He taught at UCLA and Cal State Northridge and was involved in a study of dentists and subsequently published a book named *Becoming a Dentist*. In 1970-71 he was a postdoctoral fellow with the "Adult Transition Study" at the University of California, San Francisco Medical School. There he developed plans for a study on adult transitions in the early years of marriage. The results of this study on adult transitions were published a few years later together with his wife Ingrid as co-author: *Newlyweds: The First Two Crucial Years of Marriage*. Later Basil's interest turned to Urban Sociology and a study of the Bay Area as a Megalopolis, comparing it to similar urban structures around the world. His book, *From Missions to Megalopolis: El Camino Real*, appeared in 2024. During his long career he published more than 40 articles and papers in various sociological magazines or presented them at professional meetings.