

M. C. “TERRY” HOKENSTAD BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

M.C. “Terry” Hokenstad holds the title of Distinguished University Professor at Case Western Reserve University. He is the Ralph S. and Dorothy P. Schmitt Professor at the Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, and also serves as Professor of Global Health in the School of Medicine.

In a career spanning more than four decades, Hokenstad is recognized as a worldwide leader in social work education and research. He is a past president of the North American and Caribbean Region of the International Association of Schools of Social Work, and has served as president of the Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) and chair of the International Committee for the National Association of Social Workers (NASW). He has been a trustee of the National Council on Aging and the National Conference on Social Welfare.

Global aging has been a special focus of Hokenstad’s work. He is a member of the United Nations’ Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Aging, and served on the U.N. Technical Committee responsible for drafting the International Plan of Action on Aging. In 2002, he was named to the United States delegation to the U.N.s World Assembly on Aging.

His cross-national research projects have examined innovations in elder care and pension policies in countries throughout the world. He has led delegations of social workers and social work educators to China, Cuba, Japan, Russia, and South Africa, and has lectured and led workshops in those countries, as well as in the Philippines, India, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, and throughout Europe.

A prolific scholar, Hokenstad has authored nine books and numerous articles, chapters, and monographs, in the fields of comparative social welfare, care of older people, and social work practice and education. In addition, he has served as editor-in-chief of *The International Social Work Journal* and co-editor of special issues of publications such as *Ageing International*, *Social Policy & Administration*, the *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, and the *Journal of Applied Social Sciences*. He serves on the editorial board of several other scholarly journals.

Hokenstad earned his bachelor’s degree, summa cum laude, at Augustana College in South Dakota, his professional social work degree at Columbia University, and his Ph.D. from Brandeis University. He was the winner of the 2006 International Rhoda G. Sarnat Award from the NASW, which has also recognized him as a Social Work Pioneer. He has received the CSWE’s Significant Lifetime Achievement Award, and, in 2004, the IASSW Katherine Kendall Award for a “Lifetime of Distinguished International Service to Social Work Education.” In 2009, he was named “Educator of the Year” by the Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, and a “Partner in Advancing Education for International Social Work” by the CSWE Global Commission.