Name: Jonassen, Christen Tennes
Dept.: Sociology
Period: 3/48 to 3/49

This report is intended to provide an opportunity to the Faculty member to suggest changes in his work and relationships that seem to him desirable and to record, for the period covered, his professional activities that seem to him most significant. It will be preserved as a part of his permanent personnel record in the University and will be used as one of the bases for the annual evaluation of faculty members required of Chairmen of Departments.

I. What do you regard as the greatest handicaps or obstacles to your effectiveness and service during the period covered by this report?

1. Lack of office and research space.
2. Fifteen hours of teaching per week does not leave much time for research and writing.

II. What new or changed opportunities for service or development do you desire the University to provide for you in the immediate future?

1. "1" above is being remedied.
2. More time for research and writing.

III. Activities for the period March 1, 1948 to March 1, 1949

Please arrange your report under such of the following headings as are applicable to your activities. Omit items that are not applicable. Number those used to correspond to the numbering in the list:

1. Teaching. (Do not list courses taught. Rather, report any experiments or noteworthy results in your teaching.)
2. Relationships to students and student activities.
3. Research Projects undertaken, underway, completed.

4. Productive and Creative Activities (other than those covered by Nos. 1 to 3 and not including publications).

5. Administrative and Committee Assignments and activities (Departmental, College, and University, but not extra-University services).

6. Professional activities and responsibilities outside the University.

7. Community and Public Relations (not included under No. 6).

8. Publications not elsewhere listed by this report.

9. Honors and distinctions received during the period, not covered by other sections of this report.

10. Other activities or accomplishments not covered by headings provided:

1. **Teaching.** I have assigned and supervised students' research and reports on various problems of a sociological nature found in Columbus or in other local communities. From the reaction of the students I should judge that this was a very valuable experience for them, and if some continuity could be established over a period of a year or so, it might become a valuable service for the communities concerned.

2. **Relationships to students and student activities.** My experience as director of International House has given me some valuable insight into the problems of foreign students on the campus; and I think my association with them has helped me in my own specialty, the study of ethnic and minority groups.

3. **Research Projects undertaken, underway, completed.**

   A. Underway:
   1. A re-evaluation and restatement of ecological theory.
   2. Some historical origins of race attitudes of Northwestern Europe.
   3. An attempt to ascertain the influence of ethnic background on juvenile delinquency by a study of juvenile delinquency rates of various nationality groups in New York and Brooklyn.

   B. Completed:
   3. A re-evaluation and critique of the work of Shaw and McKay on juvenile delinquency in the light of recent research.
   4. An attempt to ascertain the influence of certain cultural elements as factors in determining the comparative rates of crime, juvenile delinquency, and mental illness of an ethnic group in an urban American environment.

4. **Productive and Creative Activities.** Paper given before the Ohio Valley Sociological Society, Friday, April 13, 1948 — "Culture and Personality in a Norwegian Community."

5. **Administrative and Committee Assignments and Activities.**
   1. Director of George Wells Knight International House, Served on various committees concerned with foreign students.

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5. (Continued)
   2. Faculty Advisor of Alpha Kappa Delta (national honorary sociological
      fraternity).
   3. Faculty Advisor of Cosmopolitan Club.

7. Community and Public Relations. Talked to various organizations such as:
   1. Columbus Scandinavian Club.
   2. Columbus Cosmopolitan Club.
   4. Visiting groups of sociologists and students at Central Y. W. C. A.

8. Publications.

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| Last Name | First Name | Middle Name | Department | Date of Birth | Date | Degree | Institution | Date
|-----------|------------|-------------|------------|---------------|------|--------|-------------|------
| Jonassen  | Christen   | Tonne       | Sociology  | September 5, 1912 | March 15, 1949 | Ph.D. | New York University | 1947 |
|           |            |             |            |               |      | M.A.   | New York University | 1941 |
|           |            |             |            |               |      | B.A.   | Brooklyn College     | 1937 |

1. Date of birth: September 5, 1912

2. Degrees and the institutions from which received with dates:

   - Ph.D. New York University 1947
   - M.A. New York University 1941
   - B.A. Brooklyn College 1937

3. Academic Experience—Positions held with dates:

   - Instructor, Ohio State University, 1947 – 1949
   - Graduate Work and occasional teaching, testing, etc., New York University, 1946-1947.
   - Teacher, Social Studies, Fawling School, 1938 – 1940.

4. Other significant experiences contributing to professional fitness. Include particularly, work experience in your field, such as practice of law, farming or employment in industry:

5. Research Experience:


6. Publications:


Note: Minor publications may be grouped e.g. "Eight Articles in Journal of Science."
7. National, State, University and Special College Services:

Served with the Second Infantry Division in the various campaigns in France, Belgium, and Germany.

Director of George Wells Knight International House — 1948

8. Honors Received:

Various military decorations including Purple Heart and Presidential Unit Citation.
Journalism Honor Society, College Gold Medal for Scholarship, Alpha Kappa Delta (National Honorary Sociological Fraternity).

9. General Comment:

NOTE: Do not hesitate to include any other biographical data which seem important and do not hesitate to explain the importance or application of any points; frequently the bare statement of fact does not convey the full meaning.

This biographical blank does not duplicate or replace the more detailed personnel records maintained by the Bureau of Public Relations and the University Editor.
Resolution in Memoriam

Christen Tonnes Jonassen

The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow upon the death on June 8, 1998, of Christen Tonnes Jonassen, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology.

Born on September 5, 1912, in Norway, Christen Jonassen earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Brooklyn College in 1937, and taught English and social studies for two years at Pawling School in Pawling, New York. He earned a master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from New York University in 1941 and 1947, respectively. Professor Jonassen also served with the Second Infantry Division in the Rifle Squad and participated in campaigns in France, Belgium, and Germany.

He joined the faculty at Ohio State as an instructor in 1947, advancing through the faculty ranks to full professor in 1960. He was a Fulbright University Professor at the Institute for Social Research in Oslo, Norway, in 1962-1963, and held a Social Science Research Council Fellowship there in 1970. Professor Jonassen retired from the University in 1980, having completed 34 years of research, teaching, and service.

Professor Jonassen specialized in the study of urban sociology and community analysis, emphasizing the relationships between culture and personality, and his research focused on attempting to establish the influences of a group's culture and of the ecological facets of their environment. He was also well-known for his work on methods for measuring communities.

The author of numerous journal articles, he also published three books: Community Conflict in School District Reorganization: A Cross-Cultural Study (1968), Values and Beliefs: A Study of American and Norwegian College Students (1972), and Value Systems and Personality in a Western Civilization: Norwegians in Europe and America (1983). His teaching in the department over the years focused on urban sociology and the study of community, comparative sociology, and the sociology of education, and he supervised numerous master's theses and Ph.D. dissertations.

On behalf of the University community, the Board of Trustees expresses to the family of Christen T. Jonassen its deep sympathy and sense of understanding of their loss. It was directed that this resolution be inscribed upon the minutes of the Board of Trustees and that a copy be tendered to the family as an expression of the Board's heartfelt sympathy.