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- [Reason and Rationality in Health and Human Service Delivery](#) (Eds. Pardeck, Longino, Murphy);
- [Postmodernism, Unraveling Racism, and Democratic Institutions](#) by Choi and Murphy;
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- [The Old Age Challenge to the Biomedical Model](#) by Longino and Murphy;
- [The Politics and Philosophy of Political Correctness](#) by Choi and Murphy;
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- [The Computerization of Human Service Agencies](#) by Murphy and Pardeck;
- [Are Prisons any Better?](#) (Eds. Murphy and Dison);
- [Culture and the Restructuring of Community Mental Health](#) by Vega and Murphy;
- [Postmodern Social Analysis and Criticism](#) by Murphy;
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Recent Articles:

- Murphy, "Recent Attempts to Diffuse Multiculturalism";
- Murphy, Longino, "What can be Learned from the Arts about Aging";

- Murphy, Pardeck, "Reviewing Social Work Practice through a Postmodern Perspective";
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Courses Taught:

- Sociological Theory ([SOC 501](#))
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