

Dr. Ron Reminick, a psychological anthropologist, earned the Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1973. He has been studying about and researching in Ethiopia for the last 42 years. His original fieldwork in Ethiopia (late 1960's) focused on gender identity and ritual symbolism. Two consecutive Fulbright grants in the mid-90's allowed him to contribute to the establishment of a Master's Programme in Anthropology at Addis Abeba University and supervise 6 ethnographic Master's researches. During this time he also conducted 4 major research projects with the valuable help of his students. In 2005 a Senior Scholar's Fulbright Grant allowed Dr. Reminick to travel to Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, Cleveland's "Sister City", where he advised in establishing a social sciences curriculum at Bahir Dar University. A fruitful series of lectures and workshops on research methods, proposal writing, and grant-seeking promoted a good deal of on-going interactions with faculty and a few students. A gender identity transformation project was begun with women students. In addition to the articles written about Ethiopia Dr. Ron has published a theoretical book on ethnicity, a book on African-American ethnicity, and has a book in press on the evolution of Addis Ababa, the capital city of Ethiopia. At present Dr. Ron and 3 colleagues at Cleveland State University's Center for Healing Across Cultures have opened up research on tribal healers of the Western Ghats of southern India. Out of that initial research came a coauthored book. The core faculty of the Center is developing a cross-cultural study of traditional healing in South India, Belize, Ethiopia, and North American Appalachia. Recently, Dr. Reminick was awarded a certificate from the Whitehouse and a personally signed letter from President Barak Obama in appreciation of his volunteer and civic work over the years.