

Profile: David J. Steele, PhD

Dave Steele is a sociocultural anthropologist (Honors BA University of Utah, MA and PhD University of Wisconsin-Madison) who specialized in medical and educational anthropology. He spent over 30 years in medical education and medical school administration before retiring in 2014 as Professor of Family and Community Medicine and Senior Associate Dean for Medical Education at the Paul L. Foster School of Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at El Paso. Prior to his tenure at TTUHSC, Dr. Steele taught at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine, the University of Nebraska College of Medicine, and Florida State University College of Medicine.

Dr. Steele's current interests include:

- Innovation and change in complex societies and organizations
- The anthropology of teaching and learning
- The individual in society and culture
- The anthropology of religion
- History of anthropology

Dr. Steele is currently conducting research for a biography of Jules Henry (1904-1969), an anthropologist who did pioneering ethnographic work on schooling in the US and on the families of children diagnosed with severe mental disorders. Dr. Steele is also engaged in a long term ethnographic study of the Unitarian Universalist faith community.

Dave and his wife, Ilene, relocated to Las Cruces in 2014.

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