MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Peter Harries, Senior Associate Dean of the Graduate School
From: Thomas E. Shriver, Director of Graduate Programs, Sociology
Date: January 13, 2016
Re: Request for Posthumous Ph.D. Degree for Raymond Garrett-Peters (ID 000149349)

We are requesting a posthumous Ph.D. degree for Raymond Garrett-Peters, who died of cancer during the summer of 2015. At the time of his death, Raymond was ABD and working on completing his doctoral dissertation under the direction of Dr. Michael Schwalbe, having completed all other requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

Raymond earned a bachelor’s degree in Anthropology from the University of Maryland at College Park in 1997. He graduated summa cum laude with high departmental honors. Raymond earned his Master’s degree in Sociology from North Carolina State University in 2006. His thesis was titled, “Coping with Unemployment: Self-Concept Repair by Displaced Managers and Professionals.” An article based on this research was published in *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, a highly-rated peer-reviewed journal.

After completing his master’s degree, Raymond immediately began working on his Ph.D. in Sociology. He passed his first preliminary examination in September 2006 and his second preliminary examination in July 2010. His research interests were in inequality, social psychology, and qualitative research methods. His dissertation research reflected these interests.

Raymond defended his dissertation proposal in April 2012. At the time of his death, Raymond was completing his dissertation on low-income rural mothers. His dissertation, titled “Helping Relations Among Low-Income Rural Mothers,” was a qualitative study of how low-income mothers construct fairness in their intimate relationships, manage reciprocal helping arrangements, and create helping obligations. At the time of his death, Raymond had collected all his data, had written two dissertation chapters, and was writing a third chapter. He was on schedule to defend his dissertation before the end of 2015.

Raymond also presented papers at professional conferences and authored or co-authored several articles and book chapters (see list below). He was, during his brief career, a productive publishing scholar whose work was to the credit of North Carolina State University. In recognition of his accomplishments and his near completion of the dissertation, we request bestowal of a posthumous Ph.D.

If there is anything I or the Department of Sociology and Anthropology can do to facilitate this process, please let me know.

List of Raymond’s publications


