Biographical Sketch for Howard E. Aldrich

Howard E. Aldrich is Kenan Professor of Sociology at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he won the Carlyle Sitterson Award for Outstanding Teaching in 2002. He is chair of the Department of Sociology and Adjunct Professor of Management in the Kenan Flagler Business School. In 2000, he received two honors: the Swedish Foundation of Small Business Research named him the Entrepreneurship Researcher of the Year and the Organization and Management Division of the Academy of Management presented him with an award for a Distinguished Career of Scholarly Achievement. His latest book, Organizations Evolving (Sage, 1999), won the Academy of Management George Terry Award as the best management book published in 1998-99, and was co-winner of the Max Weber Award from the American Sociological Association’s Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work. He is working on a new edition of the book, to be published in January 2006, with Martin Ruef as co-author. He is currently engaged in three research projects: (1) the process by which entrepreneurial teams are founded, focusing on similarity and differences between team members; (2) the contribution that voluntary association membership makes to entrepreneurial success; and (3) how to design courses and classroom activities to promote active learning by students.