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Preface

David H. Smith (USA)

This Preface describes the editors' aims and how the book was written and edited. The scope of scholarship and authorship is as fully interdisciplinary and multi-national as we could achieve, with contributors born in 73 countries. We wanted to provide a genuinely international perspective on the topics of our 54 review chapters. We also wanted to demonstrate conclusively the global nature of our fast growing, interdisciplinary field and emergent *interdiscipline* of voluntaristics (Smith 2013, 2016). Our other, but not lesser, priority has been to have high-quality and interesting text for each chapter that follows our theoretical chapter format, with large sets of relevant chapter references. We believe we have accomplished these goals, but the reader or reviewer will have to be the judge.

This Handbook has been created mainly to inform interested academics and scholars worldwide about the latest theory and research bearing on volunteering, civic participation, and nonprofit membership associations. Faculty teaching university undergraduate or graduate school courses on nonprofits, associations, volunteering, philanthropy, pro-social behavior, political participation, social movements, cooperatives, self-help groups, religious congregations and participation, trade associations, labor unions, professional associations, social or institutional history, social and recreational groups, arts and culture, and the like will find this Handbook useful as an intellectual background and context. Thus, our Handbook will also appeal to many graduate students who are taking courses on topics in voluntaristics such as the foregoing or those who plan to write master's theses or doctoral dissertations on voluntaristics topics. Sophisticated practitioners and policy-makers in the nonprofit sector will also find useful information in its many pages, especially in the chapter sections "Usable Knowledge."

We recognize that scientific expertise and frontline practice vary considerably in these topical areas across the different regions of the world. Nonetheless, Smith (2013) has estimated that upwards of 20,000 academics and other researchers in more than 130 nations are routinely conducting research, publishing articles or books, presenting conference papers, participating in relevant researcher associations, and or teaching about various aspects of the voluntary nonprofit sector (VNPS), its constituent groups and nonprofit organizations (NPOs, including both voluntary associations and nonprofit agencies: Smith 2015b, 2015c), and its individual participants, such as informal and formal volunteers as well as paid staff.

The 203 contributors to the Handbook represent many academic disciplines and professions. While the majority of contributors are, or formerly were, university faculty members, some are still post-graduate, usually doctoral, students, and a few are full-time nonprofit agency leaders, government officials, researchers in for-profit organizations, policy-makers, or other practitioners. The contributing academic experts participating in the Handbook work in the fields of nonprofit sector studies/civil society, sociology, psychology, economics, political science, anthropology, geography, history, public administration, business management, nonprofit management, social work, volunteer administration/management, philanthropy, leisure studies, time use research, international relations, disaster research, cooperatives, religion, social movements, marketing, information technology, and other fields. Most contributors have doctoral degrees in one or another academic discipline or professional field, including the social-behavioral sciences, social professions, and history. As noted above, some contributors are still doctoral students – usually from non-Western and/or Global South birth-countries, but not always.

The Handbook's scope in scholarship and authorship is as fully multinational as we could achieve, with contributions from experts who were born in 73 different countries, as noted earlier. The nations with the largest numbers of our 203 contributors were the United States (42; 20.6%), United Kingdom (20; 9.9%), China (13; 6.4%), Canada (8; 3.9%), and Russia (7; 3.4%). The geographic distribution of these 73 nations was as follows: Africa: 10; Central Asia (including Russia): 4; Central America, Caribbean, and Mexico: 3; Eastern Asia: 12; Eastern Europe: 11; Middle East: 6; North America: 2; Oceania: 3; South America: 4; and Western Europe: 18.

Smith (2013) has suggested using the term *voluntaristics* (or *altruistics*) to refer to the global, interdisciplinary field of research on such VNPS phenomena, a label that is analogous to the term *linguistics*, referring to the scholarly study of all human languages. *Voluntaristics* is a neologism, a new word, and hence does not have any of the historical connotations of any of the alternative terms/labels (except for *altruistics*, which is also a neologism). For instance, the term *philanthropy* in English has far too elitist and narrow a connotation to be suitable to refer to all VNPS phenomena. Smith (2013) makes a case for the value of the terms *voluntaristics* and *altruistics*, but it is too early to tell if either of these neologisms he invented (in March 2013 and December 2012, respectively) will generate greater consensus. After informally testing these two terms with various colleagues and faculty audiences, he now favors *voluntaristics* as more neutral.

Many other labels/terms for the interdisciplinary field have been used in the past 40+ years, including Nonprofit/Not-for-Profit/Third/Voluntary/Civil Society/Charitable/Tax-Exempt/Social Sector Studies, Philanthropic Studies, Charity Studies, Voluntary Action Research/Studies, Nonprofit Organization

(NPO) Studies, Nongovernmental Organization (NGO) Studies, Civil Society Studies, Civil Sector Studies, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Studies, Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Studies, Civic Engagement/Participation Studies, Social Movement Studies, Altruism and Morality Studies, Pro-Social Behavior Research, Mutual Aid/Self-Help Studies, Cooperative Studies, Social Solidarity/Solidarity Economy Studies, and Social Economy Studies, among others (Smith 2016; see an alternative but partially overlapping list of 18 names by Van Til 2015). Smith (2016) provides a much longer list of relevant terms as keywords referring to aspects of voluntaristics.

The global interdisciplinary field of voluntaristics as one context of this Handbook

The first named editor, David Horton Smith, is the founder of the global, organized field of voluntaristics, having founded the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA; www.arnova.org) in 1971, initially with a different name, the Association of Voluntary Action Scholars (see Smith 1999a, 2003, 2016). ARNOVA was the first interdisciplinary and international association of researchers focused on voluntaristics and has served (directly or indirectly) as the model for all subsequent interdisciplinary voluntaristics researcher associations worldwide at various levels of geographic scope (Smith 2016).

Smith (2013:638) has noted, “About 55 similar interdisciplinary altruistics researcher associations have been founded worldwide (48 described here; including 9 defunct), 25 of them national in geographic scope, but seven covering a world region and 11 global” (see *ibid.*, table 1; to be updated periodically on www.icsera.org, under Resources). Smith (2013:640) continues, “Many of them publish their own academic journals, and nearly all have their own websites and newsletters for members. All active ones have meetings, seminars, or conferences at least biennially, usually annually, but sometimes more often.”

Sometimes the diffusion of the essence of ARNOVA, as an interdisciplinary voluntaristics researcher association and social invention, has occurred directly. Some founders of similar subsequent associations have learned of ARNOVA's existence and activities as a social invention and initial model through written media, or they have experienced one of its annual conferences that began in 1974 (e.g., Diana Leat, co-founder of the [UK] Association for Research on Voluntary and Community involvement [ARVAC]; Mark Lyons, co-founder of the Australian and New Zealand Third Sector Research [ANZTSR] association; Nauto Yamauchi, co-founder of the Japan Nonprofit Organization Research Organization [JANPORA]; Innocent Chukwuma, co-founder of the Association for Research on Civil Society in Africa [AROCSA]; Smith 2016).

Most times, however, especially in the past 10–15 years or so, the diffusion has been indirect. Other founders of interdisciplinary voluntaristics researcher associations have learned from one or more earlier associations besides ARNOVA as models (Smith 2016). This has often occurred by a founder attending a conference or reading an academic journal of another voluntaristics researcher association and deciding to found an association as a result. The latter, more common, indirect diffusion of this social innovation manifests what DiMaggio and Powell (1983) have termed *institutional isomorphism* and *mimetic processes (mimesis)* in existing organizational fields.

Smith also founded and was first Editor-in-Chief of ARNOVA's academic journal, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly (NVSQ)*, originally named the *Journal of Voluntary Action Research* (Smith 2003). NVSQ was the first interdisciplinary and international academic journal centrally dedicated to publishing research on voluntaristics, and it has served as a model for most subsequent voluntaristics journals, especially the general ones. In 2014, NVSQ had a Thomson-Reuters Journal Impact Factor of 1.49, highest of any core voluntaristics journal, while *Voluntas* had an Impact Factor of 1.24 for 2014.

Smith (2013:638) further noted that there are “[o]ver 100 academic journals that [primarily] publish research on altruistics or its sub-topics.” Some 61 of these are designated as “core or primary altruistics [voluntaristics] journals [that] have relevant terms like *civil society*, *third sector*, *social economy*, *philanthropy*, *social movements*, *nonprofit organizations*, *participation*, *engagement*, etc. in their titles or sub-titles.” That number of core journals now nears 70 (see www.icsera.org, under Resources). Casting a still wider net for academic journals that publish articles on topics in voluntaristics, Jackson et al. (2014:803) found that 4,053 academic journals listed in the SCOPUS article database had published 21,327 voluntaristics articles using a short list of such topics as keywords in the 12-year period, 2000–2011 (cf. Smith 2016:28). If a longer list of keywords were used with the same database for the past 20 years, it is likely that at least 100,000 articles would be identified, representing at least 50,000 different individual authors (cf., Smith and CHEN 2017).

Finally, much data gathered in the past few years suggest that the interdisciplinary socio-behavioral science field of voluntaristics has been growing exponentially since about the mid-1990s (Bekkers and Dursun 2013; Jackson, Guerrero, and Appe 2014; Shier and Handy 2014; Smith 2013; Smith and Sundblom 2014). Various measures of growth of the voluntaristics field all show rapid, recent, global growth: interdisciplinary associations, sections (subgroups) of academic discipline associations, core/primary academic journals, academic journals publishing relevant articles, dissertations and masters' theses, and research-information centers (see graphs in Smith 2016).

The prior research literature on voluntaristics as another context of the Handbook

The rapidly growing interdisciplinary, global, socio-behavioral science field of voluntaristics is one larger intellectual context of the present Handbook. But how does our Handbook fit into the extant research literature? Why is it needed? Here are the answers: No previous handbook on voluntaristics topics has ever tried to be truly international in its authorship. Until the present Handbook, this gap has been especially obvious regarding a handbook on associations or volunteering, let alone on both. The North American understanding of a handbook is that it is a large, highly multi-authored compendium of chapters with significant theoretical structure as a book that reviews either the state of research or the state of practice in a field or topical area. Only libraries and institutions usually buy encyclopedias, while many individual academics or practitioners or both buy handbooks and/or recommend them to their institutional libraries for purchase.

We must note that the research literature on volunteering, citizen participation, and membership associations, even in some of the sub-fields, is now so voluminous that even individual Handbook chapter teams could not possibly cover all relevant documents even in English, let alone in all major languages. For example, Part IV on factors affecting individual participation could easily have been a long book in itself. Musick and Wilson (2008) wrote just such a book, but a new, updated one is needed every five years or so, given the pace of growth of research and theory in voluntaristics.

The contributors to the Handbook

We contacted by mail or in person relevant experts born in 92 countries, seeking their participation. As editors, we have invited and gained participation from leading experts born in 73 countries to co-author chapters for this Handbook.¹ The first named editor (Smith) contacted well more than 600 experts in order to find the 203 final, separate, individual contributors who are now involved. He received significant help in identifying lead, second, and subsequent co-authors from his two co-editors, from various lead or second authors, plus help from a few outside colleagues (see the Acknowledgments). Many university faculty and other researchers who were contacted pleaded other pressing tasks when declining, even though intellectually interested. Furthermore, several experts who agreed to participate were unable to complete their work in a timely way or wrote text of insufficient quality to be included.

Our general plan was for each chapter to be written by a team of experts from different world regions, so that our research reviews and conclusions would reflect not just high-income, developed, Western European, North American,

and other Anglo-nations (Australia, New Zealand), but also various other world regions with different characteristics. Most research on the topics of our Handbook has studied people in WEIRD nations – Western, Educated, Industrialized, Rich, Democratic nations (cf. Henrich, Heine, and Norenzayan 2010). This Handbook is outstanding in its non-WEIRD nation outreach, both for contributors and for references.

We needed to select lead and second authors for each chapter who were both highly competent in writing English and also experts on the specific topics of their chapters. These criteria led to a preponderance (about 76.6%) of contributors from WEIRD nations as lead and second authors. Among the 105 lead and second authors for the 54 literature review chapters, 25 (23.8%) were from non-WEIRD nations. The fact that Smith was a lead or second author of 18 of these 54 review chapters skews the results somewhat toward the WEIRD nations, given that he was born in the United States.

Even when experts from non-WEIRD nations were not among the pair of lead and second authors, subsequent co-authors from the 73 nations were asked to vet the chapters from the viewpoint of their own birth-nation and/or world region. In addition, lead authors sought written text and reference inputs from all of their co-authors from various world regions and nations.

We do not believe that our attempt at including multi-national and multi-world-region perspectives for each review chapter was fully successful, but it was a start in the right direction. We had no direct funds at all from anyone or from any organization for the work of this Handbook (although many contributors may have been supported financially to some extent by their universities or other institutions). That situation made more thorough approaches to multi-national reviews and generalizations impossible. However, the greatest obstacle was not inadequate world region representation on the author team of each chapter, but rather the scarcity of relevant, high-quality research available for various world regions for each chapter. That was an irremediable problem, no matter how much funding we might have had.

In practice, the lead author was the chapter team leader and sought inputs from all of his or her team of co-authors. The lead author usually wrote a first draft of the chapter, with substantial inputs from the second author. Then the lead author was an editor of all materials from co-authors for the given chapter. In some cases, a third author made especially significant contributions. Otherwise, subsequent co-authors after the first two are listed in alphabetical order by surname. In some cases, the term *with* is used for one or more co-authors after the lead author, to indicate very minor written inputs to the final chapter text. Because of the costs involved, only lead and second authors will automatically receive free physical copies of the Handbook from the publisher.

Some initially planned chapters had to be dropped when there was insufficient research literature to merit a chapter for the Handbook. We are grateful

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In some instances, planned chapters were attempted but were ultimately dropped due to insufficient world region variety in inputs, insufficient adherence to editorial guidelines, word count limitations, or other substantive content problems. We are grateful to their initial draft authors: Patrick Rooney, Michael Kramarek, Lin TAO, and Andri Soteri-Proctor (Special Methodology); Robert A. Stebbins, Steinunn Hrafnisdottir, and Geoff Nichols (Social Leisure and Recreation); Daniela Bosioc, Lars-Skov Henriksen, Amer Afaq, and Zhibin ZHANG (Infrastructure Organizations); David H. Smith, Uzi Sasson, and Jurgen Grotz (Impact of Associations on Human Societies); and Antonin Wagner (Afterword).

Analytical structure and standard chapter format and editing

Unlike most edited books and many handbooks, this volume has a rigorous theoretical structure and plan. Each chapter was written to fulfill that larger analytical plan, which was created in early 2011 and then revised many times. The structure of the Handbook has been mainly the responsibility and work of the first editor, Smith. He also sought and received some inputs from his co-editors, Stebbins and Grotz, as well as from various lead authors and a few outside colleagues (see Acknowledgments). However, Smith accepts full responsibility for the final set of chapters and chapter topics included, the names and content of each part of the book, the names of all chapters, the ordering of parts of the book, the ordering of chapters within parts, and the standard format of most chapters.

When suitable contributors could not be found, when they were invited but declined to help, or when initially selected contributors could not do the necessary work to a high-quality standard, especially lead or second authors, the first editor, Smith, took on the additional reviewing and writing burden specifically in order to maintain and complete the overall theoretical structure of the Handbook that he had planned. This initially unexpected/unplanned, replacement chapter, or additional chapter section, reviewing, writing, and editing that Smith needed to do substantially lengthened the overall writing/editing process by perhaps three years. All this was, however, quite necessary to achieve the topical coverage we now have, and our variety of national and world region coverage, incomplete as it still is.

Originally, Smith was slated to be lead author on four chapters and to contribute to no others. Then, as also later, Smith was expected to recruit about 85% of our contributors from the 73 birth-countries. These inputs from experts born in so many different nations on all continents likely make our Handbook unique among all handbooks ever published on any topic. Smith was a substantive/content contributor to 41 of the 58 chapters (including the Preface, Introduction, and Appendix). Smith's final contribution includes 14 chapters (or other chapter-like documents) as lead author, 4 as second author, 6 as third author, and 17 as a more subsequent co-author, editing them all one or more times. This set of chapter co-authorships results in Smith being substantively involved, sometimes in only minor ways (e.g., 500 words), in the writing of about 71% of all the chapters.

This depth and breadth of involvement by Smith in the substantive writing process deserves a further word of explanation: Since Smith ended up so deeply and pervasively involved, why did he not simply plan to write the whole book himself, given his 50-year+ breadth/depth of knowledge about the topics included? The answers are simple.

Nearly 72 in 2011 (thus 77 now), Smith was uncertain he had the additional 10–15 years of life that would have been needed to write the book alone. More importantly, he wanted the Handbook to demonstrate the global nature of voluntaristics by including contributors from many countries and regions throughout the world. Further, he wanted to involve many known colleagues who were world-class experts on various specialized facets and sub-topics of the Handbook that were not Smith's specialties.

Within the vast majority of chapters, the content follows a standard analytical format: introduction, definitions, historical background, key issues, usable knowledge, future trends and needed research, cross-references, references, and sometimes endnotes. We borrowed and adapted this format from the *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*, edited by Anheier, Toepler, and List (published by Springer in 2010). However, as noted above, the Usable Knowledge section is an invention by Smith for our Handbook.

As suggested earlier, the research literature on the VNPS topics of the Handbook and of nearly any chapter in it has multiplied beyond the reach of any individual to keep up with. For example, on the Google Scholar database (accessed April 21, 2015) of journal articles and books, the keyword *volunteer* generates 1,520,000 hits or documents, with many old documents and documents not relevant to the Handbook; the keywords *voluntary association* generate similarly 1,880,000 hits; and the keywords *civic participation* generate 779,000 hits.

Because of this information overload, we started our contributor outreach process by trying to recruit a top expert in each topical area – a wise approach that guided our selection of lead and second authors for chapters. Many of

our chapter leads thus are world-class experts on their topics, but we have not always been so fortunate. Such top experts were often too busy with their own projects to be willing to join our Handbook project. As our next choice, we have sought bright younger scholars, who were more eager to be involved.

In terms of the substantive chapter content, each lead author has had to be very selective. Our initial editorial instructions to lead authors were to produce a chapter with 5,000 words of text and 1,000 words of references. These limits were later expanded, in order to include the intellectual richness of the research literature for certain key chapters and their detailed text. Thus, leads and other contributors have been in part affected by personal or professional preferences in their topical areas for concepts, variables, hypotheses/generalizations, theories, and documents/references to read, discuss, and cite. For these reasons, no chapter in the Handbook pretends to be exhaustive or comprehensive with its discussion or citation of documents and references. Thus, expert readers may expect to find that some of their own favorite documents, including one's own publications, have neither been cited nor discussed. However, such topical experts would find various ones of their favorite documents discussed, as well as others at least cited or listed in the chapter references without citations in the chapter text.

A full set of references for each chapter is available free of charge on the website of the sponsoring nonprofit research organization, the International Council of Voluntarism, Civil Society, and Social Economy Researcher Associations under Resources (ICSERA; www.icsera.org). There is no consolidated, master bibliography for the Handbook, because single chapter bibliographies are more coherent substantively and better for interested readers to browse.

In sum, one of our two top priorities and goals in writing and editing this Handbook has been to include a very broad, multi-national range of scholars in order to provide a genuinely international perspective on the topics of each of the 54 review chapters. In addition, we have wanted that broad range of international scholars as contributors to demonstrate conclusively the global nature of our fast-growing, interdisciplinary field and emergent *inter-discipline* of voluntaristics (Smith 2016). We believe we have accomplished both of these goals quite well, but readers and reviewers may judge for themselves.

Our other, but not lesser, top priority and goal has been to have high-quality and interesting text for each chapter that follows our theoretical chapter format, with large sets of relevant references for each chapter. We believe that we have also accomplished that major goal, but the reader will have to be the judge. At the very least, we argue that the substance of this Handbook will be useful to many voluntaristics scholars, educators, and students for many years to come. We also argue that this volume fills a previous gap in the voluntaristics handbook research literature.

Unlike most other handbooks, this Handbook has a kind of latent, intellectual advocacy purpose. As Smith indicates in the Introduction (and at length previously in Smith 2000:chapter 10), many major scholars in the field of voluntaristics and their followers have for decades seriously distorted the overall theoretical perspective of the nature of the VNPS, seeing it mainly or solely as a set of NPOs as paid-staff based nonprofit agencies (Smith 2015c), mainly or totally ignoring voluntary associations (Smith 2015b). The Introduction, and indeed the entire Handbook, is an attempt by Smith once again to broaden their *flat-earth maps* (Smith 1997). We strongly advocate adding much more emphasis on associations, and also on volunteering and civic participation, to expand the *round-earth paradigm* of the VNPS that Smith (2000:chapter 10) has been suggesting since he founded the organized field of voluntaristics in 1971 (Smith 2016). Many other distinguished voluntaristics scholars share this broader, round-earth perspective and paradigm (e.g., Cnaan and Park 2016; Rochester 2013; Van Til 2015).

Finally, for all the work done by the editors of this Handbook, in the end the “soil and earth” (quoting Jurgen Grotz, our Managing Editor) of this book are its 203 contributors – the *sine qua non* of its existence, without whom the Handbook would not exist. *We three Editors are thus immensely grateful for the estimated 30+ person-years of volunteer professional effort/work they have collectively contributed to this massive, interdisciplinary, multi-national, collaborative endeavor over the past five years*, continuing still over the next few months or so of production of the volume (e.g., answering copy editor queries, proofing typeset chapters). We firmly believe that entire global field of voluntaristics will be in their debt for many years to come.

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1. We have had to set some rules for ourselves in writing contributors’ names in order to standardize the process and make the form of contributors’ names be used consistently across individuals:
 - (1) We use first and last names (surnames, family names), but omit middle names, using the middle initial when known.
 - (2) We usually hyphenate Hispanic surnames (e.g., Batista-Silva), for practical reasons of alphabetization, even though hyphens are not used in Hispanic cultures.
 - (3) We consistently hyphenate British double surnames (e.g., Ellis-Paine), even though this practice is not followed in Britain.
 - (4) We hyphenate double surnames used to indicate the surnames of both spouses (e.g., More-Hollerweger), as some modern people do.
 - (5) We use diacritical markings to the extent that we know them (e.g., René), at least in the lists of chapter authors and the References.
 - (6) We place Chinese surnames in all capital letters, because there have been many confusions/errors about surnames in the course of our work regarding which of

two Chinese names is the surname. Naturally, the Chinese do not do this. Furthermore, we place the surname second, contrary to the usual Chinese practice of putting the surname first. When a Chinese surname is preceded by a Western first name, we use upper/lower case for the surname, since confusion is less likely.

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