

POSITION STATUS LEVEL AND FACTORS PERCEIVED AS  
AFFECTING CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AND POSITION OBTAINMENT FOR  
KANSAS WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

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## ABSTRACT

Women comprise only 16 percent of all administrative positions at higher education institutions. As the importance of the administrative position increases, the percentage of women decreases. In 1979, women held 7.5 percent of all presidencies. A majority of these headed institutions with fewer than 3,000 students. However, the number of women chief executive officers increased by 48 percent between 1975 and 1980. A greater number of women are entering the administrative field each year, while no clear steps to advancement have been defined.

Little research has been conducted on women administrators at different administrative levels. This research examines factors perceived to contribute to career achievement and position attainment and status level. A sample of Kansas women administrators at all institutional types and position levels (n=200) completed a survey, Kansas Women in Higher Education Administration. The data were analyzed using six separate one-way analyses of variance procedures. No significant differences were found on any of the six factors pertaining to career achievement and position attainment. A profile of Kansas women administrators is presented. The results are discussed along with implications for further research.

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## CHAPTER I

### INTRODUCTION

#### Rationale: Status of Women Administrators

Women students comprise over half the undergraduate student population in American colleges and universities. In 1980, women equaled some 50.7 percent of the enrollments in post-secondary educational institutions (Higher Education Daily, 1980). Yet, a recent study by the College and University Personnel Association (CUPA, 1978) found that only 16 percent of all administrative posts in over 1,100 institutions were held by women. The percent of women administrators in private institutions rises to 21 percent. Only in private women's colleges do women hold over half the administrative posts, 56 percent. The comparable figure for male administrators at all male colleges is 88 percent.

These figures decrease rapidly as the importance of the administrative position increases, a phenomenon termed the "pyramid syndrome" (Graham, 1974; Sandler, 1979). In 1978, women held less than seven percent of the top executive positions at white coeducational posts in four-year public colleges. Only eight of these were at institutions with total enrollments exceeding 10,000. While 135 women were chief executive officers



at four-year private colleges, 86 of these were of religious orders, typically all-women colleges. The total number of women chief executive officers at all two and four-year colleges was 219 in 1980. Though the number is small, it is a remarkable increase from 1975, which found a total of 148 women as chief executive officers. This is a gain of 48 percent in five years (Office of Women in Higher Education, 1980).

Some interesting trends in the increase of women chief executive officers include:

1. The rise of the woman president in two-year educational institutions. Five times as many women are now presidents of two-year public institutions.
2. As the number of women chief executive officers increases in public institutions, the proportion of women presidents who are members of a religious order decreases. Two-thirds of all women presidents were members of religious orders in 1975. In 1981, these only comprise 42 percent of all women presidents (Office of Women in Higher Education, 1981).

Many of the advances into top-level positions can be traced to a program sponsored by the Office of Women in Higher Education of the American Council on Education. This program, the National Identification Program, has been active since 1977, with major funding from the Council and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

Developed to help qualified women in higher education administration gain visibility and access to top-level administrative posts, the program utilizes state and regional women administrators to identify women ready for top-level positions. National forums

are held inviting identified women to participate. Such forums provide needed visibility with chief administrators. Nineteen women who have attended these ACE forums are counted among the new presidents.

The National Identification Program is a credit to the influence of successful networking among women. The question of whether a woman can obtain a top-level post in a college or university has now been replaced by, "how can we best facilitate such career advancement and how can we help increase a woman's effectiveness once she has access to such positions?"

#### Purpose

While women and women's groups are generating programs to better prepare themselves for the responsibilities of leadership positions, institutions do little to recruit, train and promote capable women into administrative positions. The effectiveness of Affirmative Action is questionable (Kanter & Wheatley, 1978; Kistler, 1979; Marshall, 1978; Van Alstyne, 1977). There is a need for the development of a comprehensive plan of action by institutions of higher learning. However, with the exception of networking, little is known about the differential effectiveness of today's diverse programs aimed at teaching women strategies to success in higher education administration. The importance of networking and mentoring are acknowledged as factors contributing to the successful advancement of women (Women's Educational Equity Communications Network, 1980).

Data indicates that women are actively using contacts in seeking new positions, and in similar proportions to their male colleagues, but the reverse "flow" of information or perceived "fit" -- women being actively sought for positions in proportion to their male colleagues -- does not seem to be matching women's own initiative, especially in the non-chief's group (Capek, 1981).

Adkinson (1980) warns that women's networks, though supportive, are not sufficient sources of support. Where organizational loyalty is held at a premium, visible participation in such networks may even prove detrimental to a woman's advancement.

Institutions have failed to develop structures which support women's administrative careers. Marshall (1979 & 1980) and Widom and Burke (1978) propose that the typical male socialization pattern is not available to a woman. Women's limited access to role models and other administrative women along with the interference of ambiguity of intent during informal interactions with male administrators restricts their professional socialization. Thus, a woman often faces isolationism along with the extra-testing associated with being a nontraditional participant in the administrative arena.

Female career role strain is one of the most researched topics on career women. Balancing the culturally defined roles of homemaker with a more self-defined role of professional requires a woman to re-define her identity, and certainly, to rearrange her life, feelings and attitudes. Marshall (1980) labels this period "Transition" and maintains that no woman attains high positions and

performs comfortably and competently without going through Transition. Paddock (1978) found that the divided role of professional and homemaker is a major barrier to women's career development. She found that women respondents mention the divided role more frequently than any other barrier. This subject arises repeatedly in literature.

Institutional structures may cause strong deterrants for women administrators. These organizational realities intensify female career strain. No clear ladder outlines steps which women may take to insure rewarding positions (Moore, 1982). Such ambiguity and lack of certainty combined with the strain of integrating cultural roles for individual ones may discourage women from continued administration. Yet, figures show a growing number of women entering the field. While only eight percent of the student population in educational administration programs affiliated with the University Council for Educational Administration were female in the late 1960's (Cirincione-Coles, 1975), women earned 21 percent of the master's degrees in educational administration in 1971-72 and 29 percent of those awarded in 1975-76. In the same period, women's share of doctorates in educational administration rose from six percent to 20 percent (Frasher & Frasher, 1979; Stockard, 1981).

Kanter (1977) found that where individuals, whether male or female, see that the structure of opportunity limits their mobility and growth, they display behaviors stereotyped as female, such as limiting their aspirations and seeking satisfaction through

interpersonal relationships rather than from task performance. This confirms that structural characteristics of organizations rather than sex-linked personality traits or behavior create the major barrier to women's success in management. Kanter also found fewer sex differences than individual differences in leadership styles among women and men leaders in various group settings.

The recent advances in access to top-level positions and the increasing number of women in higher education administration combined with the continued lack of supportive structures in academic institutions increases the importance of identifying and examining specific factors influencing women's success at all levels of administration. This study attempts to clarify factors most relevant to the success of women administrators and examine the differential importance of those factors between women of varying position status.

The main questions of this study are:

1. Do women of different levels of status in academic administration differ on the degree that they perceive certain factors as important to their career achievement?
2. Do women of different levels of status in academic administration differ on the degree that they perceive barriers as influencing their career achievement?

3. Do women of different levels of status in academic administration differ in the degree that they perceive certain factors as important to their present position obtainment?

Hypotheses are presented in Chapter III.

### Significance

The significance of this study lies in the identification and examination of some potential factors influencing women's success in higher education administration. The examination of the differential effects of these factors on women of varying status is necessary to identify trends or changes in the administrative field. Such clarification is essential for the development of valid strategies for institutional change toward better recruitment, training and promotion of women in higher education administration.

### Summary

Men continue to greatly outnumber women in administrative positions at institutions of higher learning. Through recent efforts to increase the visibility of qualified women by networking, the total number of women chief executive officers has increased 55 percent in five years. However, no clear ladder has been defined to help women advance at all levels of academic administration. This study attempts to clarify factors which have influenced women at different levels of administrative status. The

differential importance of these factors according to position status is examined to detect trends in the advancement of women into administrative positions.

### Definition of Terms

Sex Role Socialization - differential treatment and expectations one receives on the basis of gender.

Sex Role Orientation - the actual incorporation of masculine and/or feminine characteristics, independent of gender.

Roles - general outlines of expected behavior for individuals in different types of situations.

Traditional Roles - a role that has been handed down through generations in a culture and has come to be expected. The traditional role of women is defined in this study as that of wife and mother.

Role Conflict - when behavioral demands of multiple roles or demands within a role are incompatible and result in frustration over real or perceived pressures to meet these expectations.

Sexual Discrimination - the differential treatment of men and women on the basis of their gender, without consideration of individual differences in terms of ability, competence, inclination, or commitment.

## CHAPTER II

### REVIEW OF THE LITERATURE

The focus of the literature review for this study is the social context and the higher education context of women and women in academic administration. The social context examines historical and present factors of women's employment and women's education. The higher education context examines research on the status of women in higher education administration, barriers to advancement, factors influencing the achievement of women in higher education administration and strategies for advancing in higher education administration. Finally, a brief review of research on women in Kansas Higher Education administration is presented.

#### Social Context

##### Women's Employment

Women's employment in the labor force increased nearly three times as fast as the female population between 1975 and 1980. From 1975 through 1979 the number of women age 16 years and over increased by 6.4 percent but the number participating in the labor force increased by 17.3 percent. By 1979, for the first time, more than half of all women over 16 years of age were employed or seeking employment (U.S. Department of Labor, 1980). About 43



million women were in the labor force in 1979; they constituted more than two-fifths of all workers. Women accounted for nearly three-fifths of the increase in the civilian labor force in the last decade--about 13 million women compared with more than 9 million men. The average woman worker is as well educated as the average male worker; both have completed a median of 12.6 years of schooling. The more education a woman has, the greater the likelihood she will seek paid employment. Among women with four or more years of college, about two out of three were in the labor force in 1979 (U.S. Department of Labor, 1979).

Many changes occurred to increase the labor force participation of women during the past decade. The changes include a dramatic increase of working age youths in the population and an increase in school enrollment and education levels. Also significant have been changes in marital and childbearing patterns leading to decisions to defer marriage, have fewer children and, increasingly, to terminate marriage by divorce (Lasch, 1978). In addition, mothers are much more likely to work. About 13.4 million or 54 percent of all wives with children under 18 were in the labor force in March, 1980. Although the mothers of school age children remain much more likely to be in the work force (62 percent) than those with children under six (45 percent), the proportion of working mothers with preschoolers has risen a dramatic 15 percentage points since 1970 (U.S. Department of Labor, 1981). Increasing numbers of married women and mothers in the work force reflect both

the economic climate and changing perception of women's roles. The number of working mothers has increased more than tenfold since the period immediately preceding World War II, while the number of working women more than tripled (U.S. Department of Labor, 1980).

While women have gradually improved their labor force position, the gap between average earnings of male and female full-time, year-round workers continues. Two-thirds of all women holding a job do so out of economic necessity, with those employed full time contributing 40 percent of the average husband-wife family's income (U.S. Department of Labor, 1980). Women cluster in jobs whose financial rewards have traditionally been lower. In 1900 most members of the female labor force would be found in agricultural, manufacturing, or domestic service jobs. Well over half of all women continue to work in occupations in which at least two-thirds are women and over 40 percent are employed in occupations in which 80 percent or more are females. These occupations continue to be categorized by less prestige, pay and decision-making power than those dominated by men. More importantly for this study, within professional occupations such as law, medicine and academic administration, women are found in low-ranking specialties, such as matrimonial and real estate work; public health and psychiatry; and directors of financial aid, registrars, and librarians (American Council on Education, 1981). Only 5.2 percent of women employed in 1975 were designated by the Bureau of

Labor statistics as managers and administrators, compared with 14 percent of men employed (World Almanac, 1977).

### Women's Education

More than 200 years lapsed between the founding of Harvard in 1636 and Oberlin College's admission of women in 1837. Economic factors contributed to the admission of women into the system. Shrinking enrollments and scarcity of resources during the Civil War opened many educational doors to women. The depressed economy of the 1880's assisted women's entry into doctoral programs... especially if financial and endowment monies were gained by the admission of affluent females.

"Some of our best scholars have been ladies," commented President Denison of Kansas Agricultural College at a meeting of the Friends of Agricultural Education in 1871. There was, however, a tendency for girls to concentrate in home economics and education, while boys studied engineering and agriculture (Newcomer, 1959). Women's role in higher education have fluctuated in the twentieth century.

By 1929, two-fifths of the bachelor's degrees and 17 percent of the doctorates awarded went to women. Lyson (1981) found that the number of degrees awarded to women increased by over 90 percent between 1966 and 1976 compared to an increase of about 70 percent for men. Lyson standardized female growth rates to the national average growth rate and indicated that women experienced a net

increase of 28,191 degrees. He found that at the same time that women were increasing their overall share of degrees, they were generally shifting out of slow growing fields in the sex neutral and traditional female areas and into fast growing areas across the curriculum spectre. He determined that seven of nine traditional male areas had net increases of women during the decade between 1966-1976. The net increase of women in traditional male areas was larger than the increase in either sex neutral or traditional female areas. Additionally, it was found that women increased their share of male degrees more than their share of sex neutral or traditional female degrees.

Gains of the number of women in higher education can be attributed both to legislation to ensure educational access and to increased recognition of the need for women to prepare for economic sufficiency. Women have expanded the range and scope of their studies and are no longer confined to traditional female fields. But, influenced by prevailing attitudes of appropriate occupational sex roles, many women still elect to prepare for the traditional fields of education, health, public affairs and services, the arts and home economics. Occupational forecasts identify few of these fields as strong prospects for expanded employment (U.S. Office of Education, 1980).

### Higher Education Context

"If women are thinly represented on faculties, especially in traditional male fields, they are so rarely represented in top academic administrative positions as to be practically non-existent" (Carnegie Commission, 1973). Between 1930 and the late 1940's, 27 percent of full time faculty members were women. After 1949, the percentage declined steadily. In 1949-50, women constituted 24.5 percent of full time faculties, and in 1959-60, 22 percent. By 1976, the percentage had risen slightly to 24.2 percent. Since it is still largely from faculty that administrators are chosen, we are still trying to catch up to 1930 (Bennett, 1979).

Before 1974, few articles had been written about women in educational administration. Research on administrators centers on accounts of personal experiences or studies on one position, the chief executive officer. Hence, we do not have a comprehensive view of women administrator's careers. Moore (1982) suggests that while research on women administrators is limited in nature and scope, women do not possess similar faculty backgrounds nor are they likely to follow the same routes as men in top positions. The majority of research on women in educational administration is limited to determining the actual number of women in various posts. Such data, though necessary to determine women's status, is not sufficient to identify career paths or factors contributing to success in both positions. The following is a review of such status

research, research on barriers to advancement and research pertaining to achievement in higher education administration.

### Status

In 1970, Deckerd (1975) found that in all colleges and universities with more than 10,000 students, there were no women presidents and no women vice presidents. Twelve percent of the academic deans were women and 17 percent of the assistant and associate deans were women. In 1977, 95.1 percent of entering freshmen were enrolled in institutions where all three chief executive administrators (president/chancellor, chief academic officer and dean) were male (Astin, 1977).

Gappa and Uehling (1979) report a decrease in the percentage of women employed in faculty and administrative positions from 28 percent in 1929-30 to 19 percent in 1959-60, and to 25 percent in 1977. A 1973 survey by the Carnegie Commission of Higher Education cites the elimination of the Dean of Women positions and the decreasing number of women presidents at women's colleges as reasons for the decline. The Commission predicted that overcoming inequities would become even more difficult due to declining enrollments and the subsequent slowing of hiring.

As reported in this study's introduction, a recent comprehensive research study on the status of women and minorities in higher education administrators at over 1,100 institutions shows that women hold only 16 percent of the administrative positions (College and University Personnel Association, 1979). The

proportion of women administrators is higher at private (21 percent) as opposed to public (12 percent) colleges. Only in private women's colleges does the proportion of women administrators rise to 56 percent. Capek (1981) surveyed six institutions in the New Jersey university system and found a similar proportion of women administrators - 16 percent (29 out of 221).

The chief executive officer (CEO) has been the subject of a majority of the research on women in higher education administration. In 1871, Frances Willard was named president of Evanston College for Women, she became the first woman president of an American college or university (Kane, 1965). She represented .18 percent of all presidents at that time. In 1970, 11 percent of college presidents in the U. S. were women. However, 99 percent of these were presidents of Roman Catholic women's colleges (Cohen & March, 1974). The Chronicle of Higher Education (1970) reported that less than three percent of public colleges had women presidents compared to eight percent of private colleges.

In 1973, Thurston (1975) reported only five women presidents of community colleges in the U.S. Today, women hold five times as many presidencies in two-year community colleges than in 1975. As of 1979, women held 7.5 percent of all presidencies, or out of 2,600 colleges and universities, 204 are headed by women (Comment, 1980). Of the 204 women presidents, four head institutions with over 20,000 students; eight head institutions with over 10,000 students; 22 head institutions with

3,000 - 10,000 students, and 170 head institutions with fewer than 3,000 students.

### Barriers Perceived

We must have some understanding of why there are so few women in academic positions now before we can determine strategies to help expand the pool. Women currently in administration admit they were reluctant to seek their positions (Gross & Trask, 1976; Schmuck, 1975). Coffin and Ekstrom (1979) asked subjects, women school administrators, what they considered key roadblocks with regard to unsuccessful applications for positions. The most frequent reasons given were: sex discrimination (18 percent); predetermined appointees (17 percent); predetermined attitudes of hiring authority (15 percent); lack of experience (12 percent); racism (10 percent); and age (10 percent). For many women, several of these roadblocks were operative.

There is much literature on the special problems women encounter. Fenn (1978) divides these problems into three areas: psychological: negative self image, self defeating behaviors, fear of success; social: attitudes about roles and role strain; and organizational: barriers within organizations, persons and groups at the work place. Clement, et. al., (1977) found that even if a woman achieves an administrative position, she will not receive the same sort of support from her male colleagues as the men receive from one another. Professional women have reported that



interaction with their male colleagues is the most problematic aspect of their jobs (Lockhead & Hall, 1976). Both Ester (1975) and Schmuck (1975) view the problem of the low proportion of women in school administration as having two causes: 1) discrimination; 2) low aspirations and ideas about "women's place." Nieboer (1975) determined that role models or identification models of behavior are essential for the development of a self concept, yet there are few models of women in leadership positions for women to emulate.

Most of these identified barriers support the argument that sex role stereotypes, sex role socialization and discrimination diminish the probabilities that women will seek leadership positions actively and that organizations will be receptive to those who do.

The literature on socialization, role conflict and sexual discrimination and the success of women in higher education administration will be discussed.

Sex Role Socialization is the differential treatment and expectations one receives on the basis of gender. Historically, women have always been conditioned to be inferior (Schuman, 1971) and have rarely taken opportunities to advance themselves (Alexander, 1974). Because of their socialization, women are more dependent on men, lack self confidence and underrate themselves (Hoffman, 1973). "The literature indicates," says Broverman, "that men and masculine characteristics are more highly valued in our society than are women and feminine characteristics" (1970). This inevitably leads to women developing a negative self-concept.

"Femininity and being female is socially devalued by members of both sexes" (Baumrind, 1972). Flammer (1971) found that the highest self esteem was associated with high sex role orientation in boys and low sex role orientation with girls. Women and girls, as well as men and boys, tend to value males and their accomplishments far more than they value females and their accomplishments (Bem & Bem, 1973; Flammer, 1971; McKee & Sherriffs, 1957, 1959; Mosher, 1972; Rosenkrantz, et al., 1968).

Horner (1969) cites evidence for a "motive to avoid success." Contributing to women's low opinion of themselves is the fact that stereotypically masculine traits such as independence, dominance, competition, achievement drive, leadership, decisiveness and logic are considered more socially desirable than are stereotypically feminine attributes such as dependence, emotionalism, submissiveness, passivity, indecisiveness and lack of logic (Broverman, et. al., 1970; Mosher, 1972; Rosenkrantz, et.al., 1968). Females are trained to accept a narrow, restricting societal definition of their role (Cairns, 1975) that tells them what they can and cannot do and be. Sex role stereotyping is more restrictive for women, especially in the area of jobs, where "the range of acceptable choice is much narrower for women than for men" (Cairns, 1975). Other things being equal, people will choose careers that are consistent with their beliefs about themselves (Terborg, 1977).

However, Alper (1973) suggests that some women can accept competition and achievement as part of the feminine role. Feather

and Raphelson (1977) found that women seemed to display less fear of success than was indicated by Horner (1969). Nevertheless, fear of success "is assumed to be a stable personality characteristic learned early in life as part of female sex role standards" (Karabenick & Marshall, 1974). The Department of Labor's statistics often conflict with traditional attitudes regarding women's work participation. For example, assumptions regarding their long-term labor force attachment (i.e., that women are intermittent workers) are not confirmed. Statistics on labor turnover indicate that net differences in job turnover rates for women workers are comparable with men employed at similar job levels and under similar circumstances. Another indication of the stability of women in the work force is the increase in work-life expectancy which moved from an average of 12.1 years in 1940 to 20.1 years in 1960. While on the job, women demonstrated the same rates of absenteeism as men. A study on the total loss to the American economy from work absences found that the cost of absenteeism by women was also comparable to men's. These favorable findings for women workers emphasize the importance of judging work performance on the basis of individual achievement rather than upon assumptions based on gender stereotypes (Department of Labor, 1969).

A review of the motivation, personality, and work-related characteristics of women in male-dominated professions found that sex stereotypes are not substantiated. However, there was some evidence that women in nontraditional professions have less

ambition and lower commitment to their jobs than do men (Ashburn, 1977).

Studies on the effects of sex role socialization specifically on women in higher education administration demonstrate how this stereotyping can hinder women's advancement in academia. Considering traditional stereotypes of feminine and masculine characteristics, it is evident that "to pursue higher education and/or careers forces women to assume personality traits which may be opposite from those of their early socialization experiences" (Damico & Nevil, 1978). Tibbetts (1975) studied women in higher education and concluded that women accept their inferior status as genuine. The perceived consequences (that they will appear unfeminine, etc.) quite logically, "act as barriers to women's occupational aspirations" (Cohen, et. al., 1978).

Marshall (1981) researched the "professional socialization" patterns of entry women in academia. She concluded that the usual socialization patterns are not available to a woman. She must create her own. She found that socializing patterns set the odds against aspiring women. There are no incentives or supports for women in male-dominated professions. Many of the task-learning opportunities are not open to her; the career norms are often not relevant, only male-appropriate. She seldom has access to sponsor-protege socialization because men and women are not accustomed to working as caring, supportive colleagues as in the sponsor-protege relationship. Again, ambiguity of intent interferes

with such informal interactions between men and women since they may give the appearance as love or sexual relationships. When a woman has to create her own socialization network, she expends extra time and energy (which she has little of) at the point of initiation into a profession.

Role Conflict results when behavioral demands of multiple roles or demands within a role are incompatible and result in frustration over real or perceived pressures to meet these expectancies. Acceptance of stereotypes promotes role conflict. Many women are caught in the cross currents of change. Despite the dramatic shift in cultural values, both "old" and "new" values coexist. In the absence of absolutes, women are subjected to enormous conflicts of values with resulting role conflict. Increasingly, women are identifying more with their careers and less with their families (Parelius, 1975). Having a family enhances a man's academic position and hinders a woman's. Astin and Bayer (1972) found that the greater the number of children a male administrator had, the higher rank and salary...not true for women administrators. The decade from 25-35 years of age is critical for both child-bearing and laying the ground for successful professional strategies. Marriage places the same restrictions on geographic mobility for women academics as for other professionals but often with even more restrictive consequences. Institutional restrictions against hiring one's own graduates, accordingly, have a more

negative effect on married women than on married men (Gappa & Uehling, 1979).

"Current mothering and administrator roles are so incompatible that even self-defined women cannot find ways to manipulate, integrate, and find sufficient substitutes. Some women delay entry into the career until way late, some do not become mothers. We cannot tell how many mothers simply do not become administrators" (Marshall, 1981). Palley (1978) found an inverse relationship between marriage and family obligations and administrative career mobility among women subjects. His subjects were Academic Administration Internship Program (AAIP) alumni (of ACE). There was no such relationship of this variable to administrative career mobility apparent for male respondents. When this finding was taken together with the written comments made by the female respondents to the questionnaire, the limiting role of marriage and family responsibilities for women becomes apparent. Several married women observed that their career patterns were curtailed by their husband's career. No male respondent commented on career limitations caused by his wife's professional goals and aspirations. It is a reality that family responsibilities alter career patterns for women with career goals in academic administration in ways that they do not affect men. Many women seem to have resolved role conflict by deciding not to marry or, increasingly, divorce. Hochschild (1975) found that divorced women were more successful than either single or married women, the opposite being true for men.

Marshall (1979) proposes that a newly appointed woman administrator must replace the learned behaviors appropriate for the adult woman with new behaviors and develop a new definition of self to succeed as an administrator. Such women are able to find sufficient access to socialization and sufficient career role strain in management techniques to become self-defined and successful.

Sexual Discrimination is the differential treatment of men and women on the basis of their gender, without consideration of individual differences in terms of ability, competence, inclination, or commitment. That outright discrimination is a factor in the low proportion of women professionals has been documented (Abramson, 1975). Women are perceived stereotypically and are relegated to the positions with low opportunities and are then observed as fitting the stereotypic behaviors for women because low opportunity prospects discourage attitudes and behaviors necessary for upward mobility. In male-dominated careers, ability becomes primary and the so-called feminine attributes become less essential. Feldman and Kiesler (1973) suggest that ability (an instrumental attribute) is essential as a criterion for prestige positions, while motivation (an expressive attribute) is thought to be a qualifier for less prestigious jobs (i.e., secretary). Ability is generally identified as a male attribute, while motivation is generally identified as a feminine attribute.

The cumulative effect of past discrimination has prevented women from gaining necessary skills and experience (Terborg, 1977). The "Null Environment Hypothesis," developed by a University of Chicago study, states that an academic situation which neither encourages nor discourages students of either sex is inherently discriminatory against women because it fails to take into account the differentiating external environments from which they come (U.S. Office of Education, 1980). Widom and Burke (1978) found that women junior faculty were the more likely than other faculty to report having experienced sexual discrimination. The most frequently chosen discriminatory category was "in hiring," followed by "other."

Still, many studies have found that women report having experienced no discrimination (Cochran, 1978; Ironside, 1981; Montagu, 1974). Cochran (1978) determined that discrimination alone does not account for the lack of women administrators in academia. She surveyed women in Texas, Florida and Washington (n=207) and the data concluded that women in administration do not view themselves as objects of discrimination. Montagu (1974) explained that some women are not aware of the injustices that have been committed against them and do not recognize the inequity of their position. "As a result of years of sex role stereotyping via the socialization process, both males and females fail to recognize indirect discrimination because it is built into the system" (Dietsch, 1978).



### Achievement

Ironside (1981) suggests that the issue of barriers has been widely addressed in the literature. She suggests a study dealing with positive rather than negative factors; with what has enhanced women's careers rather than blocked them, with ambition fulfilled rather than thwarted. Studies where factors have been identified as positively influencing career achievement in higher education administration will be reviewed.

Many women reach the bottom of the hierarchical ladder somewhat unintentionally. Adams (1979) interviewed sixty successful women who made it to the top and found a consistent pattern in getting to the point of departure. These successful women began to plan careers only when they discovered that they were being successful. They then changed their perceptions about work from doing a job to having a career.

Larwood and Wood (1977) described successful women as people who have a high degree of job satisfaction, enjoy solving problems, enjoy success, and look forward to future advancement. They generally credit their success to careful use of every opportunity to demonstrate and develop their abilities. Another key to their success was their ability to break into the informal communications networks and to demonstrate their ability and cooperation. Lynch (1978) found the successful career woman to be better at detail, extremely flexible, persevering and to have a good sense of humor.

These women attribute their success to a good education, hard work, understanding bosses and/or husband, good timing and good luck.

Crawford (1982) surveyed men and women presidents, academic vice presidents and academic deans to determine what skills are perceived to lead to success in Higher Education Administration. The ten most important skills are listed:

1. Maintaining high standards of ethics, honesty and integrity in implementing the goals of the institution.
2. Demonstrating knowledge of institutional resources, such as time, personnel, funds, materials, and other facilities to implement programs.
3. Applying both concepts of fairness and techniques for personnel appraisal related to compensation, promotion in rank, and awarding of tenure.
4. Having the combination of diplomacy, firmness, and self-confidence to implement planning decisions with a minimum of institutional disruption.
5. Possessing the ability to speak, read, write, and express thoughts in a clear, coherent manner.
6. Possessing stability, objectivity, and composure in times of stress.
7. Being able to think well on one's feet when faced with unexpected or disturbing events in large group meetings.
8. Being open to new ideas and suggestions and being able to adjust to meet new situations.
9. Being honest, open, and dependable in dealings with subordinates.
10. Being able to deal with frustrations without becoming hostile or defensive toward others.

Three of the ten most important skills perceived involve the communication process. Crawford noted that no financial planning skill was rated as most essential, interesting, in light of recent budget restraints and emphasis on budget programming. She also noted that the emphasis on teaching and scholarship which is found

in the literature was not supported in her study. This may indicate that fewer administrators are rising from the faculty ranks.

Cliff (1981) interviewed six top women administrators at the University of Kansas. They attributed their success to their intelligence, curiosity, willingness to take risks, self-confidence and understanding of their own abilities, luck, hard work, contacts made and continued, and determined outlook. Many researchers have found successful women and women administrators to possess extraordinary abilities, intelligence and determination. There is an apparent need to examine women at various administrative levels to determine if top level success is available to women only with extraordinary personalities and abilities.

Soldweden (1977) asked 1,259 members of the National Association of Women Deans and Counselors (NAWDAC) to describe their greatest professional strength. Twenty-nine percent described a specific skill: organizing, administration and management, leadership, decision-making, efficiency, political expertise. Twenty-nine percent also cited interpersonal skills: ability to relate to students, relationships with students and staff; public relations and communication; ability to inspire confidence, to persuade others. Twenty-six percent gave a personal characteristic as to their greatest professional strength: tolerance, patience, diplomacy, tact, flexibility, integrity, honesty, dedication, drive, energy, tenacity, sense of humor. Sixteen percent felt that their experience or seniority on the job was their primary source of

professional strength. Lack of proper credentials or a specified skill (group skills, finance, budgeting, political naivete) were described by 40 percent of the respondents as their greatest professional limitation. Personality characteristics (defensiveness, intolerances, expecting too much from others, impatience, worry, anxiety, fatigue, discouragement) were cited by 39 percent.

Coffin and Ekstrom (1979) asked women to describe factors which might have contributed to their success. It was obvious from their wide variety of responses that no single factor opens the door to administration. The two most often cited were good credentials and hard work (10 percent and 8 percent respectively). The success factors reported were grouped roughly into three categories: personal traits mentioned by 60 percent; situational factors, 20 percent; and experience, 20 percent. Hard work was the most important personal trait followed by general competence, adequate health, stamina and vigor, and human relations/interpersonal skills all tying for the next three most frequently mentioned abilities. The situational factor most often considered helpful to success was contact through professional relationships in general, as well as with males able to provide entree. This was followed by making immediate use of every possible opportunity and being in the right place at the right time; good luck; a mate who encouraged professional growth; ability to devote weekends and evenings to work tasks; encouragement from men in the field; opportunity to build a professional reputation; and opportunity to

be visible and to produce. The possession of good credentials was considered the most important experience factor. Involvement in community affairs and other meaningful organizations ranked second, followed by appropriate experience and a good professional reputation.

An apparent trend in most of the research on factors relating to success in academic administration is communication: interpersonal skills; contacts with others - both men and women; and involvement in professional organizations. Cochran (1978) surveyed 207 Texas, Florida and Washington women who identified relating well to people as their strongest asset. MacConkey (1979) advocates the acquisition of personal power as the key element for advancement. She goes on to say that the acquisition of personal power is made through a series of constant contacts and sharing of information. Widom and Burke (1978) found that junior faculty women's ratings were significantly higher than men's for knowing people in the profession, joining professional organizations, taking an active role in organizations, and serving on University committees. However, the differences reflect the extent of endorsement rather than a general pattern of endorsement...this led them to suggest that female faculty know what is important but not necessarily how important. Palmeiri and Shakestrift predict that to get ahead, women must be extremely competent at every stage of their advancement. They must master the skills of administration and at the same time learn the informal mechanisms of communication (1979). I will

examine more fully three vehicles for advancement and support commonly used by successful women administrators: mentors, networks, and internship.

Mentors have been the subject of much discussion in recent literature. In 1976 Elizabeth Tidball examined successful women listed in Who's Who in America and found that an extremely large percentage of these women had attended women's colleges. This discovery led her to conclude that "the development of young women of talent into career-successful adults is directly proportional to the number of role models to whom they have access" (Tidball, 1973). The more women on the faculty of a particular department, the greater the percentage of women who chose to specialize in that field, whether or not it was "traditional." When there were only one or two women on a particular faculty, the effectiveness of the role modeling was diminished by suggesting the deviance of women in that field. But in greater numbers, women faculty functioned as effective role models, making non-traditional occupational choices appear "normal" to students (Swoboda & Roberts, 1980).

Hennig and Jardim (1976) found women in their sample to establish important mentor relationships that aided them in their climb up the hierarchy. As these women became more established in their careers, the importance of this mentor relationship diminished. Queralt (1982) studied the importance of mentors on faculty and administrators in the Florida university system in 1980: Her major conclusions were:

1) mentors appear to contribute significantly to the advancement of the academic careers of faculty members and academic administrators...respondents reaching the top academic ranks, the top income levels, the top levels of satisfaction from job and career, and the high-level administrative positions had experienced mentorships (as proteges) more frequently than respondents whose attainments in these areas were lower.

2) Faculty members and academic administrators without mentors seem to be at a disadvantage, particularly those whose aim is to achieve top levels of performance, prestige, and satisfaction.

Dalton, Thompson and Price did some of the important first work on mentoring and career development. They found that mentors are usually very similar to their protege and that there are many variables that go into a successful mentoring relationship (1977).

That women holding administrative positions are more likely than men to cite encouragement from superordinates as a major factor in their move into administration is well documented (Estler, 1975; Gross & Trask, 1976; Schmuck, 1975). Schmuck's respondents noted that the absence of role models dampened their own aspirations (1975). One who knew another woman in a higher administrative position mentioned the importance of that woman as an influence on her career aspirations. Nieboer (1975) noted the lack of role models facing women in administration and that with few role models, an increase in applications and appointments is likely.

Networks have been developed because of this very lack of visibility. Sheila Tobias, Wesleyan Associate Provost and founder of the Concerns of Women in New England Colleges and Universities

described networking as a "response to the phenomenon that the top jobs are handled behind the scenes." Networking involves consciously associating oneself with other women for mutual support, the developing of mentor relationships between women, getting to know other women administrators and sharing information regarding job openings. The National Identification Program is an attempt to address in a systematic way, the problem of visibility. Because opportunities for women to demonstrate leadership have been limited, women's potential for leadership has been underestimated and underrated. The National Identification Program is a program specifically designed to increase the ability of educators to visualize and to place women in leadership roles.

Capek (1981) surveyed 2,200 women and men administrators in New Jersey colleges and universities. What emerged from her data was that women were serving as contacts for other women and that the data on sex of contact, for both internal and external moves, confirm that women are even less part of the male networks than was anticipated. Men are more likely to serve as contacts for women who moved up within their institutions, but even here, the numbers are less than one would expect given the proportion of women citing use of contacts (over 50 percent). One hundred and fifty-one out of 848 contacts were women. That 18 percent, however, accounted for over 40 percent of all women using contacts. Women numbered less than a quarter of the contacts used by respondents changing institutions, but those women accounted for



over half of women respondents' contacts. Seventy-eight percent of the women respondents indicated that they belonged to informal working coalitions, networks, or special interest groups, with 50 percent of that number specifically involved in women's groups or networks.

Increased sensitivity, professional information, clarification of issues, and professional contacts are the benefits of networks most frequently cited. Women's networks, at least, would appear to be working, however Capek (1981) suggests that more imaginative efforts are needed to facilitate women's active inclusion into existing male networks and to find innovative ways of confronting the perceptual bias and stereotyping which still seem to be the major barriers to women's advancement.

Internships have been regarded as highly attractive vehicles for bringing women into administration. Internships imitate the informal processes of sponsorship and guided socialization. Kanter and Wheatley (1978) maintain that women's increased participation in training programs and in administrative roles would reduce uncertainty about their probable behaviors. Men may not be as threatened because often the culturally legitimate relationship of the woman as subordinate is maintained, women can learn organizational norms and men can predict their behavior.

Andre and Edwards (1978) report that recently training programs have more narrowly focused their geographical range, such as HERS Summer Institute for Women. Though this may be beneficial

for networking, they also express some reservations about training programs. Specifically, that supplemental programs do not substitute for academic credentials or the successful faculty career.

"They work best as added credentials for persons already in place."

They can be useful in making or modifying career plans; can contribute to a woman's sense of identity; increase visibility and provide access to female role models. Hochschild also has reservations with these training programs specifically for women.

"Efforts like HERS can be seen as efforts to 'resocialize' women to the demands of the male work place." She feels that women will have limited success in administration as long as they are expected to fulfill the roles women traditionally fill in our society.

Women will experience nothing but limited success until there is a redefinition of academic jobs in ways that will make them more open and attractive to women (1975).

### Affirmative Action

What part has legislation played in advancing women in higher education administration? In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson issued an executive order for Affirmative Action in order to combat discrimination by federal contractors against minorities. Since 1968, all educational institutions with federal contracts over \$10,000 have been prohibited from discriminating in employment on the basis of sex. In addition, since 1973, all educational institutions, public and private, receiving \$50,000 or more in

federal contracts or grant funds, have been required by the federal government to have affirmative action plans, including numerical goals and timetables. Institutions in violation are subject to delay of pending government contracts and/or ineligibility for future contracts. Guidelines provided by the government in October of 1972, emphasize that Affirmative Action goes beyond nondiscrimination in that it involves "deliberate and positive efforts on the part of institutions to rectify existing inequities that result from past discrimination" (Carnegie Commission, 1973).

Other legislation affecting academia include Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 which addresses discriminatory practices derived from sex role stereotypes that socialize boys and girls differentially. The Women's Educational Equity Act (WEEA), signed in 1974, provides funding to increase women's participation in all areas of education through the development of model programs and projects. The program gives high priority to activities designed to prepare girls and women to be effective leaders and increase the number of women in administration.

Kanter and Wheatley (1978) address the issue of whether Affirmative Action has really helped women. They have indicated that Affirmative Action has contributed significantly to more equitable hiring procedures.

Affirmative Action has established defined hiring procedures and new hiring patterns, all of which are designed to make hiring more equitable. Hiring is now more public, defined, and announced. Open

searches instead of automatic promotion are conducted. There is more concern with skills needed and these skills tend to be defined in searches. Personnel policies tend to be written, and there are defined titles and conditions of employment.

However, they feel that,

Affirmative Action is more likely to increase the number of women in technical jobs...more than anywhere else because of the greater ease of translating these positions into skill terms. Credentials and earning of tenure takes years... judgments are still subjective. Affirmative Action is an important first step but does not solve the problems of equitable access to administrative positions. There is little clarification of career paths which tell people in one job how to become eligible for another...while open searches and automatic promotion permits a larger population of eligibility, it means that the notion of career growth through a sequence of developmental activities can be lost if institutions do not pay explicit attention to the development of their management talent.

Others have stronger reservations regarding Affirmative Action. The Carnegie Commission (1973) estimates that to reach an average percentage of women in professorships of 30 percent in 1990, it would have been necessary to maintain a constant proportion of women among hires of 50 percent between 1973-1990. Even the most ambitious Affirmative Action plans cannot promise this. Kistler (1979) states that at this time, there is little evidence that Affirmative Action plans have either helped or hindered women aspiring administration positions. Affirmative Action is far from being implemented in most districts and although overt discrimination is rare, many subtle discriminations still operate to exclude women

from top-level positions. While equal employment opportunity laws exist to defend against some of the discriminatory hiring practices, the chief selection criteria: years of experience - places men far ahead. They also do not insure protection against subtle forms of discrimination. It is doubtful that Affirmative Action has been of much help. The very fact that women in administration consistently prove to be more highly qualified and competent than their male counterparts demonstrates that Affirmative Action has not been a primary force in gaining them their posts. D.M. Tumpano quotes, "equality of employment opportunity will exist not when a female Einstein is appointed administrative assistant, but when a woman schlemiel moves ahead as fast as a male schlemiel" (Tumpano, 1976).

Marshall (1975) found Affirmative Action implementation to consist of simply shifting positions without regard to socialization, incentive and support structures which prepare women for mobility in administration. It may, she proposes, harm women by placing them in positions where discomfort and anxiety will be so intense that they cannot succeed.

Loeb (1978) and Van Alstyne (1977) both report that while Affirmative Action may have eased women's access to academic employment, it has done little about salary inequity. Further, Affirmative Action programs have been very expensive to administer; the University of California system estimates expenditures of

\$3,000,000 for 1974-75 alone. Loeb (1978) concludes that cost to institutions has far exceeded the benefit to the protected group.

A thorough understanding of the nature of discrimination as well as the legal means to combat it are vital tools for women seeking administrative roles. Although considerable progress has been made in changing laws, women have not obtained all their legal rights. While numerous laws exist to guarantee these rights including Title VII or the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the 1963 Equal Pay Act; Executive Order 11245, as amended by Executive Order 11375; Title IX of the Executive Order 11375; Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, our problem is educating women and men to the common but subtle aspects of discrimination.

### Solutions

There has been much discussion in the literature of the best solution to the inequality of numbers of men and women in administrative positions. A few of the most popular suggestions will be reviewed. Gordon and Ball (1977) list twenty survival strategies women can use to prepare for administrative careers. Some involve learning to overcome the limitations of female socialization such as 1) enroll in an assertiveness training course; 2) learn to "blow your own horn" to supervisors; 3) learn to delegate responsibility; 4) become familiar with the dynamics of team competition and teamwork; and 5) change the worn usage of the generic "he" in writing and speaking to reflect s/he. Other preparatory suggestions

are aimed toward building skills: 1) read journals and keep abreast of current educational thought; 2) use the summer for taking courses, doing volunteer work or whatever would be helpful to your career; 3) join professional organizations and actively participate; 4) express a desire to serve on committees and special projects and do so; and 5) find out when budget planning begins and ask to be included (Gordon & Ball, 1977). Other suggestions of Gordon and Ball involve cultivating support groups and communication "new girl" networks: 1) find out and get to know the person in charge of Affirmative Action, equal employment opportunity, and Title IX; 2) keep posted on vacancies and share information with other women; 3) join professional organizations whose primary membership is women in administrative roles; 4) get involved in the campus commission for women or equal opportunity committee; and 5) support male colleagues who promote opportunities for women. These solutions are geared towards the continued and increased effort of individual women to combat the system and get ahead.

Hochschild (1975) believes that academic careers are based on assumptions inherently inimical to women in today's world. She predicts that women will have limited success as long as they are expected to fulfill the roles that women traditionally fill in our society. She calls for a redefinition of academic jobs in ways that will make them more attractive to women. The Carnegie Commission (1973) suggested the following ways: 1) part time

positions should be reevaluated and given fringe benefits and tenure; 2) anti-nepotism rules must be abolished; and 3) maternity and parental leave should be granted for both sexes. "We cannot change the role of women in universities without changing the career system based on competition, and we can't change that competition structure without altering the economy, the larger the fit of supply and demand of workers." Such solutions are based on world economical change and are at the least, discouraging.

Kanter and Wheatley (1978) examined training programs as a strategy for advancing women in Higher Education Administration. Their conclusions were that women need a combination of formal and informal supports in order to advance. Formal supports include opportunity to develop increased skills, ample learning possibilities and new challenges. They need a chance to be creative and innovative, visible and recognized and to demonstrate their capacity to solve problems critically. Informal supports include relationships -- personal support systems close to home, senior persons willing to sponsor or endorse them, colleague acceptance and connections that give them access to information and a chance to trade favors.

Kanter and Wheatley concluded after interviewing directors of five Carnegie-sponsored training programs, reviewing 180 questionnaires returned by program participants, conducting thirty personal interviews with 25 key senior administrators from campuses around the country, reviewing the literature and holding



conversations with directors of other kinds of programs concerned with improving the status of women, that training programs are most effective to 1) senior women--due to the extra amount of prestige and connections with prestigious individuals and management training suitable for top jobs, and 2) entry women--to gain job experience. Though they found training programs to give women administrators a burst of energy, they have no influence over job characteristics of participants and cannot change the opportunity structure for individuals. Opportunity involves eligibility for advancement via the acquisition of skills, the chance to learn and demonstrate new skills and the existence of bridging positions that help one move away from the limits of the job definition of the position and enlarge the range of the position.

They suggest that institutions, through funding projects, should provide on-the-job training to develop explicit management development programs for women and men. Such training would be in organizational, financial or technical skills. The skills women are seeking to acquire are not different, in many cases, from those needed by men in administrative positions, and while women's networks are important, they advise that women become connected to men who are still the primary decision makers.

They suggest the provision of institutional projects in which a balanced number of men and women, faculty and administrators and junior and senior personnel tackle topics which are of concern to the institution and which will effect favorably to its future

course. Such projects must have adequate release time for the more junior people and be of some length in duration. These projects would provide opportunity for enlarged institutional knowledge and connections. Project teams would benefit institutions as well as individual women.

Moore (1982) agrees that the role of institutions in the shaping of careers has been underrated. She found that a significant number of administrators moved within their current institutions. This contradicts the belief of the necessity of career mobility for top level administrators. Overall, when both degrees and positions were considered, large, doctoral-granting institutions were the most inbred for administrators. Knowledge of a particular kind of institution is valued above general administrative expertise. This also leaves one an advocate for individual institutional training programs. Colleges and universities should be encouraged to develop and institute their own administrative training programs, including internships, for their own faculty and low echelon administrators. Rippey and LeCroy (1978) report that such a program instituted in the Dallas community college district was evaluated as very successful.

Blaska (1976) encourages educational institutions to help women achieve equal opportunity in leadership roles by: 1) sponsoring conferences for women who aspire to management positions; 2) identifying talented women and nominating them to posts on commissions, etc., where they will gain important experience; 3) providing

opportunities to participate in short term internships and apprenticeships and 4) assisting women in getting the graduate training and academic credentials associated with leadership.

Finally, Hays (1978) views a systematization of hiring practices as the answer to inequality. He feels that an active commitment by the governing board and the chief executive officer, by setting hiring goals, is a necessity. This commitment must be demonstrated in two ways, by example and through operating procedures. Institutions need to establish by department and operating units within the administration goals by occupational level for Affirmative Action hiring.

#### Administrative Level

Very few studies were found by this author that examined the level of position status in relationship to factors affecting career achievement. Mark (1980) randomly sampled 561 higher education administrators. Most importantly, she found significant differences on family orientation scales, career orientation scales, and self-orientation scales for administrators at different administrative levels. Administrative level was significant on the family orientation scale for married administrators with regard to percentage of household chores done by someone other than the subject or subject's partner. Administrative level was significant on career orientation scale, "Professional Activities," "Activity and Variety of Work Experience," and "Amount of Job Activity."

There was an interaction between marital status and administrative level on the self-orientation scale and the career orientation scales, "Importance of a Career" and "Limits on Job Mobility." In each case, married, high status administrators scored higher on each of these scales. Females did not differ significantly from one another on the self-orientation scale. Females scores were disordinal with respect to administrative level for this scale. This was the reverse of the pattern found for males. Males differed significantly from one another with scores that were ordinal with respect to administrative level. Male chief's self-orientation score was highest, followed by deans, other administrators and non-administrators. While females' scores for the self-orientation scale were significantly higher than males' overall, there was no interactive effect found between administrative level and self-orientation for the female subjects. Females, compared to males, had significantly higher "self-orientation" scores at the two lowest administrative levels and experienced a greater amount of crises and conflict at these levels.

Mark's (1980) data suggests that women and men in high administrative positions experience much higher levels of activity and variety of experience. Married top-level administrators feel greater limits on their job mobility, males and female, and see their jobs as more important and are more self-oriented. Mark concluded that females, more so than males, perceived their careers in more positive terms, had greater limits on mobility, and perceived the

positive consequence of their careers more highly than did males. However, females in low-level positions experienced greater amounts of crisis and conflict. This author found no studies specifically examining women at different administrative levels and factors that contribute to their achievement.

#### Profile of a Woman Higher Education Administrator

Much has been written on the "typical" administrator in higher education. Research suggests, however, that stereotypes are indeed changing and myths about administrative roles and patterns are being contradicted. While Capek (1981) found that men and women use the same strategies to move up in administration, women were more aggressive in pursuing these strategies. In contrast, Leviton and Whitely (1981) found that job seeking patterns of men and women differed: men sought more jobs and obtained more offers. In this study, women Ph.D.'s were not as successful as male Ph.D.'s when they did use the same methods. Overall, women failed to use two important sources of job offers: job placement centers and announcements to departments. Women tended to rely exclusively on their professors, answering ads or sending out direct inquiries, all less effective methods of job attainment.

Nieboer (1975) suggests that a profile of personality and personal history characteristics of successful top level women administrators in nontraditional positions in coeducational colleges and universities would help break the cycle of few role models;

hence, few aspirants, and would indicate whether women holding these positions have common characteristics that can be identified.

Reeves (1975) interviewed 96 women administrators in higher education and found an overwhelming percentage were single (71%). Twenty-four percent were married and four percent were divorcees. She concluded from her sample that the great majority of women in higher education are single. Pfiffner (1976) found a majority of her subjects (top-level California women administrators) were married and had been continuously for 25 years. Her typical subject worked in a large California community college in a third-level administrative position with a title of Dean, was 52 years of age, and had been married for 12 years. Cochran (1981) gathered data on 34 women who held positions of executive leadership in professional organizations between 1921-1971. She concluded that marital status did not appear to be a factor in the exercise of a professional leadership role. Still, only 35 percent of her sample were married for some period of their lives. Forty-four percent of the subjects were over 50 when they were elected to their leadership offices. Fewer than half (44%) had completed doctoral degrees. Cochran concluded that these top level women were dynamic, unusually dedicated to their fields, and pioneers in a new and emerging profession.

Palley's (1978) forty women respondents who were Administrative Associate Intern Program (AAIP) alumni were vastly different from male respondents. Whereas most of the male subjects were married,

only 12 (30%) of the women were married. Six of the married women had children at home and six had no children. Twenty-eight non-married women responded of which eight were members of religious orders and 60% (8) were presidents or chief academic officers of their institutions. This proportional success rate was not matched by any group of men who responded to the survey. The other 20 unmarried women did not fare as well in climbing up the ladder as their religious counterparts, but they were certainly more successful than the married women respondents. Palley (1978) found an apparent inverse relationship between marriage and family obligations and administrative career mobility among women respondents; there was no such relationship to administrative career mobility apparent for male respondents. Cochran (1978) found the average female administrator to be over 40 years old, married and earning \$15,000 to \$20,000. Widom and Burke (1978) found almost two-thirds of the married females in their study reported having no children, while less than a third of the married males had no children. An explanation was found in that although most of the spouses of both sexes worked to some extent, over 90% of the spouses of females work full time and largely in the professions.

Gappa and Uehling (1979) found women in academe tend to postpone marriage and childbearing and reduce family size. In 1977, at top quality institutions, 40% of the women faculty were not married compared with 8% of men. For men, being married is seen as a great advantage while for women being single is a relative advantage,

i.e. flexibility, though in other ways is a disadvantage, i.e., perceived stability, creating a no-win situation for women.

Ironside (1981) studied 30 upper-level women administrators in North Carolina's four-year colleges and universities and found that all but four had earned doctorates; the most frequently held post was "Dean of Schools" category in public institutions, and "Academic Officers" group was the most common held position at private institutions. Two-thirds of the women were over the age of 45, only one was under 35. Most of the women were married or had been married and over half were parents. The average family size was between two and three children. The work history of these women was quite continuous rather than discontinuous. Several reported time out for raising children, for many the return to graduate school was the only major interruption in the work sequence. Some differences were noted among the younger and older members of the sample. The younger women tended to go directly from undergraduate to graduate study, the older women tended to do so later. For both groups, however, the notion of "re-entry" does not apply. Over half followed the most familiar route in higher education, teaching. Others developed their careers in professional fields such as nursing and library science (traditional). For the total group, the period of service to their institutions was about 11 years, with some serving a number of roles on their way to the top. The subjects rarely questioned their competence and felt well prepared for their roles, although many of them felt they



arrived by "being in the right place at the right time." The younger women (35-45) tended to be much more aware of their career planning, and could enumerate deliberate steps in the process: serving on particular committees, being available for assignments, attending particular professional meetings. The older women seemed to have done these things by instinct rather than by plan, a difference which Ironside suggests is a considerable change in the expectations for women and their career development.

More than any other single factor that subjects reported as important in order to perform well in their jobs was "being generalists." References to interpretive skills and the qualities of perspective and vision emerged and re-emerged throughout interviews. In summary, Ironside finds a number of common themes apparent: 1) Few career breaks: continuous work history, similar to male counterparts; 2) Generalists: perspective and visions as crucial to administration and occasionally perceived conflict with male peers whose backgrounds tended to be more specialized; 3) Accepting responsibility: meeting opportunity head-on, sense of competence, personal energy and endurance; 4) Managerial experience: managerial skills in other settings, planning, organizing, and team building; 5) Personal skills: great range of personal skills from warmth and wit to sensitivity and patience, all were articulate and engaging personalities; 6) Career skills: all had used past experience to the fullest to enhance their careers or further their development, could present themselves in the context

of new opportunities. Ironside concludes that these women were true professionals, loyal to colleagues, concerned with their institutions and devoted to their work.

Moore (1982) surveyed over 3,000 college and university administrators nationally. This comprehensive study was one of the largest of its kind, building one of the largest data bases available on upper-level administrators. A summary of the data follows:

- 1) Length of Time in Current Position. Most senior officials have held their jobs for not more than five years. Seven percent had held their position for under five years, 11 percent had held their positions for three years, 14 percent had held their position for two years and 11 percent had held their position for under two years.
- 2) Marital Status. A majority (79 percent) of the administrators were married and living with their spouses. Of the remainder, 8.4 percent had never married, 4.9 percent were members of a religious order, 4.5 percent were divorced, 1.7 percent were separated, and 1.5 percent were widowed.  
 There were distinct differences in marital status between men and women. A majority of the males were married and living with their mates (87.8 percent). Only 43.7 percent of the female respondents were currently married. A greater percentage of the women than the men were single and have never been married (23.8 percent) or are single by virtue of belonging to a religious order (15 percent). Only 4.5 percent of the male respondents had never been married and just 2.4 percent belonged to a religious order. A higher percentage of women than men were divorced or separated.
- 3) Number of Children. 35.5 percent of the respondents had two children, 23.2 percent had three children, and 11.6 percent did not have any children.
- 4) Type of Educational Degrees. Ninety-six percent had earned bachelor's degrees. The four top fields of study were: English and English literature (10 percent); history (10 percent); business administration (9 percent) and secondary education (7 percent) Approximately 80 percent of the administrators earned master's degrees. Three of the four most often studied fields can be grouped under the general heading of

education. The greatest number of these specialized in guidance and counseling, and 6.7 percent had the degree of business administration.

Those with doctoral degrees numbered 50.2 percent. The majority were earned in the area of education with the most popular specialty in higher education administration (13 percent). The second area was educational administration (9 percent), followed by educational psychology or curriculum with 8 percent.

- 5) Job Change. The majority of subjects answered "no" when asked if they were considering a job change. The percentage circling "yes" was 19.9 with 23.3 percent indicating "maybe." The most popular of the listed choices was a new position at a new institution (33 percent), consideration of a position outside of higher education (27.4 percent), similar position at a new institution (26.1 percent) and 19.7 percent preferred a new position at their current institution.
- 6) Position Obtainment. The factor of greatest importance in selecting an institution was the duties and responsibilities of the position (55.8 percent rated this category very high). Next in importance for moving to a particular institution was its geographic location. A high importance rating was marked by 29.4 percent and 26.7 percent answered "very high" in importance.

Contrary to Mark (1982) there appeared to be no difference according to sex in the response to satisfaction in their position. A substantial majority of the respondents (71.5) replied that they would choose to be an administrator again if they could start over.

#### Kansas Women Administrators in Higher Education

Cliff (1981) interviewed six top-level administrators at the University of Kansas. All had terminal degrees, five from large co-educational public universities and one from a small woman's college. Two immediately started working on their terminal degrees while four spent time working on other areas first. Two interrupted their work to have children while the other four have worked

continuously. Four of the six were tenured faculty and moved through the ranks to administration, three at the same institution; this is contrary to observations of Graham (1974). Again, a competence in abilities and determination to accomplish what they could arose. Five of the women were married, one had never married and all described their husbands as encouragers of their work. Four of the six in the sample have children (from 1-3) which they also described as supportive.

The Kansas Planning Committee surveyed women in higher education administration in the Spring of 1982 to determine the status of women in Kansas institutions. The findings are summarized below:

- 1) Only 19 (11 percent) of the administrative positions surveyed were held by women at the six Regent institutions.
- 2) Only one institution had a chief executive officer that was female and this institution was a private woman's college. (Note: since this survey was conducted, a woman was appointed president at a community college.)
- 3) Only 103 (18 percent) of the administrative positions surveyed were held by women at twenty-two private institutions.
- 4) The most popular positions for women at the state institutions were: Director of Affirmative Action (n=3); Dean of Nursing (n=2); and Chief Academic Officer (n=2).
- 5) The most popular position for women at the private institutions were: Director of Library Services (n=17) and Manager of the Bookstore (n=17). (Note: Bookstore Manager position is not considered an administrative position in most instances.) The next positions held most frequently by women at private colleges were: Director, Financial Aid (n=9); Director, Student Housing (n=9); and Director, Student Placement (n=9).

- 6) Looking only at the position of "Dean" at the State institutions, only five of the 55 Deans (9 percent) at the six State institutions were held by women. Of these, two were Deans of Nursing; one was a Dean of Allied Health; one was a Dean of Home Economics, and one a Dean of Student Life. With the exception of the last, all these positions are positions traditionally held by women in higher education administration. The "pyramid" syndrome is exemplified by the data, accordingly, nine (14 percent) of the Associate Deans were found to be women and 10 (41 percent) of the Assistant Deans were women.

### Summary

Chapter II has been a review of the literature relevant to women in higher education administration. The social context and the higher education context were discussed in regard to the growing number of employed women in education and women in education administration. Specific research on women in higher education was discussed in terms of status; barriers perceived: sex role socialization, role conflict, sexual discrimination; achievement: mentors, networks, internships; Affirmative Action and suggested solutions to the inequality of women in higher education administration. While no studies were found on the differential influence of certain factors and administrative level of women, an article was reviewed examining administrative level, marital status and scores on self, family and career orientation scales with both men and women subjects.

Data was reported by several researchers on the "profile" of an administrator in higher education. Studies were examined reporting the difference between men and women administrators and

factors such as marital status, faculty status, job seeking patterns, number of children, age at marriage and childbearing and work histories. Finally, research on Kansas women administrators in higher education was reviewed.

## CHAPTER III

### METHOD

#### Introduction

The objective of this study is a better understanding of the factors that affect career achievement and position obtainment of women in Kansas Higher Education Administration and the relationship of these factors to level of status. In Chapter III the procedure for determining level of status and the survey instrument is discussed.

#### Subjects

Subjects were women identified by the Kansas Planning Committee of the National Identification Program as administrators in Kansas Higher Education. Women were identified by presidents and other women administrators from every Kansas institution of higher education including: three public institutions (over 15,000); three public institutions (under 15,000); 24 four-year independent institutions; 1 two-year independent institution; 1 municipal institution; 21 two-year community colleges (n=470).

All subjects who had previously completed and returned the program's "Personal Survey Form" were included in the sample (n=215). An additional 100 subjects who had no prior communication

with the program were randomly selected out of the entire list of identified women administrators in Kansas. A total of 315 subjects were contacted.

#### Level of Status

Position titles were placed in one of 20 categories and identified by institutional type. This produced 58 position categories by institutional type. Three raters were utilized to rate position categories according to their status in higher education administration. The three raters were: The Coordinator of the Kansas Identification Program who has been in Kansas Higher Education administration for over 10 years; the Director of a university administrative division at a small (under 15,000) public institution who has been in Kansas Higher Education administration for 18 years; and the former Director of the Office of Women in Higher Education, American Council on Education, and the founder of the National Identification Program who had been in Kansas Higher Education for a majority of her professional career. The raters were selected for their extensive experience in Kansas Higher Education.

The raters randomly scored the 58 position categories on a 1 to 5 scale on degree of status. Inter-rater reliability, Pearson correlations are shown below.



TABLE 1  
PEARSON CORRELATIONS OF RATERS  
ON POSITION STATUS

	R1	R2	R3
R1	1.00	.58116	.6004
R2		1.00	.7095
R3			1.00

According to the above procedure, subjects were assigned a level of status: 1 = low (n=43)  
2 = middle (n=138)  
3 = high (n=21)

#### Survey Instrument

The survey, Kansas Women in Higher Education Administration, (see Appendix A) consisted of: part 1 - seventeen items relating positively to career achievement; part 2 - nineteen items reflecting barriers to career achievement; part 3 - sixteen items relating to present position obtainment. Subjects were asked to rate each item on a 1 to 5 (low to high) Likert scale indicating the degree to which the item influenced their career achievement and present position obtainment. Subjects were asked to indicate

which item in each part (1, 2 & 3) was the single most important. In all circumstances, "not applicable" could be indicated.

Part 4 of the survey asked subjects to compare themselves to their female and male colleagues on four items. Part 5 collected personal, status, and educational data.

Items for parts 1, 2, and 3 were categorized to be analyzed as follows:

Factors Contributing Positively to Career Achievement - Part 1 were divided into two factors: 1) items pertaining to significant others: mentor, spouse/partner, mother, father, sibling, friends and professional colleagues; 2) personal items pertaining to specific attributes of the individual: personal goal setting, previous job experiences, volunteer experiences, personality, time management abilities, staff and personal management abilities, decision-making skills, communication skills, honesty/ethics/integrity. Ironside (1981) purports that careers depend on both individual and environmental factors, personal determination is not enough; the initiative of others are also needed. She views careers as having two dimensions--motivation and opportunity, choice and chance. Significant others in this study included any persons who could have been instrumental in the subjects' career achievement. The personal factor items were partially derived from the Administrative Skills Opinionnaire (Crawford, 1982). Subjects were given the opportunity to identify items not listed that were of importance to their achievement.

Career Barriers Factor - Part 2 included those items from part 1, which upon their absence, could be seen as barriers to career achievement or, which could produce a negative influence on career achievement. Additional items which could produce a negative influence on career achievement were included. These items were selected for inclusion based on review of the literature on career barriers.

Position Obtainment - Part 3 items were divided into three factors: 1) items pertaining to personal attributes - skill/abilities, reputation, self-diligence, previous job experience, and previous volunteer experience; 2) items pertaining to significant others - friends/connections, mentor, teacher, mother, father, spouse/partner; 3) items pertaining to environmental press - chance, affirmative action, placement service, course of least resistance. Again, Ironside (1981) purports examining both individual and environmental factors. She also investigated positive rather than negative factors:

The very lack of women at the top in academic administration perpetuates the problem by setting subtle limitations on other's perceptions of what is possible and thus, worth striving for...it is this cycle which has suggested a study dealing with positive rather than negative factors; with what has enhanced women's careers rather than blocked them; with ambition fulfilled rather than thwarted... look beyond barriers to achievement by exploring the careers of women who are currently upper-level administrators...in hopes of providing useful information for helping others to realize their potential. (Ironside, 1981)

Other researchers have examined individual versus environmental or internal versus external variables pertaining to career achievement (Coffin & Ekstrom, 1979; Pillinger, 1971; and Mark, 1981).

### Procedures

The 315 subjects were mailed the five page survey instrument in early May, 1983. Those subjects who did not respond within one month were sent a reminder postcard. Two hundred and fifty subjects returned the survey, a response rate of 80 percent. Of the completed surveys, 13 subjects were retired or no longer in administration, 24 were librarians who were excluded from the study due to lack of reliable status data, and 13 subjects were of a religious order. Mark (1982) found monastics to differ significantly from other male and female higher education administrators in regard to family and career orientation. The small number of monastic subjects did not justify examination in this study. A total of 200 completed surveys were analyzed.

### Hypotheses to be Tested

The purpose of this study was to assess whether significant differences exist in scores on six factors relating to career achievement and position obtainment in women in higher education administration and level of status.

The following null hypotheses were tested at the .05 level of significance:

1. There will be no significant differences on the Career Achievement Factor pertaining to significant others score for subjects with different levels of status.
2. There will be no significant differences on the Career Achievement Factor pertaining to personal attributes score for subjects with different levels of status.
3. There will be no significant differences on the Career Barriers Factor score for subjects with different levels of status.
4. There will be no significant differences on the Position Obtainment Factor pertaining to personal attributes score for subjects with different levels of status.
5. There will be no significant differences on the Position Obtainment Factor pertaining to significant others score for subjects with different levels of status.
6. There will be no significant differences on the Position Obtainment Factor pertaining to environmental press score for subjects with different levels of status.

### Design and Analysis

Subjects (n=200) were classified into three levels of status according to their position title and institution. Six one-way analysis of variance (ANOVA) were conducted to gain insight into the relationship between level of status and factors affecting career achievement of women in higher education administration. Levels of status were the independent variables. The six factors

of items relating to career achievement, career barriers and position obtainment were the dependent variables. The research design is presented in Figure 1.

Figure 1  
Design for Analysis of Variance

	F <sup>1</sup>	F <sup>2</sup>	F <sup>3</sup>	F <sup>4</sup>	F <sup>5</sup>	F <sup>6</sup>
(low) S <sup>1</sup>						
(middle) S <sup>2</sup>						
(high) S <sup>3</sup>						
S = Position status		F = Factors				
S <sup>1</sup> = Low	F <sup>1</sup> = Career Achievement - significant others					
S <sup>2</sup> = Middle	F <sup>2</sup> = Career Achievement - personal attributes					
S <sup>3</sup> = High	F <sup>3</sup> = Career Barriers					
	F <sup>4</sup> = Position Obtainment - personal attributes					
	F <sup>5</sup> = Position Obtainment - significant others					
	F <sup>6</sup> = Position Obtainment - environmental press					

Means and standard deviations were collected on personal and educational data to facilitate the development of a subject profile.

### Summary

Chapter III has outlined the methodological plan of the study. Subjects were women administrators (n=200) in Kansas Higher Education

institutions. The subjects completed a survey, Kansas Women in Higher Education Administration. Subject's level of status was determined by raters according to position title and institution. The research design consisted of six separate one-way analyses of variance.

This study was designed to determine whether significant differences existed between factors affecting the career achievement and position obtainment of women in higher education administration and level of status.

## CHAPTER IV

### RESULTS

The purpose of this study was to examine the differences in factors affecting career achievement and position obtainment for subjects with different position status. Status was assigned by raters according to position title and institution. Six career achievement and position obtainment factors were assessed by subjects' rating items on a one to five Likert scale as to degree of influence. Data were obtained from women administrators identified by the Kansas Planning Committee of the National Identification Program. All subjects were classified into one of three levels of status. Six one-way ANOVA's were performed, one for each of the six factors. Six main hypotheses were tested at the .05 level of statistical significance.

Table 2 represents the means and standard deviations for all groups. The results of the six one-way analyses of variance follow.

#### Career Achievement: Factor 1, Personal Attributes

The result of the one-way ANOVA with the sum of the ratings on personal attributes pertaining to career achievement as the dependent variable and the level of status as the independent



TABLE 2  
 MEANS AND STANDARD DEVIATIONS FOR THE SIX FACTORS  
 FOR HIGH, MIDDLE, AND LOW STATUS GROUPS

	F <sub>1</sub>		F <sub>2</sub>		F <sub>3</sub>		F <sub>4</sub>		F <sub>5</sub>		F <sub>6</sub>	
	$\bar{X}$	SD	$\bar{X}$	SD	$\bar{X}$	SD	$\bar{X}$	SD	$\bar{X}$	SD	$\bar{X}$	SD
High	38.90	5.86	14.90	10.99	24.57	16.96	17.67	4.66	5.67	14.77	4.29	8.89
Middle	38.11	6.09	11.39	15.46	10.99	33.02	16.19	6.00	.44	18.03	.73	10.60
Low	36.16	8.03	8.56	18.96	8.28	32.84	15.47	5.67	.26	17.52	1.07	11.20

variables yielded a  $F(2,201) = 1.81$ ,  $p = .167$ . Table 3 reports the source table for this analysis of variance. There was no significant difference between level of status and score on career achievement-personal attributes.

TABLE 3  
SOURCE TABLE FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:  
FACTOR 1, PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

Source	D.F.	SS	MS	F	Prob.
Between Groups	2	152.93	76.97	1.81	0.167
Within Groups	199	8479.04	42.61		
Total	201	8632.97			

Due to the unequal cell sizes, tests for homogeneity of variance were conducted. Bartlett's Box F test for homogeneity of variance showed that conditions of homogeneity of variance were met.

The null hypothesis of no significant difference between level of status and career achievement pertaining to personal attribute score was accepted (hypothesis 1).

#### Career Achievement: Factor 2, Significant Others

The result of the one-way ANOVA with the sum of the ratings on the significant others pertaining to career achievement as the dependent variable and the level of status as the independent

variables yielded a probability of  $F(2,201) = 1.17, p = .311$ .  
Table 4 reports the source table for this analysis of variance.

TABLE 4  
SOURCE TABLE FOR CAREER ACHIEVEMENT:  
FACTOR 2, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

Source	D.F.	SS	MS	F	Prob.
Between Groups	2	592.96	296.48	1.17	0.311
Within Groups	199	50245.28	252.49		
Total	201	50838.24			

There was no significant difference between level of status and score on career achievement pertaining to significant others.

Due to the unequal cell sizes, tests for homogeneity of variance were conducted. Bartlett's Box F tests for homogeneity of variance showed that conditions of homogeneity of variance were not met. Caution must be taken in the interpretation of data for this factor.

The null hypothesis for no significant difference between level of status and score on career achievement pertaining to significant others score was accepted (hypothesis 2).

#### Career Barriers: Factor 3

The result of the one-way ANOVA with the sum of the ratings on items pertaining to barriers to achievement as the dependent

variable and the level of status as the independent variable yielded a probability of  $F(2,201) = 2.01, p = .137$ . Table 5 reports the source table for this analysis of variance.

TABLE 5  
SOURCE TABLE FOR CAREER BARRIERS:  
FACTOR 3

Source	D.F.	SS	MS	F	Prob.
Between Groups	2	4049.82	2024.90	2.01	0.137
Within Groups	199	200431.75	1007.19		
Total	201	204481.57			

There was no significant difference between level of status and score on career barriers.

Due to the unequal cell sizes, tests for homogeneity of variance were conducted. Bartlett's Box F test for homogeneity of variance showed that conditions of homogeneity of variance were not met. Caution must be taken in the interpretation of data for this factor.

The null hypothesis for no significant difference on the career barriers factor score for subjects with different levels of status was accepted (hypothesis 3).

Position Obtainment: Factor 4, Personal Attributes

The results of the one-way ANOVA with the sum of the ratings on the personal attributes pertaining to position obtainment as the dependent variable and the level of status as the independent variables yielded a probability of  $F(2,201) = 1.01$ .  $p = .365$ . Table 6 reports the source table for this analysis of variance.

TABLE 6  
SOURCE TABLE FOR POSITION OBTAINMENT:  
FACTOR 4, PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

Source	D.F.	SS	MS	F	Prob.
Between Groups	2	68.39	34.19	1.01	0.365
Within Groups	199	6716.46	33.75		
Total	201	6784.85			

There was no significant difference between level of status and score on personal attributes pertaining to position obtainment.

Due to unequal cell sizes, tests for homogeneity of variance were conducted. Bartlett's Box F test for homogeneity of variance were met for the position obtainment factor 4.

The null hypothesis for no significant differences on the position obtainment factor pertaining to personal attributes was accepted (hypothesis 4).

Position Obtainment: Factor 5, Significant Others

The results of the one-way ANOVA with the sum of the ratings on the significant others items pertaining to position obtainment as the dependent variable and the level of status as the independent variables yielded a probability of  $F(2,201) = 0.84$ ,  $p = 0.432$ . The source table for Factor 5's analysis of variance is reported in Table 7.

TABLE 7  
SOURCE TABLE FOR POSITION OBTAINMENT:  
FACTOR 5, SIGNIFICANT OTHERS

Source	D.F.	SS	MS	F	Prob.
Between Groups	2	523.51	261.76	0.84	0.432
Within Groups	100	61780.89	310.46		
Total	201	62304.40			

There was no significant difference between level of status and score on significant others relating to position obtainment.

Due to the unequal cell sizes, tests for homogeneity of variance were conducted. Bartlett's Box F test for homogeneity of variance were met for the position obtainment factor 5.

The null hypothesis for no significant differences on the position obtainment factor pertaining to significant others score for subjects with different levels of status was accepted (hypothesis 5).

Position Obtainment: Factor 6, External Press

The result of the one-way ANOVA with the sum of the ratings on the external press items pertaining to position obtainment as the dependent variable and the level of status as the independent variables yielded a probability of  $F(2,201) = 1.03$ ,  $p = 0.358$ . The source table for the factor analysis of factor 6 is reported in Table 8.

TABLE 8  
SOURCE TABLE FOR POSITION OBTAINMENT:  
FACTOR 6, EXTERNAL PRESS

Source	D.F.	SS	MS	F	Prob.
Between Groups	2	230.78	115.39	1.03	0.358
Within Groups	199	22236.16	111.74		
Total	201	22466.94			

There was no significant difference between level of status and score on external press items pertaining to position obtainment.

Due to the unequal cell sizes, tests for homogeneity of variance were conducted. Bartlett's Box F test for homogeneity of variance were met for the position obtainment factor 6.

The null hypothesis for no significant difference on the position obtainment factor pertaining to external press score for subjects with different levels of status was accepted (hypothesis 6).

### Summary of Hypotheses Examined

The results of this study were presented in Chapter IV.

Hypothesis 1 related to status level and career achievement pertaining to personal attributes.

Hypothesis 2 related to status level and career achievement pertaining to significant others.

Hypothesis 3 related to status level and career barriers to achievement.

Hypothesis 4 related to status level and position obtainment pertaining to personal attributes.

Hypothesis 5 related to status level and position obtainment pertaining to significant others.

Hypothesis 6 related to status level and position obtainment pertaining to external press.

All six null hypotheses which stated that there would be no significant differences between level and status and Career Achievement factors, Career Barrier factor and Position Obtainment factors for the subjects were accepted. No significant differences were found.

Tests for homogeneity of variance were conducted due to unequal numbers in cells. They were not significant and conditions for homogeneity were met for all factors except factor 2, career achievement pertaining to significant others and factor 3, career barriers. Caution must be taken in the interpretation of data for factor 2 and factor 3 as tests for homogeneity of variance could not be met.



### Personal and Educational Data

Results of the means on personal and educational data collected are presented in Appendix II. Within status positions, the most frequently held position in the low status group was "Assistant Director," followed by "Assistant to the Dean," and "Resident Hall Director." Those positions were held by 11, 4 and 4 subjects respectively. The most common area of administration held by an "Assistant Director" in the low status group was in admissions (n=4).

The most frequently held position title in the middle status group was "Director" (n=64). The next two most commonly held positions were "Department Chair" and "Associate Dean" (n=13). The most popular administrative areas held by directors were: Admissions and Records and Nursing; both areas held seven subjects. The third most popular area was Public or University Relations with six subjects holding director positions in this area. Of the subjects reporting their academic area, the most commonly held department chairs were in Nursing, History and Home Economics. The Associate Deans did not as a whole report their administrative areas.

The most common position title in the high status group was "Dean." Of the twenty total subjects in the high status group, eight were deans, three of these being Deans of Nursing. The next most common position held in the high status group was Division Chair. Three high status subjects were Division Chairs.

Summary

Chapter IV presented the results of this study. All six hypotheses were not accepted at the .05 level of significance. Tests for homogeneity of variance were conducted because of the unequal numbers in the cells. They were not significant and conditions of homogeneity of variance were met for all factors except for career achievement factor 2, significant others and career barriers factor 3. Caution must be used in the interpretation of the data for these two factors as tests for homogeneity of variance could not be met. Data on personal and educational background was presented for the three status level groups.

## CHAPTER V

### SUMMARY, DISCUSSION, IMPLICATIONS

The purpose of this study was to examine the differences between scores on factors perceived as affecting career achievement and position obtainment and position status of Kansas women administrators in higher education. Increasing numbers of women are entering academic administration and increasingly, women are taking top-level decision-making roles. Phenomena such as sex role socialization, role conflict and sex discrimination have been identified as barriers to the advancement of women in academic administration. In the past, such barriers were discouragers to any but the most outstanding, extraordinarily talented women. Little research has been conducted, however, which assesses the degree that these barriers have influenced women currently in all levels of administration. Little research has been conducted at different administrative levels to identify factors perceived as necessary for successful administration. Such information would be useful in defining more clear career paths to academic leadership. Also important is the examination of trends in leadership roles for women in higher education administration.

The literature reviewing the status of women administrators indicates a significant inequality between the number of men and

and women in academic administration. The percentage of women in administration increases in private institutions but does not become equal until examined at private women's colleges. As the level of position status increases, the number of women decrease. Research on barriers which limit the aspirations of women administrators center on sex role socialization, role conflict and sex discrimination. Sex discrimination's cumulative effects has prevented women from gaining necessary skills and experience (Terborg, 1977). However, many researchers have found that women report having experienced no discrimination (Montagu, 1974; Cochran, 1978; Ironside, 1981).

Factors identified as influencing the advancement of women administrators include: mentors, networks, internships and Affirmative Action. On the whole, mentors and networks have clearly been identified as positively affecting advancement (Tidball, 1976; Coffin & Ekstrom, 1979; Hennig & Jardim, 19 ; WEECN, 1980; Capek, 1981). The effectiveness of internships (Hochschild, 1975; Andre & Edwards, 1978; Kant & Wheatley, 1978) and the effectiveness of Affirmative Action (Marshall, 1975; Van Alstyne, 1977; Loeb, 1978; Kant & Wheatley, 1978; Kistler, 1979) is questionable.

Solutions to the inequality in academic administration outside of Affirmative Action have focused on increased efforts of the individual woman in the form of "survival strategies"; world economic change; or institutional commitments in the form of management training programs. This author favors the last solution

and proposes that specific factors pertaining to success perceived at all levels of administration need to be clarified for the development of such institutional plans.

This author found few studies that examined level of position status in relationship to factors affecting career achievement in women. Research has centered around specific positions, specifically, the chief executive officer. Mark (1980) examined administrative level in both men and women administrators to factors pertaining to self-orientation, family orientation and career orientation. She found that women displayed different patterns on scores of self-orientation between status levels than men.

Profiles of women administrators have produced contradictory findings. Reeves (1975); Palley (1978); Cochran (1976); and Moore (1982) found a majority of women administrators to be single. Pfiffner (1976) and Ironside (1981) report a majority of women administrators to be married. Most women administrators appear to be over 40 years old, have a Ph.D., have held their positions for not more than five years, and are not currently seeking a position. However, it must be noted that most of these data have been produced by examining only top level women administrators.

A striking finding in the research was the number of top level women administrators described as extraordinary, highly intelligent, and "generalists." They were highly talented in many areas. Also striking was the degree of change in administration over the last

ten years. This change takes the form of cultural and societal roles as well as actual skills performed in administrative positions.

In order to assess the differences between personal attributes and significant others pertaining to career achievement and level of status, items pertaining to these two factors were summed and a one-way ANOVA was conducted. Similar one-way ANOVA's were conducted on items pertaining to career barriers and level of status; items relating to personal attributes pertaining to position obtainment and level of status; and on items relating to significant others and items relating to external press pertaining to position obtainment and level of status.

Subjects were divided into status levels by an interrater reliability study based on position title and institutional affiliation. The hypotheses were tested at the .05 level of statistical significance to determine whether significant differences existed in scores on factors pertaining to career achievement, career barriers, position obtainment and status level.

No significant differences were found between any of the factors examined and status level. The findings indicate that there are no significant differences between high, middle and low status women administrators and the degree that they perceive these factors as affecting their career achievement and position obtainment. However, in all factors the women in the high status group perceived greater influences than both the middle and the low status

group. Also important, the standard deviations for the high level group were lower than the middle and low status group standard deviations for all factors. This indicates that the high status group perceived more factors contributing positively to their career achievement, more career barriers and more factors contributing to their present position obtainment and they are in more agreement as to the degree that these factors affected them than women in the low and middle status groups.

This trend is strongest in Factors 3 (Career Barriers) and 4 (Significant Others pertaining to Position Obtainment). One conclusion this author makes is that women of high status are indeed a more homogeneous group than other women administrators. They are dynamic, energetic, outstanding individuals; have used a wide variety of resources; and have overcome a great number of obstacles to success. The difference between low status level and high status level women administrators and the sum of career barriers perceived indicates that women of high status saw many more barriers in their climb up the ladder. However, this may be a function of amount of experience. The lower and middle status level women not having been in administration long enough to have experienced as many barriers. It could also indicate a trend in the amount of barriers for women in academic administration. The younger, lower level administrators actually did not have as many barriers as the older women administrators did when they entered

the profession. Caution must be taken in examining this factor as tests for homogeneity of variance were not met.

The difference between low status level and high status level women administrators and the degree that significant others affected their position obtainment indicates that top level women utilize contacts, mentors and family members for support and information to a greater extent. This finding is somewhat supported by the literature, in that the use of contacts is one of the most reported factors for success and that most of these studies were examining only top level women administrators.

#### Personal and Educational Data

The data on personal and educational backgrounds on the subjects profiles a typical Kansas woman administrator as forty years old, she has held her position just over five years, is affiliated with a large public institution, has a master's degree and plans on continuing her education towards a Ph.D. She has had at least one previous position at her current institution and more than likely, she has not held positions at other institutions. She is not likely to have risen through the faculty ranks, but if she did, she would have held the position of "instructor." She is not presently seeking a position, nor a promotion. Her family life finds her married, with two children, and her spouse being the larger wage earner.



Differences between women of high, middle and low status regarding personal and educational background are summarized below:

Age: high status women are older than middle and low status women by about eight years.

Institutional

Affiliation: high status women are more likely to be employed in private institutions whereas low status women are more likely to be found in large public institutions. This finding is congruent with previous research.

Degree held: high status women are more likely to have a Ph.D. and be involved in post-doctoral studies than middle and low status women.

Number of  
Positions  
Previously  
Held:

middle status women are more likely than high or low status women to have held a previous position at their current institution. High status women are more likely to have held a position at another institution than middle or low status women.

Faculty  
Status:

a greater number of high status women administrators had been or are currently members of the faculty. High status women are equally as likely to have been a chairperson as an instructor while middle status and low status women are most likely to have been instructors. Overall, a minority of women administrators were members of the faculty. As administrative level decreased, the number of women experienced faculty members do so accordingly. This suggests that faculty experience may be less important for today's administrators than in previous years. This finding is somewhat supported by the literature.

Position  
Seeking:

a greater percentage of low status women are seeking and not actively seeking new positions than middle or high status women. A greater majority of high status women are actively seeking a new position than middle status women, while a larger percentage of middle status women are not actively seeking positions than high status women.

Promotions: in all status levels, women administrators foresee better opportunities at other institutions than their current institution for promotion

Marital Status: contrary to some of the literature, a far greater percentage of high status women are married and had children (three) than low or middle status women. Low status women were more likely to be single or divorced.

Wage Earners: half of the married high status women are the larger wage earner in their household. They far outnumber the middle and low status group.

Results of the personal and educational data find differences between high, middle and low status women administrators in almost every area. Marital status and number of children were the most contradictory findings to the literature on women administrators.

### Limitations

One of the major limitations of this study was the use of a self-report survey which is subject to misinterpretation, faking and response sets. Subjects' ratings of items important to their achievement could be biased toward items which are currently of popular interest, i.e., mentoring.

Subject return rate was acceptable, 80 percent. However, some subjects were excluded from data analysis due to retirement, lack of status data and religious affiliation, decreasing the percentage of total subjects analyzed to 64 percent. The sample was not completely random. Women who had previously completed and returned a "Personal Survey Form" were included (two-thirds of the

sample) and an additional 100 subjects were randomly selected. The women who had previously been in contact with the Kansas program may be more interested in advancement and may not be representative of the entire population of women administrators.

The homogeneity of the sample was another limitation. The study population, Kansas women administrators, cannot be assumed to be representative of higher education administrators in the U.S. Caution must be exercised in generalizing the findings beyond Kansas institutions of higher learning.

The sample size was small in both the high and low status levels. Due to the unequal cell sizes, homogeneity of variance was not met for two of the factors, Career Achievement pertaining to significant others (F2) and Career Barriers (F3). This reduces the confidence in the findings related to those factors.

The most important limitation in this study was the low interrater reliability coefficients in the assigning of status level to position titles. This reduces the confidence that three actual different groups based on status level were identified and compared. This author suggests that a more reliable method for determining status level be utilized, such as reported salary earnings, to differentiate the three groups.

Finally, the character and reward structures of universities may be different from private and community colleges. Opportunities for advancement may be different for the three institutional

types. The lumping together of administrators from all institutions may have affected the results to an unknown extent.

#### Implications for Further Research

Studies need to be conducted which further investigate differences between women at all status levels to factors which affect their achievement in academic administration. There is a need to develop instruments which identify factors most important to achievement in academic administration and also which measure the degree of influence such factors have on achievement.

Further research needs to be conducted concerning the nature of role conflict and academic administration achievement. The relationship of gender, sex role orientation, professional socialization and specific administrative skills needs further examination.

A better means of differentiating level of status, including the examination of low versus entry level administrators, needs to be developed.

#### Conclusion

The purpose of this study was to examine the differences between status level of Kansas women administrators in higher education and factors they reported as affecting their career achievement and position obtainment.

There were no significant differences found between level of status and scores on career achievement pertaining to personal attributes; career achievement pertaining to significant others;

career barriers; position obtainment pertaining to personal attributes; position obtainment pertaining to significant others; and position obtainment pertaining to external press. However, subjects of high status consistently scored all factors high with a greater amount of agreement than both the middle or the low status group.

This finding may be a function of amount of experience, but this author suggests that upper level women administrators are a more homogeneous group of women who have outstanding abilities and talent and who have used every available resource to succeed in academic administration.

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APPENDIX I:  
SURVEY INSTRUMENT

**KANSAS PLANNING COMMITTEE**

of the  
**NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION**  
A Program of the Office of Women in Higher Education, American Council on Education

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April 25, 1983

Dear Kansas Woman Administrator:

The National Identification Program is dedicated to the support and progress of women in higher education administration. The Kansas Planning Committee has selected you to be a participant in a research project designed to better understand the needs and diversities of women in Kansas Higher Education Administration.

The enclosed survey is designed to assess:

1. Your status in higher education administration. Status will be determined by your current career position and your development within your life cycle.
2. Factors which have positively effected your career achievement.
3. Barriers which you have faced while advancing within your career.
4. Factors which contributed to the obtainment of your present career position.

This survey should take no longer than 15-20 minutes to complete. Please answer each question to the best of your knowledge. After completion, please use the stamped, addressed return envelope.

Only a limited number of Kansas women administrators have been chosen to participate in this study. If we do not receive your survey by MAY 6th, we will personally contact you as reminder or to answer any questions you may have delaying your survey's completion.

This information is confidential. Direct reference to you or your institution will not be made. Only the aggregate information will be used in the research and resultant reporting. Please feel free to make comments throughout the survey. Questions may be directed to:

Jill Sundell, Graduate Assistant  
216 Strong Hall, Student Life  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, KS 66045

Please answer every question.

Thank you for your time and support of women in Kansas Higher Education Administration!

KANSAS WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION

You have been selected to participate in the Kansas Planning Committee's survey on women in Kansas Higher Education Administration. This survey is designed to assess and better understand the needs and diversities of women in Kansas Higher Education Administration.

This information will be utilized by the Kansas Planning Committee for future program development and will be incorporated into a Master's thesis by our staff assistant, Ms. Jill Sundell. Direct reference to you or your institution will not be made.

**PART 1. Career Achievement**

**DIRECTIONS:** Please rate the following factors on the degree that they have contributed positively to your career ACHIEVEMENT. Keep in mind that you are rating these factors on how you believe they really effected your career achievement, not how they should have.

Place a star(\*) next to your single most important factor.

	low	med. low	med.	med. high	high	N/A
1. Personal Goal Setting	1	2	3	4	5	0
2. Previous Job Experiences	1	2	3	4	5	0
3. Volunteer Experiences	1	2	3	4	5	0
4. Personality	1	2	3	4	5	0
5. Professional Colleagues	1	2	3	4	5	0
6. Mentor	1	2	3	4	5	0
7. Spouse/Partner	1	2	3	4	5	0
8. Mother Role Model	1	2	3	4	5	0
9. Father Role Model	1	2	3	4	5	0
10. Sibling Role Model	1	2	3	4	5	0
11. Friends	1	2	3	4	5	0
12. Time Management Abilities	1	2	3	4	5	0
13. Staff & Personnel Management Abilities	1	2	3	4	5	0
14. Decision Making Skills	1	2	3	4	5	0
15. Financial Management Skills	1	2	3	4	5	0
16. Communication Skills	1	2	3	4	5	0
17. Honesty/Ethics/Integrity	1	2	3	4	5	0
18. Other (please list)	1	2	3	4	5	0

**REMEMBER:** Place a star(\*) next to your SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR

## PART 2. Career Barriers

**DIRECTIONS:** Please rate the **GREATEST BARRIERS** to your career **ACHIEVEMENT**. Keep in mind that you are rating these factors on how you believe they really effected your career achievement, not how they should have.

Place a star(\*) next to your most influential barrier.

	low	med. low	med.	med. high	high	N/A
1. Lack of Experience	1	2	3	4	5	0
2. Lack of Degree	1	2	3	4	5	0
3. Geographic Location	1	2	3	4	5	0
4. Lack of Contacts/Networks	1	2	3	4	5	0
5. Apathy	1	2	3	4	5	0
6. Discrimination/Sexism	1	2	3	4	5	0
7. Lack of Information	1	2	3	4	5	0
8. Social Class	1	2	3	4	5	0
9. Spouse's Occupation	1	2	3	4	5	0
10. Lack of Research Published	1	2	3	4	5	0
11. Lack of Role Models	1	2	3	4	5	0
12. Lack of Positions Available	1	2	3	4	5	0
13. Children	1	2	3	4	5	0
14. Partner	1	2	3	4	5	0
15. Lack of Communication Abilities	1	2	3	4	5	0
16. Lack of Personnel Management Abilities	1	2	3	4	5	0
17. Lack of Financial Management Abilities	1	2	3	4	5	0
18. Lack of Time Management Skills	1	2	3	4	5	0
19. Lack of Decision Making Skills	1	2	3	4	5	0
20. Other (please list)	1	2	3	4	5	0
21.	1	2	3	4	5	0

**REMEMBER:** Place a star(\*) next to your SINGLE MOST INFLUENTIAL BARRIER

## PART 3. Position Obtainment

DIRECTIONS: Please rate the following factors in the degree that they contributed in OBTAINING YOUR PRESENT POSITION. Keep in mind that you are rating these factors on how you believe they really contributed in obtaining your position, not how they should have.

Place a star(\*) next to your single most important factor.

	low	med. low	med.	med. high	high	N/A
1. Friends/Connections	1	2	3	4	5	0
2. Mentor	1	2	3	4	5	0
3. Teacher	1	2	3	4	5	0
4. Mother	1	2	3	4	5	0
5. Father	1	2	3	4	5	0
6. Skills/Abilities	1	2	3	4	5	0
7. Reputation	1	2	3	4	5	0
8. Self Diligence	1	2	3	4	5	0
9. Chance	1	2	3	4	5	0
10. Affirmative Action	1	2	3	4	5	0
11. Graduate Degree Requirement	1	2	3	4	5	0
12. Placement Service	1	2	3	4	5	0
13. Previous Job Experience	1	2	3	4	5	0
14. Spouse/Partner	1	2	3	4	5	0
15. Course of Least Resistance	1	2	3	4	5	0
16. Previous Volunteer Experience	1	2	3	4	5	0
17. Other (please list)	1	2	3	4	5	0
18.	1	2	3	4	5	0
19.	1	2	3	4	5	0
20.	1	2	3	4	5	0

REMEMBER: Place a star(\*) next to your SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT FACTOR.

Part 4. Self Comparison to Colleagues

DIRECTIONS: Please rate yourself in comparison to your FEMALE colleagues on the following items. A colleague is a professional associate, at your own or another institution.

	low	med. low	med.	med. high	high
1. Your professional reputation	1	2	3	4	5
2. Your interest in your own advancement	1	2	3	4	5
3. Your present career achievement	1	2	3	4	5
4. Your intelligence	1	2	3	4	5

DIRECTIONS: Please rate yourself in comparison to your MALE colleagues on the following items. A colleague is a professional associate, at your own or another institution.

	low	med. low	med.	med. high	high
1. Your professional reputation	1	2	3	4	5
2. Your interest in your own advancement	1	2	3	4	5
3. Your present career achievement	1	2	3	4	5
4. Your intelligence	1	2	3	4	5

Part 5. Personal Status and Educational Data

DIRECTIONS: Please indicate the correct response. Answer all questions.

1. Age: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Position Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Years held: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Institutional setting:
  - \_\_\_\_ State University (15,000 and over)
  - \_\_\_\_ State University (15,000 and under)
  - \_\_\_\_ Private/Independent Institution      Size: \_\_\_\_
  - \_\_\_\_ Community College                      Size: \_\_\_\_

4. Educational degrees held:

type	Degree major	Institution	Date Received	Age Received
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____



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## Educational degrees held continued.,

type	Degree major	Institution	Date Received	Age Received
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

## 5. Previous positions held at present institution:

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Years held: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Years held: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Years held: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Positions held at other institutions (please list three most recently held)

Position Title	Institution	Years Held	Age
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

7. Are you presently seeking a new position? YES-actively \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes-not actively \_\_\_\_\_8. Do you foresee a promotion in the future? At present institution YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_  
At another institution YES \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you presently actively seeking a promotion? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you plan on continuing your education? YES \_\_\_\_\_ What Degree? \_\_\_\_\_  
NO \_\_\_\_\_11. Marital status: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_  
Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Partnered \_\_\_\_\_

12. Your age at: Marriage \_\_\_\_\_ Divorce \_\_\_\_\_ Remarriage \_\_\_\_\_

13. Number of children \_\_\_\_\_ Your age at their births \_\_\_\_\_

14. Age of your children today: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Does your partner work: NO \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ PART-TIME \_\_\_\_\_ NOT APPLICABLE \_\_\_\_\_

16. Who is the larger wage earner in your family: YOU \_\_\_\_\_ PARTNER \_\_\_\_\_ N/A \_\_\_\_\_

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K.I.P. Survey

April, 1983

Please return this survey in the enclosed, addressed, stamped envelope by FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1983. Only a limited number of Kansas women administrators have been chosen to participate in this study. If we do not receive your survey by FRIDAY, MAY 6, 1983, we will personally contact you as reminder or to answer any questions you may have delaying your survey's completion.

In the space below, feel free to make any comments about the survey or women in higher education administration. Questions may be directed to: Jill Sundell, Staff Assistant, Kansas Identification Program, 216 Strong Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045, 913/864-4060 or 841-2889.

THANK YOU for your support of women in Kansas Higher Education Administration!

**\*\*I would like to receive an abstract of the final document. Please send to:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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APPENDIX II:  
PERSONAL AND EDUCATIONAL DATA

MEAN AGE FOR HIGH, MIDDLE, AND  
LOW STATUS GROUPS

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Group	Age (X)
High	49.2
Middle	41.5
Low	38.9
Total Subjects	41.5

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AVERAGE NUMBER OF YEARS HELD POSITION FOR  
HIGH MIDDLE, AND LOW STATUS GROUPS

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Group	Years Held Position (X)
High	5.20
Middle	5.40
Low	4.90
Total Subjects	5.07

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INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION FOR HIGH,  
MIDDLE, AND LOW STATUS GROUPS

Group	Public (over 15,000)	Public (under 15,000)	Private (including municipal)	Community College
High	25.0%	10.0%	40.0%	25.0%
Middle	38.4%	10.2%	27.5%	23.9%
Low	51.2%	18.6%	23.2%	7.00%
Total Subjects	39.8%	11.9%	27.9%	20.4%

DEGREES HELD BY HIGH, MIDDLE,  
AND LOW STATUS GROUPS

Group	None	Bachelor's	Master's	Ph.D.	Post Ph.D.	Other
High		19.0%	19.0%	52.5%	9.5%	-
Middle	2.2%	15.2%	47.8%	29.7%	.7%	4.4%
Low	4.7%	25.6%	58.1%	7.0%	-	4.6%
Total Subjects	2.5%	17.8%	47.0%	27.2%	1.5%	4.0%

PERCENT CONTINUING EDUCATION AND DEGREE SOUGHT  
FOR HIGH, MIDDLE, AND LOW STATUS GROUPS

Group	Plan on Continuing Education (% yes)	Degrees Sought				
		Bachelor's	Master's	Ph.D.	Post-Ph.D.	Other
High	55.0%		15.0%	5.0%	35.0%	-
Middle	57.7%	.7%	12.4%	29.9%	8.8%	5.9%
Low	60.5%	4.7%	11.6%	16.3%	23.3%	4.6%
Total Subjects	58.0%	1.5%	12.5%	24.5%	14.5%	5.0%



NUMBER OF POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY HELD AT  
CURRENT INSTITUTION BY HIGH,  
MIDDLE, AND LOW STATUS GROUPS

Group	None	Number of Positions				Four	More than four
		One	Two	Three			
High	35.0%	30.0%	5.0%	25.0%	-	5.0%	
Middle	27.0%	33.6%	20.4%	17.5%	1.5%	-	
Low	44.2%	27.9%	16.3%	11.6%	-	-	
Total Subjects	31.5%	32.0%	18.0%	17.5%	1.0%	-	

NUMBER OF POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY HELD AT  
OTHER INSTITUTIONS BY HIGH,  
MIDDLE, AND LOW STATUS GROUPS

Group	None	One	Number of Positions		Four	More than four
			Two	Three		
High	40.0%	10.0%	5.0%	40.0%	5.0%	-
Middle	42.3%	15.3%	23.4%	16.8%	2.2%	-
Low	48.8%	18.6%	9.3%	4.7%	18.6%	
Total Subjects	43.5%	15.5%	18.5%	16.5%	6.0%	-

PERCENTAGE OF HIGH, MIDDLE, AND LOW STATUS

GROUPS WHO HELD FACULTY POSITIONS

Group	Member of Faculty	% Assistant Instructors	% Assistant Instructors	% Instructors	% Assistant Professors	% Associate Professors	% Professors
High	62% (13)	0	30.8% (4)	15.3% (2)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)	7.7% (1)
Middle	45% (61)	1.6% (1)	34.4% (21)	18.0% (11)	16.4% (10)	9.8% (6)	9.8% (6)
Low	11% (5)	20.0% (1)	80.0% (4)	0	0	0	0
Total Subjects	40% (79)	2.5% (2)	36.7% (29)	16.5% (13)	13.9% (11)	8.9% (7)	8.9% (7)

  

Group	% Chairpersons	% Associate Deans of Academic Departments
High	30.8% (4)	7.7% (1)
Middle	16.4% (10)	3.4% (2)
Low	0	0
Total Subjects	17.7% (14)	3.8% (3)

PERCENTAGE OF HIGH, MIDDLE, AND LOW STATUS  
GROUPS' SEEKING NEW POSITIONS

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Group	% Actively Seeking	% Not Actively Seeking	% Not Seeking
High	15.0%	30.0%	55.0%
Middle	9.5%	39.5%	51.0%
Low	27.9%	46.5%	25.6%
Total Subjects	14.0%	40.0%	46.0%

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PERCENTAGE OF HIGH, MIDDLE, AND LOW STATUS  
 GROUPS WHO ARE SEEKING A PROMOTION,  
 AND PERCENT WHO FORESEE A PROMOTION

Group	Seeking Promotion (% yes)	Foresee Promotion	
		At Present Institution (% yes)	At Other Institution (% yes)
High	15.0%	15.0%	40.0%
Middle	12.4%	19.1%	40.5%
Low	23.3%	16.3%	51.2%
Total Subjects	15.0%	18.1%	42.9%

MARITAL STATUS OF HIGH, MIDDLE, AND  
LOW STATUS GROUPS

Group	% Married	% Single	% Divorced	% Other
High	75.0%	10.0%	10.0%	5.0%
Middle	55.5%	20.4%	14.6%	9.5%
Low	44.2%	30.2%	20.9%	4.7%
Total Subjects	55.0%	21.5%	15.5%	8.0%

NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF HIGH, MIDDLE, AND  
LOW STATUS GROUPS

Group	None	One	Two	Three	Four	More than four
High	25.0%	10.0%	20.0%	35.0%	10.0%	-
Middle	38.0%	18.2%	26.3%	9.5%	5.1%	2.9%
Low	53.5%	16.3%	14.0%	14.0%	2.3%	
Total Subjects	40.0%	17.0%	23.0%	13.0%	5.0%	2.0%

LARGEST WAGE EARNER IN HIGH, MIDDLE,  
AND LOW STATUS GROUP'S FAMILY

Group	Subject	Subject's Partner/Spouse	Same	Not Applicable
High	50.0%	20.0%	10.0%	20.0%
Middle	24.3%	33.8%	3.7%	38.2%
Low	18.6%	32.6%	-	44.2%
Total Subjects	25.6%	32.2%	3.5%	36.7%