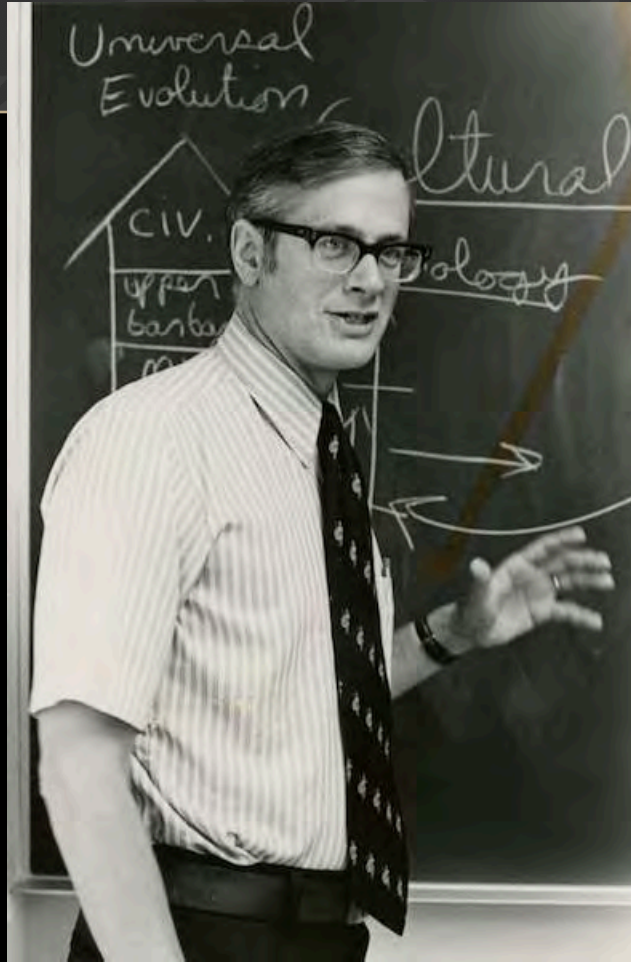




**2016 DAVID W. MCCURDY
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A renowned teacher, Dave was the subject of an article in 1977 by *Change Magazine* for innovative teaching.

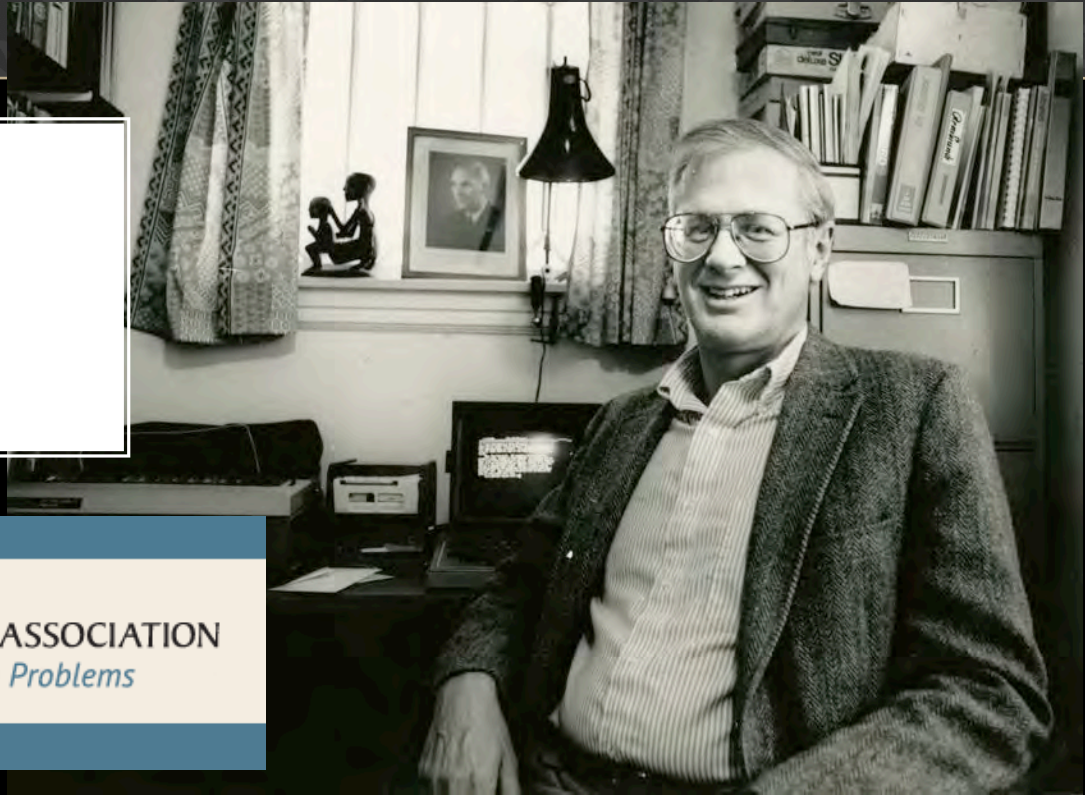


In 1995, Dave was the recipient of the Macalester Distinguished Teaching Award.

In 1997, Dave received the first teaching award given by the American Anthropological Association.



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ALUMNI COMMENTS

“Studying Anthropology with both Professor McCurdy and Professor Weatherford gave me a lens on the world that has been invaluable in the ensuing years.”

--- Charlotte Johnson '90

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“Jack and Dave were both formative parts of my anthro and Mac experience. As an HR professional I used my anthro experience in so many ways...

...the ‘what do you know about...’ that we learned in ethnographic interviewing.

Many thanks to you both!”

--- Nora Compton ‘93

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“Studying Anthropology with Professors McCurdy and Weatherford opened my eyes to the breadth of difference in the human experience. Best choice of a major and useful in my work evaluating social change programs!”

---Spectra Myers '03

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“Anthropology provides the dominant lens I use to view the world in business - negotiating a lease with Starbucks, a mortgage with a banker, or developing our own culture in my business ... its all cultural anthropology to me!
...Thank you Mac Anthro!

--- Gayle Winegar '96

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“When I took my first Anthropology course my Freshman year from Dr. McCurdy, I knew my life had changed forever. I had found my passion and life perspective for the future.”

--- Donna Carlson '72

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“During my research and consulting career, ethnographic interviewing skills were a huge asset...

...to understand clients' language and power structure,

...to ask astute questions,

...to listen deeply while suspending my own bias.

Thank you for these life skills!”

--- Margo Wylie Dickinson '77

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“I attribute much of my success in life to always approaching the world with an attitude of curiosity. I have both Jack Weatherford and David McCurdy to thank for helping me hone, and see the value in, that skill. You were, and continue to be, so inspiring!”

--- Jennifer Boehlke '99

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“Being part of the Anthropology department '76-'80 was a terrific experience educationally and personally. It shaped my Macalester experience, taught me to think about and analyze the structure of cultures while giving me a great social circle to boot.

Dr. McCurdy's approach to teaching influenced how I work with classes, work with individual students and develop teams. It helped me to great success in a field one would think far removed from anthropology.”

--- Roberto Sobalvarro '80

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“I was an Anthro major, and went on to get a master's degree in Applied Anthropology, and think my anthropology training continues to inform how I understand groups and organizations. I am grateful to both Jack and Dave for introducing me to such an interesting and insightful way of understanding the world in which we live.”

--- Alison Morris '86

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“David, Mike Rynkiewich, and Jim Spradley shaped my life in ways that still resonate 40 years later.

Jack Weatherford mentored me in my sometimes long journey toward a Ph.D. in anthropology. I look forward to celebrating what we did in the 70s and beyond to make anthropology something that is even more meaningful now than it was even back then.”

--- Liz Throop '80

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“Anthropology did indeed shape my life ...through writing. I took Cultural Anthropology as a freshman in 1975 from Prof. McCurdy, and I have never forgotten the comment he wrote on my first-ever college paper:

‘Writing is a rare gift and you have it. Remember this as you decide on your future.’ ”

--- Jane Hanson Tafel '79

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“I think of Dave McCurdy so often, particularly when I am asking way too many questions about how someone does what he or she does, and what specific words he or she uses in that role. As a Midwesterner who now lives in New England, I also think about how he laughed at his culture shock going in the opposite direction (“Midwesterners are SO indirect!”).”

--- Megan Kurth '96

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“Dave is the one who sold me on anthropology,
more specifically ethnographic research.

I still use ethnographic skills regularly in my work
as technology director at the school where I work.”

--- Chris Dart '92

ALUMNI COMMENTS

“Dave was a kind of Pied Piper leading us toward the fascinations of culture and the joys of ethnographic research. Even more than what he taught us, it's how he taught us that has stayed with me through the years. Dr. McCurdy's love of learning and enthusiasm for life were contagious. His friendly, accessible manner is a model for many of us.”

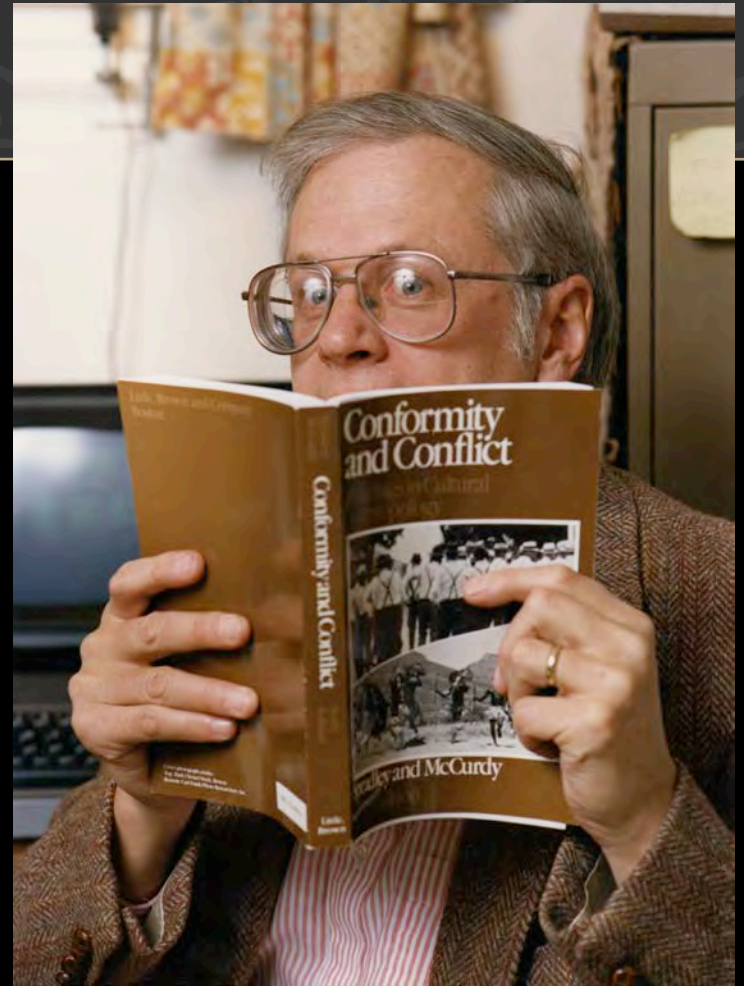
--- Elizabeth Dunn '80

MCCURDY FAMILY COMMENTS

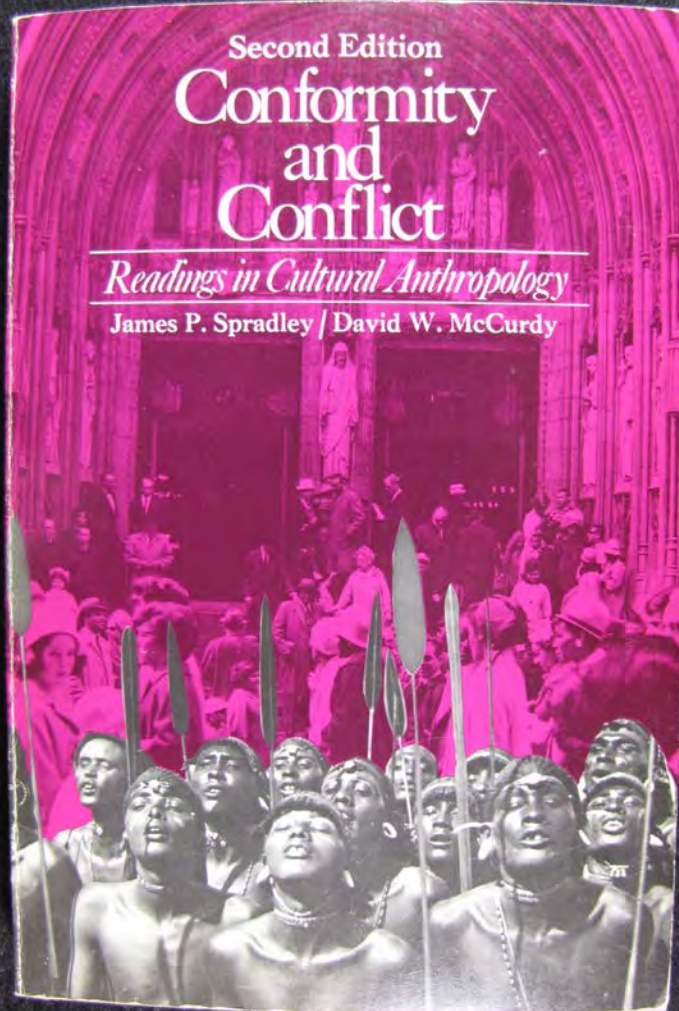
“When I was a kid and grandpa (David McCurdy) first explained to me the basics of human evolution my mind was blown and my sister who was probably 5, went around telling people that we came from monkeys, no matter how many times we tried to explain that wasn't exactly how it works.”

--- Sarah McCurdy (granddaughter)

Dave is the author of numerous textbooks, including the widely used *Conformity and Conflict*, now in its 15 edition.



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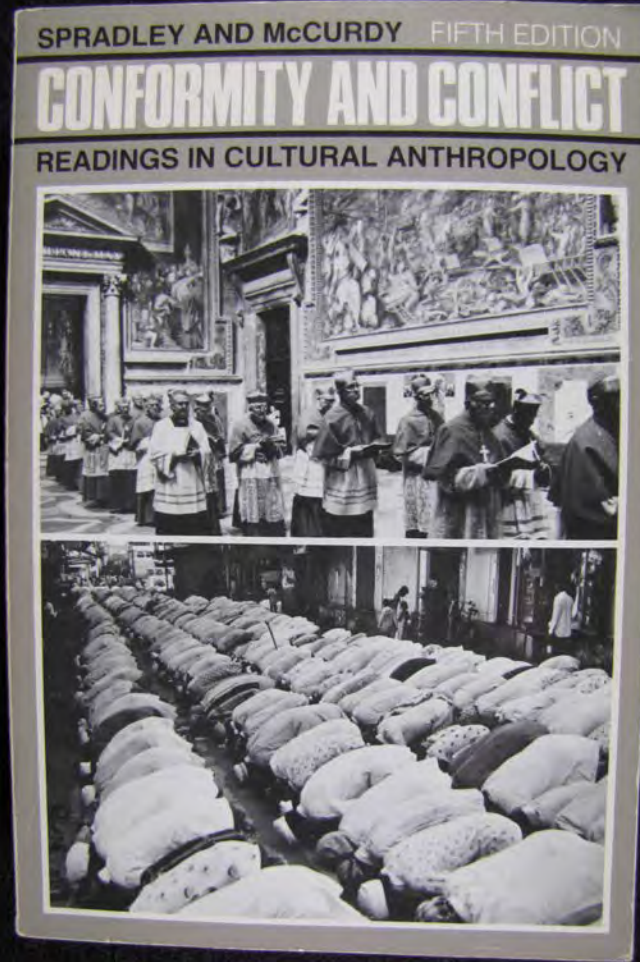
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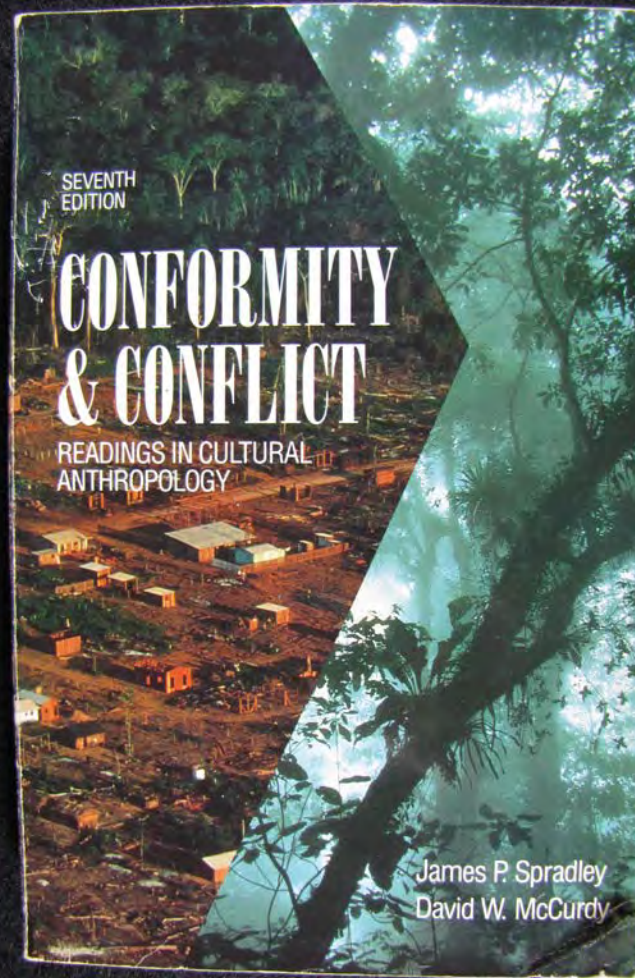
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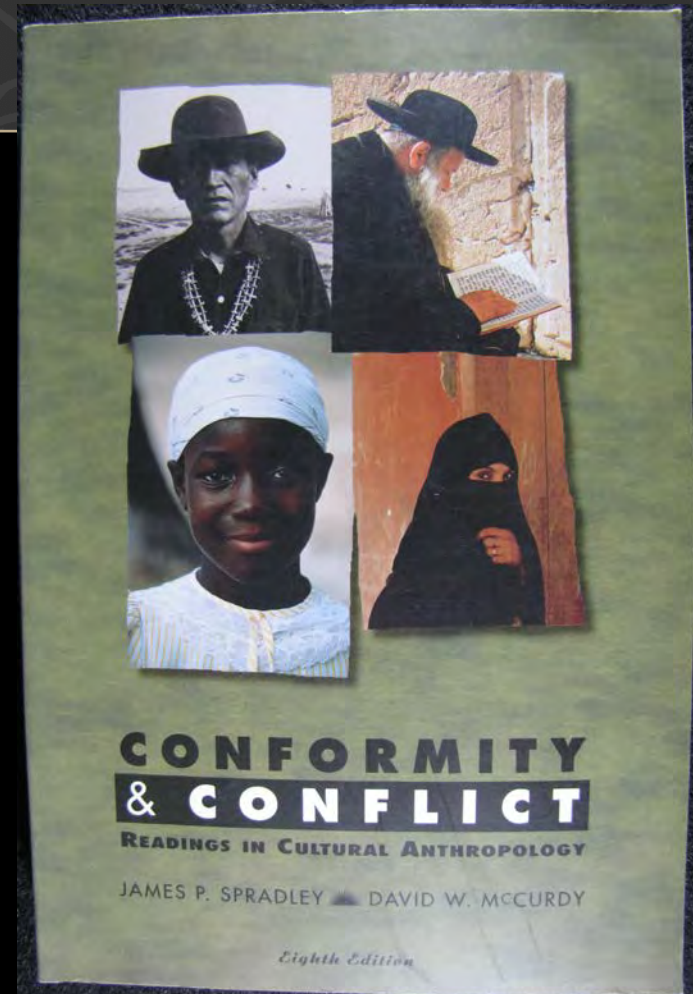
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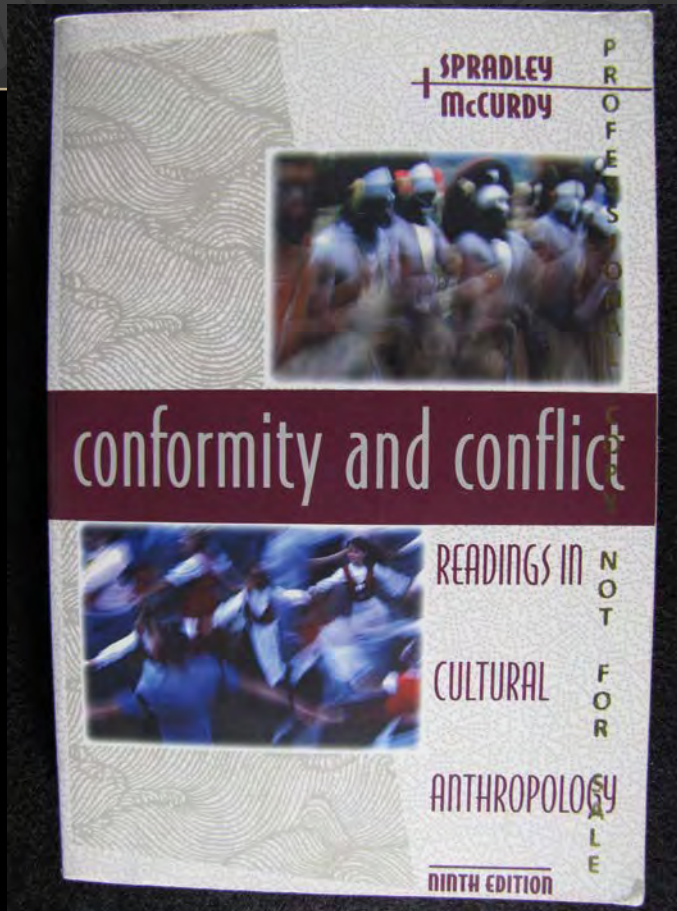
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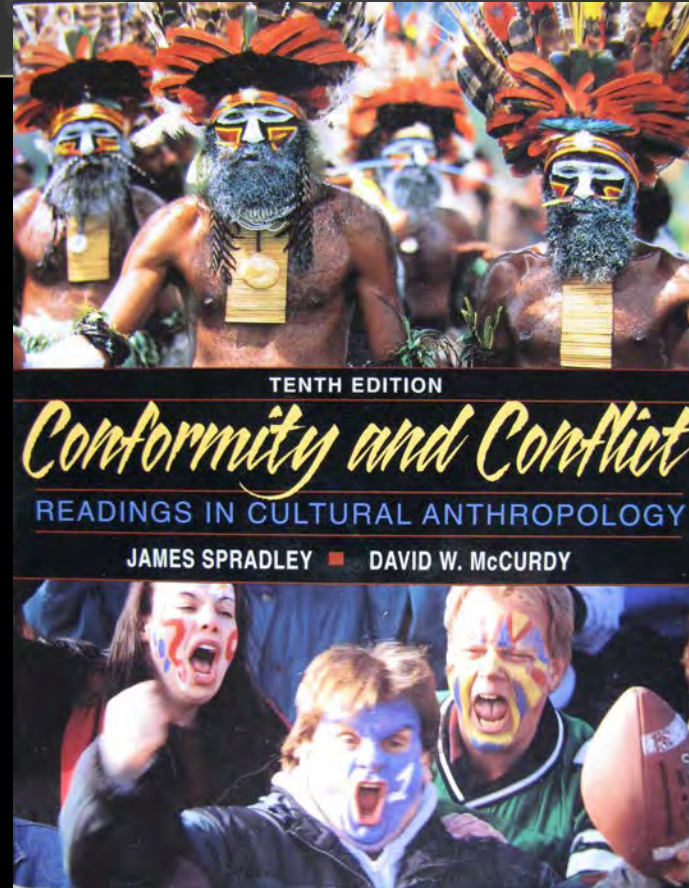
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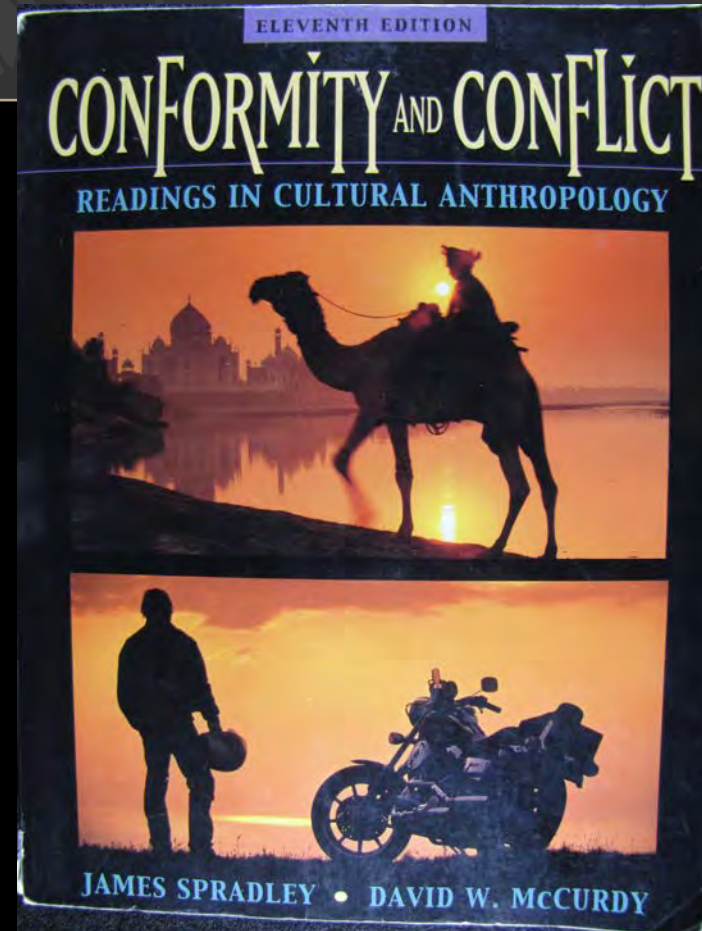
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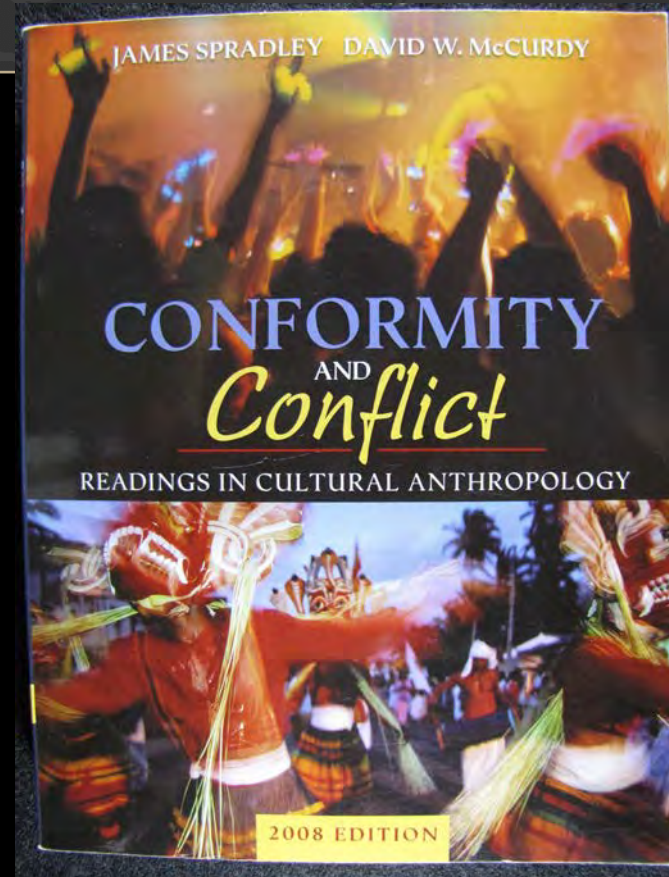
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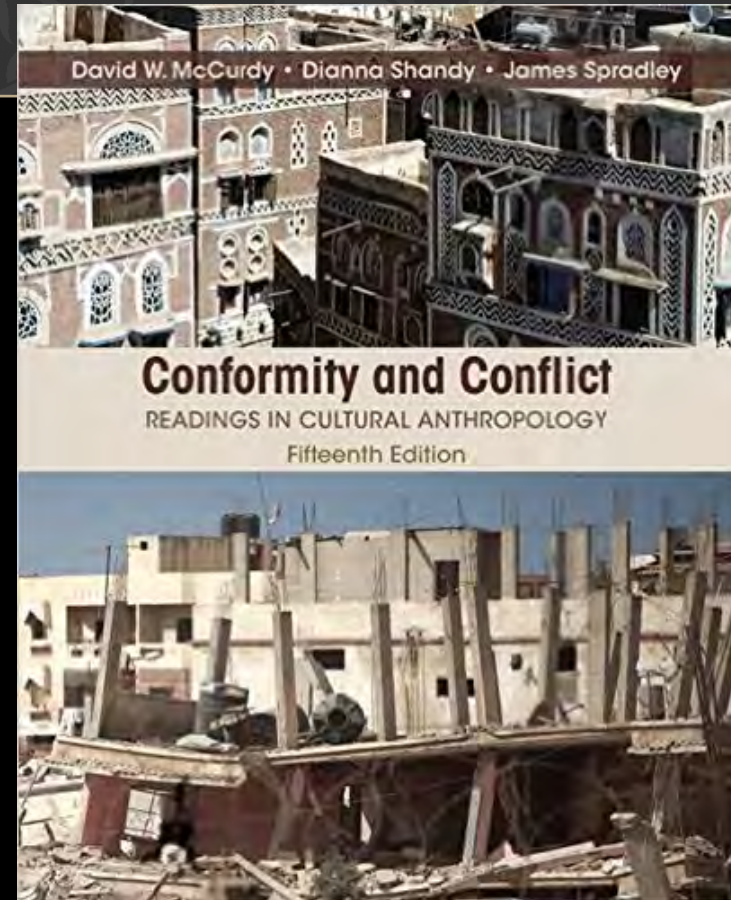
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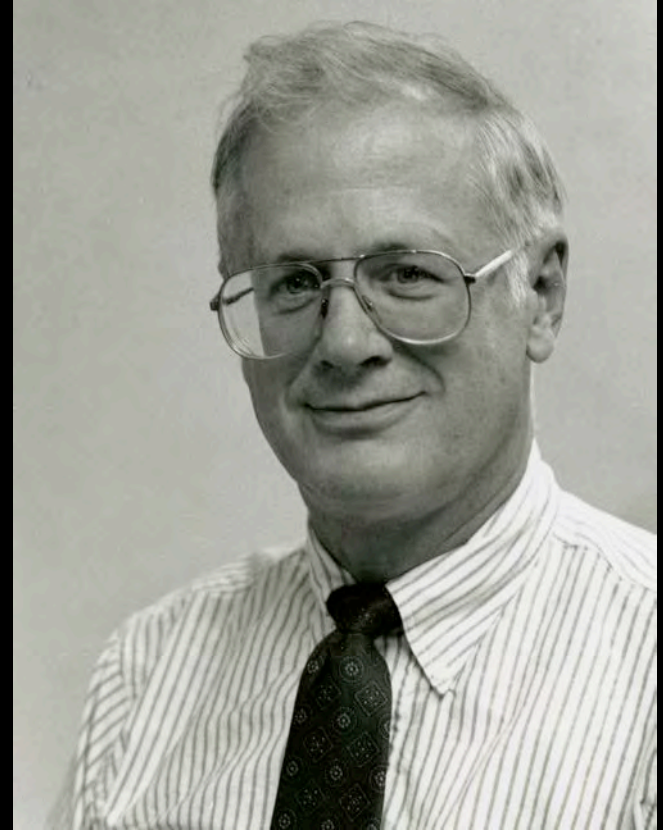
“I have fond memories of going out with friends to hear Dave play banjo in downtown Saint Paul, on the riverboat and at the Jazz Emporium.”

--- Elizabeth Dunn '80



MCCURDY QUIRKINESS

Every year, Dave had a barbeque at his house for anyone taking an anthro class. As he got older, he said he lost the ability to recognize the shape of a beer bottle in the hands of a minor.



MCCURDY QUIRKINESS

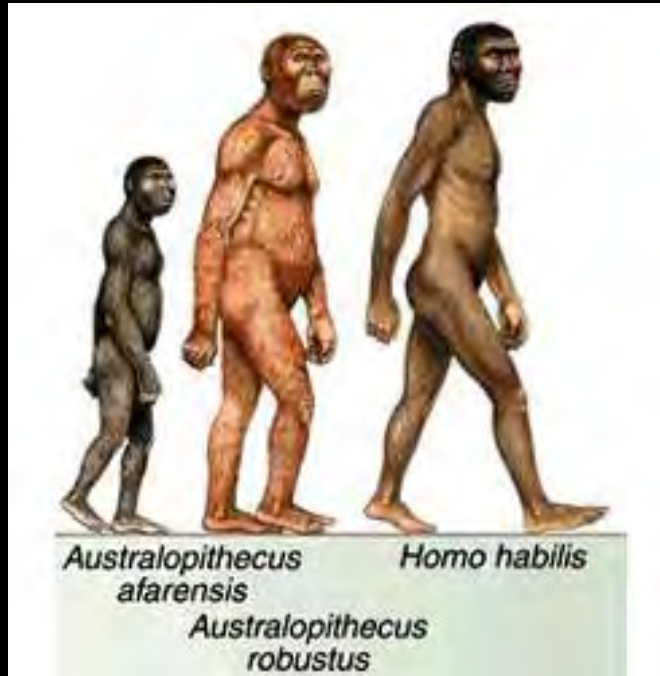
Students often noted Dave's
quirky comments ...

“Chimpanzees do not have to know
the Heimlich maneuver, but we do.
Just remember when you're
choking to death, that's the price you
have to pay for speech.”

--- Dave McCurdy



MCCURDY QUIRKINESS



On evolution...

“I really wish there were Australopithecines walking around; you wouldn’t know what to do with it. ...Wouldn’t that be fun, to have guys running around on two legs like us, but they’re stupid?”

--- Dave McCurdy

MCCURDY QUIRKINESS

On culture...

“That’s the thing about hunter-gatherers.
They kill things when there are things to kill;
when there’s nothing to kill, they collect.”

--- Dave McCurdy



MCCURDY QUIRKINESS

On American consumer society...

“I want more, I just want to tell you that right now.”

--- Dave McCurdy

MCCURDY QUIRKINESS

On culture...

“Human beings are crazy. I like ‘em.”

--- Dave McCurdy

MCCURDY QUIRKINESS

On dogs...

“If you look at your dog,
if you don't have a dog you can't,
you can look at somebody else's
dog.”

--- Dave McCurdy



These days Molly brings her human (Dave) to the Anthro office regularly. Current Anthropology students are always thrilled to see Molly and Dave!



FACULTY COMMENTS



“Jack and Dave,
Your presence at Macalester when I arrived in the 1990s was central to my understanding of the College as a place of vibrant teaching and research. I'm so glad that your names are together ‘on the marquee’ of this inaugural event!
‘Inaugural: To install when omens are favorable!’ ”

--- David Moore, International Studies



FACULTY COMMENTS

**“Weatherford and McCurdy are both
infinite and eternal.”**

--- Terry Boychuk, Sociology

FACULTY COMMENTS

“Although I did not major in anthropology, my conversations with Jack Weatherford and David McCurdy over lunch influenced my thinking on social and political philosophy.”

--- Ellen and Martin Gunderson '68, Philosophy

FACULTY COMMENTS

“This event combines two people for whom, in my judgment, Macalester College can be very grateful.”

--- Wayne Roberts, Math

FACULTY COMMENTS

“David and Jack—

**Thank you for being wonderful colleagues
and friends.”**

--- Jack Rossmann, Psychology

FACULTY COMMENTS

“Dear Dave, I have been proud to have you as an esteemed colleague, good friend, admired servant of the college, and highly revered teacher. Best of everything.”

--- Cal Roetzel, Religious Studies

Thank you for coming!

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