

### **William G. Staples**

Bill Staples grew up on the south shore of Long Island, New York, and worked, among other jobs, as a commercial fisherman, taxi driver, plumber's apprentice, and pizza maker. Following his Ph.D. work at the University of Southern Cal and a two year Post-Doc at UCLA, Bill, having never even been in the Midwest, spent his academic career at KU.

During the last 31-years, he taught hundreds of students' research methods, as well as courses in work, culture, historical sociology, and social control and surveillance. He developed innovative classes using service-learning, film analysis, and active-engaged research. After being on every committee in the department, he later served as Chair for fifteen years. Bill authored five books and dozens of articles and chapters. His *Everyday Surveillance* is considered a foundational work in Surveillance Studies. Bill's research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, Spencer Foundation, Aarhus University Research Foundation, and the American Historical Association and recognized with the 2017 *Feminist Criminology* Best Article, 2015 Surveillance Studies Network Book Prize, 2012 KU-CLAS Craig Anthony Arnold Faculty Innovation Award, and the 2011 Balfour Jeffrey Research Award, one of four state-wide Higuchi-KU Endowment Research Achievement Awards.

Bill also served as Co-Editor (with Joane Nagel) of *Sociological Inquiry*, *The Sociological Quarterly* (with Brian Donovan), and as Associate Editor of *Surveillance & Society* and has been a Fulbright Specialist at the Tilburg Institute for Law, Technology, Society in the Netherlands and Visiting Professor at Aarhus University, Denmark, University of Trento, Italy, and Ivan Franko University, L'viv, Ukraine. Despite his modest success, Bill will never forget his working-class roots and is grateful every day for the opportunities and livelihood that KU afforded him.