

NREMT Welcomes New Research Director Greg Gibson, PhD



Dr. Greg Gibson joined the NREMT in August as Research Director. He will oversee the NREMT's research program as well as facilitating projects with the research fellows.

Dr. Gibson received his PhD from Purdue University, as well as a Master of Science. He also received a Master of Arts in Sociology from Humboldt State University, Arcata, California.

Prior to joining the NREMT, Dr. Gibson served as the Project Director of the Social Research Institute (SRI) for the Department of Sociology at Purdue University. In addition, he has held positions at the SRI including teaching and management roles. He holds Expert Professional Research Certification from the Marketing Research Association, as well as other research and teaching certifications. Dr. Gibson has taught several courses on social psychology and research. He has mentored both undergraduate and graduate students as teaching assistants, and has made several contributions to course and curriculum development.

Over the course of his career, Dr. Gibson received numerous honors and awards, has written research journal articles, a book chapter, and numerous articles pertaining to various aspects of research. Dr. Gibson has also made many presentations at professional meetings. He is the developer and facilitator of the "Mentoring Circle™" for first time graduate student instructors in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology.

Professional affiliations include the American Sociological Association, American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR), North Central Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) and Marketing Research Association.

"The most important consideration in coming to work here, besides, of course, all the great people that work here, is to help others gain a greater sense of appreciation for what EMS professionals do in carrying out their services," says Dr. Gibson. "I believe that the use of my sociological lenses will provide a unique and important perspective in this process. The chance to give back to what I see as an underappreciated workforce was a driving force in coming to

work at the National Registry. I study heroes, which I think are important to all cultures. Heroes (used here as a gender-neutral term) serve as moral exemplars for all societies. I believe that the EMS has a range of underappreciated and under-recognized moral exemplars."