

Centennial Anniversary Lifetime Achievement Award in
Social Work
Bernard J. Albaugh, Jr.

Bernard Albaugh, born in West Virginia, was raised there and in Pennsylvania until moving to Japan at age 15. He attended high school in Japan and the Philippines, beginning college in the Philippines before joining the Army. After serving in Hawaii and Panama, Albaugh returned to the U.S. when he was 22 years old. At the University of Oklahoma he received a BS in Psychology, a Master's in Social Work, and another Master's in Public Administration.

Bernard started his career in 1962 as a counselor in the Oklahoma City juvenile court system, then as an Oklahoma Child Welfare case worker, District Supervisor, Field Rep., and finally, OK State Office Program Director. In 1970, he moved to a position as child therapist in a BIA Indian Boarding School, then accepted a position with the USPHS, Indian Health Service until retirement in 1991. He carried out eight research/demonstration projects as Principal Investigator for the Indian Health Service, including development of a treatment program for addiction that became a standard model for Native people in the U.S. and Canada. He collaborated with the State Mental Health Department to receive funding and develop the Community Mental Health System for the NW quarter of Oklahoma and partnered with the OU Office for Community Affairs in a treatment outcome research project which resulted in Clinical Social Work being deemed a reimbursable service by Medicare. He developed a community diabetic program that was designated a "national model" by the U.S. Office of Rural Health. He collaborated until 2004 with the National Institutes of Health as co-principal investigator for a series of studies concerning the relationship of genetics/environment in the development of complex mental disorders. He has numerous academic research journal publications.

Bernard is married to Patricia, who is a fellow member of the OUSSW Hall of Fame, and has three children.