

## San José State University Emeritus Faculty Association Biography

**Name:** James M. Freeman

**Department:** Anthropology

**Academic Rank:** Professor

**Year Retired:** 2000

**City of Residence:** San José CA



**Facebook Page or Website URL:**

**Birthplace:** Chicago, IL

**Birth Year:** 1936

**Marital Status:** married **Spouse or Partner's Name:** Patricia Freeman

**Children's Names:** Karsten Freeman

**No. of Grandchildren:** **No. of Great Grandchildren:**

<b>Colleges or Universities Attended:</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Degree</b>
Northwestern University	1958	B.A.
Harvard University	1964	M.A.
Harvard University	1968	Ph.D.

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<b>Teaching Experience:</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
San José State University	1966	2000

### **Administrative, Business, or Professional Experience (other than teaching):**

Fellow, Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences, Stanford University

Co-founder and Chair of the Board of two non-profit organizations, Friends of Hue Foundation, and Aid to Children without Parents, both of which provide assistance to vulnerable families in Vietnam.

SJSU awards include Phi Kappa Phi Distinguished Academic Achievement Award (1982), President's Scholar (1984), Outstanding Professor (1986), and Austen D. Warburton Award for Outstanding Scholarship (1991).

### **Selected Publications:**

Photos in *Natural History* (1974), *The Geographical Magazine* (London 1976), *Popular Culture* (1977), *Communities Around Our World* (Ginn & Co 1984).

*Scarcity and Opportunity in an Indian Village*. Cummings, 1975; Waveland ed., 1985.

*Untouchable: An Indian Life History*. Stanford University Press, 1979. Choice Outstanding Academic Book, 1979.

*Hearts of Sorrow: Vietnamese-American Lives*. Stanford University Press, 1989. American Book Award, Before Columbus Foundation, 1990. Outstanding Book, Assoc. For Asian-American Studies, 1990.

*Changing Identities: Vietnamese Americans 1975-1995*. Allyn and Bacon, 1995.

*Voices from the Camps: Vietnamese Children Seeking Asylum*. With Nguyen Dinh Huu. University of Washington Press, 2003.

Photo in Smithsonian Institution Exhibition: *Exit Saigon, Enter Little Saigon*, 2007.

*Busier Than Ever! Why American Families Can't Slow Down*. With C. N. Darrah and J. A. English-Lueck. Stanford University Press, 2007.

*Essays on Orissan Society*. Prafulla Pathagar Publications, 2009.

## **San José State University Emeritus Faculty Association Biography**

Documentary Video *The Myth of the Buddha's Birthplace*. Producer, writer, photos, 2011.

### **Personal Commentary:**

James M. Freeman is the second person in his family to have taught at San José State. His father, Eugene Freeman, was a Professor in the Department of Philosophy. Of his career at San José State, James Freeman writes, "I am grateful to my parents, my wife and my students, who suggested that what I teach have relevance to the world around them. They were the inspiration for my social advocacy books, from *Untouchable: an Indian Life History*, to *Voices from the Camps: Vietnamese Children Seeking Asylum*, and also my charitable assistance activities over several decades. I also owe a debt of gratitude to San José State University, which gave me the freedom, and the time (through sabbaticals) to apply my academic background to make the world a better place to live."

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