

WRITING FOR SOCIAL SCIENTISTS

HOWARD BECKER

- **Active/passive voice**
 - Active: 'The judge sentenced the criminal'.
 - Passive: 'The criminal was sentenced by the judge'.

- **Fewer words**
 - Unnecessary words serve no purpose!
 - Every word should change the meaning of your writing.
 - If you can take it out and have it mean the same thing - do.